

January 1, 2022

1. Which of the following countries has opened the world's longest metro rail to 2022?

- a. **China**
- b. Japan
- c. India
- d. Russia

- Shanghai has opened two new metro lines, upholding its rank as the city with the largest Metro network in the world. With the new lines, the total length of Shanghai's metro network has extended to 831 km, continuing to be the longest in the world.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/shanghai-opens-longest-metro-line-in-the-world-101640845953216.html>

2. Name the state/ UT where foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University was laid by the Prime Minister recently?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Bihar
- c. **Uttar Pradesh**
- d. New Delhi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut. The University will be established at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut at an estimated cost of about 700 Crore rupees. The University will have the capacity of training 1080 sportspersons including 540 female and 540 male sportspersons.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/pm-modi-lays-foundation-stone-of-major-dhyan-chand-sports-university-in-meerut-101641118139922.html>

3. Which of the following states launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners 2022?

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Bihar
- c. **Odisha**
- d. Nagaland

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched an online service for the verification of identity and submission of life certificates for pensioners of the state government. Identification and life certificates can now be submitted by the pensioners using an artificial intelligence-based video-verification process.

Link:<https://theprint.in/india/odisha-launches-digital-life-certificate-mechanism-for-pensioners/790903/>

4. The Jhansi Railway Station recently renamed as ‘Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station is located in:

a. **Uttar Pradesh**

b. Himachal Pradesh

c. Madhya Pradesh

d. Gujarat

- Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh has announced that the government of UP has renamed the Jhansi Railway Station, in Jhansi, UP as “Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station” after Rani Laxmibai. Earlier the Mughalsarai Railway station was renamed as Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction and the Faizabad Railway station as Ayodhya Cantt.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kanpur/jhansi-railway-stn-is-now-virangana-lakshmibai-station/articleshow/88640018.cms>

5. Who among the following is appointed as the Chairman and CEO of Railway Board, recently?

a. Baldev Prakash

b. **Vinay Kumar Tripathi**

c. Suneet sharma

d. Aswanilohani

- 1983 Batch of Indian Railway Service, Vinay Kumar Tripathi has been appointed as new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board. He is presently working as General Manager, Northeastern Railway to the post of Chairman of Railway Board.

Link: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/vk-tripathi-appointed-chairman-and-ceo-of-railway-board-1894821-2022-01->

[01#:~:text=Career%20railway%20officer%20VK%20Tripathi,Railway%20Board%2C%20replacing%](#)

[20Suneet%20Sharma.&text=The%20Indian%20Railways%20has%20appointed,North%2DEastern%20Railway%2C%20Gorakhpur.](#)

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6. Who among the following is appointed as the 24th Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard recently?
- N Harikumar
 - Krishnaswamy Natarajan
 - V.S. Pathania**
 - R Bargotra
- V.S. Pathania took over as the 24th Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard from Krishnaswamy Natarajan who retired from service. He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and National Defence College, New Delhi.
- Link:**<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/vs-pathania-takes-over-as-coast-guard-director-general/article38086977.ece>
7. Who among the following is awarded the Mumbai Press Club's RedInk Award 2020 recently?
- Danish Siddiqui**
 - Siddique Kappan
 - Arnabgoswami
 - Prem Shankar Jha
- Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan, has been posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club. CJI N V Ramana presented the annual 'RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism'. Senior journalist Prem Shankar Jha, 83, was bestowed with the lifetime achievement award "for his long and distinguished career of incisive and analytical writing".
- Link:**https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/danish-siddiqui-posthumously-gets-mumbai-press-club-s-redink-award-121123000240_1.html
8. Which among the following countries won U-19 Asia Cup 2021 finals?
- Sri lanka

b. India

c. Bangladesh

d. Pakistan

- India has lifted the under-19 Asia cricket Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by nine wickets in a rain-interrupted One-Day International final in Dubai through the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method.

Link:<https://www.firstpost.com/firstcricket/sports-news/u-19-asia-cup-2021-indias-title-win-ideal-confidence-booster-for-u-19-world-cup-says-vvs-laxman-10250661.html>

9. Which of the following represents the campaign launched recently by Ministry of education to enhance reading in India?

a. Chalo Bharat

b. Padhe Bharat

c. Wakeup India 2022

d. Samagrasiksha

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'. The launch of the 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which lays emphasis on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children by ensuring the availability of age-appropriate reading books for children in local/mother tongue/regional/tribal language.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/dharmendra-pradhan-launches-100-day-reading-campaign-padhe-bharat-101641098813770.html>

10. Which of the following countries has launched the 'Better Health Smoke-Free' campaign?

a. India

b. China

c. UK

d. Australia

- The UK government has launched a new initiative named 'Better Health Smoke-Free' campaign, which highlights the impact of adult smokers on younger people. The campaign has urged the smokers to quit smoking. As per the data released by the campaign, 4.9 per cent of teenagers whose parents smoke have also adopted the habit. New Zealand has also set goals to go smoke-free by 2030.

Link:<https://www.wionews.com/world/british-government-launches-initiative-that-urges-people-to-quit-smoking-440769#:~:text=The%20British%20government%20has%20launched,more%20likely%20to%20do%20so.&text=The%20initiative%20highlights%20the%20impact%20adult%20smokers%20have%20on%20younger%20people.>

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11. Deepor Beel, A Ramsar site in news is located in..?
- Nagaland
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Assam**
 - Karnataka
- The Kamrup (Metropolitan) district administration authorities have banned community fishing in Deepor Beel to prevent over-exploitation and preserve the only Ramsar site of Assam. The ban has meant that the community fishing is prohibited in Deepor Beel, a wetland on the south-western edge of Guwahati and Assam's only Ramsar site.
- Link:**<https://www.guwahatipuls.com/exclusive-news/guwahati-deepor-beel-wetland-and-ramsar-site-boundaries-still-await-proper-demarcation>
12. Which of the following institutions has authorized to issue and encash the 19th tranche of electoral bonds, recently?
- Reserve Bank of India
 - State Bank of India**
 - Finance Commission
 - Election Commission
- The government has approved the issuance of the 19th tranche of electoral bonds, which will be open for sale from January 1 to 10, 2022, ahead of assembly elections in five states: Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Goa. In the 19th tranche of sale, the State Bank of India (SBI), has been authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 specialised branches. There is no limit on the number of bonds an individual or company can purchase. An electoral bond will be valid for 15 days.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/govt-approves-19th-tranche-of-electoral-bonds-sale-opens-on-january-1/articleshow/88599715.cms>

13. Who among the following is the current Prime Minister of Somalia, suspended by the President recently?
- Mohamed Hussein Roble
 - Sebastián Piñera
 - Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo**
 - Denys Shmyhal
- Somalian Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble has been suspended. President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo has suspended the Prime Minister, who is facing allegations of involvement in the theft of land.

Link:<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/12/27/somalias-president-suspends-pm-amid-tensions-over-elections>

14. Which of the following days is celebrated as Global family day?
- January 1**
 - January 2
 - January 3
 - January 4
- January 1st is celebrated as a day of peace and sharing. Its aim is to unite and spread a message of peace by considering and promoting the idea that Earth is one Global Family so as to make the world a better place to live for everyone.

Link:<https://www.ritiriwaz.com/global-family-day-january-1/>

15. Who among the following has become the first Indian-origin woman to trek solo to South Pole?
- Sunita Williams
 - b. Sneha Sharma
 - Srishti Bandla
 - Harpreet Chandi**
- A 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer, Captain Harpreet Chandi has created history by becoming the first woman of colour to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/captain-harpreet-chandi-becomes-first-indian-origin-woman-to-trek-solo-to-south-pole/article38112868.ece>

January 4, 2022

16. Which of the following countries has associated with ISRO for its new” TRISHNA” mission?
- Russia
 - China
 - France
 - UK
- The TRISHNA mission (Thermal infra Red Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural resource Assessment) is a French-Indian mission to acquire imagery of Earth’s surface in the thermal infrared frequency with a high resolution.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/packed-22-for-isro-with-disha-trishna-venus-missions-work-on-gaganyaan-will-continue/articleshow/88676145.cms>

17. Which of the following items has got increased its GST rate in new revisions by GST Council?
- Textile
 - Electronic appliances
 - Automobiles
 - Mobile batteries
- The GST Council decided to defer the increase in the rate for textiles to 12% from 5%. It has referred the matter to a panel of Ministers, to review Rate Rationalisation. The GST on all readymade textile items, except those made with cotton, was earlier hiked to 12 per cent. The GST on footwear, except those below Rs 1,000, was also hiked to 12 per cent from 5 per cent. State representatives from Gujarat, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu opposed the hike.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/business/gst-hike-on-textiles-from-5-to-12-deferred-as-states-oppose-reports-101640940153456.html#:~:text=%22GST%20Council%20has%20decided%20to,statement%20opposing%20the%20GST%20hike.>

18. Which of the following Ministries have launched “India Semiconductor mission recently?”

- a. Ministry of electronics and communication
- b. **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**
- c. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- d. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) to attract large investments for setting up semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities in India. The companies that are interested are invited by the Centre for the development of the semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India. ISM is a specialised and independent business division within the Digital India Corporation.

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/semiconductor-mission-launched-by-it-minister-ashwini-vaishnaw-121123100044_1.html

19. Which of the following countries is the 6 months head of EU from January 2022?

- a. Austria
- b. Belgium
- c. Czech Republic
- d. **France**
- Austria, Belgium, Czech Republicax France has assumed the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union with effect from January 01, 2022. The country will continue to hold the EU presidency for the next six months till June 30, 2022. This is the 13th time that France has taken over the rotating presidency. The motto of France as EU President is “recovery, strength, belonging.”Upon the completion of six months presidency, France will be replaced by the Czech Republic.

