

## NATIONAL NEWS

**India virtually hosts the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of agriculture experts of BIMSTEC countries**

- India hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of agriculture experts of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries for enhancing the engagement in agriculture and allied sectors amongst the BIMSTEC member states.

**Smriti Irani inaugurates Poshan 2.0 and urges all districts across India to establish Poshan Vatika (nutrition garden)**

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development **Smriti Irani** inaugurated **Poshan 2.0** and urged all aspirational districts of India to make a commitment to establish a **Poshan Vatika (nutrition garden)** during the nutrition month starting from 1 September for the protection of severe actual malnourished (SAM) children.

**Union Home Minister launches the web portal for registration of units for industrial development in Jammu & Kashmir**

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** inaugurated the web portal for registrations of units for industrial development under the '**New Central Sector Scheme 2021**' for Jammu and Kashmir.
- This scheme offers four incentives, namely capital investment incentive, capital interest subvention, goods and service tax linked incentive (GSTLI) and working capital interest subvention.

**Union AYUSH Ministry launches the 'Yoga-Break' app for working professionals to de-stress at their workplaces**

- Union Minister of AYUSH **Sarbanand Sonowal** released the '**Yoga-Break**' app for working professionals to de-stress, refresh and refocus at work in order to boost productivity.
- This mobile app will have a five-minute protocol that includes Asanas, Pranayama and Dhyana.

**NMPB under the Union AYUSH Ministry launches a national medicinal plants cultivation campaign**

- The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) under the Union Ministry of AYUSH launched a **national campaign** to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants in India as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (75 years of India's independence).

**Union Finance Minister virtually attends the 11<sup>th</sup> UK-India Economic and Financial Dialogue**

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** led the Indian delegation in the 11<sup>th</sup> round of the **UK-India Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD)** that was held virtually.
- This dialogue covered the discussions on economic cooperation on multilateral issues, including G20 and COP26.

**Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting forms a committee to review existing guidelines of the Journalist Welfare Scheme**

- Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a ten-member committee headed by **Ashok Kumar Tandon** to take a look at the existing guidelines of the **Journalist Welfare Scheme** and make appropriate recommendations for changes to the guidelines.

**Union Ayush Ministry launches 'Ayush Aapke Dwar' campaign**

- Union Ayush Ministry launched a campaign named '**Ayush Aapke Dwar**' in more than 45 locations across India to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year.

**India to be the first Asian country to launch a plastics pact**

- World-Vast Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have collaborated to construct a platform '**India Plastic Pact**'.
- India has become the first Asian country to develop a plastics pact, launching a ground-breaking new initiative to bring together leading businesses at a national level to make commitments for building a circular system for plastics.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually address the 6<sup>th</sup> Eastern Economic Forum held in Vladivostok**

- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually addressed the plenary session of the sixth **Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)** held in Vladivostok, Russia.

**Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council in New Delhi**

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, to discuss the state of the financial sector and a strategy to aid the pandemic-affected economy's recovery.

**Coal India Limited launches new software for the assessment of coal resources**

- Coal India Limited (CIL)**, under the Union Ministry of Coal, has launched a new software named '**Spectral Enhancement SPE**' to identify thin coal seams under the earth crust and improve assessment of coal resources using seismic survey during the coal exploration process.

**President of India Ram Nath Kovind confers National Teachers' Awards to 44 teachers across India**

- Indian President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented **National Teachers' Awards to 44 teachers across India** for their contribution towards the development of innovative teaching methods.

**Indian President Ram Nath Kovind presents the President's Colour to the Indian Naval Aviation**

- Indian President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the **Indian Naval Aviation (INA)** with the **President's Colour** at INS Hansa in Goa for the recognition of the yeoman service rendered both during peace and combat.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurates the 'Shikshak Parv' conclave**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated the '**Shikshak Parv**' conclave and launched multiple key initiatives in the education sector.
- The theme of '**Shikshak Parv 2021**' is "**Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India**".

**Union Culture Minister launches 'Bujurgon Ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath' programme in New Delhi**

- Union Culture Minister **G. Kishan Reddy** launched a '**Bujurgon Ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath**' programme in New Delhi aimed at enhancing the interaction between the youth and the elderly persons who are 95 years and above and have spent around 18 years in India before independence.

**Union Government constitutes a task force and expert committee headed by Vinod Kumar Tiwari to map on coal-based hydrogen production**

- The Union Government constituted a task force and expert committee headed by Additional Secretary (Coal) **Vinod Kumar Tiwari** to prepare a road map for coal-based hydrogen production.

#### Union Cabinet approves Rs. 10,683 crores for the Production Linked Incentive scheme for the textile sector

- The Union Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the **production linked incentive (PLI)** scheme for the textile sector with incentives worth **Rs. 10,683 crores**.

#### Union Cabinet approves an MoU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CAAR)

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** and the **Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CAAR)** to strengthen cooperation in the areas of training of audit, finance and accounting professionals.

#### Union Government appoints ten merchant bankers to manage the initial public offering (IPO) of LIC

- The Union Government has appointed top 10 global and Indian **merchant banks** to manage the **initial public offering (IPO)** of **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** of India.
- Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Citigroup, Nomura, Bank of America Securities, JM Financial, SBI Caps, Kotak Mahindra Capital, ICICI Securities and Axis Capital have been nominated to handle the IPO of LIC.

#### Prahlad Singh Patel launches Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021 under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II

- The Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Prahlad Singh Patel, launched **Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021** under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II to support the acceleration of Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus interventions and increase momentum for improving ODF sustainability as well as solid and liquid waste management activities across the villages in India.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> India–Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held virtually

- **India** and **Japan** held their **6<sup>th</sup> Maritime Affairs Dialogue** virtually for thoughts exchanges on developments in the maritime security environment, regional cooperation activities and opportunities for cooperation between India and Japan in the Indo-Pacific region.

#### Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extends the income tax returns filing deadline to 31 December

- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has extended the due dates for filing of Income Tax Returns (ITR) and various other reports of audit for the assessment year 2021–22 from 30 September 2021 to **31 December 2021**.

#### Union Government launches 'Main Bhi Digital 3.0' campaign for digital onboarding and training for street vendors

- Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) collaborated with the Union Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) to launch the special campaign **'Main Bhi Digital 3.0'** for digital onboarding and training for street vendors under the PM SVANidhi scheme across 223 cities in India.

#### Union Government virtually inaugurates seven food processing projects as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

- The Union Food Processing Industries Minister **Pashupati Kumar Paras** and the Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurated seven food processing projects in **Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu** to benefit farmers, processors and consumers of respective regions and adjoining areas.

#### Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launches the 'Medicines from the Sky' project

- Union Minister for Civil Aviation **Jyotiraditya Scindia** and Telangana Minister **K. T. Rama Rao** has launched the **'Medicines from the Sky'**

project to send medicines to primary health care centres using drones at Vikarabad in **Telangana**.

#### PMGDISHA campaign was launched for 100 per cent digital literacy in rural areas

- The **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)** campaign was launched under the PMGDISHA scheme, a flagship digital literacy scheme of the Union Government for rural areas to make all the digital villages 100 per cent digital literate.

#### India and Australia hold India–Australia 2 +2 Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi

- **India** and **Australia** held the high-level **2+2 foreign and defence ministerial dialogue** in New Delhi to consolidate ties and strengthen the defence and security systems in the Indo-Pacific region.

#### India and the United States launches 'Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue' (CAFMD)

- **India** and the **United States** launched the Agenda 2030 partnership's Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue (CAFMD) to renew the collaborations on climate change while also addressing the financial aspects.

#### The 7<sup>th</sup> Foreign Office Consultations between India and Chile were held in Santiago

- The **7<sup>th</sup> Foreign Office Consultations** were held between **India** and **Chile in Santiago**. This consultation was led by Secretary (East) in the Union Ministry of External Affairs Riva Ganguly Das from the Indian side and the Chilean side was led by Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile Carolina Valdivia Torres.

#### Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice President Venkaiah Naidu launch Sansad TV

- The Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla jointly launched the **Sansad TV** on the occasion of 'International Day of Democracy' to play a bridge to connect the Parliament and the people.
- Sansad TV was launched after merging the Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV channels.

#### India chairs the meeting of BRICS heads of tax authorities

- **India** chaired the virtual meeting of the heads of tax authorities of the BRICS countries and discussed challenges faced by tax administrations of the member countries in the digital era and in the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### NITI Aayog launches 'Shoonya' programme to promote zero pollution delivery vehicles

- NITI Aayog, in association with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), launched an initiative **'Shoonya'** programme to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the benefits of zero-pollution delivery.

#### Nitin Gadkari launches an AI-powered road safety project to reduce accidents by 50%

- Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari launched an Artificial Intelligence-powered project, **'iRASTE'**, on a pilot basis in Nagpur, Maharashtra, with the aim of reducing accidents by 50 per cent.

#### Union Power Minister R. K. Singh addresses the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum and industry leaders

- The Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy **R. K. Singh** virtually addressed the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum and industry leaders with the aim of the Government of India's priorities for the energy sector as the ministry begins to work on India's vision of energy independence by 2047.

#### Union Defence Ministry constitutes a High-Level Expert Committee for a comprehensive review of the National Cadet Corps

- The Union Ministry of Defence has constituted a High-Level Expert Committee headed by **Baijayant Panda** for a comprehensive review of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**.
- This committee will include cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni, former minister Colonel (Retd.) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and industrialist Anand Mahindra.

#### Union Cabinet approves 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in the telecom sector through an automatic route

- The Union Cabinet has approved 100 **per cent** foreign direct investment (FDI) in the **telecom sector** through an automatic route.
- Foreign direct investments up to 49 per cent was allowed through the automatic route until recently, after which all FDI had to go through the government route.

#### Union Government allocates Rs. 9800 crores to the North-eastern states under the Jal Jeevan Mission

- The Union Government has allocated **Rs. 9800 crores** to the North-eastern states under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) aimed at providing tap water to all households in India by **2024**.

#### Union Ministry of Railways launches Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana

- As part of the 75 years of Indian Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Union Ministry of Railways has established **Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana**, a programme under the umbrella of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, to empower youngsters by providing entry-level training in industry-related skills through railway training institutes.

#### MyGov India launches Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs

- **MyGovIndia**, under the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has launched the **Planetarium Innovation Challenge** for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs.
- This challenge aims to bring together the tech start-ups (based out of India) with the potential to build an indigenous planetariums system software using the latest technologies such as Augmented Reality (A.R.), Virtual Reality (V.R.) and Merged Reality (M.R.).

#### Union Government extends the deadline for linking PAN-Aadhar to March 2022

- The Union Government has extended the deadline to link PAN with biometric ID Aadhaar by six months from 30 September 2021 to 31 **March 2022**.

#### Union Agriculture Minister virtually attends the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** attended the **G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting**, which was hosted by Italy.
- Italy currently holds the G20 Presidency.

#### Union Ministry of Law and Justice launches the 'Ek Pahal' campaign

- The **Union Ministry of Law and Justice** has launched a pan-India special campaign named '**Ek Pahal**' for justice delivery at the doorstep to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law.

#### Union Minister of Commerce & Industry addresses the G33 Virtual Informal Ministerial Meeting

- Union Minister for Commerce & Industry **Piyush Goyal** virtually addressed the **G33 Virtual Informal Ministerial Meeting** organized by Indonesia to discuss the agricultural priority issues of G33 and the way forward for the Twelfth Ministerial Conference (MC-12) scheduled to be held from 30 November 2021 to 3 December 2021.

#### India will become the third-largest importer by 2050 according to the UK's Department of International Trade

- **India** could become the **world's third-largest importer by 2050**, following China and the United States, according to a report released by the UK's Department of International Trade.

- Currently, India is on the eighth spot on the list of largest importing countries.

#### Two more beaches in India were awarded the 'Blue Flag' beach certification

- According to the Union Environment Ministry, two more beaches in India — Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry, have been awarded the 'Blue Flag' certification taking the total number of blue flag beaches to **10**.
- It has also re-certified eight nominated beaches Shivrajpur in Gujarat, Ghoghla in Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden in Odisha and Radhanagar in Andaman and Nicobar, which received the 'Blue Flag' certification last year.

#### Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released FSSAI's 3<sup>rd</sup> State Food Safety Index

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya released the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**)'s **3<sup>rd</sup> State Food Safety Index (SFSI)** that measured the performance of states across five parameters of food safety.
- Gujarat was the top-ranking state, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- Among the smaller states, Goa stood first, followed by Meghalaya and Manipur. Among the union territories, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and New Delhi secured top ranks.

#### India virtually hosts the first India-United Kingdom Consular Dialogue

- **India** virtually hosted the first **India- United Kingdom (UK) Consular Dialogue** to strengthen people-to-people contacts between the two countries as part of the India-UK 2030 roadmap.
- Both the countries agreed to hold the next round of this consular dialogue 2022 in England's London at a mutually convenient date.

#### Union Education Ministry constitutes a 12-member committee to develop the new National Curriculum Framework (NCF)

- The Union Education Ministry constituted a 12-member **National Steering Committee** headed by former ISRO Chief **K. Kasturirangan** for developing a new National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- The national curriculum framework serves as a guideline for syllabus, textbooks and teaching and learning techniques. India is now using its fourth national curriculum framework, which was issued by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in 2005.

#### Government e-Market place was announced as the winner of CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021

- **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** was announced as the winner in the 'Best Use of Digital Technology' category at the CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021 (**CIPS Awards**) by the London-based Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS).
- GeM was also a finalist in two other categories — Best Initiative to Build a Diverse Supply Base and Public Procurement Project of the Year.

#### India and Australia virtually hold the first joint working group meeting on coal and mines

- The first joint working group (JWG) meeting on coal and mines was held virtually between India and Australia.
- The discussions in the meeting focused on Indian coal resources in the present and future scenario, critical and strategic minerals-demand and supply scenario and engagements with Australian counterparts.

#### Piyush Goyal launches the National Window Single System for investors

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the **National Single Window System** for investors and businesses, which is a big step towards ease of doing business.
- The single-window portal will become a one-stop shop for investors for approvals and clearances.

#### Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting inaugurates the 'First Himalayan Film Festival' in Leh



- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** inaugurated the first edition of the five-day **Himalayan Film Festival** at Leh in Ladakh under the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commemorating 75 years of Indian independence.
- This festival has a set of workshops and masterclasses organised wherein filmmakers, critics and technicians from the Himalayan region are going to be to impart knowledge and skill to local film enthusiasts.

#### **Union Ministry of Civil Aviation releases India's airspace map for drone operations**

- **Union Ministry of Civil Aviation** released India's airspace map for drone operations under the collective vision of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in which the map is available on the DGCA's digital sky platform at <https://digitalsky.dgca.gov.in/home>.
- The drone airspace map is a follow-up to the Indian Government's liberalised Drone Rules 2021, which includes the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) plan for drones which was issued on 25 August.

#### **Union Government notifies a scheme for the promotion of Medical Device Parks**

- The Union Government has taken a key initiative to support the medical devices industry to reach its potential in the coming years under the 'Promotion of Medical Device Parks' scheme.
- The objective of this scheme is the significant reduction in the cost of medical device production, resulting in better availability and affordability of medical devices in the domestic market and reaping the benefits arising from resale price optimisation.
- The total financial outlay of the scheme is **Rs. 400 crores** and the tenure of the scheme is from FY 2020–2021 to FY 2024–2025.

#### **Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER inaugurates the State Soil Testing Laboratory in Nagaland's Kohima**

- Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeastern Region **G. Kishan Reddy** inaugurated the **State Soil Testing Laboratory** in **Kohima, Nagaland**.
- This soil testing laboratory will boost the rural sector and agriculture by enabling the systematic collection of soil samples and analysis. This soil testing facility will also benefit farmers in Nagaland, research scholars, students, policymakers, land use departments and Agri and allied activities.

#### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** to provide citizens with a digital health ID, which will contain their health records.
- The pilot project of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission was announced by the Prime Minister from the Red Fort on 15 August 2020.
- This roll-out of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission coincides with the celebration of the third anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) by National Health Authority.

#### **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launches the 'Samarpan web Portal' for people to offer voluntary service**

- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched 'Samarpan web Portal' on the **105<sup>th</sup>** birth anniversary of Pandit **Deendayal Upadhyay**.
- Through this 'Samarpan Portal', people can register themselves to offer voluntary service in the fields of **education, skill development, sports, and agriculture**.

#### **Hardeep Singh Puri launches 'Swachh Survekshan 2022'**

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched the '**Swachh Survekshan 2022**', the seventh edition of the annual cleanliness survey under which district rankings have been introduced for the first time.
- This year's (2021) survey will create a level playing field for smaller cities by introducing two population categories — **under 15,000** and between **15,000 – 25,000**.

#### **Union Government launches India's first pan-India helpline for senior citizens**

- The Union Government has started a pan-India helpline for the elderly population of India called '**Elder Line**' to handle their problems concerning pension, legal issues or even cases of abuse.
- The toll-free helpline **14567** will provide free information and guidance on various issues, extend emotional support, and even take steps to rescue the homeless elderly.
- The Elder Line is supposed to provide all senior citizens or their well-wishers with one platform to connect and share their concerns and get guidance, without having to struggle for it.

#### **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launches Amrit Grand Challenge programme titled 'जनCARE'**

- Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched the **Amrit Grand Challenge programme** titled '**जनCARE**', which aims to identify 75 start-up innovations in telemedicine, digital health, mHealth using bigdata, AI (Artificial Intelligence), Blockchain and other technologies.
- The 75 best-chosen start-ups are going to be an asset for India to lead the country in the next 25 years.

#### **Union Defence Ministry increases the income limit of disabled dependents for family pension**

- Union **Defence Ministry** has increased the income limit for a grant of family pension to children and siblings suffering from mental or physical disability.
- At present, a disabled child or sibling of a deceased pensioner is currently eligible for family pension if his or her monthly income from sources apart from family pension, including the dearness allowance component doesn't exceed **Rs. 9000**.

#### **Union Government launches the National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination (NAPRE) by 2030 on World Rabies Day**

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala launched the **National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination by 2030 (NAPRE)** on World Rabies Day observed on 28 September.
- The union ministers also launched the **joint inter-ministerial declaration support statement for the elimination of dog-mediated rabies from India by 2030** through the one health approach.

#### **Union Finance Ministry extends the timeline of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme till 31 March 2022**

- Union Finance Ministry has extended the timeline of the **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** to another six months till **31 March 2022** or till guarantees for an amount of Rs. 4.5 lakh crores are issued under the scheme to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) impacted by the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The last date of disbursement under this scheme has also been extended to **30 June 2022**.

#### **Union Government approves a capital infusion of Rs. 4400 crores into ECGC to boost the export sector**

- The Union Government has approved a capital infusion investment of **Rs. 4400 crores** in **ECGC Ltd.** (formerly known as Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited) in **five years** to provide support to exporters as well as banks.
- The capital infusion and planned **initial public offering (IPO)** will increase ECGC's underwriting capacity up to **Rs. 88,000 crores** and propel additional exports of **Rs. 5.28 lakh crores** over five years from FY 2021–2022 to FY 2025–2026.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs the 38<sup>th</sup> PRAGATI meeting

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** chaired the **38<sup>th</sup> meeting** of the ICT – based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (**PRAGATI**) and reviewed eight projects worth around **Rs.50,000 crores** in seven states, namely Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Haryana.
- Four of the projects were from the Union Ministry of Railways, two from the Union Ministry of Power and one each from the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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World’s highest motorable road was inaugurated in Ladakh

- The world’s highest motorable road that connects **Leh** and the **Pangong Lake** was launched by **Ladakh** MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal. The road passes through the Kela Pass at 18,600 feet.

Goa becomes the first state in India to provide free water to the people

- Goa became the first state in India to supply water free of cost to its citizens.
- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched the **'Save Water, Get Free Water'** programme under which households will not be charged for consumption up to 16,000 litres.

Assam Cabinet decides to rename Rajiv Gandhi National Park

- The Assam Cabinet decided to rename **Rajiv Gandhi National Park** as **Orang National Park**, taking into account the requests made by the Adivasi and tea tribal communities of Assam.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor inaugurates 'Saath' initiative for SHG women

- The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha launched the rural enterprises acceleration program titled **'Saath'** for self-help group (SHG) women.
- This initiative will stress on mentoring and market linkages of products created by the SHG women and make them independent and strong in social and financial aspects.

Gujarat is set to host the 12<sup>th</sup> Defence Expo 2022 in Gandhinagar

- The **Union Ministry of Defence** and the **Gujarat** Government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for organising the **Defence Expo 2022**.
- DefExpo 2022 will focus on showcasing India as an emerging hub for military hardware manufacturing.

Ladakh declares snow leopard as its state animal

- The administration of the Ladakh Union Territory declared the **snow leopard as its state animal**.
- The black-necked crane was named as the state bird of Ladakh.

Arunachal Pradesh launches two schemes for self-reliance in agriculture and horticulture

- **Arunachal Pradesh** Government launched two schemes, namely **'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojna'** for the agriculture sector and **'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojna'** for horticulture.
- A total of **Rs. 120 crores** were allotted to the two concerned departments of agriculture and horticulture with Rs. 60 crores allotted for each scheme.

Jammu and Kashmir Lt. Governor launches Tourist Village Network under the Mission Youth initiative

- Under the Mission Youth initiative, Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha virtually launched the **Jammu and Kashmir Tourist Village Network**, which aims to transform 75 villages in the Union Territory (UT) noted for historical, scenic beauty and cultural value into tourist villages.

Haryana Government announces cash reward of Rs. 6 crores for Manish Narwal and Rs. 4 crores for Singhraj Adhana

- The **Haryana Government** announced a reward of **Rs. 6 crores** for Tokyo Paralympics gold medallist Manish Narwal and **Rs. 4 crores** for Tokyo Paralympics silver medallist Singhraj Adhana.

Delhi Government launches the 'Business Blasters' programme to encourage entrepreneurship

- The **Delhi Government** launched the **'Business Blasters'** programme, which will be implemented in all Delhi Government schools under the 'entrepreneurship mindset curriculum', aimed at developing young entrepreneurs at the school level.

TANGEDCO plans to set up solar power parks with battery storage systems

- **Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO)** will set up a 4000 MW solar power park to meet the growing energy demand and plans to set up solar power parks with battery storage systems in all the districts in Tamil Nadu.

India’s tallest air purification tower was installed in Chandigarh

- The **tallest air purification tower** of India with a height of 24 m was inaugurated at the Transport Chowk in **Chandigarh** to mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on 7 September.

India’s first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based methanol production plant was inaugurated at Hyderabad

- India’s first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based methanol production plant was inaugurated at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) R&D Centre, Hyderabad. Methanol is utilised as a motor fuel to power ship engines and to generate clean power all over the world.

Indian Air Force’s first emergency landing field on a national highway was inaugurated in Rajasthan

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the first stretch of a national highway to be developed as an **Emergency Landing Field (ELF)** for the Indian Air Force on NH-925 at the Gandhav Bhakasar section, south of Barmer in **Rajasthan**.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurates NTT Global Data Centre project in Chennai

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M. K. Stalin** inaugurated the Rs. 2500 crores data centre project of **NTT Global Data Centre and Cloud Infrastructure** at Ambattur in Chennai.

Two-day conference of the Tourism and Culture Ministers of the North-Eastern began in Guwahati

- A two-day conference of the Tourism and Culture Ministers of the North-Eastern states began in **Guwahati** to showcase the potential of tourism in this region and emphasised building confidence among the tourists in the wake of the COVID-19 situation.

Assam extends its 'Disturbed Area' status for six more months

- The Assam Government has declared the entire state of **Assam** as a **Disturbed Area** for **six more months** with effect from 28 August under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurates a monthly incentive scheme for priests

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched a scheme to provide an incentive of **Rs. 1000** per month to the priests working at 12,959 temples where the Oru Kala Pooja scheme (performing at least one pooja per day) is being implemented.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister introduces a Bill in TN Assembly to exempt Tamil Nadu students from National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** introduced a Bill in the Tamil Nadu Assembly seeking permanent **exemption** for Tamil Nadu students from appearing for the **National Eligibility-cum Entrance Test (NEET)** for admission to the undergraduate medical degree courses.

Odisha celebrates the Nuakhai festival

- **Nuakhai festival** is observed in **Odisha** on 11 September to celebrate newly harvested food by the farmers.
- Tamil Nadu Government increases reservation for women in government jobs from 30 to 40 per cent**
- The **Tamil Nadu** Government has increased the quota for women in government jobs from **30% to 40%**.

IIT Bombay launches 'Project Udaan' to enable the translation of textbooks and other study materials

- **IIT Bombay** launched '**Project Udaan**' that enables the translation of textbooks and other study material related to engineering and other streams with an aim to break the language barrier that many students face when they join institutes of higher education.
- Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor launches 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi 'Mission'**
- Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched '**One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi**' Mission to promote door-to-door digital banking and financial services in the remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

Hyderabad Liberation Day was observed on 17 September

- **Hyderabad Liberation Day** was celebrated on 17 September to mark the historic accession of the princely state of Hyderabad into the Indian Union.