Link:<https://www.euronews.com/2022/01/01/france-sets-out-an-ambitious-programme-for-its-presidency-of-the-european-union>

20. Which of the following countries is/are a part of India’s Exercise Milan 2022?

- a. Russia
- b. The United States
- c. The United Kingdom
- d. **All of the above**

- India has invited a total of 46 friendly foreign countries to participate in the multinational naval exercise Milan in Visakhapatnam, scheduled from February 25, 2022. The theme of this 11th edition of exercise Milan is camaraderie, cohesion and collaboration. This exercise was initiated in 1995 and held biennially and conducted with friendly navies. The countries that have been extended invitations for participation include Russia, the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Israel, Iran, France, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Brazil, United Arab Emirates, among the 46 nations.

Link:<https://www.financialexpress.com/defence/indian-navys-multilateral-milan-exercise-to-take-place-next-month-46-navies-expected-to-participate/2396975/>

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21. Who among the following is selected as the first women Interim Chairperson and Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation?

- a. Alka Mittal
- b. Soumya Saminathan
- c. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- d. Nita Ambani

- Dr. Alka Mittal has taken an additional charge as the Interim Chairperson and Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). Mittal has become the first woman to hold the post. She succeeded Subhash Kumar who retired on December 31, 2021. She will hold office as ONGC's first woman Chairperson and Managing Director for a period of six months.

Link:<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/alka-mittal-is-interim-ongc-head-first-woman-to-head-the-psu/88700269>

22. Which of the following Ministries launched SAAR program recently?

- a. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- b. Ministry of forest environment and climate change
- c. Ministry of minority affairs
- d. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched "Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)" program. Under the program, 15 premier architecture & planning

institutes of the country will be working with Smart Cities to document landmark projects undertaken by the Smart Cities Mission.

Link:<https://www.manoramayearbook.in/current-affairs/india/2022/01/06/mohua-launches-smart-cities-and-academia-towards-action-research-saar.html>

23. Who among the following is/are appointed as the new executive director of RBI, recently?

- a. Ajay Kumar Chaudhary
- b. Deepak Kumar
- c. a and b
- d. b only

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Ajay Kumar Choudhary and Deepak Kumar as the new executive directors (ED) on Jan 05, 2022. Ajay Choudhary was serving as the Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Supervision of the Central Bank. While Deepak Kumar was serving as the chief of the Information Technology department of RBI.

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/finance/rbi-appoints-ajay-kumar-choudhary-deepak-kumar-as-new-executive-directors-122010401354_1.html

24. Which of the following is the first RT-PCR kit approved by ICMR to detect Omicron?

- a. PCR test
- b. Antigen Rapid Test
- c. Omisure
- d. Coviself

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved a kit that will be used to detect Omicron. The kit is manufactured by Tata Medical and Diagnostics and is named Omi Sure. Currently, the kit developed by US-based scientific instrumentation company Thermo Fisher is being used in India to detect Omicron variants. It uses the S Gene Target Failure (SGTF) strategy to detect the variant.

Link:<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/health/what-is-omisure-india-s-first-rt-pcr-kit-that-identifies-omicron-in-under-4-hours-81002>

25. Which of the following days is celebrated as world Braille day?

- a. January 3
 - b. **January 4**
 - c. January 5
 - d. January 6
- It is observed on January 4 to honour the birth of Braille's inventor, Louis Braille.
Link: <https://nationaltoday.com/world-braille-day/>

January 6, 2022

26. Which of the following category to The northern pintail, gadwall and Eurasian wigeon belongs to?
- a. **Ducks**
 - b. High fly species
 - c. Pigeons
 - d. Desert birds
- **Water Bird Status Survey-2022** conducted in the **Chilika Lake**. The major species of birds noticed include the three pintail species of ducks – the northern pintail, gadwall and Eurasian wigeon, greater flamingo, northern shoveler, tufted duck, red crested pochard, common coot and common pochard. This time even the Mongolian gull was spotted in the lake.
Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/1074-lakh-birds-flock-to-chilika-largest-wintering-ground-in-indian-subcontinent/article38123554.ece>
27. Who among the following assumes the new chair of UN Counter-Terrorism Committee in India?
- a. Ajit Doval
 - b. **T S Tirumurti**
 - c. M A Ganapathy
 - d. Brajesh Mishra
- TS Tirumurti, India's permanent representative to the United Nations was named the new Chair of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC). Tirumurti served as Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, handling the Economic Relations portfolio (which included, inter alia, the Gulf and the Arab World, Africa, and India's Development Partnership)
Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/india-s-ts-tirumurti-assumes-new-chair-of-un-counter-terrorism-committee-122010500078_1.html

28. Which of the following states has renamed its Sainik School after the first Chief of Defence, Bipin Rawat?
- Gujarat
 - Punjab
 - Uttar Pradesh**
 - Andhra Pradesh

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh has decided to rename the Sainik School at Mainpuri after the first Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat who died in a helicopter crash in December 2021. The Sainik School in Mainpuri District in Uttar Pradesh had become functional from April 1, 2019. India's first Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 other armed forces personnel had died after their helicopter crashed near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu.

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/up-sainik-school-named-after-gen-bipin-rawat/articleshow/88748013.cms#:~:text=LUCKNOW%3A%20The%20Uttar%20Pradesh%20government,in%20Tamil%20Nadu%20last%20December.>

29. Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute is located in?
- Mumbai
 - Kolkata**
 - New Delhi
 - Chennai

- The second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute will be inaugurated by PM Modi in Kolkata on January 7, 2022. The second campus has been built in line with the PM's vision to expand and upgrade the health facilities in all parts of the country. As the institute was facing heavy load of cancer patients, a need for expansion was felt for some time. Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in Kolkata is equipped with modern facilities and it will also work as an advanced cancer research facility

Link: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/pm-modi-inaugurates-second-campus-of-cnci-know-all-about-the-new-cancer-institute-1897386-2022-01-07>

30. Which of the following days is celebrated as World Day of War Orphans?

- a. January 3
- b. January 4
- c. January 5

d. January 6

- On 6 January every year, World Day of War Orphans is celebrated to create awareness about the plight of the war orphans and to address the traumatic conditions faced by them.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/world-day-of-war-orphans-2022-all-you-need-to-know-1896662-2022-01-06>

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31. Which of the following Organizations has designed the Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) recently?

- a. Hindustan life care limited
- b. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd**
- c. DRDO
- d. ISRO

- The Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT), designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) for Stage 2 training of Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots, has successfully demonstrated the capability to carry out six turn spins, displaying an important requirement for the platform. IJTs are to replace the ageing “Kirans” of the IAF fleet.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/hals-intermediate-jet-trainer-completes-crucial-six-turn-spins-7710406/>

32. India’s first open rock museum is recently inaugurated in?

- a. New Delhi
- b. Hyderabad**
- c. Meerut
- d. Mumbai

- Union Minister of State for Science & Technology inaugurated India’s first open rock museum on the campus of the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) in Hyderabad. About 46 different types of rocks of ages ranging from 3.3 billion years to around 55 million years have been displayed in a garden with descriptions giving their economic and scientific importance.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/rock-museum-inaugurated-on-ngri-campus/article38154659.ece>

33. Which of the following countries has signed cMoU with India for the construction of bridge over Mahakali River?

- a. China
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Pakistan

d. **Nepal**

- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Nepal for construction of bridge over Mahakali River at Dharchula (India) – Dharchula (Nepal)

Link:<https://theprint.in/india/governance/cabinet-nod-for-mou-for-bridge-between-india-nepal-at-dharchula/796960/>

34. Who among the following is the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

a. **Zhang Ming**

- b. Vladimir Norov
- c. Wen Jiabao
- d. Li Keqiang

- China's senior diplomat Zhang Ming has taken charge as the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in which India is a member. He has taken charge from Vladimir Norov, former Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan for a three-year term.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/veteran-chinese-diplomat-appointed-sco-secretarygeneral-101641388222528.html>

35. Who among the following is reappointed as the chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)?

a. **Vijay Paul Sharma**

- b. Naveen Prakash Singh
- c. Ashok Gulati

d. Suresh N Patel

- The Centre has re-appointed Vijay Paul Sharma as the chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after he relinquished the post in May last year following completion of the five-year tenure.

Link:<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/govt-re-appoints-vijay-paul-sharma-as-cacp-chairman/article38101134.ece>

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36. Where do the 306-km New Rewari-New Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) located?

- a. Haryana
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. New Delhi
- d. Meerut

- The New Rewari-New Madar section of the WDFC is situated in Haryana, approximately 79 km in Mahendragarh and Rewari districts and Rajasthan approximately 227 km in Jaipur, Ajmer, Sikar, Nagaur, and Alwar districts. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated the 306-km New Rewari-New Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) to the nation.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pm-modi-dedicates-rewari-madar-section-of-the-western-dedicated-freight-corridor-to-nation/article33518548.ece>

37. Who among the following is appointed recently as the first Indo American Chief Information Officer of the US Army?

- a. Vinod Khosla
- b. Dr Raj Iyer
- c. Shantanu Narayen
- d. Sabeer Bhatia

- Indian-American Dr Raj Iyer has taken over as the first Chief Information Officer of the US Army, after the Pentagon created the position in July 2020. Dr Raj Iyer is one of the highest-ranking Indian-American civilians in the US Department of Defence.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/indian-american-becomes-us-armys-first-cio/article33518422.ece#:~:text=Raj%20Iyer%20has%20taken%20over,Iyer%2C%20who%20holds%20a%20Ph.>

38. Which of the following state Governments launches Krishi Sanjeevani Vans to test soil, water recently?

a. **Karnataka**

b. Andra Pradesh

c. Tamilnadu

d. Kerala

- The Chief Minister of Karnataka, B.S. Yediyurappa flagged off 40 Krishi Sanjeevani vans in Bengaluru. These vans have been launched by the state Agriculture Department with Central assistance under National Krishi Vikas Yojana to take up this novel programme.

Link:<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Karnataka-CM-launches-Krishi-Sanjeevani-vans-to-test-soil%2C-water-%26-suggest-remedies-for-pest-control&id=407445>

39. Who among the following is appointed as the 1st Woman Chief Justice of Telangana High Court?

a. Sonia Sotomayor

b. BV Nagarathna

c. **Hima Kohli**

d. Bela M Trivedi

- The senior-most judge of Delhi High Court, Justice Hima Kohli has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Telangana High Court. She is the first woman to be sworn in as CJ of Telangana HC. Justice Kohli was administered the oath of office by Telangana Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan. She replaces CJ Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, who has been appointed as the CJ of Uttarakhand HC.

Link:<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/current-affairs/190821/telangana-hc-chief-justice-hima-kohli-in-list-for-sc-judge-post.html>

40. Which of the following days is celebrated as African National Congress Foundation Day ?

a. January 6

b. January 7

c. **January 8**

d. January 9

- South African Native National Congress (SANNC) was founded on 8 January 1912 by John Langalibalele Dube in Bloemfontein. Behind this, the primary motive was to give voting rights to black and mixed-race Africans or to unite African people and spearhead the struggle for fundamental political, social, and economic change.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/gk-current-affairs/story/african-national-congress-foundation-day-2022-history-formation-significance-and-celebration-1897670-2022-01-08>

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41. Which of the following states initiated the 'village of books' in all districts?

- Haryana
- Madhya Pradesh
- Maharashtra**
- Uttar Pradesh

- A village of books inspired by the famous town of Hay-on-Wye in Wales, the U.K., will soon be seen in every district of Maharashtra. The initiative takes its cue from a successful pilot project launched in May 2017 in the village of Bhilar near the hill station of Mahabaleshwar.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/maharashtra-to-have-a-village-of-books-in-every-district/article38190297.ece>

42. Orang national park in news, is located at,

- Haryana
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Assam**
- Goa

- Orang National park is the oldest reserve of the State just on the northern bank of river Brahmaputra in Assam.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/expanded-tiger-reserve-may-see-return-of-gharials-in-assam/article38190380.ece>

43. The tallest Wolf Volcano (1701 m) erupts recently is located in

- Japan

b. Sumatra

c. Galapagos

d. South Africa

- The 1,701-meter (5,580-foot) volcano is one of numerous active volcanos in the Galapagos, which are nearly 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) from mainland South America.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/tallest-galapagos-volcano-erupts-spewing-lava-ash/article38183790.ece>

44. Which of the following states are connected end to end by the newly launched Agartala-Jiribam-Agartala Jan Shatabdi Express train?

a. Manipur and Tripura

b. Nagaland and Tripura

c. Assam and Tripura

d. Manipur and Nagaland

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flags off newly launched Agartala-Jiribam-Agartala Jan Shatabdi Express train connecting the states of Manipur and Tripura via Assam

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/railway-minister-flags-off-jan-shatabdi-express-connecting-tripura-manipur-101641654058275.html>

45. Which of the following countries conducted the test flight of Fatah 1 ?

a. Pakistan

b. Israel

c. UAE

d. Kazakhstan

- The Pakistan Army successfully conducted the test flight of an indigenously developed Guided Multi Launch Rocket System, Fatah-1. The Fatah-1 weapon system is capable of precisely delivering conventional warheads deep into “enemy territory.”

Link:<https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2021/aug/24/pakistan-successfully-test-launches-indigenously-developed-rocket-system-2349200.html>

January 10, 2022

46. Which of the following released the Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India 2021, recently?

a. CWC

b. CPWD

c. CBI

d. Supreme court

- The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) released the Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India 2021. The guidelines are a revision of the Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-Free Built Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons 2016. Drafted by the CPWD, under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) the revised guidelines aim to give a holistic approach and focus on universal accessibility.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/government-releases-revised-universal-accessibility-guidelines/article38203288.ece>

47. Which of the following days is decided to celebrate as Veer Baal Diwas?

a. January 10

b. December 26

c. March 22

d. August 14

- The Prime Minister declared that December 26 shall henceforth be marked as Veer Baal Diwas.

Veer Baal Diwas: –

- December 26 is to be celebrated as Veer Baal Diwas to pay homage to the courage of the Sahibzades, four sons of Guru Gobind Singh, the last Sikh guru.
- The date has been chosen as it was the day observed as the martyrdom day of the Sahibzadas Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh, who were killed at the tender age of six and nine in Sirhind by Mughal forces.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/veer-baal-diwas-to-be-observed-on-dec-26-as-tribute-to-guru-gobind-singhs-sons/article38200926.ece>

48. Who among the following is appointed as Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank?

- a. D J Pandian
b. **Urjit Patel**
c. Reghuram Rajan
d. Viral Acharya
- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel will take charge as the Vice President for Investment Operations for South Asia, the Pacific Islands and South East Asia of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on February 1, 2022. Patel will succeed D.J. Pandian as Vice President.
Link:<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/urjit-patel-to-take-charge-as-aiib-vice-president-on-feb-1-11641916075164.html>
49. Who among the following wins Melbourne Summer Set 1 ATP 250 tennis men's title?
- a. Roger Federer
b. **Rafael Nadal**
c. Maxime Cressy
d. Simona Halep
- World number six Rafael Nadal won the men's singles tennis title at 2022 Melbourne Summer Set 1. Nadal beat American qualifier Maxime Cressy 7-6(6), 6-3 to earn his 89th career ATP title. In the women's singles, Simona Halep beat Russia's Veronika Kudermetova 6-2, 6-3 to win her 23rd career WTA title.
Link:<https://www.indiatvnews.com/sports/tennis/melbourne-summer-set-2022-rafael-nadal-beats-cressy-to-win-his-89th-tour-level-title-2022-01-09-753570>
50. Which of the following days is celebrated as Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas?
- a. January 6
b. January 7
c. January 8
d. **January 9**
- First Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was celebrated on 9 January 2003. The date, 09 January, was selected to mark the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915

LinkL:<https://www.thequint.com/lifestyle/pravasi-bharatiya-divas-date-history-and-significance-theme#:~:text=First%20Pravasi%20Bharatiya%20Divas%20was,Africa%20to%20India%20in%201915.>

January 11, 2022

51. Which of the following governments released ‘disturbed area’ notification under AFSPA recently?

a. Nagaland

b. **Manipur**

c. Mizoram

d. Arunachal Pradesh

- The Manipur government issued a notification declaring the entire State, excluding the Imphal Municipal areas, as “disturbed” under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958. Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) is a Parliamentary act that grants special powers to the Indian Armed Forces and the state and paramilitary forces in areas classified as “disturbed areas”. The objective to implement the AFSPA Act is to maintain law and order in the disturbed areas.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/mainpur-govt-issues-disturbed-area-notification/article38228780.ece>

52. Which of the following days is celebrated as World Hindi Day?

a. **January 10**

b. January 7

c. January 8

d. January 9

- January 10 is celebrated as World Hindi Day every year to spread awareness about Hindi as an international language across the world. The day is especially observed by Indian embassies abroad.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/world-hindi-day-today-history-objective-famous-quotes-101641780976419.html>

53. Sanjay Lake wetland in news is located at?

a. **New Delhi**

b. Meerut

c. Kolkata

d. Karnataka

- The Asian Water bird Census (AWC) is being carried out across seven wetlands in the NCR — Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary, Dhanauri and Surajpur wetlands in Greater Noida, Delhi Zoo and Sanjay Lake, Okhla Bird Sanctuary, Najafgarh Jheel and the Yamuna River. The census recorded only 13 species in the Sanjay Lake, down from 17 species recorded from 2019 to 2021. The two migratory species recorded were the Great Cormorant, which migrates from Southeast Asia, and the Eurasian Coot, which migrates from Temperate Asia.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/asian-waterbird-census-sanjay-lake-waterbird-drop-7710581/>

54. Which of the following countries conduct **Sea Dragon 22' Military Exercise**?

a. Indo Pacific countries

b. ASEAN

c. QUAD Nations

d. India, Australia, UK

- The US Navy announced that the Sea Dragon 22 exercise began along with the navies of India, Australia, Canada, Japan and South Korea. It is a multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Pacific Ocean, participated by six Indo-Pacific nations. India, Japan, Australia and America are also part of the 'QUAD' group, and also participate in the Malabar exercise.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-anti-submarine-exercise-us-7710105/>

55. Which of the following days is celebrated as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day?

a. January 8

b. January 9

c. January 10

d. January 11

- January 11 is observed as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to raise awareness on the persistent issue of human trafficking.

Link: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day/>

January 12, 2022

56. Which of the following states Petta Thullal is performed as a ritualistic sacred dance?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Kerala**
- c. Tamilnadu
- d. Telangana

- Teams of Ayyappa devotees from Ambalappuzha performed Petta Thullal at Sabarimala. Petta Thullal is a ritualistic sacred dance, part of the annual Sabarimala pilgrimage season. It celebrates the victory of good over evil in the legend of Lord Ayyappa who killed the demon princess Mahishi. It is the beginning of the last leg of the annual Sabarimala pilgrimage season.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/ambalappuzha-group-for-petta-thullal-leaves-for-sabarimala/article38153429.ece>

57. Which of the following countries collaborate BrahMos supersonic cruise missile ?

- a. India – US
- b. India- France
- c. India- Russia**
- d. India- China

- The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was test-fired from the recently commissioned stealth guided missile destroyer INS Visakhapatnam. BrahMos is a short-range, supersonic anti-ship/land-attack cruise missile. The name 'BrahMos' is derived from India's Brahmaputra and the Moskva River in Russia. BrahMos is a joint collaboration between India and Russia. It is capable of being launched from land, sea, sub-sea and air against surface and sea-based targets. The range of the missile was originally capped at 290 km as per obligations of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). Following India's entry into the club in June 2016, the range would be extended to 450 km and to 600 km at a later stage.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/sea-to-sea-variant-of-brahmos-cruise-missile-successfully-tested-from-newly-commissioned-ins-visakhapatnam-7717819/>

58. Who among the following is appointed as the Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)?

- a. [A.P Jamkhedkar](#)

b. Raghuvendra Tanwar

c. T.R. Sareen

d. Kumud Bansal

- Professor emeritus, Kurukshetra University Raghuvendra Tanwar has been appointed as chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). The primary aim and objective of the Indian Council of Historical Research is to promote and give directions to historical research and to encourage and foster objective and scientific writing of history.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/prof-raghvendra-tanwar-appointed-chairman-ichr/articleshow/88815701.cms>

59. Who among the following is appointed as next IMF's Chief Economist?

a. Gita Gopinath

b. Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas

c. Emmanuel Saez

d. Steffano Dellavigna

- French-born economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas has been named as the next chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He will succeed Gita Gopinath, the first woman to serve as the Fund's chief economist. He will take over as first deputy managing director of IMF from January 21 2022. Initially, Gourinchas will join the IMF on a part-time basis from January 24, 2022. He will take upon a role on a full-time basis from April 1, 2022.