Telangana Government launches ICT policy 2.0 to achieve Rs. 3 lakh crore IT exports in the next five years

- The **Telangana Government** has launched its second Information and Communication Technology (ICT) policy with an aim to achieve Rs. 3 lakh crore IT exports in the next five years with a focus on digital empowerment of citizens, innovation and entrepreneurship and taking innovation ecosystem to global levels.
- The first ICT policy of the Telangana Government was launched in 2016.

India's largest floating solar energy power plant was commissioned in Andhra Pradesh

- **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** has successfully commissioned India's largest 25 MW floating solar PV system at NTPC Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh which covers an area of 100 acres.

Tamil Nadu Government celebrates the 143<sup>rd</sup> birthday of E. V. Periyasamy as Social Justice Day

- Tamil Nadu Government celebrated the 143<sup>rd</sup> birthday of E. V. Ramasamy, popularly known as Periyar, on 17 September as **Social Justice Day**.

Uttar Pradesh Government launches 'Matra Bhumi Yojana' for the improvement of rural infrastructure

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced the launch of the 'Matra Bhumi Yojana' scheme to strengthen the participatory rural economy and infrastructure.

Manipur's Hathei chilli and Tamenglong orange gets GI tag

- Manipur's **Tamenglong orange**, a species of the mandarin family, and a unique fruit crop found in the state along with a special chill variety, **Hathei** have acquired the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

India's 61<sup>st</sup> Software Technology Park of India centre launched in Nagaland

- Union Minister of State (MoS) for Information & Technology and Skill Development, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, inaugurated the **61<sup>st</sup> Software Technology Park of India (STPI) at Kohima, Nagaland**.

Sikkim Government declares 'Katley' as its state fish

- The Sikkim Government has declared 'Cooper Mahseer' locally named '**Katley**' as its state fish.
- Katley is a freshwater fish found in varied altitudes covering the entire state of Sikkim and is predominantly confined in Teesta and Rangit rivers and their tributaries.

Telangana Government and UNICEF launch the second edition of the Telangana School Innovation Challenge (TSIC) 2021

- The Government of **Telangana**, in association with the **UNICEF** (United Nations Children's Fund), YuWaah and Inqui-lab Foundation, launch the second edition of the **Telangana School Innovation Challenge (TSIC) 2021** for nurturing design thinking, innovation and entrepreneurship among students.

Delhi Government launches India's first mobile music classroom & recording studio 'Music Bus'

- The **Delhi** Government has launched a '**Music Bus**' to provide training to students in audio production, film production and graphic designing.
- This bus is a transportable **music classroom** and recording studio dedicated to fuel the skills of budding musicians while motivating them to prove their spirit in the world of music.

Uttar Pradesh Government plans to set up an electronic park near Noida

- The **Uttar Pradesh Government** will set up an **electronic park** for electronic devices and accessories in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) area that is expected to attract an investment of **Rs. 50,000 crores** near Noida, which will provide employment to thousands of local youths.

Assam Government is planning to set up a Tea Park at Chayygaon in the Kamrup district

- **Assam Government** will be setting up a **Tea Park** at Chayygaon in the Kamrup district to improve the quality of tea production.
- This Park will have rail and port connectivity, cargo and warehouse amenities, processing facilities like tea grinding, blending, packaging and other utility services under one roof.

Tamil Nadu Government releases the Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy 2021

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin released the **Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy 2021 (EPS 2021)**, which aims to boost the Tamil Nadu's exports from \$26 billion to \$100 billion by 2030.
- This five-year strategy was unveiled by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin as Tami Nadu targets a \$1 trillion economy by quadrupling its exports in nine years.

World's highest electric vehicle charging station was inaugurated in Himachal Pradesh

- The **world's highest electric vehicle charging station** with 500 feet was inaugurated in Kaza of Lahaul and Spiti district in **Himachal Pradesh** to promote a sustainable environment.
- It will also help to check vehicular pollution.

Telangana Government signs an MoU with Wingsure to provide personalised insurance to farmers

- The **Telangana Government** has signed an MoU with insurtech firm **Wingsure** to provide deep-tech-based personalized **crop insurance products** and advisory services to small, underserved farmers in the state.
- Wingsure will collaborate with government agencies to develop a ground distribution strategy by leveraging its deep-tech platform.

Naga cucumber from Nagaland gets the GI tag under agricultural products

- The **Naga Cucumber (sweet cucumber)** was recently granted the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** under agricultural products of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999.
- Cucumber has been traditionally cultivated by Naga farmers in their Jhum fields as a mixed crop, mainly during the Kharif season (April-May).

Rajasthan's Sojat Mehndi and Assam's Judima rice wine receives Geographical Indication tag

- The colours of **Rajasthan's** renowned **Sojat Mehndi**, known for its medicinal values, received Geographical Indication tag (GI tag).



- The wine produced from rice and a herb brewed by the Dimasa community in **Assam 'Judima'** received Geographical Indication tag (GI tag).

#### Chennai's Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M. G. R Central Railway Station is fully powered by solar energy

- The **Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M. G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station in Chennai** gets its **100 percent** energy requirement during the day through **solar power**.
- The use of solar power will accelerate the Indian government's mission to achieve conversion of the Indian Railways network into 'net zero' carbon emission railway network.

#### Andhra Pradesh bags the Best Tourism Policy Award

- **Andhra Pradesh** has bagged an award for the 'Best Tourism Policy', which was presented by the Tour and Travels Association at a function organized virtually.
- The Andhra Pradesh Government was committed to the socio-economic development of the state and regarded the tourism sector as one of the key growth engines for the economy of the state and crucial for employment generation.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Central banks of Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa is set to launch the cenbank digital currency scheme

- Central banks of Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and South Africa launch **cenbank digital currency scheme**. The project will allow financial institutions to transact directly with each other in the digital currencies issued by participating central banks.

#### India launches soft skills training programme for women entrepreneurs in Bangladesh

- The High Commission of India, in association with the ICT Ministry of Bangladesh and Women & E-commerce and Silk Oak Global Limited launched a one-year **soft skills training programme in Dhaka, Bangladesh**, to develop communication skills and presentation skills, among other soft skills beneficial to facilitate their business efforts.

#### El Salvador becomes the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as official currency

- **El Salvador** became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as an official currency.
- El Salvador will accept bitcoin payments in addition to the US Dollar, which has been its official currency since 2001.

#### World's largest plant that captures carbondioxide from the air started running in Iceland

- The world's largest plant named **Orca**, designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turn it into rock, has started running in **Iceland**.

#### India and Denmark discuss cooperation against climate change

- Danish Climate, Energy and Utilities Minister Dan Jorgensen, on his visit to India, discussed general bilateral cooperation in the areas of **environment and climate change** with Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister **Bhupender Yadav**.

#### The UK, US and Australia announce a trilateral security partnership named AUKUS

- The **US, UK and Australia** have announced a new trilateral security alliance named '**AUKUS**' for the Indo-Pacific to deepen diplomatic, security and defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

#### World Economic Forum's annual meeting is set to take place in Switzerland's Davos in January 2022

- The annual meeting of the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** is set to take place in the Switzerland mountain resort of **Davos** in **January 2022**, which will focus on accelerating stakeholder capitalism, harnessing the

technologies of the fourth industrial revolution and ensuring a more inclusive future of work.

#### India and El Salvador hold the third Foreign Office Consultations in San Salvador

- The third Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between **India and El Salvador** were held in San Salvador. Both countries discussed the full range of bilateral relations, including health, trade and investment.

#### UNESCO declares the world's first 5-country biosphere reserve 'Mura-Drava-Danube'

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated **Mura-Drava-Danube (MDD)** as the world's first 'five-country biosphere reserve' to revitalise 25,000 km of rivers and protect 30 per cent of the European Union's land area by 2030.
- The biosphere reserve covers 700 kilometres of the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers and stretches across **Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Serbia**.

#### The sixth edition of SCO exercise Peaceful Mission 2021 commences in Russia

- The **sixth edition of SCO exercise Peaceful Mission 2021** hosted by **Russia** started at Orenburg region of Southwest Russia, to boost close relations between the SCO member states and to enhance the abilities of the military leaders to command multinational military contingents.

#### Iran becomes a full permanent member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

- **Iran** has become a permanent and the **9<sup>th</sup> member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** and its permanent membership was approved during the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

#### Justin Trudeau becomes the Prime Minister of Canada for a third term

- **Justin Trudeau** became the **Canadian Prime Minister** for a third term since November 2015.
- He has now won three general elections in less than six years.
- He is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Prime Minister of Canada and the second-youngest Prime Minister in Canadian history.

#### Fairooz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh receives 2021 Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Award

- **Fairooz Faizah Beether**, the co-founder of Moner School, has won the **2021 Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Award** for her work promoting good health and well-being by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

#### India and the UAE launch the negotiations for a mutually beneficial Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

- **India** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** have officially launched the negotiations for a **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** to conclude negotiations by December 2021 and sign a formal agreement in March 2022 after the completion of internal legal procedures and ratification.

#### Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives the SDG Progress Award

- Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** has received the 'SDG Progress Award' from the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) for Bangladesh's steady progress in responding to the universal call to action to end poverty, protect the environment and ensure peace and prosperity for all.

#### UNESCO announces 20 new sites as biosphere reserves in 21 countries to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves

- UNESCO has added **20 new sites** in **21 countries** to the **World Network of Biosphere Reserves**, which promote solutions reconciling the conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use.

- The International Coordinating Council of UNESCO’s Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB-ICC) meeting in Abuja from 13 to 17 September 2021(for the first time on the African continent) approved these additions.

Newly Added Biosphere Reserves

S.No	Country	Biosphere Reserve
1.	Lesotho	Matseng Biosphere Reserve
2.	Libya	Ashaafean Biosphere Reserve
3.	Saudi Arabia	JuzurFarasan Biosphere Reserve
4.	Austria	Lower Mura Valley Biosphere Reserve
5.	Croatia and Hungary	Mura-Drava-Danube Transboundary Biosphere Reserve
6.	Serbia	Backo Podunavlje Biosphere Reserve
7.	Slovenia	Mura River Biosphere Reserve
8.	Canada	Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve
9.	France	Martinique Biosphere Reserve Moselle Sud Biosphere Reserve
10.	Italy	Monte Grappa Biosphere Reserve
11.	Kazakhstan	KolsaiKolderi Biosphere Reserve
12.	Republic of Korea	Wando Biosphere Reserve
13.	Malaysia	Penang Hill Biosphere Reserve
14.	Mongolia	Uvs Lake Depression Transboundary Biosphere Reserve
15.	Peru	Avireri-Vraem Biosphere Reserve
16.	Russian Federation	Kuznetsky Alatau Biosphere Reserve Mountain Great Bogdo Biosphere Reserve
17.	Spain	Ribeira Sacra E Serras Do Oribio E Courel Biosphere Reserve
18.	Thailand	Doi Chiang Dao Biosphere Reserve
19.	Uzbekistan	Lower Amudarya State Biosphere Reserve
20.	Vietnam	Nui Chua Biosphere Reserve Kon ha Nung Biosphere Reserve

US President Joe Biden hosts the first Quad leaders’ Summit

- US President **Joe Biden** hosted the first-ever in-person of leaders of an Indo-Pacific alliance called ‘**the Quad**’ at the **White House** with Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** along with Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga and Australian PM Scott Morrison to ensure peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific as well as the entire world.

India emerges as the second-largest trade partner of the Dubai Government

- As per the official statement from Dubai Government, **India** has emerged as the second-largest buying and selling trade partner of Dubai

after China with the overall volume touching 38.5 billion dirham in the first half of 2021.

India and the United States sign two MoUs for cooperation in health and biomedical sciences in the 4<sup>th</sup> Indo-US Health Dialogue

- **India** and the **United States** signed two MoUs at the **4<sup>th</sup>Indo-US Health Dialogue** addressed by the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya for cooperation in health and biomedical sciences hosted by India in New Delhi.
- The first MoU was signed concerning cooperation in the field of health and biomedical sciences.
- The other MoU was signed for cooperation with International Centre for Excellence in Research (ICER).

AGREEMENTS and MOUS SIGNED

Axis Bank ties up with BharatPe on point-of-sale (PoS) devices

- **Axis Bank** has tied up with **BharatPe** to expand its merchant acquiring business in India.
- Axis Bank will act as the acquiring bank for BharatPe’s point-of-sale (PoS) business, Bharat Swipe and will provide acceptance of credit and debit cards for merchants associated with BharatPe.

Nigeria is set to partner with Bitt Inc. to launch a digital currency named ‘ENaira’

- Nigeria will work with Bitt Inc. as a technical partner to launch its own cryptocurrency, the ‘**eNaira**’, which would operate as a wallet against which customers can hold existing funds in their bank account.

India and the US signs a project agreement for air-launched unmanned aerial vehicle

- **India and the United States (US)** have signed a project agreement for air-launched unmanned aerial vehicle.
- Union Ministry of Defence and the US Department of Defence signed a project agreement (PA)for air-launched unmanned aerial vehicle (ALUAV) under the Joint Working Group Air Systems in the **Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI)**, towards deepening defence technology collaboration between the two nations through co-development of defence equipment.

Ladakh signs an MoU with Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for the improvement of the road network

- The administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh and the **Border Roads Organization (BRO)** inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the upgradation of Ladakh's road network.

APEDA signs an MoU with ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research to boost farmers income

- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research** to promote value addition and boost farmers' income by increasing exports through quality production and processing.

IREDA inks a pact with TANGEDCO for renewable energy projects

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)** has entered into a pact with **Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO)** for providing technical expertise in developing **renewable energy projects and raising funds**.

Ola Electric ties up with banks and financial institutions for loans to customers

- Leading banks and financial institutions, including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Prime and TATA Capital, have partnered with Ola



Electric to provide loans to clients for its S1 electric scooter. The electric scooter will be available for purchase from 8 September

**SBM Bank partners with OneCard to launch a mobile-based credit card**

- **SBM Bank** has partnered with **OneCard** to launch a mobile-based credit card towards acknowledging and celebrating the expanding digital ecosystem of India.

**Coal India Limited signs an MoU and contributed Rs. 75 crores to the National Sports Development Fund of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**

- The National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Coal India Limited (CIL) for a CSR contribution of **Rs. 75 crores**.

**NITI Aayog and Gujarat University sign a Statement of Intent (SoI) to promote cooperation in agriculture**

- A statement of intent (SoI) was signed by **NITI Aayog** and the Indian Institute of Sustainability, **Gujarat University**, with the objective of encouraging and promoting cooperation in the agricultural and related areas.

**Pine Labs partners with OneCard to enable the EMI option at PoS terminals for their customers**

- **Pine Labs** partnered with a mobile-based credit card **OneCard** to extend its **equated monthly installments (EMI)** offering to all OneCard credit card holders to avail interest-free EMI on their credit cards for all their mid and high-value purchases made at Pine Labs Point of Sale (PoS) terminals across India.

**Amazon Pay partners with Kuvera to offer wealth management services**

- **Amazon Pay** has partnered with **Kuvera** to offer **wealth management services** in India through its digital payment platform Amazon Pay while Kuvera will provide services, products and technology know-how to create an exclusive experience for Amazon Pay’s users to facilitate investments into mutual funds and fixed deposits.

**Punjab & Sind Bank ties up with Indiabulls for co-lending alliance**

- **Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB)** has entered into a strategic co-lending alliance with **Indiabulls Commercial Credit** and **Indiabulls Housing Finance (IHFL)** for MSME and priority sector housing loans.

**DBS partners with SWIFT for real time cross border payment tracking**

- **DBS**, in partnership with Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (**SWIFT**) **Global Payments Innovation (gpi)**, launched real-time online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India.

**SIDBI collaborates with the Assam Government to promote start-ups**

- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** agreed to set up an innovation fund in partnership with the **Assam Government** to promote start-ups, in which SIDBI handed over a commitment letter of Rs. 350 crores to the Assam Government under the cluster development fund.

**Meenakshi Lekhi signs an agreement on labour mobility and facilitating recruitment of Indian citizens in Portugal**

- During the visit to Portugal, Union Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi met with Secretary of State for International Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal Francisco Andre and signed a labour mobility agreement to make it easier for the recruitment of Indian residents to work in Portugal.

**HDFC Bank and Paytm jointly launch co-branded credit cards powered by VISA**

- **HDFC Bank and Paytm** launched a comprehensive range of credit cards powered by VISA, which aims to provide one of the widest range of offerings across customer segments with a special focus on millennials, business owners and merchants.

**BYJU’s and NITI Ayog partner to provide free education to children**

- **BYJU’S** partnered with **NITI Aayog** to provide children from 112 aspirational districts free access to high-quality education and tech-driven learning programmes.

**TRIFED and Big Basket enter into an MoU for the promotion and sale of natural Van Dhan products**

- The **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)** and **Big Basket** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the promotion and sale of natural Van Dhan goods made accessible to Big Basket by Van Dhan producing units.

**Flipkart Wholesale partners with Davinta to offer ‘Buy Now Pay Later’ credit facilities to retailers**

- The B2B marketplace of Flipkart Group, **Flipkart Wholesale**, has partnered with SME lending platform **Davinta** to offer ‘**Buy Now Pay Later**’ credit facilities to all its retailers as an alternative for those who struggle to be eligible for traditional credit constructs such as credit cards.

**Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying signs an MoU with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the livestock sector**

- The **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD)** has signed a multi-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to support India’s food and nutritional security and protect the economic wellbeing of small-scale livestock producers.

**India and Bhutan sign an MoU for the joint development of a small satellite**

- **India** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation arrangement on the joint development of a **small satellite for Bhutan**.
- This signing of the MoU was attended by the ambassador of two countries Ruchira Kamboj and Major General Vetsop Namgyel.

**HPCL partners with ICICI Bank for fuel payments through FASTags**

- **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)** has partnered with **ICICI Bank** to allow users to pay for fuel and lubricants at HPCL retail stores using their ICICI Bank FASTag.
- The users of the ICICI Bank FASTag will benefit from a fully digitised and contactless experience, as well as the convenience of having a single tag for fuel, tolls and parking payments.

**Infosys is about to enter into 3 MoUs with the Karnataka Government to attain the target of the National Education Policy**

- **Karnataka’s Department of Higher Education** and **Infosys** would enter into three memorandums of understanding (MoU) for prioritising skill development among students as per the National Education Policy (NEP2020).
- The MoUs would enable the Karnataka Government to utilise ‘**Infosys Springboard**,’ which has over 3000 skill development courses for college students, ‘Campus Connect’ that provides digital learning for college faculty and professional guidance for college students and a donation of 15,000 de-bonded computers from Infosys to colleges.

**Airtel Payments Bank collaborates with Stellapps for cashless payment transfer to small dairy farmers**

- Dairy-tech start-up **Stellapps** has collaborated with **Airtel Payments Bank** to enable cashless payment transfers to small dairy farmers.
- Stellapps has observed that a significant challenge for farmers has been the long travel to the nearest ATM or bank branch for withdrawing cash.
- In view of this, Airtel Payments Bank will onboard Stellapps new **partner milk collection centres** as banking points.

- These banking points will enable farmers to open a bank account, withdraw and deposit cash, earn interest on savings, access Aadhaar-enabled payments, get government pension schemes and make bill payments.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)ties up with the Department of Posts for print to post solution**
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** tied up with the Government of India's **Department of Posts (DoP)** for **'Print to Post'** solutions to print and dispatch the policy booklet issued under a life insurance policy.
- This collaboration would provide the much-needed fillip in the issue of policy documents with a reduced turnaround time to enhance customer experience.
- "Delivery on the day of receipt" is the working theme of India Post.

APPOINTMENTS

Name	Appointment	Other Information
J. B. Mohapatra	Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes	-
Banwarilal Purohit	Governor of Punjab and Chandigarh	He succeeded V. P. Singh Badnore.
Pankaj Kumar Singh	Director-General of the Border Security Force	-
Alar Karis	President of Estonia	He succeeds Kerti Kaljulaid, the first female President of Estonia.
Avani Lekhara	Brand ambassador of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign in Rajasthan	-
Kausik Chanda	Judge of Calcutta High Court	-
Vartika Shukla	Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of public sector enterprise Engineers India Limited (EIL)	-
Rajnish Kumar	Economic Affairs Advisor to the Andhra Pradesh Government	-
Pankaj Kumar	Director (Offshore) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)	-
Cyrus Poncha	Vice-President of the AsianSquash Federation	-
Arun Kumar Singh	Chairman & Managing Director of BPCL	-
Smriti Madhana and Rani Rampal	Brand ambassadors of Equitas Small Finance Bank	-
Lovlina Borgohain	Brand ambassador of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan of Assam	-
Suman Sharma	Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)	-
S. L. Tripathy	CMD of United India Insurance Company	-
Harsha Bhupendra Bangari	Managing Director of EXIM Bank	-
Piyush Goyal	India's Sherpa for the G20 meet	India will formally assume the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022.
V. Vaidyanathan	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of IDFC FIRST Bank	-

Nirlep Singh Rai	Chairman and Managing Director of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL)	-
A. G. Thankappan	Chairman of the Spices Board of India	-
R. N. Ravi	Governor of Tamil Nadu	-
Sardar Iqbal Singh	Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities	He succeeds Ghayorul Hasan
G. C. Murmu	Chairman of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)	-
Aziz Akhannouch	Prime Minister of Morocco	-
Najib Mikat	Prime Minister of Lebanon	-
Bhupendra Patel	Chief Minister of Gujarat	He succeeds Vijay Rupani
Justice M. Venugopal	Acting Chairperson of NCLAT	He succeeds Justice S. J. Mukhopadhaya.
Jim Lanzone	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yahoo	He succeeds Guru Gowrappan.
Vinod Kannan	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vistara	-
Taro Kono	Prime Minister of Japan	Replaced Yoshihide Suga
Gopal Mukherjee	Advocate General of West Bengal	Replaced Kishore Datta.
Lieutenant General (Retd.)Gurmeet Singh	Uttarakhand Governor	He succeeded Baby Rani Maurya.
Amit Narang	Ambassador of India to Oman	He succeeded Munu Mahawar
Munu Mahawar	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives	-
Liz Truss	Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom	She replaced Dominic Raab.
Alka Nangia Arora	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)	-
Amit Saxena	Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of RBI Innovation Hub	-
Pankaj Tripathy	Brand ambassador for Fino Payments Bank	-
Jagdish Mukhi	Governor of Nagaland	-
Charanjeet Singh Channi	Chief Minister of Punjab	He became the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab.
Rajiv Aggarwal	Director of Public Policy of Facebook India.	He replaced Ankhi Das.
Gordon Brown	WHO's Ambassador for Global Health Financing	He is UK's former Prime Minister.
Vivek Ram Chaudhari	Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)	Succeeds R. K. S. Bhadauria
Uday Kotak	Non-Executive Chairman of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS)	-
Rajiv Bansal	Secretary to the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation	Succeeds Pradeep Singh Kharola
Andrew Bosworth	Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Facebook	Replaced Mike Schroepfer
Anirudh Tiwari	Chief Secretary of Punjab	Replaced Vini Mahajan
Lieutenant General Nav K. Khanduri	Indian Army Western Command Chief	Replaced Lieutenant General R. P. Singh

Magnus Carlsen	Global brand ambassador of Mastercard	-
Basavaraj Bommai	heads a panel on rationalization of GST rates	-
C.K. Ranganathan	President of All India Management Association (AIMA)	Succeeded Harsh Pati Singhania
Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh	34 <sup>th</sup> Director-General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)	-
Fumio Kishida	Prime Minister of Japan	Replaced Yoshihide Suga
Padmaja Chunduru	Managing Director and CEO of the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)	succeeded G. V. Nageswara Rao
Ranveer Singh	Brand ambassador of the National Basketball Association (NBA) of India	-

## RANKS and INDICES

### India emerges as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world: Hurun Research Institute

- India emerged as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world after the US and China released by the Hurun Research Institute.
- India has added three unicorns every month over the last year, bringing the total number to 51 ahead of the United Kingdom (32) and Germany (18).

### University of Oxford tops the Times World University Rankings 2022

- The University of Oxford was ranked at the top of the Times World University Rankings 2022. IISc Bangalore was placed at 301–350 and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar was placed in the 351–400 bracket. IIT Indore was placed in the 401–500 bracket.

### IIT Madras was ranked best institution in India in the National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2021

- According to the National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2021, the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) was ranked as the best institute in India in the 'Overall' and 'Engineering' categories for the third consecutive year.
- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru was ranked the best among the research institutions and was ranked at the second place in the overall ranking.
- IIT Bombay took the third spot on the top universities list.

### India ranks 46<sup>th</sup> in the Global Innovation Index 2021

- India has climbed two spots to 46<sup>th</sup> from 48 in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2021 released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- Switzerland topped the index and remains the world's leader in innovation for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Sweden ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the index.

### IIT Bombay tops among Indian institutes in the 2022 QS Graduate Employability Rankings

- IIT Bombay emerged as the best institute in India among various Indian institutes in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022.
- Twelve Indian higher education institutions, including six Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), figured in the top 500 universities in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Graduate Employability Rankings 2022.

### Accra was named as the UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023

- After the evaluation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee, Director-General of UNESCO Audrey Azoulay has nominated Accra (Ghana) as the 23<sup>rd</sup> city to be named as the UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023 after Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2022.
- Accra was chosen because of its significant emphasis on young people and their potential to contribute to Ghana's culture and prosperity.

### Mumbai emerges as the world's top 'emerging ecosystem' for start-ups: Global Start-up Ecosystem Ranking

- According to Genome's Global Start-up Ecosystem Ranking, Mumbai has emerged as the world's top 'Emerging Ecosystem' for start-ups in terms of performance, funding, experience and talent and Experience, whereas Bengaluru is ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> and Delhi is ranked 36<sup>th</sup>.
- Silicon Valley is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> followed by New York City and London.

### HDFC Bank was listed as the most outstanding company in India: Asiamoney 2021 Report

- According to the Asiamoney report, HDFC Bank Limited won the 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India' category.
- This report was designed to acknowledge listed companies that have excelled in areas such as financial performance, management team excellence, investor relations and CSR initiatives.

## AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

Award Name	Winners/ First Place	Other Information
Times Excellence Awards 2021	1. Viraj Kohli 2. Sarbajit Das 3. Vijay Arora 4. Braj Bushan Jha 5. Sabarna Roy 6. Amit Kumar Gehlot	-
5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification	Chandigarh Railway Station	The certification is given by FSSAI.
Bird Photographer of the Year 2021	Alejandro Prieto	-
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Energy Leader Award 2021	NTPC Ramagundam	-
MeitY digital payment scorecard for 2020–2021	Bank of Baroda	-
National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2021	IIT Madras	IISc Bengaluru topped in the research category.
Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award	Namita Gokhale	-
Women's Prize for Fiction 2021	Susanne Clark	This award was given for her mind-tweaking fantasy novel 'Piranesi'.
Rajbhasha Kirti Award	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	This award has been instituted by the Department of Official Language (OL), Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar Award	National Mineral Development Limited (NMDC)	-
UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021	National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)	-



TIME's 100 Most Influential People List	Narendra Modi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla among the 100 most influential people in the world for 2021.	-
'World's Best Bank' by Euromoney	DBS Bank	This is the first time an Asian-headquartered bank has been named 'World's Best Bank' by Euromoney since the award was launched in 1993.
National Florence Nightingale Award 2020	S. V. Saraswati	-
UST	ISG Digital Case Study Awards 2021	-
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka	Global Goalkeeper Award2021	-
Binoy Kumar Saikia	Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology 2021	This award is given by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for his pioneering research on coal and energy.
Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)	Right Livelihood Award 2021	Other awardees of 2021 are the women rights activist Marthe Wandou from Cameroon, Russian environmental activist Vladimir Slivyak and an indigenous rights defender Freda Huson from Canada.

**Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2021**

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) announced the 63<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2021.

The winners of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2021 are:

Name of the person	Country	Field of Excellence
Roberto Ballon	Philippines	For conservation of natural resources and helping communities improve their income through livelihood programs
Steven Muncy	Southeast Asia	For helping the displaced refugees of Southeast Asia to rebuild their lives
Muhammad Amjad Saqib	Pakistan	For helping people through social entrepreneurship
Firdausi Qadri	Bangladesh	For her untiring contributions to vaccine development, advanced biotechnological therapeutics and critical research that saved millions of lives
Watchdoc	Indonesia	Emerging leadership in an organisation and energetic use of investigative journalism, documentary filmmaking and digital technology in its effort to transform Indonesia's media landscape

BOOKS and AUTHORS

Name of the Book	Author	Publisher
'Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth'	Angelina Jolie	-
'A Rude Life: The Memoir'	Vir Sanghvi	Penguin Random House
'Shining Sikh Youth of India'	Prabhleen Singh	-
'A Slow Fire Burning'	Paula Hawkins	Riverhead Books
'400Days'	Chetan Bhagat	Westland Publications
'The Battle of Rezang La'	Kulpreet Yadav	Penguin Random House
'Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth'	Wole Soyinka	Bloomsbury India

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

**ISRO and IISc researchers jointly develop a device for conducting biological experiments in space**

- Researchers from the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** have developed a modular, self-contained device to cultivate equipment that could allow scientists to conduct biological experiments even in space.
- This device can be used to activate and track the growth of a bacterium called *Sporosarcina pasteurii* over several days, with minimal human involvement.

**Google introduces a Startups Lab program for small news organisations in India**

- Google introduced a **Startups Lab program** which is a part of the its Google News Initiative (GNI), in which the company will work with independent local or single-subject media organisations to find a pathway to financial and operational sustainability through coaching, skills training and other support.

**Co-WIN develops a new Application Programming Interface to check the vaccination status of an individual**

- Co-WIN has developed a new Application Programming Interface (API) called **'Know Your Customer's** or **'Client's Vaccination Status - KYC-VS'** to check an individual's status of vaccination through Co-WIN.
- If the response of Co-WIN is 0 means the person is not vaccinated while a response of 1 means the person is partially vaccinated and a response of 2 means the person is fully vaccinated.

**China successfully launches the earth observation satellite Gaofen-5 02**

- China** has successfully launched a new earth observation satellite **Gaofen-5 02**, from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre** into space to improve China's hyperspectral observation capacity of the atmosphere, water and land.

**ISRO helps Skyroot Aerospace to build a launch vehicle**

- The Department of Space has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Skyroot Aerospace**, allowing the company access to **ISRO** (Indian Space Research Organisation) resources and expertise for the development and testing of space launch vehicle subsystems and systems.

**India participates in SCO counter-terror military exercise in Russia**

- An Indian military force took part in the sixth edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) **'Peaceful Mission' 2021** exercise, which aimed to strengthen ties between the SCO member states in Orenburg, Russia, from 13-25 September.

India launches its first satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship INS Dhruv

India has launched its first nuclear-missile tracking ship **INS Dhruv** which will be India's first naval vessel that is capable of tracking nuclear missiles at a long-range. The 10,000-tonne vessel was commissioned from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Eastern Naval Command celebrates 36<sup>th</sup> International Coastal Cleanup Day at Vishakapatnam

The **36<sup>th</sup> International Coastal Cleanup Day** was celebrated consecutively for the tenth year by Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at Yarada Beach, Bheemili Beach and other sea fronts within premises of naval units at **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh.

Indo-Nepal joint military exercise 'SuryaKiran 15'begins in Uttarakhand

A 14-day long joint military exercise of India andNepal named '**Surya Kiran 15**' began in the Uttarakhand's **Pithoragarh** district to establish military relations in remote mountainous locations, as well as give humanitarian aid under disaster management and to get training in anti-terrorist operations.

SpaceX launches first all tourist crew into orbit

**SpaceX** has launched a billionaire-funded crew of space tourists into orbit from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The Inspiration4mission sent four people into orbit for three days aboard a Crew Dragon space ship in which the crew members will do scientific research, make art and take in the views.

Indian and Indonesian navies conduct the third edition of 'Samudra Shakti' Exercise in Indonesia

The Indian and Indonesian navies took part in the third edition of the bilateral maritime exercise '**Samudra Shakti**' in **Indonesia** to strengthen the bilateral relationship, enhance mutual understanding and interoperability in maritime operations between the two navies.

This exercise will also provide an appropriate platform to share best practices and develop a common understanding of maritime security operations.

Indian Army is set to organise 'Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav' at Kolkata

The Indian Army will organise a festival named 'Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav'. This festival is being organised by the Eastern Command of the Indian Army from 26–29September at Kolkata to showcase the cultural linkage between India and Bangladesh during the Liberation War of1971.

**India's Akash Prime missile successfully destroys an unmanned aerial target in its maiden flight test**

The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** tested a new version of the Akash Missile named '**Akash Prime**' from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in **Chandipur, Odisha**.

**Akash Prime** is equipped with an indigenous active **RF (radio frequency)** seeker for **improved accuracy**. Other improvements also ensure more reliable performance under low-temperature environments at higher altitudes.

Western Naval Command Sailing Championships 2021was conducted at the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre in Mumbai

The **Western Naval Command Sailing Championships2021** was conducted at the **Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC)**in Mumbai.

The concept of team racing in the Enterprise Class and match racing in the J24 class of boats was reintroduced to facilitate wider participation and strengthen team spirit.

The overall champions were the Mumbai Area team, while the runners-up were the Fleet B team.

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise 'KAZIND-21' commences

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise **KAZIND-21** commenced at Training Node Aisha Bibi, Kazakhstan and will continue till 10 September.

The military and diplomatic connections between the two countries will be strengthened as a result of this exercise.

28<sup>th</sup> edition of the SIMBEX exercise was conducted from 2 September to 4 September

The **28<sup>th</sup>edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** was conducted from 2 to 4 September2021 to strengthen the bilateral partnership held on the southern fringes of the South China sea.

The Indian Navy was represented by Guided Missile Destroyer INS Ranvijay.

Indian and Australian Navy hold 'AUSINDEX' maritime warfare exercises

Australia's Northern Territory hosts the biennial maritime warfare exercises '**AUSINDEX**' between the Royal Australian Navy and the Indian Navy.

AUSINDEX 21 gives both navies a chance to improve their cooperative defence capabilities in support of a stable and secure Indo-Pacific.

OBITUARY

Namse	Profession
Shaik Khader Noordeen	Leprologist from Chennai
Chandan Mitra	Politician – Former Rajya Sabha member
Sidharth Shukla	Actor
Syed Ali Shah Geelani	Politician from Kashmir
Keshav Desiraju	Former Union Health Secretary
Jacques Rogge	International Olympic Committee President
Jean Pierre Adams	French footballer
Sadanand Singh	Former Bihar Assembly Speaker
Rajni Kaul	BBC's first Hindu news reader
Sonal Shukla	Women's rights activist
Aziz Hajini	Kashmiri writer
Oscar Fernandes	Rajya Sabha MP and former Union Minister
Rizabawa	Malayalam actor
Yuriy Sedykh	Former world hammer record-holder and two-time Olympic champion
Bhabani Roy	Former Indian footballer
Abdelaziz Bouteflika	Former Algerian President
Casimir Oye Mba	Former Gabonese Prime Minister
Manorama Mohapatra	Former editor of Odia daily 'Samaja'
Nilayananda Dutta	Advocate General of Arunachal Pradesh
Jimmy Greaves	Former England football player
Yudhvir Singh Dadwal	Former Arunachal Pradesh Governor and Former Delhi Police Commissioner

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Aim/Theme
1–7 September	National Nutrition Week (India)	The theme of the 2021 National Nutrition Week (India) is 'feeding smart right from start'.
2 September	World Coconut Day	-

5 September	Teachers' Day (India)	It is to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
	International Day of Charity	-
6-12 September	Food Processing Week	-
8 September	International Literacy Day	The theme for 2021 is "Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide".
	World Physical Therapy Day	-
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	-
11 September	National Forest Martyrs' Day	-
14 September	National Hindi Day	It is observed on 14 September every year to promote Hindi as the 'Matra Bhasha' or mother tongue of India.
15 September	Engineers' Day	Engineers' Day is celebrated on 15 September every year on the birth anniversary of legendary engineer M. Visvesvaraya.
	International Day of Democracy	-
16 September	World Ozone Day	The theme for 2021 is 'Montreal Protocol- keeping us, our food and vaccines cool'.
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	The theme for this year is "Safe maternal and newborn care".
18 September	World Bamboo Day	-
	International Red Panda Day	The International Red Panda Day is observed on the third Saturday of September every year. This year (2021), the day will be observed on 18 September.
	World Water Monitoring Day	-
21 September	International Day of Peace	The theme for this year is 'Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world'.
21 September	World Alzheimer's Day	The theme for World Alzheimer's Month in 2021 is 'Know dementia, know Alzheimer's'.
20 September 2021 – 26 September 2021	International Week of Deaf People	The theme for 2021 is "Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities".
22 September	World Rhino Day	The theme of this year is 'Keep the Five Alive'.
	World Rose Day	-
23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	The theme for this year is 'We sign for human rights'.
25 September	World Pharmacists Day	The theme for this year is "Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health".
	Antyodaya Diwas	-
26 September	World Environmental Health Day	The theme for this year is 'Prioritising environmental health for healthier communities in the global recovery'.

	World Contraception Day	-
	World Rivers Day	The theme for this year is 'Waterways in our communities'.
	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	-
27 September	World Tourism Day	The theme for this year is 'Tourism for inclusive growth'.
28 September	International Day for Universal Access to Information	The theme for this year is 'The Right to Know – Building Back Better with Access to Information'.
	World Rabies Day	The theme for this year is 'Rabies: Facts, not Fear'.
29 September	World Heart Day	The theme for this year is 'Use Heart to Connect'.
30 September	International Translation Day	The theme for this year is 'United in translation'.
	World Maritime Day	The theme for this year is 'Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future'.

SPORTS NEWS

- Dale Steyn announces retirement from all forms of cricket**
  - South Africa's legendary pace bowler **Dale Steyn** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar win silver and bronze medals in high jump event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
  - Mariyappan Thangavelu** and **Sharad Kumar** won India's ninth and tenth medals of the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, bagging silver and bronze medals in the high jump (T63) event.
- Praveen Kumar clinches the silver medal in the men's (T64) high jump in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
  - India's **Praveen Kumar** clinched the silver medal in the men's high jump (T64) event of the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
  - Eight of India's 11 medals in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 have come from athletics, including one gold medal in men's javelin throw through Sumit Antil in the F64 event.
- Avani Lekhara wins the bronze medal in the R8 women's 50 m rifle 3P (SH1) event in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
  - Avani Lekhara** of India won the bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 Position SH1 event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Indian archer Harvinder Singh wins the bronze medal in the men's Individual Recurve event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
  - Indian archer **Harvinder Singh** won the bronze medal in the men's Individual Recurve event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020. This is the first-ever archery medal for India at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Indian shooters Manish Narwal and Singhraj Adhana bag gold and silver medals at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
  - Indian shooter **Manish Narwal** won India's third gold medal, while **Singhraj Adhana** bagged a silver medal in the P4 mixed 50m Pistol (SH1) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
  - Singhraj Adhana grabbed his second medal of the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Indian shuttlers Pramod Bhagat and Manoj Sarkar win gold medal and bronze medal in the men's singles (SL3) category at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
  - Pramod Bhagat** claimed a historic gold medal in the men's singles (SL3) class, while **Manoj Sarkar** bagged the bronze medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.



• Pramod Bhagat beat Great Britain's Daniel Bethell in the summit clash, while Manoj Sarkar defeated Japan's Daisuke Fujihara in the third-place play-off.

Suhas Yathiraj clinches a silver medal in the men’s singles (SL4) class at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020

• India's **Suhas Yathiraj** ended his campaign with a historic silver medal in the men's singles (SL4) class final at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

Indian shooter Avani Lekhara was the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent the closing ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics 2020

• Indian shooter **Avani Lekhara** led India’s contingent at the closing ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 as the flag-bearer.

Max Verstappen wins F1 Dutch Grand Prix 2021

• Red Bull Racing's **Max Verstappen** won the F1 Dutch Grand Prix 2021 against Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas.

Jasprit Bumrah is nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month (August 2021)

• Indian pacer **Jasprit Bumrah** is nominated for the ICC Men’s Player of the Month (August 2021).  
• The Other nominees in the men's category included England Test skipper Joe Root and Pakistan pacer Shaheen Afridi.  
• The nominees among the women were Thailand's Nattaya Boochatham and the Ireland duo of Gaby Lewis and Eimear Richardson.

The 130<sup>th</sup> edition of the Durand Cup began in Kolkata

• The 130<sup>th</sup> edition of the Durand Cup started at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in **Kolkata**.  
• Mohammedan Sporting Club started their campaign in the tournament with an emphatic win against the Indian Air Force Football team.  
• The black panthers were leading at halftime and finally won the match in a Group A clash.

Tokyo Paralympics 2020 Overall Indian Winners:

S.No	Name of the Medallist	Sport	Medal
1.	Avani Lekhara	Women’s 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Gold
2.	Pramod Bhagat	Men's singles SL3 badminton	Gold
3.	Krishna Nagar	Men's singles SH6 badminton	Gold
4.	Sumit Antil	Men's Javelin Throw F64	Gold
5.	Manish Narwal	Shooting Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Gold
6.	Bhavinaben Patel	Women's Singles Class 4 Table Tennis	Silver
7.	Nishad Kumar	Men's High Jump T47	Silver
8.	Singhraj Adhana	P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Silver
9.	Yogesh Kathuniya	Men's Discus Throw F56	Silver
10.	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Men's High Jump T63	Silver
11.	Devendra Jhajharia	Men's Javelin Throw F46	Silver
12.	Praveen Kumar	Men's High Jump T64	Silver
13.	Suhas Yathiraj	Men's Singles Badminton SL4	Silver
14.	Avani Lekhara	Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1	Bronze
15.	Harvinder Singh	Men's Individual Recurve Archery	Bronze

16.	Singhraj Adhana	Shooting Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Bronze
17.	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Men's Javelin Throw F46	Bronze
18.	Sharad Kumar	Men's High Jump T63	Bronze
19.	Manoj Sarkar	Men's Singles Badminton SL3	Bronze

Daniel Ricciardo wins the Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2021

• McLaren’s **Daniel Ricciardo** won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2021 held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Italy.

Great Britain’s Emma Raducanu won the US Open women’s singles final 2021

• In the 2021 US Open women's singles final, Great Britain's **Emma Raducanu** defeated Canada's Leylah Fernandez to become the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam title.

Sam Stosur and Zhang Shuai won the women’s doubles title at the US Open women’s doubles final 2021

• Sam Stosur of Australia and **Zhang Shuai** of China won the women’s doubles title at the US Open women’s doubles final 2021 against Americans Caty McNally and Coco Gauff.

Zimbabwe batsman Brendan Taylor announces retirement from international cricket

• Former Zimbabwe captain **Brendan Taylor** announced his retirement from international cricket.

Patrick Cantlay won the PGA Tour Player of the Year award for 2021

• **Patrick Cantlay** was conferred with the 2021 PGA Tour Player of the Year award after four wins in the tour.

Joe Root and Eimear Richardson were named as the ICC Players of the Month for August 2021

• England test captain **Joe Root** and **Eimear Richardson** of Ireland were named as the **ICC Players of the Month for August 2021**.

Lasith Malinga announces retirement from all forms of cricket

• Sri Lankan pacer **Lasith Malinga** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.  
• He is one of the greatest T20 bowlers and was a captain of Sri Lanka's 2014 T20 World Cup winning team.

IOC suspends North Korea from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics

• The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has suspended **North Korea** from the **2022 Beijing Winter Olympics** after the country failed to participate in this 2020 Tokyo Games due to the pandemic.

Daniil Medvedev won the US Open 2021 men’s singles title 2021

• Russia's **Daniil Medvedev** won his first Grand Slam trophy after defeating World no. 1 tennis player Novak Djokovic from Serbia and clinched the US Open 2021 men's singles title at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.

2022 Hangzhou Asian Games will feature eight sports titles as medal events

• According to an announcement from the Olympic Council of Asia, **eight esports** will appear at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.  
• The eight esports are Arena of Valor, Dota 2, Dream Three Kingdoms 2, Hearth Stone, FIFA, Street Fighter V, League of Legends and PUBG Mobile.

Virat Kohli announces his decision to step down as the captain of the Indian T20 team after ICC T20 World Cup 2021

• Indian cricket team captain **Virat Kohli** has announced that he will step down as captain of the Indian T20 cricket team after the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 which is scheduled to be held in the United Arab Emirates and Oman from 17 October 2021 to 14 November 2021.

• He will continue to captain the Indian squad in Tests and One-Day Internationals.

Pankaj Advani wins the Asian Snooker Championship 2021

• Pankaj Advani of India won the Asian Snooker Championship 2021 held in Qatar for a second consecutive time by defeating Amir Sarkhosh.

R. Raja Rithvik becomes the 70<sup>th</sup> Chess Grandmaster of India

• At a recent event in Hungary, R. Raja Rithvik became India's 70<sup>th</sup> and most recent Chess Grandmaster, achieving his third and final norm against Vaclav Finek.

Abhishek Verma was elected to World Archery's athletes' committee

• Abhishek Verma, a three-time World Cup gold medallist in compound archery, was elected to the World Archery's athletes' committee for a four-year term.

• He is an Arjuna awardee and has won gold medals in the World Cups in Poland (2015) and Paris(2021).He also bagged the gold medal in the team event at the Shanghai World Cup in 2018.

Odisha is set to host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021

• Odisha was named the host of FIH Men's Hockey Junior World Cup 2021, where the event will be staged at Odisha's Kalinga Stadium from 24 November 2021 to 5 December 2021.

• After successfully hosting the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup, Bhubaneswar will stage the prestigious 2021 FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup.

Lewis Hamilton wins the Russian F1 Grand Prix

• Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the Russian F1 Grand Prix against Red Bull's Max Verstappen held at Sochi Autodrom, Russia.

• He became the first Formula One driver to win 100 F1 Grand Prix.

Virat Kohli becomes the first Indian to reach 10,000 runs in T20 cricket

• Virat Kohli became the first Indian batsman to reach 10,000 runs after West Indies' Chris Gayle to reach the landmark in both T20 and one-day international cricket.

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurates Sports Arbitration Centre of India in Gandhinagar

• Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated India's first 'Sports Arbitration Centre of India' in Gujarat's Gandhinagar, which will serve as an independent body to fast track disputes in the sports sector.

• It is promoted by Ahmedabad-based SE TransStadia Private Limited.

Sania Mirza and Shuai Zhang win the 2021 Ostrava Open women's doubles title

• The 34-year-old Indian tennis player Sania Mirza won her first title of the 2021 season as she and her Chinese partner Shuai Zhang beat the pair of Kaitlyn Christian and Erin Routliffe in the women's doubles final of the Ostrava Open 2021 held in the Czech Republic.

• This title is former doubles World No.1 Sania Mirza's 43<sup>rd</sup> WTA doubles title.

Indian archer Jyothi Surekha bags an unprecedented third silver medal at the World Archery Championships in Yankton

• Indian archer V. Jyothi Surekha won the third silver medal at the World Archery Championships held in Yankton, the US.

• She earlier won two silver medals in compound women's team and mixed team events, respectively. It was Indian's sixth medal in the World Archery Championships.

Rohit Sharma becomes the first player to score 1000 runs against a particular opposition in IPL

• Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma scripted a new Indian Premier League (IPL) record as he became the first player in history to score more than 1000 runs against a particular opposition.

• Rohit Sharma scored more than 1000 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the IPL.

England all-rounder Moeen Ali retires from Test cricket

• The 34-year-old England all-rounder Moeen Ali announced his retirement from Test cricket. He is currently playing in the Indian Premier League 2021 with the Chennai Super Kings.

• Moeen Ali has represented England in 64 Tests, scoring 2,914 runs at an average of 28.29. The left-handed batsman has five centuries and 14 half-centuries in the longest format.

BANKING & FINANCE NEWS

PFDR increases maximum age for joining the National Pension Scheme (NPS)

• The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) revised the existing age of entry into the National Pension Scheme (NPS) from existing 18-65 years to 18-70 years with no cap on the maximum investment limit.

• The yearly investment amount is flexible, with the lowest investment amount being Rs. 8000 per annum.

PayU acquires BillDesk for \$4.7 billion to move from cash to digital transactions

• Prosus NV's PayU acquired Indian payment services provider BillDesk for \$4.7 billion to create a leading digital payments company in India and globally.

Sri Lanka receives \$787 million special drawing rights (SDR) allocation from IMF and \$150 million currency swap from Bangladesh Central Bank

• Sri Lanka received \$787 million from the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) special drawing rights (SDR) allocation and \$150 million from Bangladesh Central Bank as a currency swap arrangement, boosting the island nation's depleting foreign exchange reserves.

ICICI Bank becomes the second lender after HDFC Bank to cross Rs. 5 trillion in market capitalization

• The Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank Limited has crossed Rs. 5 trillion in market capitalization (m-cap). ICICI Bank became the second lender after Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank and the seventh Indian firm to achieve this landmark market capitalisation.

SBI opens a floating ATM on a houseboat at Srinagar's Dal Lake

• The State Bank of India (SBI) has opened an ATM on a houseboat at Dal Lake in Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists.