Link:<https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2022/01/10/pr2201-imf-managing-director-names-pierre-olivier-gourinchas-economic-counsellor-head-research-dept>

60. Which of the following days is celebrated as National Youth Day?

a. January 8

b. January 9

c. January 12

d. January 11

- The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda also called Swami Vivekananda Jayanti is celebrated every year on 12 January. He was born on 12 January, 1863. The government had decided to observe it as National Youth Day because the philosophy of Swamiji and the ideals for which he lived and

worked could be a great source of inspiration for the Indian Youth. He had given a speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago and glorified India's name.

Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/national-youth-day-2022-date-history-and-why-is-rashtriya-yuva-diwas-celebrated-on-swami-vivekananda-birth-anniversary-4642970.html>

January 13, 2022

61. Who among the following is the newly appointed Chairman of ISRO?

- a. Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- b. S. Somanath**
- c. Ritu Karidhal
- d. Moumita Dutta

- Notable rocket scientist S. Somanath has been appointed Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Space Secretary. Dr. Somanath has been serving as the Director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST). The scientist is taking over ISRO at a crucial time when ISRO has numerous missions and projects like the Gaganyaan Mission. Further, the COVID-19 has played havoc with ISRO's schedules over the past two years, setting another challenge. Dr. Somanath has played a major role in the development of the PSLV and the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk-III (GSLV Mk-III).

Link: <https://www.isro.gov.in/update/14-jan-2022/shri-s-somanath-assumes-charge-secretary-department-of-space>

62. Which of the following week is celebrated as National Innovation Week' in India?

- a. December
- b. January**
- c. February
- d. March

- Ministry of Education (MoE), AICTE, and Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT) is organising 'National Innovation Week' from January 10 to 16, 2022. During the innovation week, various initiatives undertaken by these agencies to spread awareness to promote innovation and entrepreneurship will be highlighted. An e- symposium on 'Building Innovation Ecosystem in educational institutions was held by the Ministry of Education.

Link:<https://www.un.org/en/observances/creativity-and-innovation-day>

63. Who among the following is appointed as the appointed as new Prime Minister of Kazakhstan?

a. Alikhan Smailov

b. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

c. Askar Mamin

d. Erbolat Dosaev

- The parliament of Kazakhstan has unanimously approved the appointment of Alikhan Smailov as the new Prime Minister of the country. His name was nominated by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on January 11, 2022. Prior to this, the 49-year-old Smailov served as the country's finance minister from 2018 to 2020. He became the first deputy prime minister in the Cabinet in 2019.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/alikhan-smailov-named-kazakhstans-prime-minister/article38231177.ece>

64. "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership" is the autobiography of?

a. Malavika Hedge

b. Kanimozhi

c. Anshula Kant

d. Arundhati Bhattacharya

- HarperCollins is set to publish "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership" the autobiography of Arundhati Bhattacharya, retired Indian banker and former first-ever woman Chairperson of the State Bank of India. Indomitable features the story of Arundhati Bhattacharya's life as a banker and the difficulties she faced in the male-dominated sector. She is the chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of sales force India, a cloud-based Software as a service (SaaS) company headquartered in San Francisco, California, United States of America

Link:<https://www.prnewswire.com/in/news-releases/harpercollins-is-proud-to-announce-the-forthcoming-publication-of-the-autobiography-of-an-iconic-business-leader-897712066.html>

65. Which of the following days is celebrated as Lohri festival day in Northern India?

a. January 10

b. January 13

- c. January 12
- d. January 11
- Lohri is the first festival of the year 2022 and marks the beginning of the harvest season. It is celebrated with full enthusiasm in northern India, mainly Punjab, and Haryana. Lohri festival is celebrated on 13 January 2022 by lighting up a bonfire and dancing around it with friends and relatives. Wheat stalk, rice, rewri, jaggery, popcorn are offered by the people at the bonfire.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/food-news/5-important-things-you-need-to-know-about-lohri/articleshow/73221361.cms>

January 14, 2022

66. Which of the following institutions prepare India State of Forest Report every year?
- a. **Forest Survey of India**
 - b. soil and land use survey of India
 - c. Indian institute of soil science
 - d. Indian soil research institute
- The Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has released the 'India State of Forest Report 2021' prepared by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) .
 - India State of Forest Report (ISFR) is a biennial publication of the Forest Survey of India (FSI), an organization under the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC). The India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021 is the 17th report in the series, and this report was first published in the year 1987

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/forest-tree-cover-in-india-up-by-2261-sq-km-in-two-years/article38266588.ece>

67. The places Keeladi, Sivakalai where Archaeological excavations and carbon dating analysis of rice with soil in a burial urn is located at :
- a. Kerala
 - b. **Tamilnadu**
 - c. Andhra Pradesh
 - d. Telangana

- Tamil Nadu is using technology for authentication of the findings from the excavations at Keeladi and Sivakalai, besides tapping into literary evidence.
- Archaeological excavations at **Keeladi** and carbon dating analysis of rice with soil found in a burial urn at **Sivakalai**, indicate the **Thambirabarani civilisation** dates back to 3,200 years, have reignited an interest in the ancientness of Tamil civilisation.
- The State is now using scientific methodologies, along with literary evidence, to ensure the findings are indisputable and stand intellectual scrutiny globally.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/tools-to-test-ties-with-the-past/article38269095.ece>

68. Red Sanders', recently seen in the news belongs to which species in the ecosystem?

- a. Insects
- b. Mammals
- c. Birds
- d. **Trees**

- Red Sanders (Red Sandalwood) is a tree species endemic to the Eastern Ghats mountain range of South India. The tree (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) has recently classified back into the 'endangered' category in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List. The species found in Chittoor, Kadapa, Nandhyal, Nellore, Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh has been assessed as 'endangered'.

Link:<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/wildlife-biodiversity/red-sanders-falls-back-in-iucn-s-endangered-category-81053>

69. Who is the newly appointed MD & CEO of Ujjivan SFB?

- a. **Ittira Davis**
- b. Nitin Chug
- c. Atanu Kumar Das
- d. L V Prabhakar

- Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Ittira Davis as managing director & chief executive officer of (MD & CEO) of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank for one tenure. He will take charge of the extended tenure from January 14, 2022. The post had been lying vacant since three-month

following the sudden exit of incumbent Nitin Chugh. Prior to Ujjivan, Davis was the Managing Director with the Europe Arab Bank, London. He has also held leadership positions with Arab Bank plc, Bahrain and Citibank, India. He has over 40 years of work experience in India, Middle East and Europe.

Link:<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/ittira-davis-to-be-appointed-md-ceo-of-ujjivan-small-finance-bank-11638804287855.html>

70. Which of the following days is celebrated as Pongal in South India?

- a. January 10
- b. **January 14**
- c. January 13
- d. January 11

- One of the most popular festivals in India is Pongal and is celebrated widely by the Tamil community across the globe. As per the Tamil solar calendar, Pongal is celebrated in Tai month. It is a four-day event that is dedicated to the Sun God. According to the Gregorian calendar, the Pongal festival will be observed on 14 January 2022. It is a four-day festival. Therefore, it will be celebrated from 14 January to 17 January 2022.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/pongal-2022-date-history-significance-celebrations-of-the-harvest-festival-101642063742062.html>

January 15, 2022

71. Which of the following is the first country to buy India's BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system?

- a. Russia
- b. France
- c. Japan
- d. **Philippines**

- Philippines becomes first country to buy India's BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system in a contract worth \$374.96 million. The BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd will supply the missile, under the **Shore-Based Anti-Ship Missile System Acquisition Project**, for Philippine Navy.

Link:<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/nation/india-gets-first-brahmos-order-worth-374-mn-from-philippines->

[361351#:~:text=BrahMos%2C%20the%20supersonic%20cruise%20missile,of%20the%20missile%20from%20India](#)

72. Who is the newly appointed President of Nicaragua:

a. Violeta Chamorro

b. Daniel Ortega

c. Anastasio Somoza Debayle

d. Rosario Murillo

- Daniel Ortega sworn in as President of Nicaragua for 5th term. Nicaraguan President José Daniel Ortega Saavedra, leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), was sworn in for a new presidential term. This marks his 5th term and 4th consecutive term as the President of Nicaragua.

Link:<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/daniel-ortega-sworn-4th-straight-term-nicaraguas-leader-rcna11761>

73. MSME Technology Centre' has inaugurated recently in?

a. Puducherry

b. Maharashtra

c. Gujarat

d. Kerala

- PM Modi inaugurated MSME Technology Centre & Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam in Puducherry. Technology Centre of the MSME Ministry is established at Puducherry with an investment of about Rs 122 crore.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/pm-modi-inaugurates-technology-centre-of-msme-ministry-in-puducherry/articleshow/88849424.cms>

74. India GDP(%) in FY 2022 by United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report projects

a. 8.4

b. 6.5

c. 7

d. 6.9

- The GDP growth forecast of India in fiscal 2022 is estimated to grow at 6.5 percent as per the United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report. Earlier this was estimated at 8.4%.

Link:<https://www.freepressjournal.in/business/un-projects-indias-economic-growth-at-65-in-fy2022-says-recovery-on-solid-path-amid-rapid-vaccination-progress>

75. Which of the following days is celebrated as Indian Army day?

- a. **January 15**
 - b. January 14
 - c. January 13
 - d. January 11
- Every year 15 January is observed as Indian Army Day because on this day in 1949 field Marshal Kodandera M Cariappa took over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Butcher, the last British Commander-in-Chief.