• It was inaugurated by the SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara.

PayNearby launches 'PayNearbyNeoDukaan' to modernise trade and accelerate digital adoption

• PayNearby, in association with Retailers Association's Skill Council of India (RASCI), launched 'PayNearbyNeoDukaan' to digitally upgrade its retail partners and gear them towards a better livelihood.

Eight banks to go live on account aggregator

• Eight major banks, namely State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, IDFC First Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank and Federal Bank, have joined the account aggregator network, which will enable customers to easily access and share their financial data.

• Neo bank Fi is the first fintech to join the account aggregator network.

PhonePe launches 'PhonePe Pulse' to make transparency in data transaction

• PhonePe launched an interactive geospatial website named PhonePe Pulse that provides insights and granular data on digital payment trends in India and makes transaction data transparent.

New Development Bank approves Bangladesh as its new member

- **Bangladesh** was approved as a new member of the **New Development Bank (NDB)**, which was founded by the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries in 2015.
- The Board of Governors of the NDB has given the Bank permission to begin official negotiations with potential members in late 2020. The NDB authorised the entrance of the **United Arab Emirates (UAE), Uruguay and Bangladesh** as its first three member countries after a round of successful negotiations.

#### **RBI setup a five-member committee headed by P. Vasudevan on new umbrella entity (NUE) licenses**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a **five-member** committee headed by **P. Vasudevan** to review applications and give recommendations on new umbrella entity (NUE) licenses to build a settlement system similar to the unified payments interface (UPI) with the new umbrella entity (NUE) licenses.

#### **Federal Bank partners with VISA and launches a credit card**

- **Federal Bank** partnered with **VISA** to establish a credit card to boost its unsecured, high-yielding book and complete the suite of banking products.

#### **HDFC Life Insurance is set to acquire Exide Life Insurance for Rs. 6687 crores**

- Exide Life Insurance is likely to be acquired by HDFC Life Insurance in a deal worth **Rs. 6687 crores** to increase its customer base in a largely untapped market.

#### **Cashfree is set to launch its Banking-as-a-Service(BaaS) offering 'Accounts'**

- Cashfree has launched its Banking-as-a-Service(BaaS) offering 'Accounts' to help neobanks and fintech platforms integrate banking services into their product.
- 'Accounts' by Cashfree will enable 100% paperless bank account creation instantly.

#### **ADB approves a \$150 million loan for the urban poor housing project in Tamil Nadu**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** granted a **\$150 million** loan to assist the urban poor in **Tamil Nadu**, India, to provide access to inclusive, resilient and sustainable housing.

#### **HDFC Bank signs anMoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to offer credit rating guidance to MSMEs**

- **HDFC Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** to provide credit rating guidance to micro, small and medium enterprises(MSMEs) throughout India.

#### **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) partners with LIC Housing Finance to provide home loan products**

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** and **LIC Housing Finance** announced a strategic partnership agreement to provide home loan products to more than 4.5 million IPPB customers.

#### **LIC picks up nearly 4% stake in Bank of India through open market operations**

- LIC has picked up nearly 4 per cent equity shares of the Bank of India through an open market transaction, which has now increased to 7.05 per cent with 3.17 per cent from the last acquisition.

#### **NPCI and Fiserv jointly launch 'nFiNi' programme**

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and Nasdaq-listed **Fiserv Inc** have agreed to collaborate on the launch of the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, 'nFiNi', to expand the market base by enabling fintech firms and banks on credit cards.

#### **RBI removes UCO Bank out of prompt corrective action (PCA) framework over improved finances after 4 years**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted **UCO Bank** out of the **prompt corrective action (PCA)** list after four years on improvement in financial and credit profile.

#### **South Indian Bank launches a credit card named 'SIB-OneCard' with OneCard**

- **South Indian Bank**, in association with **OneCard**, has launched the **SIB-OneCard Credit Card**.

#### **Karnataka Bank launches a new point-of-sale device for merchant customers**

- **Karnataka Bank**, in collaboration with **Mswipe Technologies Private Limited**, has launched a POS device (Point of Sales swiping machine) named **WisePOSGo**, that processes business payments for its merchant customers.

#### **Asian Development Bank approves \$300 million loan agreement to expand rural connectivity in Maharashtra**

- The Indian Government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) inked a **\$300 million** loan agreement to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity to help boost the rural economy in **Maharashtra**.

#### **SEBI introduces the T+1 settlement cycle on an optional basis from 1 January 2022**

- SEBI has introduced the **T+1(today plus one) settlement cycle** for completion of share transactions on an optional basis in a move to enhance market liquidity from **1 January 2022**.

#### **S&P Global Ratings projects India's GDP for FY22 at 9.50%**

- **S&P Global Ratings** has revised India's growth forecast and expects the economy to grow **9.5 per cent** in 2021-22 (FY22) and 7.0 percent in 2022-23 (FY 23).

#### **Bank of Baroda launches one-stop digital platform 'bob World'**

- Bank of Baroda announced the launch of its digital banking platform '**bob World**' to provide an all-inclusive and seamless virtual banking experience, encompassing all digital banking services under one roof for the convenience of customers.

#### **Asian Development Bank and India sign a \$112 million loan to improve water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed a \$112 million loan to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen the capacity of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery in **Jharkhand**.

#### **SBM Bank and Lendingkart partner to offer overdraft facilities to MSMEs**

- **SBM Bank India** has tied up with fintech player **Lendingkart** for providing working capital and offer overdraft facilities to 1 lakh customers of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through the Lendingkart platform.

#### **Paytm Payments Bank launches India's first FASTag based metro parking facility**

- **Paytm Payments Bank** partnered with **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation** and launched **India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility** to facilitate the processing of all FASTag based transactions for cars having a valid FASTag sticker at the Kashmere Gate metro station.

#### **India and Singapore announce a project to link UPI and PayNow for instant fund transfers**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has tied up with the **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)** to link its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with Singapore's PayNow for instant money transfer, which will be operationalised by **July 2022**.

#### **Six entities completed their test phase in the 'first cohort' under RBI's regulatory sandbox scheme**

- The **six entities**, namely Nucleus Software Exports Ltd (PaySe), Tap Smart Data Information Services Private Limited (Citycash), Natural Support Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd (IND-e-Cash), Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd (ToneTag), Ubona Technologies Pvt.Ltd (BHIM Voice) and Eroute



Technologies Pvt. Ltd, have completed the 'Test Phase' under the **first cohort of RBI's regulatory sandbox** based on the theme of retail payments.

#### Tata Capital launches 'Loan Against Mutual Funds'

- Tata Capital Limited announced the launch of an end-to-end digital '**Loan Against Mutual Funds' (LAMF)**, enabling customers to avail loans ranging from **Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 2 crores**.

#### HSBC India launches HSBC UniTransact for cross border payments

- **HSBC India** launched a digital proposition named '**HSBC UniTransact**' aimed at simplifying cross-border Transactions. It is a one-stop solution, bringing clients the benefit of seamless integration of all aspects of transaction banking while minimising manual intervention through the course of the transaction journey.

#### UNCTAD projects India's economic growth at 7.2% for 2021

- India's economic growth rate is expected to approach a four-year high of **7.2 percent** in 2021 from a decline of 7 per cent in 2020, according to the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**.

#### Power Finance Corporation issue India's first-ever Euro Green Bonds

- **Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)** has successfully issued its maiden €300 million 7-year Euro bond issuance, which is the first-ever Euro-denominated Green Bond issuance from India.

#### Reserve Bank of India and Finance Department conduct e-Kuber training workshops in Jammu and Kashmir

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, in collaboration with the Directorate General of Accounts and Treasuries, **Finance Department**, conducted training workshops on the **e-Kuber** payment system for all district treasury officers of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The purpose of this workshop was to train treasury officers on the e-Kuber payment system, which is RBI's national level payment platform for government transactions.

#### Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with IISc to set up Kotak-IISc AI-ML Centre at the IISc Campus in Bengaluru

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) announced a partnership to set up a state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI-ML) Centre (Kotak-IISc AI-ML Centre) at the IISc campus in Bengaluru.

#### IIFL Home Finance signs a co-lending pact agreement with Punjab National Bank

- **IIFL Home Finance** signed a co-lending pact agreement with **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** to grow their loan books by 25 per cent with this association.

#### Escorts ties up with IndusInd Bank to provide financial solutions to farmers

- **IndusInd Bank** has partnered with **Escorts Limited** to provide easy access to financial services to provide farmers with a transparent, hassle-free and quick mechanism to buy appropriate agri-based commodities such as tractors.

#### Life Insurance Corporation launches mobile app 'PRAGATI' for its development officers

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a comprehensive mobile application called **PRAGATI** (Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator) for the exclusive use of its **development officers** to give real-time information on the performance of their agency force in critical areas of business.

#### India Post Payments Bank partners with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance for non-life insurance products

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has partnered with **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** for the distribution of their non-life insurance products across India, which includes healthcare and medical products, personal accident and motor insurance, amongst other innovative tailor-made products.

#### Bank of Baroda and BPCL launch international co-branded debit cards

- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** and **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** have launched an international co-branded **BoB BPCL RuPay NCMC Platinum contactless debit card** with various benefits, including 5 percent cashback up to Rs. 50 on the first two transactions at BPCL outlets.

#### BLS International Services Limited becomes National Business Correspondent for State Bank of India

- **BLS International Services Limited** was selected as the **National Business Correspondent** for **State Bank of India (SBI)** to deliver banking services in urban, semi-urban and rural areas across India.
- This partnership is aimed at delivering last-mile banking services to the tier-2 & tier-3 cities in India.
- For SBI account holders across India, BLS will soon launch banking services such as savings bank deposits, fixed deposits, recurring deposits, remittances, micro pension, micro insurance, account opening with e-KYC, AEPS mini statement and passbook printing.

#### Kotak Mahindra Bank launches healthcare financing solutions

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has launched its **healthcare financing solutions** ranging from healthcare infrastructure loans, medical equipment finance and unsecured healthcare loans to cater to key stakeholders in the healthcare ecosystem.
- It has introduced comprehensive offerings at an attractive interest rate to meet the financing requirements of all the key players, including lending facilities such as quick loans up to Rs. 50 lakhs with minimum documentation.

#### Asian Development Bank projects India's GDP growth forecast to 10 percent for FY21

- India's economic growth prediction for the fiscal year 2021 (ending in March 2022) was lowered by the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** to **10%** from the earlier prediction of **11%**.
- According to the ADB, rising input costs will push inflation to **5.5 percent**, up from the prior projection of **5.2 percent**.

#### Department of Telecommunications introduces self-KYC for issuing mobile connections

- The **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** enabled **self-KYC** for issuing mobile connections and conversion of prepaid to postpaid and vice-versa via an OTP-based process, as a part of reforms to enable a contactless, customer-centric and secure authentication for mobile subscribers.
- **Aadhaar-based e-KYC process** has been re-introduced for issuing of new mobile connections.
- In this process, the issuing of mobile connections to customers is done through an **app/portal** based online process in which a customer can apply for a mobile connection from the comfort of his/her home/office and have the SIM delivered to his/her doorstep using documents that have been electronically verified by **UIDAI** or **DigiLocker**.

#### OECD lowers India's GDP growth projection to 9.7 percent for FY 22

- The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** cut its projection of India's economic growth to **9.7 percent** from 9.9 percent for FY22 and 7.9 percent for the next financial year.

#### RBL Bank and Mastercard launch a new campaign '#UseBefikar' for a seamless payment experience

- **RBL Bank** and **Mastercard** have launched a new festive campaign, **'#UseBefikar'**, in which existing cards are rewarded with shopping incentives and benefits to strike a chord with them at the start of the festive season.

#### Federal Bank signs an MoU with Ashok Leyland for vehicle financing

- Federal Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ashok Leyland for a strategic partnership for **vehicle financing**, which will enable the two firms to offer customised financial solutions to their customers.

- Under this partnership, Federal Bank will provide end-to-end financial solutions to Ashok Leyland clients, including auto loans with flexible monthly payback options.

#### Federal Bank partners with OneCard for mobile-first credit cards

- **Federal Bank** partnered with **OneCard** for a **mobile-first credit card** to offer the digital experience to the young population across India.
- The mobile-first credit card features smooth in-app onboarding, with the virtual card being authorized and available for use immediately. The metal card will be delivered to the customer in 3–5 days.

#### Union Government sets up an asset management company for bad banks

- The Union Government has established the **India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IDRCL)**, an asset management company (AMC), that would operate with the **National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL)** to clear up bad loans (RoC).
- The India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IDRCL) has been set up with a paid-up capital of Rs. 80.5 lakhs and authorised capital of Rs. 50 crores.
- The primary objectives of this company are to undertake all kinds of debt management, operational management, resolution advisory, support and consultancy services in relation to debt resolution and insolvency resolution.

#### Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched a campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has launched a campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to promote pension and retirement planning.
- PFRDA will observe **1 October** as the **National Pension System Diwas** (NPS Diwas) to encourage every citizen to plan towards creating a financial cushion to ensure for oneself a financially sound future after retirement.

#### Asian Development Bank approves a \$250 million loan to Bangladesh for an economic recovery programme

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a **\$250 million** loan to support **Bangladesh's economic recovery** following the COVID-19 pandemic, which is the first subprogram of the programmatic \$500 million Sustainable Economic Recovery Programme.
- This programme aims to generate employment and expand economic activities for micro-entrepreneurs and small businesses.

#### RBI issues new rules for the securitization of standard assets and loan transfers

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued **master circulars on 'transfer of loan exposure' and 'securitisation of standard assets'** to bring transparency in the process and to improve liquidity in the system, besides corporate governance.

#### Reserve Bank of India (Securitisation of Standard Assets) Directions, 2021

RBI specified the Minimum Retention Requirement (MRR) for different asset classes.

The MRR is primarily designed to ensure that the originating banks have a continuing stake in the performance of securitised assets so as to ensure that they carry out proper due diligence of loans to be securitised.

- For underlying loans with 24 months maturity, the MRR will be 5% of the book value of the loans being securitised.
- For underlying loans with more than 24 months maturity, the MRR will be 10% of the book value of the loans being securitised.
- For residential mortgage-backed securities, the MRR will be 5% of the book value of the loans being securitised, irrespective of the original maturity.
- The minimum ticket size for issuance of securitisation Notes is Rs. 1 crore.

#### Reserve Bank of India (Transfer of Loan Exposures) Directions, 2021

- RBI has allowed the transferring of loan exposures classified as frauds which are stressed loans to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs).
- **Minimum Holding Period**
  - Loan tenor of up to 2 years – 3 months

- Loan tenor of more than 2 years – 6 months

#### ICICI Bank offers instant 'overdraft facility' to sellers registered on Amazon India

- **ICICI Bank** has partnered with **Amazon India** to offer an **overdraft (OD) facility** upto **Rs. 25 lakhs** to individual sellers and small businesses registered on **Amazon India's** online marketplace.
- This partnership enables sellers to avail an **overdraft** from the ICICI Bank in a process from application to sanction to disbursement — that is entirely digital. Even customers of **other banks** can avail of the overdraft facility from **ICICI Bank** if they are registered as sellers with **Amazon India**.

#### RBI imposes Rs. 11 lakh penalty on the Jammu & Kashmir State Co-operative Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs. 11 lakhs** on the **Jammu & Kashmir State Co-operative Bank** based in Srinagar.
- This penalty was imposed for contravention of Section 23 read with **Section 56** of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

#### ICRA revises India's FY20–22 real GDP forecast upwards to 9%

- Rating agency **Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited (ICRA)** has revised its real GDP growth forecast for India in FY20–22 to **9 per cent** from **8.5 per cent**.

#### RBI imposes a monetary penalty of Rs. 2 crores on RBL Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs. 2 crores** on RBL Bank. This penalty was for non-compliance with the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (2) of **Section 10A** of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949** and also for the non-compliance with the provisions of Section 10 A (2) (b) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

#### Suryoday Small Finance Bank will shut down its ATM banking services from 1 October

- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank** will discontinue its ATM services from **1 October** due to operational reasons and has become the first lender to discontinue ATM services.
- Customers of the bank can use their Suryoday Small Finance Bank debit cards at ATMs of any other banks to withdraw cash and customers can use internet and mobile banking for other banking services.

#### NPCI and YES Bank launch the contactless payments solutions named 'RuPay On-the-Go'

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** partnered with **YES Bank** to launch the contactless payments solutions named '**RuPay On-the-Go**', which will allow customers to make small and large value transactions from the accessories they wear everyday.
- '**RuPay On-the-Go**' will allow customers to use at RuPay contactless-enabled PoS (Point of Sale) at retail outlets and pay up to Rs. 5000 without entering the PIN. For payments above Rs. 5000 customers need to tap followed by their PIN.

#### Muthoot Finance launches an AI-powered virtual assistant named 'Mattu'

- **Muthoot Finance** has joined hands with a leader in conversational AI technology 'Senseforth.ai' to launch an AI-powered virtual assistant named '**Mattu**' that allows users to apply for various types of loans, address concerns and perform transactions such as checking account balances, paying gold loan interest, obtaining loan top-ups and making part payments.

#### Ways and Means Advances Limit for the second half of FY22 fixed at Rs. 50,000 crores

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the limit for **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for the second half of the financial year 2021–22 (October 2021 to March 2022) **Rs. 50,000 crores**
- When the Government of India uses 75% of the WMA limit, the Reserve Bank of India may initiate a new flotation of market loans.

#### Paytm Payments Bank becomes India's first platform to accept international remittances into the digital wallet

- **Paytm Payments Bank** tied up with a cross-border money transfer firm **Ria Money Transfer** to accept international remittances directly into a digital wallet.
- Ria Money became the first money transfer company to connect with Paytm Payments Bank wallet users.
- Every money transfer will be made in real-time and will have security features such as account validation and name matching.

**RBI removes Indian Overseas Bank from the PCA framework**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed **Indian Overseas Bank** from the **PCA** (Prompt Corrective Action)restrictions framework subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring from which the performance of the Indian Overseas Bank was reviewed by the Board for Financial Supervision.
- The Indian Overseas Bank was put under the PCA framework in 2015.

**AU Small Finance Bank signs a pact with NABARD to boost rural development projects in Rajasthan**

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** (NABARD) to boost ongoing rural developmental initiatives in **Rajasthan**.
- It is a joint initiative to benefit farmers, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), self help groups(SHG), rural artisans, agri-entrepreneurs and agri-startups in Rajasthan.
- This collaboration is a significant step towards empowering the rural segments with easy access to credit and will provide institutional credit support to the ongoing development schemes in Rajasthan.

**SEBI introduces a swing pricing mechanism for debt mutual funds**

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**introduced the concept of '**swing pricing**' for all open-ended debt mutual fund schemes except overnight funds, gilt funds and Gilt with 10-year maturity funds.
- This framework is aimed at discouraging large investors from sudden redemptions, which will be applicable from **1 March 2022**.

**S&P Global Ratings maintains India’s GDP growth forecast for FY22 at 9.5%**

- **S&P Global Ratings** maintained its **FY22**GDP growth forecast for **India** at **9.5%**,stating that there were indications of a strong rebound in economic activity in India after the second wave of the COVID-19pandemic.

**Banking Terms in Current Affairs:**

- **Special drawing rights (SDR)** - Special drawing rights (SDR) are an artificial currency instrument created by the International Monetary Fund, which uses them for internal accounting purposes.

- **Currency swap** - A currency swap involves the exchange of interest and sometimes of principal in one currency for the same in another currency.
- **Market capitalisation - Market capitalisation** is the aggregate valuation of the company based on its current share price and the total number of outstanding stocks. It is calculated by multiplying the current market price of the company's share with the total outstanding shares of the company.
- **Account aggregator network** - An Account Aggregator (AA) is a type of RBI regulated entity (with an NBFC-AA license) that helps an individual securely and digitally access and share information from one financial institution they have an account with to any other regulated financial institution in the AA network.
- **Unified Payment Interface (UPI)** - A Unified Payment Interface (UPI) is a smartphone application that allows users to transfer money between bank accounts. It is a single-window mobile payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- **Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS)** – BaaS is an end-to-end approach that facilitates fintech companies and other third party organisations to connect with a bank’s system employing APIs. This helps organisations build innovative financial services upon the provider bank’s regulated infrastructure while enabling open banking services.
- **Open market operations** - Open market operations refer to the selling and purchasing of the treasury bills and government securities by the central bank of any country in order to regulate money supply in the economy.
- **Prompt corrective action (PCA)** – Prompt Corrective Action or PCA is a framework under which banks with weak financial metrics are put under watch by the RBI. The PCA framework deems banks as risky if they slip below certain norms on three parameters — capital ratios, asset quality and profitability.
- **Point-of-sale device** – A point-of-sale (POS) terminal is a hardware system for processing card payments at retail locations.
- **KYC** – KYC means “Know Your Customer”. It is a process by which banks obtain information about the identity and address of the customers. This process helps to ensure that banks' services are not misused.
- **GDP** – Gross domestic product (GDP) is the total monetary or market value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period.
- **Overdraft facility** - An overdraft facility provided by the bank allows you to withdraw more money than what is available in your account, up to a particular approved limit. It is like a short-term credit agreement between you and your bank.
- **Ways and MeansAdvances (WMA)** - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gives temporary loan facilities to the union and state governments called Ways and Means Advances (WMA).

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Which country virtually hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of agriculture experts of BIMSTEC countries?
- a) India  
b) Bangladesh  
c) Bhutan  
d) Nepal  
e) Sri Lanka
- Ans: a
2. What is the maximum age for joining the National Pension Scheme (NPS)?
- a) 60  
b) 65  
c) 70  
d) 75  
e) 80
- Ans: c
3. Who won the silver medal in thehigh jump (T63) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?
- a) Sharad Kumar  
b) Mariyappan Thangavelu

- c) Sumit Antil  
d) Vinod Kumar  
e) Bhavina Patel
- Ans: b
4. Who inaugurated Poshan 2.0 and urged all aspirational districts of India to make a commitment to establish a Poshan Vatika (nutrition garden)?
- a) Narendra Modi  
b) Nirmala Sitharaman  
c) Rajnath Singh  
d) Smriti Irani  
e) Amit Shah
- Ans: d
5. What is the profession of Shaik Khader Noordeen (who passed away recently)?
- a) Neurologist  
b) Nephrologist

- c) Cardiologist  
d) Urologist  
e) Leprologist
- Ans: e
6. Where was the world’s highest motorable way road inaugurated?
- a) Ladakh  
b) Himachal Pradesh  
c) Sikkim  
d) Assam  
e) Tamil Nadu
- Ans: a
7. When is National Nutrition Week observed in India?
- a) 23 August–29 August  
b) 1 September–7 September  
c) 16 August–22 August  
d) 30 August–5 September



e) 1 September–5 September  
Ans: b

8. Which state became the first in India to provide free water to its residents?  
a) Goa  
b) Assam  
c) Bihar  
d) Meghalaya  
e) Maharashtra  
Ans: a

9. Who launched the web portal for the registration of units for industrial development in Jammu & Kashmir?  
a) Narendra Modi  
b) Nirmala Sitharaman  
c) Rajnath Singh  
d) Smriti Irani  
e) Amit Shah  
Ans: e

10. Who among the following is not a winner of the Times Excellence Awards 2021?  
a) Viraj Kohli  
b) Sabarna Roy  
c) Archana  
d) Vijay Arora  
e) Sarbajit Das  
Ans: c

11. When is World Coconut Day observed?  
a) 1 September  
b) 2 September  
c) 4 September  
d) 3 September  
e) 5 September  
Ans: b

12. Which Union Ministry launched the mobile app 'Yoga-Break' for working professionals to de-stress at their workplaces?  
a) Union Ministry of AYUSH  
b) Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
c) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
d) Union Ministry of Home Affairs  
e) Union Ministry of Defence  
Ans: a

13. J. B. Mohapatra was appointed as the Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) NITI Aayog  
b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited  
c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited  
d) Central Board of Direct Taxes  
e) Hindustan Petroleum  
Ans: d

14. What is the profession of Chandan Mitra (who passed away recently)?  
a) Politician  
b) Musician  
c) Author  
d) Cricketer  
e) Actor  
Ans: a

15. Who recently received an additional charge as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh?  
a) Jagdish Mukhi  
b) Phagu Chauhan  
c) Biswabhusan Harichandran

d) B. D. Mishra  
e) Banwarilal Purohit  
Ans: e

16. Who among the following is not one of the Ramon Magsaysay Awardees in 2021?  
a) Roberto Ballon  
b) Muhammad Amjad Saqib  
c) Ravish Kumar  
d) Watchdoc  
e) Firdausi Qadri  
Ans: c

17. What is the profession of Sidharth Shukla (who passed away recently)?  
a) Politician  
b) Musician  
c) Author  
d) Cricketer  
e) Actor  
Ans: e

18. Which railway station received a 5 star 'Eat Right Station' certification from FSSAI?  
a) Chandigarh Railway Station  
b) Vijayawada Railway Station  
c) Ghum Railway Station  
d) New Delhi Railway Station  
e) Sealdah Railway Station  
Ans: a

19. Who took charge as the 29<sup>th</sup> Director-General of the Border Security Force (BSF)?  
a) Kishan Kumar Singh  
b) Pankaj Kumar Singh  
c) Anil Kumar Singh  
d) Arun Kumar Singh  
e) Krish Kumar Singh  
Ans: b

20. Where did India launch a year-long soft skills training programme for women entrepreneurs?  
a) Pakistan  
b) Nepal  
c) Bangladesh  
d) Australia  
e) UAE  
Ans: c

21. Which company launched 'NeoDukaan' in association with the Retailers Association's Skill Council of India (RASCI)?  
a) PayPal  
b) PhonePe  
c) Paytm  
d) PayNearby  
e) Google Pay  
Ans: d

22. Which state cabinet has decided to rename 'Rajiv Gandhi National Park' as 'Orang National Park'?  
a) Assam  
b) Bihar  
c) Odisha  
d) Sikkim  
e) Meghalaya  
Ans: a

23. What is the name of the new initiative launched by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor for self-help group (SHG) women?  
a) Sathar  
b) Saaral  
c) Baath  
d) Saath  
e) Raath  
Ans: d

24. Which state signed an MoU with the Union Ministry of Defence for organising Defence Expo 2022?  
a) Assam  
b) Bihar  
c) Gujarat  
d) Karnataka  
e) Maharashtra  
Ans: e

25. Who led the Indian delegation virtually in the 11<sup>th</sup> UK-India Economic and Financial Dialogue?  
a) Amit Shah  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Narendra Modi  
d) S. Jaishankar  
e) Nirmala Sitharaman  
Ans: e

26. Which sport does Praveen Kumar, who won a silver medal in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020, belong to?  
a) Shooting  
b) Road Cycling  
c) Badminton  
d) High Jump  
e) Long Jump  
Ans: d

27. Which animal was declared as the state animal of the Union Territory of Ladakh?  
a) Snow Leopard  
b) Lion  
c) Black Buck  
d) Ox  
e) Great Hornbill  
Ans: a

28. Which country does the Bird Photographer of the Year 2021 Alejandro Prieto belongs to?  
a) Australia  
b) The USA  
c) Mexico  
d) Germany  
e) Russia  
Ans: c

29. Who won a bronze medal in the R8 women's 50 m rifle 3P (SH1) event in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?  
a) Sundar Singh Gurjar  
b) Avani Lekhara  
c) Sumit Antil  
d) Praveen Kumar  
e) Vinod Kumar  
Ans: b

30. Which organisation bagged the CII Energy Leader Award 2021's  
a) BHEL  
b) NTPC  
c) HP  
d) SAIL  
e) NLC  
Ans: b

31. Which country has appointed Alar Karis as its President?  
a) Estonia  
b) Nigeria  
c) Jordan  
d) Uruguay  
e) Serbia  
Ans: a

32. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign in Rajasthan?

a) Sundar Singh Gurjar  
b) Avani Lekhara  
c) Sumit Antil  
d) Praveen Kumar  
e) Vinod Kumar  
Ans: b  
33. Which Union Ministry formed a committee to review the existing guidelines of the Journalist Welfare Scheme headed by Ashok Kumar Tandon?  
a) Union Ministry of Defence  
b) Union Ministry of Finance  
c) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
d) Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
e) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs  
Ans: d  
34. With which country has India signed a project agreement for an air-launched unmanned aerial vehicle?  
a) The USA  
b) Australia  
c) Bangladesh  
d) Myanmar  
e) Mongolia  
Ans: a  
35. Who was appointed to head the five-membered committee on the new umbrella entity (NUE) licenses set up by the RBI?  
a) P. Gajendran  
b) P. Vasudevan  
c) P. Vijayan  
d) S. Vijayakumar  
e) S. Ganeshan  
Ans: b  
36. Who is the author of the e-book 'Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth'?  
a) Sudha Murthy  
b) Jhumpa Lahiri  
c) Angelina Jolie  
d) Arundhati Roy  
e) Amrita Pritam  
Ans: c  
37. Which state launched two schemes for self - reliance in agriculture and horticulture?  
a) Assam  
b) Sikkim  
c) Bihar  
d) Arunachal Pradesh  
e) Andhra Pradesh  
Ans: d  
38. Who won the gold medal in the P4 mixed 50 m Pistol (SH1) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?  
a) Manish Narwal  
b) Singhraj Adhana  
c) Sundar Singh Gurjar  
d) Sumit Antil  
e) Vinod Kumar  
Ans: a  
39. Which state/UT signed an MoU with the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for the upgradation of its road network?  
a) Assam  
b) Meghalaya  
c) Ladakh  
d) Jammu and Kashmir  
e) Bihar  
Ans: c  
40. Who was appointed as a Judge of the Calcutta High Court?  
a) Dama Seshadri Naidu  
b) Kaushik Chanda

c) Chandran Babu  
d) Kaushal Chandan  
e) Vicky Kausal  
Ans: b  
41. Which country has become the first Asian country to launch a plastics pact?  
a) Afghanistan  
b) Bahrain  
c) Bangladesh  
d) India  
e) Russia  
Ans: d  
42. Which state/UT has launched the Tourist Village Network under the Mission Youth initiative?  
a) Assam  
b) Meghalaya  
c) Ladakh  
d) Jammu and Kashmir  
e) Bihar  
Ans: d  
43. Which bank partnered with VISA to establish a credit card?  
a) Federal Bank  
b) South Indian Bank  
c) IndusInd Bank  
d) ICICI Bank  
e) HDFC Bank  
Ans: a  
44. Who won a bronze medal in the men's individual recurve event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?  
a) Harvinder Singh  
b) Singhraj Adhana  
c) Sundar Singh Gurjar  
d) Sumit Antil  
e) Vinod Kumar  
Ans: a  
45. Which country topped as the world's largest startup ecosystem as per the Hurun Research Institute?  
a) India  
b) China  
c) The USA  
d) The UK  
e) South Korea  
Ans: c  
46. Which university topped the Times World University Rankings 2022?  
a) University of Oxford  
b) Harvard University  
c) Stanford University  
d) Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
e) University of California  
Ans: a  
47. Who addressed the 6<sup>th</sup> Eastern Economic Forum held in Vladivostok?  
a) Amit Shah  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Nirmala Sitharaman  
d) Narendra Modi  
e) Venkaiah Naidu  
Ans: d  
48. Who has partnered with ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research to boost farmers' income?  
a) NITI Aayog  
b) Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority  
c) Union Ministry of Commerce

d) Food and Agriculture Organisation  
e) Department of Agricultural Research and Education  
Ans: b  
49. Which state government announced a cash reward of Rs. 6 crores for Manish Narwal and Rs. 4 crores for Singhraj Adhana?  
a) Gujarat  
b) Karnataka  
c) Kerala  
d) Haryana  
e) Maharashtra  
Ans: d  
50. Who became the first woman CMD of Engineers India Limited (EIL)?  
a) Keerthi Shukla  
b) Vartika Shukla  
c) Varshitha Shukla  
d) Harsitha Shukla  
e) Karthika Shukla  
Ans: b  
51. When is Teachers' Day (India) observed?  
a) 4 September  
b) 5 September  
c) 6 September  
d) 7 September  
e) 8 September  
Ans: b  
52. Who chaired the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council in New Delhi?  
a) Narendra Modi  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Amit Shah  
d) Smriti Irani  
e) Nirmala Sitharaman  
Ans: e  
53. Which country participated in the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the SIMBEX exercise along with India?  
a) Singapore  
b) Seychelles  
c) Sri Lanka  
d) South Africa  
e) China  
Ans: c  
54. Who was appointed as the Economic Affairs Advisor to the Andhra Pradesh Government?  
a) Arundhati Battacharya  
b) Raghuram Rajan  
c) Shyamala Gopinath  
d) Rajnish Kumar  
e) N. S. Vishwanathan  
Ans: d  
55. Who was appointed as the Director (Offshore) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)?  
a) Pankaj Kumar  
b) Rajesh Kumar  
c) Suraj Kumar  
d) Sandeep Kumar  
e) Karan Kumar  
Ans: a  
56. Who won the gold medal in the men's singles (SL3) category at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?  
a) Manoj Sarkar  
b) Vinod Kumar  
c) Pramod Bhagat  
d) Gurjar Sundar Singh  
e) Nishad Kumar  
Ans: c

57. Who clinched a silver medal in the men's singles (SL4) class at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

a) Manoj Sarkar  
b) Suhas Yathiraj  
c) Nishad Kumar  
d) Pramod Bhagat  
e) Vinod Kumar

Ans: b

58. Who was the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent at the closing ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

a) Avani Lekhara  
b) Gurjar Sundar Singh  
c) Nishad Kumar  
d) Pramod Bhagat  
e) Suhas Yathiraj

Ans: a

59. Which country holds the bilateral maritime warfare exercises named 'AUSINDEX' with the Australian Navy?

a) Indonesia  
b) India  
c) Bangladesh  
d) Singapore  
e) France

Ans: b

60. Who is the publisher of the book 'A Rude Life: The Memoir' by Vir Sanghvi?

a) Hachette India  
b) Rupa Publications  
c) Penguin Random House  
d) Harpercollins Publications  
e) MacMillan Publications

Ans: c

61. Who won the F1 Dutch Grand Prix 2021?

a) Max Verstappen  
b) Lewis Hamilton  
c) Valtteri Bottas  
d) Daniel Ricciardo  
e) Michael Schumacher

Ans: a

62. When is International Day of Charity observed?

a) 4 September  
b) 5 September  
c) 6 September  
d) 7 September  
e) 8 September

Ans: b

63. Who was nominated as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2021?

a) Jasprit Bumrah  
b) Virat Kohli  
c) Rohit Sharma  
d) Ravindra Jadeja  
e) Ishant Sharma

Ans: a

64. Where did the 130<sup>th</sup> edition of the Durand Cup commence?

a) Mumbai  
b) Chennai  
c) Bangalore  
d) Hyderabad  
e) Kolkata

Ans: e

65. How much amount has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) granted to Tamil Nadu for the urban poor housing project?

a) \$100 million  
b) \$120 million  
c) \$135 million  
d) \$150 million  
e) \$200 million

Ans: d

66. Which Union Ministry observes the 'Food Processing Week' from 6 September to 12 September 2021?

a) Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare  
b) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
c) Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries  
d) Union Ministry of Home Affairs  
e) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs

Ans: c

67. Which company entered into a pact with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) for renewable energy projects?

a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited  
b) Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited  
c) Reliance Industries Limited  
d) Tata Power Renewable Energy  
e) ReNew Power

Ans: b

68. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?

a) Shilka Singh  
b) Shukla Kumar Singh  
c) Arun Kumar Singh  
d) Sanjay Kumar  
e) Prithvi Kumar Singh

Ans: c

69. Which country does former footballer and defender Jean Pierre Adams (who passed away recently) belongs to?

a) France  
b) Germany  
c) England  
d) West Indies  
e) Australia

Ans: a

70. Which company has tied up with leading banks and financial institutions for providing loans to its customers?

a) Uber  
b) Ola Electric  
c) Fastrack  
d) Red Taxi  
e) Meru

Ans: b

71. Who virtually inaugurated the 'Shikshak Parv' conclave 2021?

a) Nirmala Sitharaman  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Amit Shah  
d) Narendra Modi  
e) Smriti Irani

Ans: d

72. Which organisation has partnered with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to develop a device for conducting biological experiments in space?

a) IIT Madras  
b) IIT Bombay  
c) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)  
d) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)  
e) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Ans: c

73. Which bank has signed an MoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to offer credit rating guidance to MSMEs?

a) Axis Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) IndusInd Bank  
d) Federal Bank  
e) HDFC Bank

Ans: e

74. Which bank has appointed Smriti Mandhana and Rani Rampal as their brand ambassadors?

a) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
b) Jana Small Finance Bank  
c) Airtel Payments Bank  
d) IndusInd Bank  
e) HDFC Bank

Ans: a

75. Which state/ UT government has launched the 'Business Blasters' programme to encourage entrepreneurship?

a) Maharashtra  
b) Delhi  
c) Karnataka  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Gujarat

Ans: b

76. Which bank has partnered with LIC Housing Finance to provide home loan products?

a) India Post Payments Bank  
b) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
c) Airtel Payments Bank  
d) Jana Small Finance Bank  
e) IndusInd Bank

Ans: a

77. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) of Assam?

a) Abhinav Bindra  
b) Vijender Singh  
c) Lovlina Borgohain  
d) Mirabhai Chanu  
e) Ravi Kumar Dahiya

Ans: c

78. Who was appointed as the Managing Director of the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)?

a) Ishan Sharma  
b) Suman Sharma  
c) Shiksha Sharma  
d) Kisan Sharma  
e) Rakesh Sharma

Ans: b

79. LIC has acquired nearly 4% stake from which bank through open market operations?

a) Indian Bank  
b) Canara Bank  
c) Bank of India  
d) Bank of Maharashtra  
e) HDFC Bank

Ans: c

80. When is the International Literacy Day observed?

a) 4 September  
b) 5 September  
c) 6 September  
d) 7 September  
e) 8 September

Ans: e

81. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of United India Insurance Company Limited?

a) S. L. Tripathy  
b) Pradeep Singh  
c) K. S. Tripathy  
d) Satyajit Roy



e) Sandeep Kumar  
Ans: a

82. Which bank has appointed Harsha Bhupendra Bangarias its Managing Director (MD)?  
a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)  
b) EXIM Bank  
c) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)  
d) Canara Bank  
e) Indian Bank  
Ans: b

83. Who launched the 'Bujurgon Ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath' programme in New Delhi?  
a) Union Ministry of Railways  
b) Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
c) Union Ministry of Culture  
d) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
e) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs  
Ans: c

84. When is World Physical Therapy Day observed?  
a) 4 September  
b) 5 September  
c) 6 September  
d) 7 September  
e) 8 September  
Ans: e

85. Who was appointed as the head of the committee to prepare a road map for coal-based hydrogen production?  
a) Arun Kumar Tiwari  
b) Praveen Kumar Tiwari  
c) Suresh Kumar Tiwari  
d) Vinod Kumar Tiwari  
e) Pradeep Kumar Tiwari  
Ans: d

86. What was the amount contributed by Coal India Limited to the National Sports Development Fund of the Union Ministry of Sports?  
a) Rs. 25 crores  
b) Rs. 50 crores  
c) Rs. 75 crores  
d) Rs. 80 crores  
e) Rs. 85 crores  
Ans: c

87. Who signed a Statement of Intent (SoIsss) with Gujarat University to promote cooperation in agriculture?  
a) NITI Aayog  
b) Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare  
c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
d) Food and Agricultural Organisation  
e) Department of Agricultural and Research Education  
Ans: a

88. Who was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 meeting?  
a) Narendra Modi  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Amit Shah  
d) Nirmala Sitharaman  
e) Piyush Goyal  
Ans: e

89. How much fund was approved for the production linked scheme (PLI) for textiles by Union Cabinet?  
a) Rs. 10,060 crores

b) Rs. 10,120 crores  
c) Rs. 10,283 crores  
d) Rs. 10,580 crores  
e) Rs. 10,683 crores  
Ans: e

90. Who was awarded the 7<sup>th</sup> Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award?  
a) Namita Gokhale  
b) Haritha Gokhale  
c) Saritha Gokhale  
d) Kavita Gokhale  
e) Sharmita Gokhale  
Ans: a

91. Which state is planning to set up solar power parks with battery storage systems?  
a) Karnataka  
b) Kerala  
c) Tamil Nadu  
d) Andhra Pradesh  
e) Maharashtra  
Ans: c

92. Which was ranked as the best institution in India in National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2021?  
a) IIT Bombay  
b) IISc Bengaluru  
c) IIT Delhi  
d) IIT Madras  
e) IIT Kanpur  
Ans: d

93. Which company introduced a Startups Lab program for small news organisations in India?  
a) Microsoft  
b) Google  
c) Facebook  
d) Apple  
e) Samsung  
Ans: b

94. Where was the tallest air purifier tower installed in India?  
a) Chandigarh  
b) Chattisgarh  
c) Punjab  
d) Andhra Pradesh  
e) Telangana  
Ans: a

95. Which country became the first in the world to adopt Bitcoin as its official currency?  
a) Uruguay  
b) El Salvador  
c) Paraguay  
d) Algeria  
e) England  
Ans: b

96. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL)?  
a) Raj Kumar Singh  
b) Niraj Kumar Rai  
c) Neeraj Rajput  
d) Raj Kumar Rai  
e) Nirlep Singh Rai  
Ans: e

97. Who launched the Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021 under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II?  
a) Gajendra Singh Sekhawat  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Nirmala Sitharaman  
d) Prahlad Singh Patel

e) Amit Shah  
Ans: d

98. When is World Suicide Prevention Day observed?  
a) 7 September  
b) 8 September  
c) 9 September  
d) 10 September  
e) 11 September  
Ans: d

99. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Spices Board of India?  
a) K. G. Thangaraj  
b) A. G. Thankappan  
c) K. L. Thangamuthu  
d) A. K. Thankappan  
e) A. L. Thankappan  
Ans: b

100. Who was appointed as the Governor of Tamil Nadu?  
a) R. N. Ravi  
b) Gurmit Singh  
c) Baby Rani Maurya  
d) Banwarilal Purohit  
e) Jagdish Mukhi  
Ans: a

101. Where was the world's largest plant that captures carbon dioxide from air began to start functioning?  
a) Ireland  
b) Germany  
c) Australia  
d) Italy  
e) Iceland  
Ans: e

102. What is the deadline for Income Tax Returns filing that was extended by the Central Board of Direct Taxes?  
a) 30 September  
b) 1 October  
c) 31 October  
d) 30 November  
e) 31 December  
Ans: e

103. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Main Bhi Digital 3.0' campaign for digital onboarding and training for street vendors?  
a) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs  
b) Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
c) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
d) Both (a) and (b)  
e) Both (b) and (c)  
Ans: d

104. Where was India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification based methanol production plant inaugurated?  
a) Bengaluru  
b) Chennai  
c) Hyderabad  
d) Mumbai  
e) Kolkata  
Ans: c

105. Who was appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand?  
a) R. N. Ravi  
b) Gurmit Singh  
c) Baby Rani Maurya  
d) Banwarilal Purohit  
e) Jagdish Mukhi

Ans: b

106. What is the profession of Sonal Shukla (who passed away recently)?

a) Actor  
b) Women’s rights activist  
c) Author  
d) Musician  
e) Tennis player

Ans: b

107. When is National Forest Martyrs’ Day observed?

a) 8 September  
b) 9 September  
c) 10 September  
d) 11 September  
e) 12 September

Ans: d

108. Where was the seven food processing projects inaugurated by the Union Food Processing Industries Minister?

a) Tamil Nadu  
b) Uttar Pradesh  
c) Andhra Pradesh  
d) All the above  
e) None of the above

Ans: d

109. Where was the ‘Medicines from the Sky’ project launched by the Union Minister for Civil Aviation?

a) Andhra Pradesh  
b) Tamil Nadu  
c) Telangana  
d) Karnataka  
e) Kerala

Ans: c

110. Where was the Indian Air Force’s first emergency landing field on a national highway inaugurated?

a) Rajasthan  
b) Tamil Nadu  
c) Telangana  
d) Karnataka  
e) Maharashtra

Ans: a

111. Which country has discussed bilateral cooperation in the areas of environment and climate change with India?

a) Germany  
b) Denmark  
c) Spain  
d) France  
e) Italy

Ans: b

112. How much funds was signed for the improvement of water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand by the Asian Development Bank?

a) \$100 million  
b) \$112 million  
c) \$115 million  
d) \$120 million  
e) \$125 million

Ans: b

113. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities?

a) Sardar Iqbal Singh  
b) Sardar Kalyan Singh  
c) Iqbal Abdullah  
d) Sanjay Singh  
e) Amarinder Singh

Ans: a

114. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)?

a) Amit Khare  
b) Amitabh Kant  
c) Girish Chandra Murmu  
d) Kalyan Singh  
e) Amarinder Singh

Ans: c

115. Who has developed a new Application Programming Interface (API) called ‘Know Your Customer’s’ or ‘Client’s Vaccination Status - KYC-VS’?

a) Co-WIN  
b) Aarogya Setu  
c) National Health Portal  
d) india.gov.in  
e) Covid Warriors

Ans: a

116. Which country has successfully launched the earth observation satellite Gaofen-5 02?

a) Russia  
b) India  
c) Japan  
d) China  
e) America

Ans: d

117. What is the profession of Aziz Hajini from Kashmir (who passed away recently)?

a) Actor  
b) Writer  
c) Musician  
d) Singer  
e) Director

Ans: b

118. What is the name of the Gujarat Chief Minister who has submitted his resignation recently?

a) Ashok Gehlot  
b) Amarinder Singh  
c) Vijay Rupani  
d) Nitish Kumar  
e) Pushkar Singh Dhami

Ans: c

119. Where did the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurate the NTT Global Data Centre and Cloud Infrastructure?

a) Chennai  
b) Kanyakumari  
c) Thoothukudi  
d) Coimbatore  
e) Trichy

Ans: a

120. Which country has appointed Aziz Akhannouch as its new Prime Minister?

a) Lebanon  
b) Germany  
c) Morocco  
d) Azerbaijan  
e) Kazakhstan

Ans: c

121. Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of Lebanon?

a) Ali Asadov  
b) Najib Mikati  
c) Askar Mamin  
d) Habib Essid  
e) Kokhir Rasulzoda

Ans: b

122. Who was appointed as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat?

a) Banwarilal Purohit  
b) R. N. Ravi  
c) Pushkar Singh Dhami  
d) Conrad Sangma  
e) Bhupendra Patel

Ans: e

123. Who won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2021?

a) Lewis Hamilton  
b) Max Verstappen  
c) Valtteri Bottas  
d) Charles Leclerc  
e) Daniel Ricciardo

Ans: e

124. Who won the US Open women’s singles final 2021?

a) Emma Raducanu  
b) Leylah Fernandez  
c) Jin Young Ko  
d) Sei Young Kim  
e) Karolina Pliskova

Ans: a

125. Where was the two-day conference of the Tourism and Culture Ministers of the North-Eastern states held?

a) Gangtok  
b) Imphal  
c) Guwahati  
d) Aizawl  
e) Kohima

Ans: c

126. Which state government has declared their state as a Disturbed Area for six more months?

a) Kerala  
b) Assam  
c) Sikkim  
d) Karnataka  
e) Maharashtra

Ans: b

127. How much monthly incentive was announced to the priests of Tamil Nadu working under the ‘Oru Kala Pooja’ scheme?

a) Rs. 500  
b) Rs. 1000  
c) Rs. 1500  
d) Rs. 2000  
e) Rs. 2500

Ans: b

128. Which state’s chief minister introduced a Bill in the state assembly to exempt the state’s students from the National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test?

a) Odisha  
b) Kerala  
c) Karnataka  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Maharashtra

Ans: d

129. Which state celebrates the Nuakhai festival?

a) Odisha  
b) Kerala  
c) Karnataka  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Maharashtra

Ans: a

130. Which organisation helped Skyroot Aerospace to build a launch vehicle?

a) ISRO

b) NASA  
c) BHEL  
d) BEL  
e) NLC  
Ans: a

131. When is National Hindi Day observed?  
a) 10 Septembers  
b) 11 September  
c) 12 September  
d) 13 September  
e) 14 September  
Ans: e

132. Who was appointed as the Acting Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?  
a) M. Venugopal  
b) I. Sivakumar  
c) J. Velusamy  
d) H. Veerasamy  
e) M. Veeraragavan  
Ans: a

133. What is the profession of Rizabawa (who passed away recently)?  
a) Author  
b) Actor  
c) Singer  
d) Musician  
e) Drummer  
Ans: b

134. What is the profession of Oscar Fernandes (who passed away recently)?  
a) Actor  
b) Author  
c) Politician  
d) Singer  
e) Sportsperson  
Ans: c

135. Which company has appointed Jim Lanzone as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?  
a) Google  
b) Microsoft  
c) Samsung  
d) Facebook  
e) Yahoo  
Ans: e

136. Who is set to be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vistara?  
a) Vinod Kumar  
b) Vimal Kumar  
c) Vimal Khanna  
d) Ganesh Khanna  
e) Vinod Kannan  
Ans: e

137. Who won the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction?  
a) Susanne Clark  
b) Susanna Joseph  
c) Roseline Susanna  
d) Roseline Joseph  
e) Roseline Clark  
Ans: a