Link:<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1790154>

January 16, 2022

76. Which of the following states introduced Data Purity Project in the context of the Social Security scheme?

- a. Maharastra
 - b. **Tamilnadu**
 - c. Telangana
 - d. Rajasthan
- Tamil Nadu aims to centralize the data from all its departments through the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA). To ensure data purity, all departments should provide TNeGA a one-time dump of its electronic data and thereafter, update them from time to time.
 - The two illustrations form part of the steps taken by the State government under the data purity project: –
 - To achieve the right targeting of numerous welfare schemes.
 - To ensure that the needy and eligible persons should be brought under the fold of welfare schemes.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/in-tamil-nadu-rationalising-distribution-of-welfare-schemes-based-on-data/article38275963.ece>

77. Central Institute of Classical Tamil', is located at:

- a. Coimbatore
- b. **Chennai**
- c. Madurai
- d. Trichi

- A Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new building of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Perumbakkam on the outskirts of the Chennai city. CICT was formerly known as the Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil (CECT), is an autonomous organisation under the Union Ministry of Education. It was functioning at the campus of the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore from 2006 to 2008.

Link:<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/south/pm-modi-launches-new-building-of-cict-in-chennai-1070553.html>

78. Which of the following became the largest and fastest growing UPI beneficiary Payment bank in India?

- a. NSDL Payments Bank
- b. **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd**
- c. India Post Payments Bank
- d. Jio Payments Bank

- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) became the largest and fastest growing UPI beneficiary bank in India. It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over 926 million UPI transactions in a single month. Beneficiary banks are the banks of the account holder who is receiving money.

- **Link:**<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/paytm-payments-bank-receives-over-926-million-monthly-transactions-11642059285478.html>

79. Who has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022 recently?

- a. **Harshaali Malhotra**
- b. Amir Khan
- c. Alia Bhatt
- d. Salman Khan

- The 2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan fame actress, Harshaali Malhotra has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022. The Government of Maharashtra organised the Bharat Ranta Dr Ambedkar national Awards 2022 ceremony in the memory of Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar as a part of the upcoming 73rd Republic Day.

Link:<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/entertainment/harshaali-malhotra-honoured-with-bharat-ratna-dr-ambedkar-award-360597>

80. Which of the following days is decided to celebrate as National Start-up Day?

- a. January 15
- b. **January 16**
- c. January 14
- d. January 11

- To make the culture of start-ups reach the far-flung parts of the country, it has been decided to celebrate January 16 as "National Start-up Day"

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/january-16-to-be-celebrated-as-national-start-up-day-pm-modi-122011500404_1.html

January 15 – Thiruvalluvar Day

January 17,2022

81. The process which involves interspecies transplants is termed as?

- a. **Xeno transplantation**
- b. Direct transplantation
- c. Inter transplantation
- d. Intra transplantation

- The 'xenotransplant' is the process which involves interspecies transplants and exhibits endless possibilities to treat otherwise untreatable diseases. Both living and dead humans are being sourced as donors but because of scientific, ethical and social challenges, the number of human donors remains restricted.

Link: <https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2022/01/15/the-science-behind-the-first-successful-pig-to-human-heart-transplant>

82. Which of the following countries recently launched formal Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with India?

- a. Russia
- b. UK**
- c. France
- d. Ukraine

- With an aim of doubling the trade between India and the United Kingdom (UK) by 2030, the countries launched formal Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. Bilateral trade between the countries is worth about \$50 billion per year. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said both countries had agreed to sensitive sectors such as agriculture and dairy sectors. As per WTO, preferential terms can be given if they have bilateral agreements that cover all the trade.

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/india-uk-start-fta-negotiations-to-double-bilateral-trade-by-2030-122011301239_1.html

83. Which of the following PSUs has signed a joint development agreement with Africa50 investment platform to develop 'Kenya Transmission Project'?

- a. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- b. Bharat Petroleum
- c. Power Grid Corporation**
- d. Steel Authority of India

- Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd has signed a joint development agreement with Africa50, to continue to develop the Kenya Transmission Project on a public-private partnership basis. Africa50 is a pan-African infrastructure investment platform. After completion, the project will be the first independent power transmission (IPT) in Kenya and Africa's first financing of transmission lines on a PPP basis.

Link: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1789463>

84. Which of the following is the country's first sanitary napkin-free panchayat in Kerala?

- a. Nedumangad
- b. Kumbalangi**
- c. Chelavoor

d. Chengannoor

- Kerala's Kumbalangi is set to become the country's first sanitary napkin-free panchayat. This move is a part of the 'Avalkayi' initiative, which is being implemented in the Ernakulam parliamentary constituency, in association with the "Thingal Scheme" of HLL Management Academy's and Indian Oil Corporation.

Link:<https://www.indiatimes.com/news/india/kerala-sanitary-napkin-free-village-kumbalangi-559330.html>

85. Which of the following countries associated with Indian Navy for PASSEX Naval exercise?

a. **Russia**

b. France

c. Maldives

d. Srilanka

- Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea. The Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided-missile destroyer, INS Kochi, took part in the exercise. Russian Federation Navy was represented by RFS Admiral Tributs.

Link:<https://www.republicworld.com/world-news/global-event-news/indian-navys-ins-kochi-undertakes-passex-with-russias-admiral-tributs-in-arabian-sea-articleshow.html>

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86. Pandit Birju Maharaj, who passed way recently, was famous for?

a. Odissey

b. **Kathak**

c. Sarod

d. Politics

- Belonging to the Lucknow Gharana, Pandit Maharaj was also a singer par excellence. He received the second-highest civilian award in the country -- Padma Vibhushan in 1986. Kathak maestro Pandit Birju Maharaj passed away at the age of 83 in the early hours of Monday (January 17)

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/kathak-maeastro-pandit-birju-maharaj-passes-away-83-tributes-7727056/>

87. Which of the following digital platform aims to bring around 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects?

- a. Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti
- b. UDAN
- c. Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan
- d. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

- The Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti is basically a digital platform that aims to bring around 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. It is part of the National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity. It will incorporate the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, UDAN, etc.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/gati-shakti-nitin-gadkari-meets-leaders-from-states/article38284544.ece>

88. Who is appointed as the new chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, AEPC?

- a. Dr A Sakthivel
- b. Narendra Kumar Goenka
- c. Arun Kumar Singh
- d. Subhash Kumar

- Narendra Kumar Goenka has been appointed as the new chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, AEPC. Former chairman Padma Dr A Sakthivel handed over the charge to him. Mr. Goenka has been associated with the Council for more than two decades.

Link:<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Narendra-Kumar-Goenka-appointed-as-new-chairman-of-AEPC&id=433680>

89. Which of the following platform launched the 'JagrukVoter' campaign recently?

- a. Twitter
- b. Facebook
- c. Google
- d. Instagram

- Micro-blogging platform Twitter launched the ‘JagrukVoter’ campaign, which aims to empower citizens with right knowledge before they vote. The series of initiatives aims to enhance engagement of the platform with voters. It includes the launch of a customized emoji, with notification and reminder, to support the conversation around #AssemblyElections2022.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/twitter-launches-jagrukvoter-campaign-to-empower-voters-ahead-of-assembly-elections/articleshow/88876134.cms>

90. Which of the following countries launch stamp to mark 1 year of Covid vaccination?

- a. Russia
- b. UK
- c. **India**
- d. Australia

- The government of India has released a commemorative postal stamp on the Covid-19 vaccination on Sunday to mark the first anniversary of the country’s national immunization programme against the virus. The commemorative stamp design features a healthcare worker inoculating a senior citizen with COVID-19 vaccine, along with an image of ‘COVAXIN’ vial.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/centre-launches-stamp-to-mark-1-year-of-covid-vaccination-101642358311764.html>

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91. The new capital of Indonesia in news, is:?

- a. Borneo island
- b. Kalimantan
- c. Jakarta
- d. **Nusantara**

- Indonesia replaces sinking Jakarta with new capital city Nusantara: Details here. Nusantara has been chosen keeping in mind the future of Indonesia, the government said in a statement. The initial relocation will start from between 2022 and 2024. The plan was formulated as Jakarta is prone to flooding amid climate change. The sinking megacity also suffers from chronic congestion and air pollution.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/indonesia-replaces-sinking-jakarta-with-new-capital-city-nusantara-details-here-101642653954758.html#:~:text=Nusantara%3A%20Details%20here-.Indonesia%20replaces%20sinking%20Jakarta%20with%20new%20capital%20city%20Nusantara%3A%20Details,from%20between%202022%20and%202024.>

92. Who among the following is the newly appointed CMD of Air India ?

- a. Vikram Dev Dutt
- b. Chanchal Kumar
- c. Ashwani Lohani
- d. Rohit Nandan

- Senior bureaucrat Vikram Dev Dutt has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of Air India Ltd as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle. He has been appointed as the Air India chief in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary, an order issued by the personnel ministry said.

Link:<https://www.newindianexpress.com/business/2022/jan/19/vikram-dev-dutt-appointed-air-india-cmd-2408541.html#:~:text=NEW%20DELHI%3A%20Senior%20bureaucrat%20Vikram,by%20the%20personnel%20ministry%20said.>

93. Who has won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award?

- a. Bayern Munich forward
- b. Robert Lewandowski
- c. Zinedine Zidane
- d. a and b

- Bayern Munich forward and Poland captain Robert Lewandowski won the award for the second straight year after a season in which he beat Gerd Mueller's 49-year-old record of 40 goals in a single Bundesliga campaign.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/sports/football/story/robert-lewandowski-wins-fifa-the-best-men-s-player-award-alexia-putellas-wins-women-s-crown-1901242-2022-01-18#:~:text=Bayern%20Munich%20forward%20and%20Poland,in%20a%20single%20Bundesliga%20campaign.>

94. Which of the following states has introduced Rojgar Mission’?
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Chhattisgarh**
 - Gujarat
 - Maharashtra
- The Chhattisgarh government has decided to set up an employment mission headed by Chief Minister BhupeshBaghel. The Chhattisgarh Rojgar Mission will have chief secretary and principal secretary as the Vice Chairman and CEO respectively. It aims to create around 15 lakh job opportunities in the state in the next five years, by leveraging expertise of premiere institutions such as IITs and IIMs.
- Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/chhattisgarh-govt-to-set-up-employment-mission-to-create-15-lakh-job-opportunities-in-five-years/article38273979.ece>

95. Which of the following days is celebrated as the raising day of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?
- January 17
 - January 18
 - January 19**
 - January 20
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrates its Raising Day every year on **January 19**, since it came into existence on January 19, 2006. In 2022, the NDRF is observing its **17th** Raising Day. There are 12 NDRF battalions located in different parts of the country and comprises as many as 13,000 NDRF personnel who work to build a safer country.
- Link:<https://www.firstpost.com/india/17th-ndrf-raising-day-president-venkaiah-naidu-pm-modi-extend-greetings-on-occasion17th-ndrf-raising-day-pm-modi-venkaiah-naidu-extend-greetings-on-the-occasion-10298441.html>

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96. Sahyadriadenisoni(Miss Kerala) in news is a species under,
- Insects
 - Bird
 - Fish**

d. Butterfly

- Sahyadriadenisonii (Miss Kerala) is a native freshwater fish commonly found in Karnataka and Kerala. It is endemic to around 11 fast-flowing hill streams and rivers of the Western Ghat states of Kerala and Karnataka in India

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/miss-kerala-not-endangered-aquarists/article38295881.ece>

97. The famous Indian tigress named 'Collarwali' recently passed away was lived at.. ?

- a. Kanha Tiger Reserve
- b. Corbett Tiger Reserve
- c. **Pench tiger reserve**
- d. Gir forests

- India's "Supermom" tigress, popularly known as 'Collarwali', has passed away at Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Madhya Pradesh, due to old-age.

Link: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/collarwali-tigress-who-gave-birth-to-29-cubs-dies-in-madhya-pradesh-2711399>

98. Which of the following countries will host the 2022 AFC Women's football Asian Cup?

- a. **India**
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Nepal
- d. Pakistan

- India is all set to host AFC Women's football Asian Cup India 2022 from 20th January 2022 in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and Pune.

Link: <https://newsonair.com/2022/01/18/india-set-to-host-football-afc-womens-asian-cup-india-2022-from-20th-jan/>

99. Name the first black woman to appear on US coin?

- a. Michael obama
- b. **Maya Angelou**
- c. Wangari Maathai

d. Toni Morrison

- The US Treasury has minted coins featuring poet Maya Angelou – the first black woman ever featured on the US 25-cent coin known as a quarter. Angelou, a poet and activist, was the first black woman to write and perform a poem at a presidential inauguration

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/poet-maya-angelou-becomes-first-black-woman-to-appear-on-us-coin-1899044-2022-01-12>

100. Which of the following institutions has launched Saa□ thi, a mobile application for investors?

a. RBI

b. SBI

c. **SEBI**

d. Government of India

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), India’s market regulator, has unveiled Saa□ thi, a mobile application for investors. The new app aims to improve investor awareness about the fundamentals of the securities market.

Link:<https://www.cnbc18.com/market/all-you-need-to-know-about-sebis-saathi-app-for-investors-12189812.htm>

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101. Dimitar Kovacevski is the newly appointed Prime Minister of..?

a. North Macedonia

b. New Zealand

c. **Egypt**

d. Bulgaria

- North Macedonia’s Parliament elected a new cabinet under a new Social Democratic leader, Dimitar Kovacevski. He succeeds his Social Democratic predecessor, Zoran Zaev. The new Prime Minister announced that his immediate tasks are tackling the ongoing energy crisis and key talks with Bulgaria. The Republic of North Macedonia is a country in Southeast Europe.

Link:<https://www.rferl.org/a/north-macedonia-elect-prime-minister--dimitar-kovacevski-/31657339.html>

102. Who among the following is the newly appointed Chairman of IFFCO?

- a. ParagAgrawal
- b. **DileepSanghani**
- c. Balvinder Singh Nakai
- d. ArvindAgarwalla

- the board of directors of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) has unanimously elected Dileep Sanghani as the 17th Chairman of the Cooperative. He succeeds Balvinder Singh Nakai, who passed away earlier on October 11, 2021. Prior to this, Sanghani was serving as vice-chairman of IFFCO since 2019.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/chem--fertilisers/dileep-sanghani-elected-as-iffco-chairman/articleshow/88995324.cms>

103. Who among the following has decided to act as the next Army Vice Chief?

- a. PradeepMisra
- b. Harikumar
- c. CP Mohanty
- d. **General Pande**

- General Pande would be the successor to Lt Gen CP Mohanty who is scheduled to superannuate on January 31. General Pande was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers) in December 1982. He was Director-General at Army Headquarters dealing with subjects of discipline, ceremonial and welfare.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/lt-gen-manoj-pande-appointed-as-next-army-vice-chief-sources/articleshow/88969776.cms>

104. Which of the following states has joined with United Nations World Food Programme to bolster food security of small farmers

- a. Chhattisgarh
- b. **Odisha**
- c. Gujarat
- d. Maharashtra

- Odisha and the United Nations World Food Programme to bolster food security of small farmers. In a participatory pilot initiative, climate advisories will be tailored to enable smallholder farmers to adapt to the impact of climate change. Smallholder farmers, who constitute 90 percent of farming communities in Odisha, will be able to select the right farming and livelihood options to improve their food security and incomes.

Link : https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/odisha-teams-up-with-wfp-to-improve-food-security-farmers-resilience-122011400695_1.html#:~:text=Odisha%20teams%20up%20with%20WFP%20to%20improve%20food%20security%2C%20farmers'%20resilience,-Press%20Trust%20of&text=The%20United%20Nations%20World%20Food,their%20resilience%20to%20climate%20change.

105. Who has awarded the prestigious Genesis Prize 2022?

- a. Natan Sharansky
- b. Steven Spielberg
- c. Albert Bourla
- d. Johnathan Sacks

- The global pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc.'s Chairman and Chief Executive, Albert Bourla, has been awarded with the prestigious Genesis Prize 2022 on January 19, 2022. He has been awarded for his efforts in leading the development of a COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine).

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/business/pfizer-chief-albert-bourla-wins-1-million-genesis-prize-for-development-of-covid-19-vaccine/articleshow/88990719.cms>

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106. Which of the following state/s celebrates/s its foundation day on January 21?

- a. Tripura
- b. Manipur
- c. Meghalaya
- d. All of these

- On 21 January, 1972, the states of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya became full-fledged states under the North Eastern Region (Re-organisation) Act, 1971. Therefore, Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya celebrate their Statehood Day on 21 January.

Link:<https://newsd.in/foundation-day-of-tripura-manipur-and-meghalaya-how-the-merger-happened-with-india/>

107. Which of the following countries has inaugurated the ‘India-assisted social housing units’ project’?

- a. **Mauritius**
- b. Afghanistan
- c. Bangladesh
- d. Myanmar

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Mauritian counterpart Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurated India-assisted social housing units project in Mauritius virtually. They also laid foundation stone for Civil Service College and a 8 MW Solar PV Farm, undertaken with India’s support. They also signed agreement for the extension of USD 190M Line of Credit from the India to Mauritius for the Metro Express and other infrastructure projects, and an MoU on the implementation of small development projects.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/pm-jugnauth-jointly-inaugurate-india-assisted-social-housing-units-project-in-mauritius/articleshow/89019370.cms>

108. ‘Climate of India during 2021’ Report is released by ..?

- a. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b. **India Meteorological Department**
- c. National Institute of Oceanography
- d. NITI Ayog

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) recently released its ‘Climate of India during 2021’ report. As per the report, 2021 was the fifth warmest year in India since nation-wide records commenced in the country in 1901. It also shows that the country reported loss of 1,750 lives due to extreme weather events last year and Maharashtra was the most adversely affected state with 350 deaths. Among extreme weather events, lightning & thunderstorms took the highest lives.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/2021-was-5th-warmest-year-in-india-since-1901-imd/articleshow/88907287.cms#:~:text=NEW%20DELHI%3A%20The%20year%202021,of%20India%20during%202021'%20report.>

109. Which of the following days is celebrated in India as Parakramdivas?

- a. January 21
 - b. January 22
 - c. **January 23**
 - d. January 24
- ParakramDivas or ParakramDivas, is a national event celebrated in India to mark the birthday of the prominent Indian freedom fighter NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose. NetajiSubhash Chandra Bose was born on 23 January, 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa. He was one of the most prominent Indian freedom fighters. His army was known as Indian National Army (INA) or Azad Hind Fauj. He also led an Indian national force from abroad against the Western powers during World War II.

Link:<https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/india/netaji-subhas-chandra-bose-jayanti>

110. Which of the following states put up a plan to revive Saraswati river recently?

- a. **Haryana and Himachal Pradesh**
 - b. Haryana, and Rajasthan
 - c. Rajasthan, and Gujarat
 - d. Gujarat and Himachal pradesh
- In an attempt to revive the Saraswati river, the Haryana and Himachal Pradesh governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of a dam in Himachal Pradesh near the AdiBadri area of Haryana's Yamuna Nagar district.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/himachal-haryana-to-revive-saraswati-river/article38304647.ece#:~:text=In%20an%20attempt%20to%20revive,of%20Haryana's%20Yamuna%20Nagar%20district.>

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111. Which of the following has the Sievert (Sv), as its SI unit?