138. Which country does Brendan Taylor (who announced his retirement from international cricket recently) belong to?  
a) England  
b) Sri Lanka  
c) Zimbabwe  
d) India  
e) Australia  
Ans: c

139. Which country jointly launched the 'Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue' (CAFMD) with India?  
a) Australia  
b) Britain  
c) The USA  
d) Canada  
e) Uruguay  
Ans: c

140. What is the new increased reservation quota for women in government jobs in Tamil Nādu?  
a) 25%  
b) 30%  
c) 35%  
d) 40%  
e) 50%  
Ans: d

141. When is Engineers' Day observed in India?  
a) 10 September  
b) 11 September  
c) 13 September  
d) 14 September  
e) 15 September  
Ans: e

142. Which institute launched 'Project Udaan' to enable the translation of textbooks and other study materials?  
a) IIT Bombay  
b) IIT Madras  
c) IIT Delhi  
d) IIT Rourkela  
e) IIT Bhubaneswar  
Ans: a

143. Which state/UT launched 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi' Mission?  
a) Jharkhand  
b) Puducherry  
c) Jammu & Kashmir  
d) Himachal Pradesh  
e) Andhra Pradesh  
Ans: c

144. Who was appointed as the Advocate General of West Bengal?  
a) Lakshmi Mukherjee  
b) Gopal Mukherjee  
c) Shalini Mukherjee  
d) Rajiv Mukherjee  
e) Sanjay Mukherjee  
Ans: b

145. What is the profession of Yuriy Sedykh (who passed away recently)?  
a) Author  
b) Actor  
c) Musician  
d) Sportsperson  
e) Dancer  
Ans: d

147. When is International Day of Democracy observed?  
a) 10 September  
b) 11 September  
c) 13 September  
d) 14 September  
e) 15 September  
Ans: e

148. Who won the 2021 PGA Tour Player of the Year award?  
a) Patrick Cantlay  
b) Jon Rahm  
c) Dustin Johnson

d) Scottie Scheffler  
e) Rory Mclroy  
Ans: a

149. Which PSU bagged the RajbhashaKirti Award for the second consecutive year?  
a) Engineers India Limited (EIL)  
b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)  
c) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)  
d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)  
e) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)  
Ans: b

150. Where was the 7<sup>th</sup> Foreign Office Consultations between India and Chile held?  
a) Mumbai  
b) New Delhi  
c) Santiago  
d) Valparaiso  
e) Bengaluru  
Ans: c

151. Who was named as the ICC Players of the Month for August 2021?  
a) Joe Root  
b) Steve Smith  
c) Eimear Richardson  
d) Both (a) and (b)  
e) Both (a) and (c)  
Ans: e

152. Lasith Malinga announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Which country does he belong to?  
a) England  
b) Australia  
c) India  
d) Sri Lanka  
e) Pakistan  
Ans: d

153. Which country has been suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?  
a) China  
b) USA  
c) North Korea  
d) Italy  
e) Australia  
Ans: c

154. Who clinched the US Open 2021 men's singles title?  
a) Daniil Medvedev  
b) Novak Djokovic  
c) Dominic Thiem  
d) Alexander Zverev  
e) Marat Safin  
Ans: a

155. Which state government has collaborated with SIDBI to set up an innovation fund to promote start-ups?  
a) Telangana  
b) Assam  
c) Bihar  
d) Karnataka  
e) Kerala  
Ans: b

156. Who was appointed as the eighth Governor of Uttarakhand?  
a) BanwarilalPurohit  
b) Bhupendra Patel  
c) R. N. Ravi  
d) Lt. Gen (Retd.) Gurmeet Singh  
e) Kalyan Singh  
Ans: d



157. When is World Ocean Day observed?  
a) 12 September  
b) 13 September  
c) 14 September  
d) 15 September  
e) 16 September  
Ans: e

158. Who among the following jointly launched the Sansad TV to play a bridge to connect the Indian Parliament and the people?  
a) Narendra Modi  
b) Om Birla  
c) Venkaiah Naidu  
d) All the above  
e) None of the above  
Ans: d

159. Which country chaired the meeting of BRICS heads of tax authorities?  
a) Brazil  
b) Russia  
c) India  
d) China  
e) South Africa  
Ans: c

160. What is the name of the programme launched by the think tank NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles?  
a) Bhoomya  
b) Shoonya  
c) Hoonya  
d) Sauriya  
e) Gaariya  
Ans: b

161. Who launched an AI-powered road safety project named 'iRASTE' to reduce accidents by 50%?  
a) Rajnath Singh  
b) Narendra Modi  
c) Nitin Gadkari  
d) Amit Shah  
e) NirmalaSitharaman  
Ans: c

162. Where was India's largest floating solar energy power plant commissioned?  
a) Andhra Pradesh  
b) Telangana  
c) Karnataka  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Kerala  
Ans: a

163. To which country was Amit Narang appointed as the ambassador of India?  
a) The Maldives  
b) Chile  
c) Australia  
d) France  
e) Oman  
Ans: e

164. Who was appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives?  
a) Amit Narang  
b) Rudrendra Tandon  
c) Dinesh Bhatia  
d) Munu Mahawar  
e) Pratibha Parkar  
Ans: d

165. Which company received the Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar Award?  
a) National Mineral Development Limited  
b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited  
c) Coal India Limited  
d) Hindustan Zinc Limited  
e) Bharat Electronics Limited  
Ans: a

166. Who among the following persons was listed inTIME's 100 Most Influential People List?  
a) Narendra Modi  
b) Mamata Banerjee  
c) Adar Poonawalla  
d) All the above  
e) None of the above  
Ans: d

167. With which country did Meenakshi Lekhi sign an agreement on labour mobility and facilitating recruitment of Indian citizens to work?  
a) Spain  
b) Portugal  
c) Denmark  
d) Germany  
e) Estonia  
Ans: b

168. Where did India participate in the sixth edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 'Peaceful Mission' 2021 exercise?  
a) Pakistan  
b) Kazakhstan  
c) Russia  
d) Tajikistan  
e) China  
Ans: c

169. Which country has announced a trilateral security partnership named AUKUS?  
a) The United States  
b) The United Kingdom  
c) Australia  
d) All the above  
e) None of the above  
Ans: d

170. When is World Patient Safety Day observed?  
a) 12 September  
b) 13 September  
c) 14 September  
d) 16 September  
e) 17 September  
Ans: e

171. What is the profession of Bhabani Roy (who passed away recently)?  
a) Cricketer  
b) Footballer  
c) Author  
d) Actor  
e) Hockey Player  
Ans: b

172. Who assumed the additional charge as the CMD of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)?  
a) Alka Nangia Arora  
b) Alka Singh  
c) Sunil Arora  
d) Gautam Singh  
e) Gautam Rao  
Ans: a

173. Where is the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum set to take place in January 2022?  
a) Washington D. C.

b) Geneva  
c) Davos  
d) New York  
e) Madrid  
Ans: c

174. Which Indian institution was ranked in the global top 100 of Financial Times Ranking 2021?  
a) IIM Ahmedabad  
b) IIM Bangalore  
c) IIM Indore  
d) IIM Lucknow  
e) All the above  
Ans: e

175. When is Hyderabad Liberation Day observed?  
a) 12 September  
b) 13 September  
c) 14 September  
d) 16 September  
e) 17 September  
Ans: e

176. How many percent did the Union Cabinet approve for foreign direct investment (FDI) in the telecom sector through an automatic route?  
a) 64%  
b) 72%  
c) 78%  
d) 93%  
e) 100%  
Ans: e

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177. Who were members of the High-Level Expert Committee for a comprehensive review of the National Cadet Corps?  
a) Baijayant Panda  
b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni  
c) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore  
d) Anand Mahindra  
e) All the above  
Ans: e

178. What is the name of the first satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship launched by India?  
a) INS Vikrant  
b) INS Dhruv  
c) INS Vikramaditya  
d) INS Trikan  
e) INS Arihant  
Ans: b

179. Which of the following sport is not among the eight esports titles as medal events to be featured on the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games?  
a) Dota 2  
b) FIFA  
c) Hearth Stone  
d) ICC  
e) PUBG Mobile  
Ans: d

180. Which state government has launched ICT policy 2.0 to achieve Rs.3 lakh crore IT exports in the next five years?  
a) Tamil Nadu  
b) Maharashtra  
c) Karnataka  
d) Telangana  
e) Madhya Pradesh  
Ans: d

181. How much amount was allocated by the Union Government to the North-eastern states for Jal Jeevan Mission?

a) Rs. 9000 crores  
b) Rs. 9250 crores  
c) Rs. 9300 crores  
d) Rs. 9540 crores  
e) Rs. 9800 crores

Ans: e

182. Which state government is set to launch 'Matra Bhumi Yojana' for the improvement of rural infrastructure?

a) Telangana  
b) Tamil Nadu  
c) Uttar Pradesh  
d) Karnataka  
e) Madhya Pradesh

Ans: c

183. When was the first policy of Information and Communication Techsssnnology (ICT) launched by the Telangana Government?

a) 2010  
b) 2011  
c) 2012  
d) 2014  
e) 2016

Ans: e

184. When is World Bamboo Day observed?

a) 14 September  
b) 15 September  
c) 16 September  
d) 17 September  
e) 18 September

Ans: e

185. Under which Union Ministry did MyGov India launch the Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs?

a) Union Ministry of Defence  
b) Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
c) Union Ministry of Commerce  
d) Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
e) Union Ministry of Finance

Ans: b

186. Which state has received the GI tag for Hathei chilli and Tamenglong orange?

a) Nagaland  
b) Sikkim  
c) Manipur  
d) Meghalaya  
e) Assam

Ans: c

187. Where was the third Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) held between India and El Salvador?

a) Moncagua  
b) San Vicente  
c) San Salvador  
d) Santa Ana  
e) Nejapa

Ans: c

188. Who took oath as the Governor of Nagaland (additional charge)?

a) Anandiben Patel  
b) Tamilisai Soundarrajan  
c) Jagdish Mukhi  
d) Bhupendra Patel  
e) R. N. Ravi

Ans: c

189. When is World Water Monitoring Day observed?

a) 14 September  
b) 15 September  
c) 16 September  
d) 17 September  
e) 18 September

Ans: e

190. Where did the Eastern Naval Command celebrate the 36<sup>th</sup> International Coastal Cleanup Day?

a) Tuticorin  
b) Chennai  
c) Vishakapatnam  
d) Odisha  
e) West Bengal

Ans: c

191. Which country's former President was Abdelaziz Bouteflika (who passed away recently)?

a) Nigeria  
b) Algeria  
c) Gabon  
d) Greece  
e) Egypt

Ans: b

192. When is International Red Panda Day observed?

a) 14 September  
b) 15 September  
c) 16 September  
d) 17 September  
e) 18 September

Ans: e

193. Which country does Casimir OyeMba (who passed away recently) belongs to?

a) Nigeria  
b) Algeria  
c) Gabon  
d) Greece  
e) Egypt

Ans: c

194. Who virtually attended the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting?

a) Narendra Modi  
b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Amit Shah  
d) Narendra Singh Tomar  
e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Ans: d

195. Which Union Ministry launched the special campaign 'Ek Pahal'?

a) Union Ministry of Agriculture  
b) Union Ministry of Law and Justice  
c) Union Ministry of Finance  
d) Union Ministry of Health and Family welfare  
e) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs

Ans: b

196. Where was India's 61<sup>st</sup> Software Technology Park of India (STPI) inaugurated?

a) Meghalaya  
b) Mizoram  
c) Nagaland  
d) Assam  
e) Sikkim

Ans: c

197. Which state government has declared 'Katley' as its state fish?

a) Meghalaya  
b) Mizoram  
c) Nagaland

d) Assam  
e) Sikkim

Ans: e

198. How many countries in the world were declared as a part of the 'Mura-Drava-Danube' biosphere reserve by UNESCO?

a) Two  
b) Three  
c) Four  
d) Five  
e) Seven

Ans: d

199. Charanjit Singh Channi was appointed as the Chief Minister of which state?

a) Punjab  
b) Nagaland  
c) Tamil Nadu  
d) Gujarat  
e) Karnataka

Ans: a

200. Who was appointed as the Director of Public Policy of Facebook India?

a) Sanjay Agarwal  
b) Sanjeev Agarwal  
c) Rajiv Aggarwal  
d) Ankhi Das  
e) Sanjay Das

Ans: c

201. Which organisation has partnered with NITI Aayog to provide free education to children?

a) Whitehat Jr  
b) BYJU's  
c) GradeUp  
d) Tinker Coders  
e) Vedantu

Ans: b

202. Which company has signed an MoU with TRIFED for the promotion and sale of natural Van Dhan products?

a) Amazon  
b) Flipkart  
c) BigBasket  
d) Snap Del  
e) Ebay

Ans: c

203. Where did the Indo-Nepal joint military exercise 'Surya Kiran 15' begin?

a) Rajasthan  
b) Uttarakhand  
c) Punjab  
d) Uttar Pradesh  
e) Tamil Nadu

Ans: b

204. Who won the Asian Snooker Championship 2021 held in Qatar?

a) Cheung Ka Wai  
b) Amir Sarkosh  
c) Haris Tahir  
d) Pankaj Advani  
e) Omar Alajlani

Ans: d

205. Who is the author of the book titled 'Shining Sikh Youth of India'?

a) Sudha Murthy  
b) Jhumpa Lahiri  
c) Prabhleen Singh  
d) Pradeep Singh  
e) Sabhleen Singh

Ans: c

206. When was the International Day of Peace observed by the United Nations (UN)?  
a) 16 September  
b) 17 September  
c) 19 September  
d) 20 September  
e) 21 September  
Ans: e

207. Where did the sixth edition of the SCO exercise Peaceful Mission 2021 commence?  
a) India  
b) China  
c) Russia  
d) Pakistan  
e) Kazakhstan  
Ans: c

208. When was the International Week of Deaf People observed?  
a) 1–7 September  
b) 8–14 September  
c) 15–21 September  
d) 20–26 September  
e) 22–28 September  
Ans: d

209. What is the rank of India in the Global Innovation Index 2021?  
a) 40  
b) 42  
c) 44  
d) 46  
e) 48  
Ans: d

210. When will India become the world’s third-largest importer according to the UK’s Department of International Trade?  
a) 2025  
b) 2030  
c) 2035  
d) 2040  
e) 2050  
Ans: e

211. Which organisation has jointly launched the second edition of the Telangana School Innovation Challenge (TSIC) 2021 with the Telangana Government?  
a) (UNESCO) s  
b) UNICEF  
c) IMF  
d) World Bank  
e) WHO

212. Which country became the 9<sup>th</sup> member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?  
a) Russia  
b) Iraq  
c) Pakistan  
d) Australia  
e) Iran  
Ans: e

213. Who was appointed as the WHO’s Ambassador for Global Health Financing?  
a) George Brown  
b) Jackson Brown  
c) Gordon Brown  
d) Annie Brown  
e) Annie Clark  
Ans: c

214. Who was conferred with the National Florence Nightingale award 2020?  
a) Brig. S. V. Saraswati  
b) Lini Sajeesh

c) Anita Tomar Panwar  
d) Krishna Kumari  
e) Meera Kishore  
Ans: a

215. Who has partnered with Davinta to offer ‘Buy Now Pay Later’ credit facilities to retailers?  
a) Amazon  
b) eBay  
c) Snapdeal  
d) Flipkart  
e) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
Ans: d

216. Who has become the 70<sup>th</sup> Chess Grandmaster of India?  
a) Prithu Gupta  
b) Nihal Sarin  
c) Raja Rithvik  
d) Koneru Humpy  
e) Abhijit Kunte  
Ans: c

217. What is the profession of Jimmy Greaves (who passed away recently)?  
a) Author  
b) Actor  
c) Cricketer  
d) Footballer  
e) Philanthropist  
Ans: d

218. When was World Alzheimer’s Day observed?  
a) 16 September  
b) 17 September  
c) 19 September  
d) 20 September  
e) 21 September  
Ans: e

219. Which state does Manorama Mohapatra (who passed away recently) belong to?  
a) Maharashtra  
b) Odisha  
c) Arunachal Pradesh  
d) Bihar  
e) Assam  
Ans: b

220. Which of the following organisations released the Global Innovation Index (GII) report?  
a) International Monetary Fund  
b) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation  
c) World Health Organisation  
d) World Intellectual Property Organisation  
e) World Bank  
Ans: d

221. When is World Rhino Day observed?  
a) 18 September  
b) 19 September  
c) 20 September  
d) 21 September  
e) 22 September  
Ans: e

222. Which of the following Indian beaches were awarded the ‘Blue Flag’ certification?  
a) Kovalam  
b) Thiruvanimiyur  
c) Eden  
d) Both (a) and (b)  
e) Both (a) and (c)

Ans: e

223. Which state topped the major states category in the 3<sup>rd</sup> State Food Safety Index released by FSSAI?  
a) Haryana  
b) Kerala  
c) Tamil Nadu  
d) Gujarat  
e) Karnataka  
Ans: d

224. Which state/UT government has launched a ‘Music Bus’ to provide training to students in audio production, film production and graphic designing?  
a) Maharashtra  
b) Delhi  
c) Assam  
d) Karnataka  
e) Bihar  
Ans: b

225. Fairouz Faizah Beether received the 2021 Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Award. Which country does she hail from?  
a) Canada  
b) Australia  
c) Bangladesh  
d) Nepal  
e) Russia  
Ans: c

226. Who is appointed as the IAF’s Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)?  
a) Vivek Kumar Chaudhari  
b) Vivek Karthik  
c) Vivek Ram Chaudhari  
d) Santhosh Ram Chaudhari  
e) Sakthi Ram Chaudhari  
Ans: c

227. Which country has conducted the third edition of the ‘Samudra Shakti’ exercise with India?  
a) Indonesia  
b) Russia  
c) France  
d) Bangladesh  
e) China  
Ans: a

228. What is the GDP growth projection of India for FY22 by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)?  
a) 9.2%  
b) 9.4%  
c) 9.6%  
d) 9.7%  
e) 9.9%  
Ans: d

229. Which state government has set up an electronic park for electronic devices and accessories?  
a) Uttar Pradesh  
b) Uttarakhand  
c) Jharkhand  
d) Andhra Pradesh  
e) Kerala  
Ans: a

230. Which organisation introduced self-KYC for issuing mobile connections reforms to enable contactless, customer-centric and secure authentication for mobile subscribers?  
a) Union Ministry of Finance  
b) Department of Telecommunications



<p>c) BSNL d) Airtel e) Vodafone India Ans: b</p> <p>231. When is the International Day of Sign Languages observed? a) 19 September b) 20 September c) 21 September d) 22 September e) 23 September Ans: e</p> <p>232. When is World Rose Day observed? a) 19 September b) 20 September c) 21 September d) 22 September e) 23 September Ans: d</p> <p>233. Who is the head of the 12-member national steering committee to develop the new National Curriculum Framework (NCF)? a) Kasturirangan b) Injeti Srinivas c) Sivarangan d) Amitabh Kant e) Amitabh Ghosh Ans: a</p> <p>234. Which district is the Assam Government planning to set up a Tea Park to improve the quality of tea production? a) Biswanath b) Golaghat c) Kamrup d) Sonitpur e) Dibrugarh Ans: c</p> <p>235. Which state government has released its Export Promotion Strategy for 2021 to boost the exports from \$26 billion to \$100 billion by 2030? a) Karnataka b) Tamil Nadu c) Maharashtra d) Madhya Pradesh e) Telangana Ans: b</p> <p>236. Which country has officially launched negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India? a) The UAE b) Kuwait c) Qatar d) Singapore e) Sri Lanka Ans: a</p> <p>237. Who has received the 'SDG Progress Award' from the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)? a) Justin Trudeau b) Narendra Modi c) Sheikh Hasina d) Jean Castex e) Askar Mamin Ans: c</p> <p>238. How many sites around the world were added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves by UNESCO recently (September 2021)? a) 17 b) 18</p>	<p>c) 19 d) 20 e) 22 Ans: d</p> <p>239. Who was appointed as the Secretary to the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation? a) Rajiv Gauba b) Rajiv Bansal c) Rajeev Gupta d) Ajay Bansal e) Sanjay Gupta Ans: b</p> <p>240. Who authored a new book titled 'A Slow Fire Burning'? a) Adam Hawkins b) Sudha Murthy c) Jhumpa Lahiri d) Paula Hawkins e) Steve Hawkins Ans: d</p> <p>241. When is World Pharmacists Day observed? a) 22 September b) 23 September c) 24 September d) 25 September e) 26 September Ans: d</p> <p>242. Who among the following inaugurated the 'First Himalayan Film Festival' in Leh? a) Narendra Modi b) Nirmala Sitharaman c) Anurag Thakur d) Giriraj Singh e) Smriti Irani Ans: c</p> <p>243. What is the total financial outlay for the scheme announced by the Union Government for the promotion of medical device parks? a) Rs. 200 crores b) Rs. 300 crores c) Rs. 400 crores d) Rs. 425 crores e) Rs. 500 crores Ans: c</p> <p>244. Which state's cucumber recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag under the category of agricultural products? a) Nagaland b) Manipur c) Meghalaya d) Sikkim e) Kerala Ans: a</p> <p>245. Who hosted the first-ever in-person of leaders of an Indo-Pacific alliance called 'the Quad'? a) Narendra Modi b) Joe Biden c) Scott Morrison d) Yoshihide Suga e) Justin Trudeau Ans: b</p> <p>246. How much funds were approved by the Asian Development Bank for an economic recovery programme of Bangladesh? a) \$100 million b) \$125 million c) \$150 million d) \$200 million e) \$250 million</p>	<p>Ans: e</p> <p>247. Who was appointed as the next Indian Army Western Command Chief? a) Ghandari b) K. Khanduri c) L. Khadari d) S. Khaduri e) Manoj Pande Ans: b</p> <p>248. Which is the 23<sup>rd</sup> city to be named as the UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023? a) Accra b) Guadalajara c) Mangalore d) Canberra e) California Ans: a</p> <p>249. Which city emerged as the world's top 'emerging ecosystem' for start-ups according to the Global Start-up Ecosystem Ranking? a) Delhi b) Bengaluru c) Mumbai d) Chennai e) Hyderabad Ans: c</p> <p>250. Where does the Indian Army plan to organise 'Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav'? a) Mumbai b) Kolkata c) Pune d) Bengaluru e) Hyderabad Ans: b</p> <p>251. The _____<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was commemorated as Antyodaya Diwas on 25 September in 2021. a) 100 b) 102 c) 103 d) 105 e) 108 Ans: d</p> <p>252. Which state is set to host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021? a) West Bengal b) Odisha c) Maharashtra d) New Delhi e) Tamil Nadu Ans: b</p> <p>253. When is World Environment Health Day observed? a) 22 September b) 23 September c) 24 September d) 25 September e) 26 September Ans: e</p> <p>254. What is the theme of World Rivers Day observed on 26 September? a) Waterways in our communities b) Riverside community c) Water flow across river d) Community of water e) Waterside along the river Ans: a</p> <p>255. When is World Tourism Day observed? a) 22 September b) 24 September</p>
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<p>c) 25 September d) 26 September e) 27 September Ans: e</p> <p>256. Who inaugurated the State Soil Testing Laboratory in Nagaland's Kohima? a) Amit Shah b) Rajnath Singh c) Gajendra Singh Sekhawat d) Giriraj Singh e) Smriti Irani Ans: d</p> <p>257. What is the minimum ticket size for the issuance of securitisation notes? a) Rs. 15 lakhs b) Rs. 50 lakhs c) Rs. 1 crore d) Rs. 2 crores e) Rs. 5 crores Ans: c</p> <p>258. Who was named as the global brand ambassador of Mastercard? a) Magnus Carlsen b) Garry Kasparov c) Viswanathan Anand d) Pankaj Advani e) P. V. Sindhu Ans: a</p> <p>259. Which country has signed an MoU with India for the joint development of a small satellite? a) Japan b) Bhutan c) China d) North Korea e) Nepal Ans: b</p> <p>260. Who won the Russian F1 Grand Prix? a) Lewis Hamilton b) Max Verstappen c) Daniel Ricciardo d) Lando Norris e) Sebastian Vettel Ans: a</p> <p>261. Who has become the first Indian to reach 10,000 runs in T20 cricket? a) Virat Kohli b) Harbhajan Singh c) Ishan Kishan d) K. L. Rahul e) Rohit Sharma Ans: a</p> <p>262. Where did Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurate the Sports Arbitration Centre of India? a) Chennai b) New Delhi c) Mumbai d) Gandhinagar e) Hyderabad Ans: d</p> <p>263. Who virtually launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission? a) Smriti Irani b) Nirmala Sitharaman c) Narendra Modi d) Rajnath Singh e) Amit Shah Ans: c</p> <p>264. When is the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons observed? a) 22 September</p>	<p>b) 23 September c) 24 September d) 25 September e) 26 September Ans: e</p> <p>265. When is the International Day for Universal Access to Information observed? a) 26 September b) 28 September c) 27 September d) 29 September e) 30 September Ans: b</p> <p>266. Which state government has launched the 'Samarpan Portal' web portal for people to offer voluntary service? a) Assam b) Tripura c) Haryana d) Gujarat e) Madhya Pradesh Ans: c</p> <p>267. Which bank is set to offer instant 'overdraft facility' to sellers registered on Amazon India? a) HDFC Bank b) Axis Bank c) UCO Bank d) ICICI Bank e) Bank of Baroda Ans: d</p> <p>268. What is the real GDP growth forecast projection of India for the FY20-22 by ICRA? a) 9% b) 9.2% c) 9.4% d) 9.6% e) 9.8% Ans: a</p> <p>269. India's Akash Prime missile successfully destroyed an unmanned aerial target in its maiden flight test. Which organisation developed the Akash Prime missile? a) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) c) Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) e) Larsen and Toubro (L&amp;T) Ans: b</p> <p>270. Who was appointed as the head of a panel by the Union Government for the rationalisation of GST rates? a) Ajay Sethi b) Sunil Sethi c) Akshay Kannan d) Sushil Chandra e) Basavaraj Bommai Ans: e</p> <p>271. Who was appointed as the new President of the All India Management Association (AIMA)? a) Gautam Thakur b) Dhriti Banerjee c) C. K. Ranganathan d) Karnam Malleswari e) Noopur Chaturvedi Ans: c</p> <p>272. Who is the author of the book titled 'The Battle of Rezang La'? a) Sudha Murthy b) Kulpreet Yadav</p>	<p>c) Anuradha Roy d) Jhumpa Lahiri e) Vikram Seth Ans: b</p> <p>273. With whom did Sania Mirza win the 2021 Ostrava Open women's doubles title held in the Czech Republic? a) Maria Sakkari b) Anett Kontaveit c) Shuai Zhang d) Kaitlyn Christian e) Erin Routliffe Ans: c</p> <p>274. Who became the first player to score 1000 runs against a particular opposition in the Indian Premier League (IPL)? a) Virat Kohli b) Rohit Sharma c) Suresh Raina d) Shikhar Dhawan e) M. S. Dhoni Ans: b</p> <p>275. All-rounder Moeen Ali retired from Test cricket. Which country did he play for? a) South Africa b) England c) Pakistan d) Australia e) Bangladesh Ans: b</p> <p>276. When is World Rabies Day observed? a) 22 September b) 24 September c) 25 September d) 27 September e) 28 September Ans: e</p> <p>277. What is the theme of the World Heart Day observed on 29 September? a) Use heart to connect b) Use heart to contact c) Heart to wish d) Wish to connect e) Convey hearty wishes Ans: a</p> <p>278. What is the pan-India toll-free helpline number for the elderly population of India called 'Elder Line'? a) 12465 b) 14567 c) 12675 d) 15647 e) 13456 Ans: b</p> <p>279. Who launched the Amrit Grand Challenge programme titled 'जनCARE' to identify 75 start-up innovations in telemedicine, digital health, mHealth using Big data, AI, Blockchain and other technologies? a) Narendra Modi b) Nirmala Sitharaman c) Dr. Jitendra Singh d) Amit Shah e) Rajnath Singh Ans: c</p> <p>280. Which Union Ministry recently increased the income limit of disabled dependents for family pension? a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs b) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs c) Union Ministry of Finance d) Union Ministry of Defence</p>
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e) Union Ministry of Agriculture and farmers welfare  
Ans: d