- a. **Radiation absorption**
 - b. Luminous Intensity
 - c. Viral load intensity
 - d. Quality
- Recently the Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (ANVS), Netherlands issued a statement identifying various wearable products containing more radioactivity than legally permitted. Researchers found that eight out of the 20 pendants were capable of exposing the wearers to an annual effective dose above the dose limit of one mSv for the public. The dose from the most radioactive pendant was 8 mSv/year.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/adding-radioactive-substances-in-wearables-unjustified/article38310330.ece#:~:text=Undergarment%20samples&text=In%20%E2%80%9CRadiation%20Protection%20and%20Safety,increase%20in%20activity%2C%20is%20unjustified.>

112. Which of the following states has launched State-level bird atlas in India for the first time in the country?

- a. Tamil Nadu
 - b. **Kerala**
 - c. Karnataka
 - d. Andra Pradesh
- The first-of-its-kind State-level bird atlas in India, has been created with The Kerala Bird Atlas (KBA). KBA is said to be Asia's largest bird atlas in terms of geographical extent. KBA has been conducted as a citizen science-driven exercise with the participation of over 1,000 volunteers of the bird watching community. It has created strong benchmark information about the distribution and abundance of bird species across all major habitats, giving momentum to futuristic studies.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/kerala-gets-its-first-ever-scientific-bird-atlas/article38307794.ece>

113. Which of the following countries has organised the 'Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation' recently?

- a. Germany

b. Malaysia

c. Mauritius

d. Srilanka

- Government of Malaysia and Global Tiger Forum (GTF) jointly organised the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation. India's Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav delivered India's statement at the Conference on Tiger Conservation. India will facilitate Tiger Range Countries towards finalisation of New Delhi declaration for Global Tiger Summit to be held in Russia.

Link:<https://www.traffic.org/news/immediate-and-urgent-actions-needed-now-to-protect-tigers-from-extinction/>

114. Who among the following is appointed as the first-ever woman judge of the Supreme Court in Pakistan recently?

a. Ayesha Malik

b. Fathima Beevi

c. Megawati Sukarnoputri

d. Mame Madior Boye

- High Court Justice Ayesha Malik has been appointed as Pakistan's first-ever woman judge of the Supreme Court. Pakistan President Arif Alvi gave his approval to the elevation of the Judge, who was serving as Lahore High Court Justice since 2012. She will now work as a Supreme Court Judge until her superannuation in June 2031.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/what-it-means-for-pakistan-to-have-its-first-female-supreme-court-judge/articleshow/89158969.cms>

115. Which of the following days is celebrated as National Girl Child Day in India?

a. January 22

b. January 23

c. January 24

d. January 25

- On 24 January every year, National Girl Child Day is celebrated to highlight the inequalities faced by a majority of the girls in India, the importance of education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care and safety of girl children, etc.

In the year 2021, the theme for the National Girl Child Day was 'Digital Generation, Our Generation. The government has not announced any theme for this year's girl child day.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/national-girl-child-day-2022-history-significance-theme-celebration-quotes-and-wishes-1903634-2022-01-24>

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116. T.S.R. Subramanian committee in news is related to?

- a. Citizenship amendment in India
- b. Data management and piracy
- c. Environmental regulation in India
- d. Microb mutations

- The Supreme Court while hearing a petition calling for the creation of an all India service for the environmental sector has asked the Government if it will create an Indian Environmental Service (IES) as recommended by a committee headed by former Cabinet secretary T.S.R Subramanian in 2014. The Subramanian committee was set up in August 2014 to review the existing environmental laws and the procedures followed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/a-proposal-for-indian-environmental-service/article38317316.ece>

117. Which of the following ministries has introduced Star Rating System in India?

- a. Environment Ministry
- b. Finance ministry
- c. Ministry of education
- d. Ministry of rural development

- The Union Environment Ministry proposed to “rank” and “incentivise” States on how quickly they could give environmental clearances to proposed infrastructure projects. Under this scheme, State-level environment committees that appraise industrial projects on their potential environmental risk would be incentivised with points for “transparency, efficiency and accountability”.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-stellar-fallacy-the-hindu-editorial-on-hasty-assessment-of-environmental-costs/article38315270.ece>

118. Which of the following is the Republic Day Parade tableau of Gujarat for 2022?

- a. Gujarat riots 2002
 - b. Babri masjid demolition 1992
 - c. **Great Massacre of 1922**
 - d. Sabarmati Asramam
- The state of Gujarat will be highlighting a 1922 incident which had resulted in the massacre of about 1200 tribals on its Republic Day Parade tableau. The tableau aims to present the story of bravery and sacrifice of the tribals. In 1922 in Pal and Dadhvaav villages of North Gujarat's Sabarkantha district, the Britishers massacred about 1,200 tribals who had assembled under the leadership of Motilal Tejawat, to protest against the land revenue system imposed by the British and the feudal lords. Soldiers from Mewad Bhil Corps under direction from its officer, Major H.G. Saturn, indulged in unprovoked firing on the tribals. This incident is considered worse than JallianwalaBagh massacre of 1919.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/gujarat-depicts-british-massacre-of-tribals-in-r-day-tableau/articleshow/89132331.cms?from=mdr>

119. The Statue of Equality is the statue of...?

- a. SardarVallabhai Patel
 - b. **Sri Ramanuja**
 - c. NetajiSubhash Chandra bose
 - d. Raveendranath Tagore
- The Statue of Equality would be a 216-ft tall statue of the 11th century reformer and Vaishnavite saint, Sri Ramanuja. The Statue is being installed to mark the 1,000th birth anniversary of Sri Ramanuja. It would be installed in Muchintal on the outskirts of Hyderabad. It is the second largest in the world in sitting position of the saint.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/finishing-touches-given-to-statue-of-equality/article38316907.ece>

120. Which of the following days is celebrated as [International Day of Education](#)?

- a. January 22
- b. January 23
- c. **January 24**
- d. January 25

- [International Day of Education](#) is observed on 24 January every year to support transformative actions for inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all. This year marks the fourth year of celebration, with the theme 'Changing Course, Transforming Education'.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/why-world-celebrates-international-education-day-on-january-24-7738821/#:~:text=The%20International%20Day%20of%20Education,Changing%20Course%2C%20Transforming%20Education'.&text=This%20demonstrated%20the%20unwavering%20political,and%20quality%20education%20for%20all.>

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121. Which of the following centres has launched Yogyata app to impart skill-based vocational education to rural youth across India?

- a. **Common Services Centers (CSC)**
- b. National Skill development corporation
- c. Nehru Yuvakendra Sanketan NYKS
- d. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

- Common Services Centers (CSC) has launched the “Yogyata” mobile phone application to provide vocational education and skill enhancement opportunities to youth and citizens in rural areas across the country. The Yogyata app will leverage CSCs massive reach and penetration in the target group while providing an opportunity to access courses that add skills and educational qualifications to increase employability by offering courses like Cyber Security, CAD and 3D printing,

Link:<https://government.economicstimes.indiatimes.com/news/digital-india/csc-launches-yogyata-app-to-impart-skill-based-vocational-education-to-rural-youth-across-india/88944772>

122. Which of the following ministries has introduced CGHS Website and My CGHS app?

- a. Environment Ministry
- b. Finance ministry

- c. **Health ministry**
- d. Ministry of rural development
- Centre launches revamped Central Government Health Scheme website; mobile app called “MyCGHS”.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/revamped-cghs-website-and-mobile-app-launched/article38319107.ece>

123. Which of the following won the Best Film award at Dhaka International Film Festival?

- a. Jai bhim
- b. Sunny
- c. Great Indian kitchen
- d. **Koozhangal**
- Tamil film Koozhangal (Pebbles) gets Best Film award at Dhaka International Film Festival.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/entertainment/tamil/movies/news/koozhangal-wins-the-best-film-award-at-dhaka-international-film-festival/articleshow/89118128.cms>

124. Who has awarded the ICC women’s Cricketer of the Year for 2021 title?

- a. **SmritiMandana**
- b. Mithali Raj
- c. Harmanpreet Kaur
- d. Shafali Verma
- Smriti Mandhana named ICC women’s Cricketer of the Year for 2021. England captain Root named ICC Men’s Test Cricketer of the Year for 2021

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/cricket/news/smriti-mandhana-named-icc-womens-cricketer-of-the-year/articleshow/89092057.cms>

125. Which of the following days is celebrated as National voters day in India?

- a. January 22
- b. January 23
- c. January 24
- d. **January 25**

- Every year on 25 January National Voter's Day or Rashtriya Matdata Diwas is celebrated to encourage young voters to take part in the political process. In 2011 the first time this day was celebrated to mark Election Commission's Foundation Day.

Theme: 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/eci-to-celebrate-national-voters-day-today/articleshow/89106929.cms>

January 26, 2022

126. The NCTE (Amendment) Bill in news (2017) focuses on the issues of..

- a. Migrant Workers from Bangladesh
- b. Rural farmers
- c. **Teachers**
- d. Unemployed youths

- For years, certain institutions which impart teacher training courses have failed to get the necessary recognition from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). The NCTE (Amendment) Bill, 2017 focuses on teachers who have the Damocles sword hanging over their heads.

Link:<https://ncte.gov.in/website/ActStatutes.aspx>

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127. Who has constituted the Padma award committee every year?

- a. Cabinet Ministry
- b. **Prime minister of India**
- c. President of India
- d. B and c

- The Padma Awards Committee is constituted by the Prime Minister every year. The Committee scrutinizes all nominations/recommendations placed before it and makes its recommendations for approval of the competent authority.
- Padma award winners : exceptional Lakshmikutty, a tribal woman from Kerala, who prepares 500 herbal medicines from memory and has helped several people bitten by snakes and insects, is among the awardees Arvind Gupta, an IIT Kanpur alumnus who inspired generations of students to learn science from trash, has also been honoured.

Link: <https://www.padmaawards.gov.in/>

128. Which of the following states has involved in Mahadayi river water dispute?

- a. Goa and Madhya Pradesh
- b. Maharashtra and Karnataka
- c. Goa and Karnataka
- d. Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka

- The Mahadayi water-sharing dispute has the states of Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka vying for water from the Mahadayi River. The project was proposed by Bommai committee.