281. Where was the Western Naval Command Sailing Championships 2021 conducted?  
a) Mumbai  
b) Vishakapatnam  
c) Hyderabad  
d) Tuticorin  
e) Kochi  
Ans: a

282. Which company would enter into 3 MoUs with the Karnataka Government to achieve the objective of the National Education Policy 2020?  
a) Google  
b) Facebook  
c) GPay  
d) Infosys  
e) Wipro  
Ans: d

283. Which state's Sojat Mehndi has received the Geographical Indication tag?  
a) Assam  
b) Nagaland  
c) Sikkim  
d) Punjab  
e) Rajasthan  
Ans: e

284. Which state bagged the 'Best Tourism Policy' Award?  
a) Andhra Pradesh  
b) Kerala  
c) Goa  
d) Madhya Pradesh  
e) Karnatssaka  
Ans: a

285. Which is India's first platform to accept international remittances into the digital wallet?  
a) GPay  
b) PhonePe  
c) Paytm Payments Bank  
d) BHIMs  
e) Paypal  
Ans: c

286. When was World Maritime Day observed?  
a) 26 September  
b) 27 September  
c) 28 September  
d) 29 September  
e) 30 September  
Ans: e

287. What is the theme of the International Translation Day observed on 30 September?  
a) Together translated  
b) United in translation  
c) Translation diverse  
d) Translation worldwide  
e) Internationally translated  
Ans: b

288. What is the extended deadline of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by the Union Government?  
a) 30 November 2021  
b) 31 December 2021  
c) 31 March 2022  
d) 30 June 2022  
e) 1 August 2022  
Ans: c

289. Which bank has been removed from the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

a) UCO Bank  
b) Indian Overseas Bank  
c) Central Bank of India  
d) Corporation Bank  
e) Bank of Maharashtra  
Ans: b

290. Which bank has signed an MoU with NABARD to boost rural development projects in Rajasthan?  
a) Jana Small Finance Bank  
b) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
c) AU Small Finance Bank  
d) Paytm Payments Bank  
e) Suryoday Small Finance Bank  
Ans: c

291. What is the GDP growth projection of India by S&P Global Ratings for FY22?  
a) 8.2%  
b) 8.5%  
c) 8.9%  
d) 9.3%  
e) 9.5%  
Ans: e

292. Which country is going to appoint Fumio Kishida as their next Prime Minister?  
a) Seychelles  
b) Japan  
c) China  
d) The Maldives  
e) Mongoliass  
Ans: b

293. Who was appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)?  
a) Padmaja Chundru  
b) Karnam Sekar  
c) S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao  
d) Dinesh Kumar Khara  
e) Shanti Lal Jain  
Ans: a

294. Which organisation tied up with the Department of Posts for print-to-post solutions?  
a) State Bank of India  
b) Canara Bank  
c) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
d) Life Insurance Corporation of India  
e) Small Industries Development Bank of India  
Ans: d

295. Who bagged the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2021?  
a) Vinay Kumar  
b) Binoy Kumar Saikia  
c) Manoj Kumar Saikia  
d) Vinoj Kumar  
e) Tharun Kumar Saikia  
Ans: b

296. The environmental organisation Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) has received the Right Livelihood Award 2021. Where is the company based in?  
a) Mumbai  
b) Chennai  
c) Delhi  
d) Bengaluru  
e) Hyderabad  
Ans: c

297. Which of the following is the publisher of the book named 'Chronicles from the Land of the

Happiest People on Earth' authored by Wole Soyinka?  
a) Bloomsbury India  
b) Penguin Random House  
c) Rupa Publications  
d) Hachette India  
e) Westland Publications  
Ans: a

298. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of the National Basketball Association (NBA) of India?  
a) Amir Khan  
b) Ranveer Singh  
c) Anushka Sharma  
d) Amitabh Bachchan  
e) Abhishek Bachchan  
Ans: b

299. Who chaired the 38<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) meeting?  
a) Narendra Modi  
b) Smriti Irani  
c) Nirmala Sitharaman  
d) Rajnath Singh  
e) Amit Shah  
Ans: a

300. How much has the Union Government approved as the capital infusion into ECGC to boost the export sector?  
a) Rs. 2000 crores  
b) Rs. 2600 crores  
c) Rs. 3600 crores  
d) Rs. 4400 crores  
e) Rs. 4500 crores  
Ans: d

**BANKING QUIZ**

1. Which company acquired BillDesk for \$4.7 billion to move from cash to digital transactions?  
a) PhonePe  
b) PayU  
c) PayPal  
d) Google Pay  
e) Paytm  
Ans: b

2. Which country has received \$787 missslion from the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) special drawing rights (SDR) allocation?  
a) Singapore  
b) India  
c) Pakistan  
d) Nepal  
e) Sri Lanka  
Ans: e

3. Which bank became the second lender after HDFC bank to cross Rs. 5 trillion in market capitalisation?  
a) Axis Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) IndusInd Bank  
d) Karnataka Bank  
e) South Indian Bank



Ans: b

4. Which bank tied up with BharatPe to expand its merchant acquiring business in India?

a) Axis Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) IndusInd Bank  
d) Karnataka Bank  
e) South Indian Bank

Ans: a

5. How much amount did Sri Lanka receive as currency swap from Bangladesh Central Bank?

a) \$100 million  
b) \$120 million  
c) \$150 million  
d) \$200 million  
e) \$250 million

Ans: c

6. Which bank opened a floating ATM on a houseboat at Srinagar's Dal Lake?

a) Indian Bank  
b) State Bank of India  
c) ICICI Bank  
d) HSBC  
e) Canara Bank

Ans: b

7. Which country's central bank is set to launch cenbank digital currency scheme?

a) Australia  
b) Singapore  
c) South Africa  
d) Malaysia  
e) All the above

Ans: e

8. Which of the following bank did not go live on the account aggregator ecosystem recently?

a) Federal Bank  
b) State Bank of India  
c) Indian Bank  
d) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
e) Axis Bank

Ans: c

9. Which countries were approved as new members of the New Development Bank (NDB)?

a) Bangladesh  
b) UAE  
c) Uruguay  
d) All the above  
e) None of the above

Ans: d

10. Which company is set to acquire Exide Life Insurance for Rs. 6687 crores?

a) HDFC Life Insurance  
b) SBI Life Insurance  
c) Aditya Birla Life Insurance  
d) ICICI Lombard  
e) Max Life Insurance

Ans: a

11. Which company is set to launch its Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS) offering 'Accounts'?

a) Paytm  
b) PayPal  
c) Cashfree  
d) CashKaro  
e) PhonePe

Ans: c

12. Which organisation has jointly launched the 'nFiNi' programme with Fiserv Inc?

a) NITI Aayog  
b) National Payments Corporation of India  
c) Reserve Bank of India

d) National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development  
e) Union Ministry of Finance

Ans: b

13. Which bank was removed from the prompt corrective action (PCA) framework list by RBI after four years?

a) Indian Overseas Bank  
b) IDBI Bank  
c) UCO Bank  
d) Central Bank of India  
e) United Bank of India

Ans: c

14. Which bank has associated with Mswipe Technologies Private Limited and launched a point-of-sale device for merchant customers?

a) Karnataka Bank  
b) IndusInd Bank  
c) Axis Bank  
d) HDFC Bank  
e) Karur Vysya Bank

Ans: a

15. What was the amount approved by the Asian Development Bank to expand rural connectivity in Maharashtra?

a) \$200 million  
b) \$300 million  
c) \$350 million  
d) \$400 million  
e) \$450 million

Ans: b

16. Which organisation has signed an MoU with the Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CAAR)?

a) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)  
b) Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler  
c) Ernst & Young  
d) Deloitte  
e) Price Waterhouse Coopers

Ans: a

17. Which of the following merchant bank is not on the list to manage the initial public offer (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India?

a) Citigroup  
b) Bank of America Securities  
c) SBI Securities  
d) Nomura  
e) JP Morgan

Ans: c

18. Which bank topped the MeitY digital payment scorecard for 2020-2021?

a) Bank of Baroda  
b) Indian Bank  
c) Canara Bank  
d) Bank of India  
e) Bank of Maharashtra

Ans: a

19. Which organisation introduced the T+1 settlement cycle on an optional basis from 1 January 2022?

a) Reserve Bank of India  
b) National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development  
c) Small Industries Development Bank of India  
d) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
e) National Housing Bank

Ans: d

20. What is the GDP growth projection of S&P Global Ratings of India for FY 22?

a) 8%  
b) 8.25%  
c) 9%  
d) 9.25%  
e) 9.5%

Ans: e

21. Which bank has launched a one-stop digital platform named 'bob World'?

a) Bank of Baroda  
b) Canara Bank  
c) Indian Bank  
d) Bank of India  
e) Bank of Maharashtra

Ans: a

22. Which bank has partnered with Lendingkart to offer overdraft facilities to MSMEs?

a) HDFC Bank  
b) Axis Bank  
c) ICICI Bank  
d) Citi Bank  
e) SBM Bank

Ans: e

23. Which bank has launched India's first FASTag based metro parking facility in New Delhi?

a) Airtel Payments Bank  
b) Paytm Payments Bank  
c) Jana Small Finance Bank  
d) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
e) ICICI Bank

Ans: b

24. Who has partnered with OneCard to enable the EMI option at PoS terminals for their customers?

a) Pine Labs  
b) Rupay  
c) Mastercard  
d) VISA  
e) PayPal

Ans: a

25. Which bank has tied up with Indiabulls for a strategic co-lending alliance?

a) Punjab National Bank  
b) Bank of Maharashtra  
c) Bank of India  
d) Punjab & Sind Bank  
e) State Bank of India

Ans: d

26. Which organisation has tied up with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to link Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow for instant money transfer?

a) Reserve Bank of India  
b) National Payments Corporation of India  
c) Rupay  
d) Google Pay  
e) PayPal

Ans: a

27. What is the theme of the first cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox Scheme of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

a) Mobile ATM  
b) Mobile Banking  
c) Retail Payments  
d) Business Correspondents  
e) Lead Bank Scheme

Ans: c

28. Which organisation launched 'Loan Against Mutual Funds' (LAMF)?

a) Bajaj Finance  
b) Tata Capital Limited  
c) Aditya Birla capital  
d) IDFC First Bank  
e) SBI Mutual Funds  
Ans: b  
29. Which bank has partnered with SWIFT for real-time cross-border payment tracking?  
a) RBL Bank  
b) DBS Bank  
c) Citi Bank  
d) HSBC  
e) Standard Chartered  
Ans: b  
30. What is UNCTAD's GDP growth projection for India in 2021?  
a) 7%  
b) 7.1%  
c) 7.2%  
d) 7.3%  
e) 7.5%  
Ans: c  
31. Which organisation issued India's first-ever Euro Green Bonds?  
a) Power Finance Corporation  
b) Reserve Bank of India  
c) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
d) Small Industries Development Bank of India  
e) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development  
Ans: a  
32. Which bank has tied up with Escorts Limited to provide financial solutions to farmers?  
a) HDFC Bank  
b) Axis Bank  
c) IndusInd Bank  
d) ICICI Bank  
e) Karnataka Bank  
Ans: c  
33. Which bank was named 'World's Best Bank' by Euromoney Magazine?  
a) DBS Bank  
b) HDFC Bank  
c) Citi Bank  
d) HSBC Bank  
e) Standard Chartered Bank  
Ans: a  
34. What is the deadline extended by the Union Government for the linking of PAN-Aadhar?  
a) November 2021  
b) December 2021  
c) January 2022  
d) March 2022  
e) August 2022  
Ans: d  
35. Which organisation has collaborated with the Finance Department and conducted the e-Kubertraining workshops in Jammu and Kashmir?  
a) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
b) Small Industries Development Bank of India  
c) National Housing Bank  
d) State Bank of India  
e) Reserve Bank of India  
Ans: e  
35. Which bank has collaborated with IISc to set up AI-ML Centre at the IISc Campus in Bengaluru?  
a) Kotak Mahindra Bank

b) ICICI Bank  
c) Axis Bank  
d) Indian Bank  
e) Karnataka Bank  
Ans: a  
36. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Fino Payments Bank?  
a) Pankaj Tripathy  
b) Anushka Sharma  
c) Amir Khan  
d) Priyanka Chopra  
e) Virat Kohli  
Ans: a  
37. Which bank has signed a co-lending pact agreement with IIFL Home Finance?  
a) Punjab National Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) Bank of India  
e) IndusInd Bank  
Ans: a  
38. What is the name of the mobile application launched by LIC for its development officers?  
a) PRAGATI  
b) SWATHI  
c) PAGATI  
d) FAGATI  
e) HAGATI  
Ans: a  
39. Which bank has partnered with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for non- life insurance products?  
a) India Post Payments Bank  
b) Airtel Payments Bank  
c) Paytm Payments Bank  
d) Fino Payments Bank  
e) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
Ans: a  
40. Which bank has jointly launched a comprehensive range of credit cards with Paytm?  
a) Axis Bank  
b) HDFC Bank  
c) ICICI Bank  
d) IndusInd Bank  
e) Karnataka Bank  
Ans: b  
41. Which bank has launched an international co-branded contactless debit card with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?  
a) Bank of Baroda  
b) Bank of Maharashtra  
c) Indian Bank  
d) HDFC Bank  
e) Axis Bank  
Ans: a  
42. Which bank has selected BLS International Services Limited as its National Business Correspondent?  
a) State Bank of India  
b) Canara Bank  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) ICICI Bank  
e) Axis Bank  
Ans: a  
43. Which bank launched healthcare financing services to cater to key stake holders in the healthcare ecosystem?  
a) Axis Bank  
b) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
c) Karnataka Bank  
d) ICICI Bank

e) Canara Bank  
Ans: b  
44. What is the GDP growth projection of India for FY21 by the Asian Development Bank?  
a) 9.2%  
b) 9.4%  
c) 9.5%  
d) 9.8%  
e) 10%  
Ans: e  
45. Which organisation has jointly launched a campaign '#UseBefikar' with RBL Bank?  
a) RuPay  
b) Mastercard  
c) PayPal  
d) VISA  
e) PhonePe  
Ans: b  
46. Which bank has signed an MoU with Ashok Leyland for vehicle financing?  
a) Federal Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) Axis Bank  
d) State Bank of India  
e) HDFC Bank  
Ans: a  
47. Which bank has partnered with OneCard for mobile-first credit cards?  
a) Federal Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) Axis Bank  
d) State Bank of India  
e) HDFC Bank  
Ans: a  
48. Which bank has partnered with HPCL for fuel payments through FASTags?  
a) Axis Bank  
b) ICICI Bank  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) IndusInd Bank  
e) South Indian Bank  
Ans: b  
49. What will be the Minimum Retention Requirement (MRR) for underlying loans with 24 months maturity?  
a) 2%  
b) 2.5%  
c) 3.2%  
d) 4.5%  
e) 5%  
Ans: e  
50. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 2 crores on RBL Bank. Where is the headquarters of RBL Bank?  
a) Bangaluru, Karnataka  
b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh  
c) Mumbai, Maharashtra  
d) Pune, Maharashtra  
e) New Delhi  
Ans: c  
51. Which bank has won the 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India' category according to the Asiamoney report?  
a) HDFC Bank  
b) Axis Bank  
c) UCO Bank  
d) ICICI Bank  
e) Bank of Baroda  
Ans: a  
52. Which small finance bank is going to shut down its ATM operations from 1 October?

- a) Jana Small Finance Bank
- b) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- c) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- d) AU Small Finance Bank
- e) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Ans: b

53. Which bank has collaborated with Stellapps for cashless payment transfers to small dairy farmers?

- a) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- b) AU Small Finance Bank
- c) Airtel Payments Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) IndusInd Bank

Ans: c

54. Which bank has partnered with the National Payment Corporation of India to launch the contactless payments solutions named 'RuPay On-the-Go'?

- a) YES Bank
- b) IndusInd Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Axis Bank
- e) Karur Vysya Bank

Ans: a

55. What is the Ways and Means Advance limit for the second half of FY22 fixed by the Reserve Bank of India?

- a) Rs. 10,000 crores
- b) Rs. 15,000 crores
- c) Rs. 30,000 crores
- d) Rs. 50,000 crores
- e) Rs. 75,000 crores

Ans: d

SIMPLIFICATIONS

D.1-50) Find the value of 'x' in the given questions.

1.  $35\% \text{ of } 760 - 13 \div 17 \times 289 + 224 = x^2 - 55$

- a) 22
- b) 26
- c) 18
- d) 30
- e) 28

2.  $\frac{1}{14} + \frac{2}{7} - \frac{3}{28} = \frac{16+20}{x}$

- a) 144
- b) 164
- c) 170
- d) 190
- e) 120

3.  $\frac{3}{5} \times 280 + 66.67\% \text{ of } 156 + 720 = 4x$

- a) 220
- b) 224
- c) 250
- d) 248
- e) 234

4.  $225 - 271 + 345.4 = x^2 - 229.6$

- a) 27
- b) 17
- c) 13

d) 23

e) 15

$5.11 \times 14 + 221 = \sqrt[3]{x} + 370$

- a) 125
- b) 140
- c) 175
- d) 180
- e) 150

6.  $26 \times 11 \div 13 - 121 + 356 = x$

- a) 237
- b) 289
- c) 277
- d) 257
- e) 300

7.  $35\% \text{ of } 1260 - 28\% \text{ of } 550 + 14 \times 8 = 3x$

- a) 163
- b) 133
- c) 176
- d) 186
- e) 190

8.  $54.86 - 42.86 + 55.25 + 75.75 = x - 222$

- a) 385
- b) 395
- c) 350
- d) 365
- e) 320

9.  $\sqrt[3]{2197} \times \sqrt{169} + 221 \div 17 = x + 12 \times 7$

- a) 98
- b) 88
- c) 75
- d) 80
- e) 70

10.  $25 \times 45 + 9 \times 44 - 35\% \text{ of } 440 = x$

- a) 1388
- b) 1356
- c) 1367
- d) 1300
- e) 1320

11.  $32 \div 64 \times 16 + 17 \times 13 - 4 = x^2$

- a) 15
- b) 225
- c) 18
- d) 324
- e) 350

12.  $12.5\% \text{ of } 1584 - 11\sqrt{2} \times 10\sqrt{2} + 221 = x$

- a) 199
- b) 179
- c) 132
- d) 145
- e) 135

13.  $15 \times 98 + 120\% \text{ of } 350 - 20\% \text{ of } 350 = x - 14 \times 11$

- a) 1988
- b) 1974
- c) 1924
- d) 1900
- e) 1950

14.  $56\% \text{ of } 250 - 19 \times 68 \div 17 + 450$

- a) 584
- b) 525
- c) 514
- d) 550
- e) 600

15.  $1\frac{2}{4} + 3\frac{3}{28} - 2\frac{1}{7} + 2$

a)  $\frac{125}{28}$

b)  $\frac{135}{28}$

c)  $\frac{121}{28}$

d)  $\frac{143}{28}$

e)  $\frac{121}{28}$

16.  $26\% \text{ of } 650 - 22 \times 25 + 434 = \frac{x}{2}$

- a) 106
- b) 110
- c) 126
- d) 140
- e) 155

17.  $(75 - 20 + 15)\% \text{ of } 600 + 250 = x - 125$

- a) 755
- b) 720
- c) 795
- d) 740
- e) 800

18.  $125\% \text{ of } 528 \div 19 \times 76 - 130 = x - 5^3$

- a) 2635
- b) 2678
- c) 2600
- d) 2675
- e) 2700

19.  $567.8 + 789.2 - 879.55 - 980.45 = x$

- a) -523
- b) -503
- c) -500
- d) -570
- e) -600

20.  $\sqrt{356 + 567 - 897 + 1024 - (13 \times 2)} = x$

- a) 42
- b) 36
- c) 30
- d) 32
- e) 38

21.  $65\% \text{ of } 1540 - 34 \times 26 = 5x - 588$

- a) 161
- b) 141
- c) 180
- d) 200
- e) 195

22.  $140\% \text{ of } 1250 + \sqrt[3]{9261} \times \sqrt[4]{256} = x + 13 \times 7$

- a) 1783
- b) 1792
- c) 1890
- d) 1743
- e) 1843

23.  $\frac{935}{17} \times 32 - 24 \times 26 = x - 720$

- a) 1856
- b) 1896
- c) 1800
- d) 1850
- e) 1878

24.  $9.09\% \text{ of } 374 \div 17 \times 180 - \sqrt{121} \times \sqrt{169}$

- a) 297
- b) 250
- c) 200
- d) 217
- e) 280

25.  $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times 258 + 85\% \text{ of } 240 = 2(x + 45)$

- a) 282



- b) 250  
c) 272  
d) 290  
e) 220
26.  $(57 - 12)\%$  of  $600 + 225 = x + 165$   
a) 365  
b) 450  
c) 330  
d) 320  
e) 350
27.  $1675 - 773 + 5745 + 1176 = x^2 + 1123 - 2136$   
a) 96  
b) 84  
c) 88  
d) 94  
e) 92
28.  $32\%$  of  $300 + 60\%$  of  $250 + 296 = x^3 + 30$   
a) 7  
b) 6  
c) 4  
d) 8  
e) 9
29.  $(26 \times 26 - 16 \times 16) = x - 140$   
a) 560  
b) 480  
c) 600  
d) 420  
e) None of these
30.  $1620 + 1050 - 970 - 10 \times 5 = \sqrt[3]{x} + 1130 + 32 \times 16$   
a) 216  
b) 512  
c) 729  
d) 600  
e) 650
31.  $25\%$  of  $660 + 34 \times 11 = x + 256$   
a) 210  
b) 223  
c) 283  
d) 245  
e) 225
32.  $65\%$  of  $900 + 140\%$  of  $1200 = x + 18 \times 5$   
a) 2175  
b) 2215  
c) 2190  
d) 2200  
e) 2100
33.  $\sqrt[4]{2401} \times 15 - 16\%$  of  $250 + 326 = x$   
a) 361  
b) 355  
c) 320  
d) 391  
e) 350
34.  $12.5\%$  of  $2048 + 16 \times 15 = x^2 + 12$   
a) 25  
b) 22  
c) 28  
d) 26  
e) 32
35.  $2\frac{3}{12}$  of  $192 + 15\%$  of  $460 = x - 120\%$  of  $820$   
a) 1485  
b) 1425  
c) 1420  
d) 1455

- e) 1470  
 $36. 35\%$  of  $1660 + 29\%$  of  $1200 = x \times 22 - 498 + 129$   
a) 49  
b) 59  
c) 64  
d) 37  
e) 45
- $37. 48 \times 20 - 22 \times 13 = (32 + x) \times 8 - 2 \times 3$   
a) 53  
b) 60  
c) 63  
d) 80  
e) 48
- $38. 32\%$  of  $1150 - 70\%$  of  $250 = x - \frac{12}{13}$  of  $325$   
a) 483  
b) 450  
c) 470  
d) 493  
e) 445
- $39. 874 \div 19 \times 26 - 14 \times 25 = x - 65\%$  of  $600$   
a) 1286  
b) 1200  
c) 1236  
d) 1256  
e) 1280
- $40. 15\%$  of  $200 - 2^3 \times 20 + 22\%$  of  $800$   
a) 46  
b) 44  
c) 56  
d) 60  
e) 70
- $41. 94\%$  of  $350 + 24\%$  of  $210 - x = 118$   
a) 251.4ss  
b) 271.4  
c) 252.4  
d) 262.4  
e) 261.4
- $42. x\%$  of  $135 = 282.15 - 270$   
a) 9  
b) 10  
c) 11  
d) 17  
e) 8
- $43. 88.88 + 888.8 - 8.888 + 88.808 = 88 + x$   
a) 12.12  
b) 88.88  
c) 969.6  
d) 56.56  
e) 727.2
- $44. x^2 = 512 \div 81 \div 72 \times 2916$   
a) 9  
b) 12  
c) 16  
d) 18  
e) 20
- $45. 35\%$  of  $180 + 182 = 27^{5/3} + x^2$   
a) 8  
b) 12  
c) 16  
d) 18  
e) 14

- $46. \frac{x}{6}$  of  $\frac{2}{5}$  of  $\frac{18}{25}$  of  $3125 = 625 \times 48$   
a) 400  
b) 250  
c) 450  
d) 200  
e) 300
- $47. 558 \div 18 \times 21 - 160 = 2x - \sqrt[3]{6859} - 524$   
a) 517  
b) 617  
c) 650  
d) 580  
e) 600
- $48. \sqrt{1089} + \sqrt{1156} - \sqrt[3]{(56 + 8) \times 8} = x - 14 \times 8$   
a) 151  
b) 171  
c) 180  
d) 145  
e) 120
- $49. 54\%$  of  $1350 - 140\%$  of  $260 = x - 44 \times 12$   
a) 873  
b) 865  
c) 893  
d) 840  
e) 820
- $50. (15 + 25 - 10)\%$  of  $\frac{4}{5}$  of  $300 \times 150 = x - 120$   
a) 10920  
b) 10910  
c) 10975  
d) 10940  
e) 10985

Simplification Anskey:

1 c	2 a	3 d	4 d	5 a	6 d	7 b	8 d	9 a	10 c
11 a	12 a	13 b	14 c	15 a	16 a	17 c	18 a	19 b	20 d
21 b	22 d	23 a	24 d	25 c	26 c	27 d	28 d	29 a	30 b
31 c	32 a	33 d	34 b	35 a	36 b	37 a	38 d	39 c	40 a
41 e	42 a	43 c	44 c	45 b	46 d	47 a	48 b	49 c	50 a

ENGLISH-VOCABULARY

- Q (1–50) Vocabulary

1. **Astute**

**Meaning:** having or showing a practical cleverness or judgment

**Synonyms:** canny, smart

**Antonyms:** unwise, naive

**Usage:** A police detective is known to be an **astute** judge of character.
2. **Scupper**

**Meaning:** prevent from working or succeeding; thwart  
**Synonyms:** ruin, wreck, devastate, destroy  
**Antonyms:** further, promote  
**Usage:** They worry it could be used to **scupper** merger and acquisition deals.

3. Patronage

**Meaning:** a condescending manner or attitude in granting favours, in dealing with people  
**Synonyms:** aegis, auspices, backing, encouragement, financing  
**Antonyms:** attack, blockage, disapproval, discouragement, harm  
**Usage:** There were hundreds of other things in the great city, but they had their share of **patronage**.

4. Moan

**Meaning:** a long low sound indicating pain or grief  
**Synonyms:** groan, wail, squall  
**Antonyms:** chuckle, laugh, smirk  
**Usage:** She was **moaning** in pain.

5. Grisly

**Meaning:** causing horror or disgust  
**Synonyms:** gruesome, ghastly, frightful, horrid,  
**Antonyms:** pleasant, attractive  
**Usage:** Many massacres in history fade while some linger as **grisly** curiosities.

6. Bedeck

**Meaning:** to decorate or cover  
**Synonyms:** adorn, bedizen, embellish, emblaze  
**Antonyms:** denude, blemish, deface, disfigure  
**Usage:** The cars were all **bedecked** with flowers for the wedding ceremony.

7. Environ

**Meaning:** surround, enclose  
**Synonyms:** encircle, envelop, cloak, swathe  
**Antonyms:** unbridle, free, open, release  
**Usage:** The stone circle was **environed** by an expanse of peat soil.

8. Confound

**Meaning:** to mix up or confuse  
**Synonyms:** confuse, puzzle  
**Antonyms:** confirm, verify  
**Usage:** Without instructions, this unusual game will **confound** anyone.

9. Precarious

**Meaning:** dependent on chance; uncertain  
**Synonyms:** unsure, unpredictable, doubtful, dubious  
**Antonyms:** certain, stable, confirmed, definite  
**Usage:** As Finance Secretary I found that the finances of the state were in a precarious condition.

10. Redact

**Meaning:** edit (text) for publication; censor or obscure (part of a text) for legal or security purposes  
**Synonyms:** correct, rectify, repair, fix  
**Antonyms:** befoul, deteriorate, diminish, hinder  
**Usage:** Some of the conclusions in the report have been redacted.

11. Dilatory

**Meaning:** slow to act  
**Synonyms:** sluggish, slothful, lax, slack  
**Antonyms:** fast, prompt, brisk, quick  
**Usage:** They were **dilatory** in providing the researchers with information.

12. Splendid

**Meaning:** excellent, beautiful, impressive  
**Synonyms:** excellent, amazing  
**Antonyms:** dull, normal  
**Usage:** It is a **splendid** and challenging book which seeks answers to large questions in interesting cultural and psychological agendas.

13. Inviolable

**Meaning:** secure from the violation or profanation  
**Synonym:** holy, untouchable  
**Antonym:** profane, irreverent  
**Usage:** Everyone has an **inviolable** right to protection by a fair legal system.

14. Revere

**Meaning:** feel deep respect or admiration for (something)  
**Synonyms:** respect, admire, cherish, appreciate  
**Antonyms:** blaspheme, desecrate, profane, violate  
**Usage:** If you want to achieve any goal, **revere** the process and success will follow.

15. Concurrence

**Meaning:** the fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time  
**Synonyms:** concordance, cooperation, coincidence  
**Antonyms:** dissonance, discord  
**Usage:** Because the events ran in **concurrence**, the coordinator could not attend both parties at the same time.

16. Agitation

**Meaning:** a state of anxiety or nervous excitement  
**Synonyms:** anxiety, perturbation, disquiet  
**Antonyms:** calmness, relaxation  
**Usage:** Payal entered the room with an **agitated** face.

17. Quirk

**Meaning:** a strange habit  
**Synonyms:** oddity, fluke  
**Antonyms:** normality, familiarity  
**Usage:** His biggest **quirk** is his love for old marbles.

18. Enfeeblement

**Meaning:** a gradual sinking and wasting away of mind or body  
**Synonyms:** decaying, declension, decline, degeneration, descent, deterioration  
**Antonyms:** comeback, improvement, rally, recovery, recuperation, rehabilitation  
**Usage:** Daily exercise can help to halt some of the **enfeeblement** that comes with advanced years.

19. Fervour

**Meaning:** great warmth and earnestness of feeling  
**Synonyms:** ardour, passion, zeal  
**Antonyms:** impassiveness, impassivity, insensibility  
**Usage:** She got surprised by the **fervour** that her parents’ old love letters contained when she discovered them in the attic.

20. Inchoate

**Meaning:** just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary  
**Synonyms:** budding, inceptive, incipient, nascent  
**Antonyms:** developed, full-fledged, evolved, ripened  
**Usage:** Having just come into existence a few years ago, the new political party is considered **inchoate** by many historians.

21. Eerily

**Meaning:** in a strange and frightening manner  
**Synonyms:** hauntingly, creepily, scarily, spookily  
**Antonyms:** dulcetly, pleasingly, pleasantly, agreeably  
**Usage:** In front of him stood a masked man clutching a knife in one hand, grinning **eerily** at him.

22. Valiant

**Meaning:** possessing or showing courage or determination  
**Synonyms:** brave, fearless, courageous, valorous  
**Antonyms:** cowardly, irresolute  
**Usage:** Firemen are **valiant** individuals who put their lives on the line to save others.

23. Extol

**Meaning:** praise enthusiastically  
**Synonyms:** eulogize, acclaim  
**Antonyms:** criticize, disapprove  
**Usage:** I got angry when my mother would **extol** my brother’s accomplishments and ignore all the good things I did.

24. Hedge

**Meaning:** limit or qualify (something) by conditions or exceptions  
**Synonyms:** confine, restrict, limit, hinder, obstruct

**Antonyms:** absolute, certainty  
**Example:** She was **hedged** in by her imperfect education.

25. **Equanimity**  
**Meaning:** to stay calm, especially under stress; to maintain composure  
**Synonyms:** calmness, cool  
**Antonyms:** agitation, discomposure  
**Usage:** During the horrible storm, it was hard for us to focus on and maintain our **equanimity**.

26. **Alleviate**  
**Meaning:** to make something less painful, severe or serious  
**Synonyms:** help, soothe  
**Antonyms:** aggravate, exacerbate  
**Usage:** If you want to **alleviate** the situation, start by apologising for your mistake.

27. **Bulge**  
**Meaning:** a rounded bump or swelling that juts outward on a surface  
**Synonyms:** swell, bump  
**Antonyms:** flat, even  
**Usage:** The bag was so full that a **bulge** from the oranges could be seen through the packaging.

28. **Proliferation**  
**Meaning:** rapid increase in the number or amount of something  
**Synonyms:** generation, propagation  
**Antonyms:** reduction, deduction  
**Usage:** The **proliferation** of technology over the last 100 years has happened so quickly and caused many societal changes.

29. **Decree**  
**Meaning:** to declare formally and with authority  
**Synonyms:** directive, edict, verdict  
**Antonyms:** cue, hint  
**Usage:** The president **decreed** that Halloween would henceforth be a national holiday.

30. **Frivolous**  
**Meaning:** not having any serious purpose or value  
**Synonyms:** flippant, glib, waggish  
**Antonyms:** serious, practical, important  
**Usage:** Isabelle was a **frivolous** little fool, vain and flighty.

31. **Profane**  
**Meaning:** treat (something sacred) with irreverence or disrespect  
**Synonyms:** coarse, nasty  
**Antonyms:** kind, polite  
**Usage:** They have profaned the long upheld traditions of the Temple.

32. **Unprecedented**  
**Meaning:** never done or known before  
**Synonyms:** unequalled, unmatched, unrivalled  
**Antonyms:** familiar, usual

**Usage:** The damage caused by the hurricane is **unprecedented** and has never been experienced before in this country.

33. **Spate**  
**Meaning:** a large number of similar things or events appearing or occurring in quick succession  
**Synonyms:** deluge, flood, flurry, outpouring, string, succession  
**Antonyms:** dribble, drip, trickle  
**Usage:** A **spate** of words has been published on this controversial topic.

34. **Salubrious**  
**Meaning:** favourable to or promoting health or well-being  
**Synonyms:** medicinal, tonic  
**Antonyms:** unhealthy, insalubrious  
**Usage:** Emergent public health and sanitary experts actively sought the most **salubrious** and efficient means of waste disposal.

35. **Splurge**  
**Meaning:** to spend extravagantly or ostentatiously  
**Synonyms:** squander, fling, dissipate, disburse  
**Antonyms:** accumulate, hoard, conserve, preserve  
**Usage:** I feel like **splurging** on a new dress.

36. **Disenchanted**  
**Meaning:** disappointed by someone or something previously respected or admired; disillusioned  
**Synonyms:** disillusioned, disappointed  
**Antonyms:** enchanted, encourage  
**Usage:** Many voters have become **disenchanted** with the government.

37. **Flawed**  
**Meaning:** having or characterised by a fundamental weakness or imperfection  
**Synonyms:** unsound, defective, faulty  
**Antonyms:** perfect, flawless  
**Usage:** I'm **flawed**, but I will do my best.

38. **Ardent**  
**Meaning:** characterised by strong enthusiasm  
**Synonyms:** Passionate, enthusiastic, zealous  
**Antonyms:** apathetic, dull, calm  
**Usage:** One should be an **ardent** supporter of the right cause.

39. **Mandate**  
**Meaning:** an official order or commission to do something  
**Synonyms:** instruction, directive, direction, decree, command  
**Antonyms:** encourage  
**Usage:** They carried out the governor's **mandate** to build more roads.

40. **Budding**  
**Meaning:** beginning and showing promising signs of continuing.

**Synonyms:** inceptive, incipient, nascent  
**Antonyms:** developed, full-fledged, evolved, ripened  
**Usage:** He is a **budding** singer.

41. **Stringent**  
**Meaning:** not allowing for any exceptions or loosening of standards  
**Synonyms:** brassbound, cast-iron, exacting, hard-line, inflexible, rigid, rigorous,  
**Antonyms:** flexible, lax, loose, relaxed, slack  
**Usage:** There are **stringent** rules against unauthorized persons being in our building.

42. **Sack**  
**Meaning:** dismiss from employment  
**Synonyms:** bounce, discharge, dismiss, terminate  
**Antonyms:** recruit, employ, engage, hire  
**Usage:** They made him pay for his offence by giving him the **sack**.

43. **Trifle**  
**Meaning:** a thing of little value or importance  
**Synonyms:** bagatelle, inessential, nothing  
**Antonyms:** treasure, importance  
**Usage:** We needn't trouble the headmaster over such **trifles**.

44. **Vitriolic**  
**Meaning:** filled with bitter criticism or malice  
**Synonyms:** acrimonious, rancorous, bitter, caustic, mordant  
**Antonyms:** pleasant, kind  
**Usage:** The newspaper launched a **vitriolic** attack on the president.

45. **Reclusive**  
**Meaning:** avoiding the company of other people; solitary  
**Synonyms:** secluded, Isolated  
**Antonyms:** gregarious, sociable  
**Usage:** That monk led a reclusive life.

46. **Endear**  
**Meaning:** cause to be loved or liked  
**Synonyms:** lovable, adorable  
**Antonyms:** alienate, embitter  
**Usage:** Flora's spirit and character **endeared** everyone to love her.

47. **Revival**  
**Meaning:** an improvement in the condition, strength or fortunes of someone or something  
**Synonyms:** renewal, restoration, revitalisation  
**Antonyms:** suppression, destruction  
**Usage:** The period saw a great **revival** in the wine trade.

48. **Infuse**  
**Meaning:** fill; pervade  
**Synonyms:** permeate, suffuse, instil  
**Antonyms:** dry, strain  
**Usage:** She has **infused** her followers with confidence.



49. **Conceding**  
**Meaning:** admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it  
**Synonyms:** allow, accept  
**Antonyms:** deny, refuse, contradict  
**Usage:** I had to **concede** that I'd overreacted.

50. **Minuscule**  
**Meaning:** extremely small; tiny  
**Synonyms:** diminutive, miniature  
**Antonyms:** huge, gigantic  
**Usage:** Compared to its adult size, a newborn kangaroo is **minuscule**.

**D.51–55) Read the following sentences. Rearrange the sentences in order to make a meaningful paragraph and answer the given questions.**

A) This requires a deep understanding of the science behind nurturing eggs, sperm and embryos outside human body clinical methods and technological backup to ensure success rates.

B) The responsibilities of embryologists involve prudently managing and maintaining the genetic fabric used in creating embryos.

C) With the rising incidents of infertility globally — approximately 1 in 7 of reproductive age being diagnosed as infertile — the role of embryologist has also been intensified over the years for success rates.

D) An embryologist is nothing short of a scientist, who helps to create viable embryos to either be used in IVF treatment or while embryo freezing.

E) They also take care of the development of the embryos closely.

51. Which is the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

a) A  
b) C  
c) B  
d) E  
e) D

52. Which is the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

a) A  
b) C  
c) B  
d) E  
e) D

53. Which is the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

a) B  
b) E  
c) A  
d) C  
e) D

54. Which is the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

a) A  
b) B  
c) E  
d) C  
e) D

55. Which is the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

a) A  
b) C

c) B  
d) D  
e) E

**D.56–65) Read the passage carefully and fill the blanks with appropriate words from the given options.**

Conventional narratives have for long \_\_\_\_\_(56)\_\_\_\_\_ big companies as \_\_\_\_\_(57)\_\_\_\_\_ of social conservatism, unwilling to recognise expanding definitions of individual choice or unable to adapt to them. But the reverse has been true in the last decade or so, both in the West and in India, as big companies have often taken the lead in changing their HR practices to \_\_\_\_\_(58)\_\_\_\_\_ with changing times. That Accenture India and WeWork India are now offering medical cover to employees for egg-freezing is the latest example. This expensive procedure can widen women's motherhood and career windows in \_\_\_\_\_(59)\_\_\_\_\_ ways. Employers helping science help women \_\_\_\_\_(60)\_\_\_\_\_ childbirth to later in life, is a blow for individual choice and for women's participation in workplaces. This is not corporate \_\_\_\_\_(61)\_\_\_\_\_ either. It's smart HR policy. Progressive initiatives can be very \_\_\_\_\_(62)\_\_\_\_\_ ways of attracting and retaining quality talent in India Inc. Long before the Indian state and its judicial system got rid of the offensive Section 377 of IPC, major companies had \_\_\_\_\_(63)\_\_\_\_\_ gay identities in workplaces. Within the domain of relatively well-paid white-collar India, the demonstrative power is quite \_\_\_\_\_(64)\_\_\_\_\_, if only because major employers don't want to be labelled as unreformed, fuddy-duddy types by today's \_\_\_\_\_(65)\_\_\_\_\_ employees. The impact is less in medium and smaller companies, which are collectively a far larger employers. But if change begins at the top, there's the hope of it filtering down.

56.

a) designated  
b) magnified  
c) famed  
d) pegged  
e) secured

57.

a) crucibles  
b) multiples  
c) plausible  
d) directives  
e) whizzes

58.

a) here  
b) show  
c) merge  
d) align  
e) survive

59.

a) lunatic  
b) dramatic  
c) fringy  
d) stringent  
e) lucrative

60.

a) preparing  
b) pursuing  
c) defer

d) wish  
e) look

61.

a) technique  
b) etiquette  
c) quirk  
d) altruism  
e) ethic

62.

a) identical  
b) mandate  
c) authentic  
d) futuristic  
e) pragmatic

63.

a) envisaged  
b) generalised  
c) destigmatised  
d) stabilised  
e) mesmerised

64.

a) defensive  
b) substantial  
c) peripheral  
d) relative  
e) empathetic

65.

a) prospective  
b) eligible  
c) magnanimous  
d) irrational  
e) legitimate

**D.66–75) A sentence is divided into four parts. One of the parts may have an error. Identify the part that has the error and choose from the given options. If there is no error in the given sentence, then choose option '(e)' as the answer.**

66. Some ice shelves along the Antarctic Peninsula (A) / have undergone rapid disintegration in recent years, (B) / a phenomenon scientists believe may be (C) / relation to climate change. (D) / No Error (E)

a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error

67. Major financial investments and planning come (A) / onboard generally from the middle (B) / age as life start moving (C) / steadily, with a job and a family. (D) / No Error (E)

a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error

68. The current data from India and other countries indicate that (A) / re-infections are rare, how, in some cases, (B) / it may occur any time beyond three (C) / months after recovery from COVID-19. (D) / No Error (E)

a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error

69. A massive Antarctic iceberg that had threatened (A) / a penguin-populated island off the (B) / southern tip of South America has since (C) / lost much of their mass and broken into pieces. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error
70. There is increased awareness, and (A) / people have begun to accept (B) / acting as a profession, so accepting (C) / your child as actress in future is still difficult. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error
71. The 'Ganga-Lahiri', one of the most popular hymns (A) / to the Ganga, talks of the river as the mother who alone would (B) / care for the outcaste and the 'wicked' sons, where other (C) / mothers may care only for the good sons. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No error
72. Examinations are a necessity because (A) / the questions set are intend (B) / to test the understanding (C) / of the students. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error
73. The surge in WPI is because of (A) / a arise in global energy and commodity (B) / prices which are benchmarked against (C) / a phase last year when they were falling. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error
74. The initial failure of the India Meteorological Department (A) / to predict the intensity of Tauktae (B) / underline a need to upgrade our weather observation (C) / models to better account for rising sea temperatures. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error
75. By focusing your attention on (A) / one part of your body in a time, (B) / you can allow the rest of your body (C) / to relax and your brain to focus. (D) / No Error (E)
- a) A  
b) B  
c) C  
d) D  
e) No Error

English Explanations

51. Ans: d  
Exp:  
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Exp:  
Pegged – to consider someone as being a particular type of person or having particular qualities  
E.g. They had him pegged from the start as a cheat.
57. Ans: a  
Exp:  
Crucibles – a situation of severe trial or in which different elements interact, leading to the creation of something new  
Whizzes – do or deal with quickly
58. Ans: d  
Exp:  
Align – give support to (a person, organization or cause)
59. Ans: b  
Exp:  
Dramatic – (of an event or circumstance) sudden and striking
60. Ans: c  
Exp:  
Defer – put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone
61. Ans: d  
Exp:  
Altruism – disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others  
Quirk – (with reference to a person's mouth or eyebrow) move or twist suddenly, especially to express surprise or amusement  
Etiquette – the customary code of polite behaviour in society or among members of a particular profession or group
62. Ans: e  
Exp:  
Pragmatic – dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations
63. Ans: c  
Exp:  
Destigmatised – remove the negative associations from (something once regarded as shameful or disgraceful); cause to be no longer seen as a stigma  
Envisaged – contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event
64. Ans: b  
Exp:  
Substantial – of considerable importance, size or worth
65. Ans: a  
Exp:  
Prospective – likely to happen at a future date
66. Ans: d

Exp:

Replace 'relation' in part D with 'related', as 'be' will be followed by a verb in the past participle form.

67. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'start' in part C with 'starts', as the subject (life) is singular.

68. Ans: b

Exp:

Replace 'how' in part B with 'however'. 'However' is used to introduce a statement that contrasts with or seems to contradict something that has been said previously.

69. Ans: d

Exp:

Replace 'their' with 'its', as subject (a penguin-populated island) is singular.

70. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'so' with 'but', as 'but' is used as a connector to introduce a contradictory clause.

71. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'where' with 'whereas', as 'whereas' implies 'in contrast or comparison with the fact that'.

72. Ans: b

Exp:

Replace 'intend' with 'intended', as a past participle is required here.

73. Ans: b

Exp:

Replace 'a arise' with 'a rise'. 'Rise' is a noun meaning 'the process of or an action or instance of moving upwards or becoming greater'.

74. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'underline' with 'underlines' in C, as the subject (the initial failure of the India Meteorological Department) is singular.

75. Ans: b

Exp:

Replace 'in' with 'at'. 'At a time' means 'during one particular moment'.