Link:<https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2022/jan/29/tmc-releases-election-manifesto-for-go-a-promises-to-uphold-states-right-on-mahadayi-waters-2412865.html>

129. Which of the following days is celebrated as National Tourism day in India?

- a. January 23
- b. January 24
- c. January 25
- d. January 26

- Every year on 25 January National Tourism Day is celebrated in India to raise awareness and educate people about the importance of tourism and the role it plays in the Indian economy. This year, according to the Ministry of Tourism, the theme is – ‘Rural and Community Centric Tourism’, to focus on rural tourism

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/destination-of-the-week/national-tourism-day-2022-history-theme-significance-7740368/>

130. Which of the following days is celebrated as Republic day in India?

- a. January 22
- b. January 24
- c. January 25
- d. January 26

- On 26 November, 1949 the Indian Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution the supreme law of the land and replaced the Government of India Act 1935. It came into effect on 26 January 1950 with a democratic government system. This day marks the largest parade that took place at Rajpath, Delhi every year.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/protests-in-raichur-for-removing-ambekar-portrait-from-dais-during-2022-republic-day-celebrations/article38333750.ece>

January 27, 2022

131. Chakma- and Hajong-inhabited areas of Changlang district is located in ...

- a. Mizoram
- b. Arunachal Pradesh**
- c. Nagaland
- d. Jammu

- In November 2021, a letter was issued for a “special census” to be conducted in all the Chakma- and Hajong-inhabited areas of the Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister had stated that his Government was serious about relocating the Chakma-Hajongs to other States.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/the-racial-profiling-of-the-chakmas-and-hajongs/article38332498.ece>

132. Mass mortality of spot-billed pelicans are reported recently in?

- a. Andhra Pradesh**
- b. Karnataka
- c. Tamilnadu
- d. Maharashtra

- Nematode infestation triggers mass mortality of spot-billed pelicans at Telineelapuram Important Bird Area (IBA) in Naupada swamp of Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh. The spot-billed pelican (*Pelecanus philippensis*) or grey pelican is a member of the pelican family. It is a bird of large inland and coastal waters, especially large lakes.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/spot-billed-pelicans-death-andhra-pradesh-bird-area-migration-1905476-2022-01-27>

133. Which of the following states has showcased their rejected tableau from National republic parade showcasing the freedom fighters; the Marudu Brothers, Velu Natchiyar, Tiruppur Kumaran in their state republic parade?

- a. **Tamilnadu**
- b. Karnataka
- c. Andra Pradesh
- d. Telangana

- Republic Day celebrations in Tamil Nadu saw the showcasing of the tableau featuring the sacrifice of freedom fighters — the Marudu Brothers, Velu Natchiyar, Tiruppur Kumaran, and many others.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/on-republic-day-tamil-nadu-showcases-tableau-rejected-by-centre/article38328415.ece>

134. Which of the following represents the world GDP forecast by IMD for 2022?

- a. 3 %
- b. 3.5%
- c. **4 %**
- d. 5%

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has estimated a 4% world GDP forecast for 2022. The IMF notes the obstacle being created by the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the global economic recovery process.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/imf-cuts-indias-gdp-forecast-to-9-for-fy22/articleshow/89120085.cms>

135. Regarding a concern on Clubhouse platform, 'Safe harbour' provided by the IT Act, which says that they cannot be held liable for the content on their platforms as long as they don't initiate, choose the recipient, or moderate it. Which section of IT act states this provision?

- a. Section 77
- b. Section 66 A
- c. **Section 79**
- d. Section 92

- Under India's IT Act, Clubhouse is an 'intermediary' that hosts third-party content online. Such intermediaries enjoy the 'safe harbour' provided by Section 79 of the IT Act, which says that they cannot be held liable for the content on their platforms as long as they don't initiate, choose the recipient, or moderate it. Facebook, Twitter and Google are all beneficiaries of this rule.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/clubhouse-chatrooms-of-hate-and-misogyny/article38332517.ece>

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136. Which of the following ministries has released a pictorial book telling the stories of 20 unsung women freedom fighters recently?

- a. Finance Ministry
- b. **Culture Ministry**
- c. Education Ministry
- d. Ministry of Arts and Literature

- A pictorial book telling the stories of 20 unsung women freedom fighters was released by the Culture Ministry as part of Azadika Amrit Mahotsav, the celebration of 75 years of Independence. Rani Abbakka: Rani Abbakka Chowta was a Tuluva Queen of Ullal who fought the Portuguese in the 16th century.

Matangini Hazra: Matangini Hazra was an Indian revolutionary who participated in the Quit India Movement. She was shot dead by the British Indian police. She was affectionately known as Gandhi Buri, Bengali for old lady Gandhi.

Jhalkari Bai: Jhalkaribai was a woman soldier who played an important role in the Indian Rebellion of 1857. She served in the women's army of Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/book-launches/comic-book-indias-women-unsung-heroes-released-by-union-minister-for-culture-author-meenakshi-lekhi/articleshow/89157154.cms>

137. Which of the following countries has restored ties after 30 years with Saudi Arabia?

- a. **Thailand**
- b. China
- c. Iran
- d. India

- Saudi Arabia and Thailand have ended a 30-year dispute over a scandal involving stolen jewels and a series of murders. Saudi Arabian Airlines has announced to restart direct flights to Thailand. The resumption of full diplomatic ties came during a visit to Riyadh by Thailand Prime Minister Prayut

Chan-ocha. Gems stolen from Saudi had a rare 50 carat blue diamond, which was never recovered. The dispute has cost a huge dip in trade and led to job losses for Thai Migrant workers.

Link:<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/26/saudi-restores-full-ties-with-thailand-after-gem-theft-dispute>

138. Which of the following Institutes have developed a portable, inexpensive device for detecting oral cancer recently?

- a. IIT Bombay
 - b. IIT Madras
 - c. IISC Bangalore
 - d. **IIT Kharagpur**
- Scientists from IIT Kharagpur have developed a portable, inexpensive device for detecting oral cancer. The estimated cost per device is within USD500. The new technology enables a clinician in a community health centre detect potential vulnerable cases early enough, during the first examination.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/a-portable-non-invasive-way-to-detect-oral-cancer-7741706/>

139. Which of the following Ministries has launched the 'Swachhata Start-Up Challenge' recently?

- a. Ministry of Home affairs
 - b. Ministry of Health
 - c. **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs**
 - d. Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Swachhata Start-Up Challenge to encourage innovative start-ups to transform the sanitation and waste management sector. The challenge has been launched in partnership with Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD). It seeks to promote enterprise development under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0).

Link:<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1793015>

140. Which of the following days is celebrated as the Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai?

- a. January 27

- b. January 28
 - c. January 29
 - d. January 30
- LalaLajpatRai was born on 28 January, 1865 in Punjab. He was a prominent nationalist leader who played an important role in India's struggle for freedom. He also earned the title of 'Punjab Kesari' or 'the Lion of the Punjab'. He initiated the foundation of the Punjab National Bank. He died on 17 November, 1928, due to serious injuries. The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Hisar, Haryana is named after LalaLajpatRai.

Link: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/lala-lajpat-rai-birth-anniversary-pm-modi-leads-tributes-to-punjab-kesari-101643351905438.html>

January 29, 2022

141. Which of the following countries will host the 2022 Winter Olympics?
- a. Japan
 - b. India
 - c. China
 - d. Russia
- The 2022 Winter Olympics, officially the XXIV Olympic Winter Games is scheduled to take place from 4 to 20 February 2022 in Beijing and its neighbouring town in China. A report released by Sport Ecology Group and Save Our Winters has stated the dangers of artificial snow to be produced in the Olympics on athletes' bodies. It also warned on water wastage that happens for the snow at these games.
- Link:** https://www.business-standard.com/article/sports/explainer-the-winter-games-a-different-kind-of-olympics-122020100691_1.html
142. Who among the following wrote the book "The \$10 Trillion Dream" which is published recently?
- a. Subhash Chandra Garg
 - b. ReghuramRajan
 - c. Sakthikantha Das
 - d. DrManmohansingh
- The former finance secretary of India, Subhash Chandra Garg has announced his debut book named "The \$10 Trillion Dream". The book is scheduled to hit stands towards the end of February 2022. The

new book explores the critical policy issues that India faces today and suggests reforms for it to become a USD 10 trillion economy by the mid-2030s.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/former-finance-secretary-subhash-garg-turns-author-book-to-hit-stands-in-february/articleshow/89180163.cms>

143. Who among the following is appointed as Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the Government of India?

- a. Sanjeev Sanyal
 - b. **Dr Venkatraman Anantha Nageswaran**
 - c. Dr Raj Iyer
 - d. Manoj Mukund Naravane
- Dr Venkatraman Anantha Nageswaran, an academic and former executive with Credit Suisse Group AG and Julius Baer Group, has been appointed as the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the Government of India.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/business/budget-2022/story/economic-survey-2022-gdp-growth-cea-v-anantha-nageswaran-1906798-2022-01-31>

144. Which of the following countries has inaugurated the world's largest canal lock recently?

- a. Ireland
 - b. Japan
 - c. **Netherlands**
 - d. Iceland
- The world's largest canal lock has been inaugurated at IJmuiden, a small port city, in the Port of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The sea lock was inaugurated by Dutch King Willen-Alexander.

Link :<https://www.dw.com/en/netherlands-unveils-worlds-largest-canal-lock/a-60564264>

145. Which of the following days is observed as World Leprosy Day?

- a. January 27
- b. January 28
- c. January 29
- d. **January 30**

- World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. In 2022, World Leprosy Day is 30 January. This international day is an opportunity to celebrate people who have experienced leprosy, raise awareness of the disease, and call for an end to leprosy-related stigma and discrimination. The “United for Dignity” campaign calls for unity in honoring the dignity of people who have experienced leprosy.

Link: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/01/30/default-calendar/united-for-dignity-wld-2022>

January 30, 2022

146. The recently discovered species from Nicobar Islands, *Septemeranthus* is a.....?

- a. Aquatic plant
 - b. Parasitic plant**
 - c. Algae
 - d. Pitcher plant- aquatic
- A new genus of a parasitic flowering plant has recently been discovered from the Nicobar group of islands. The genus *Septemeranthus* grows on the plant species *Horsfieldiaglabra*(Blume) Warb. The parasitic flowering plants have a modified root structure spread on the stem of the tree and are anchored inside the bark of the host tree. *Septemeranthus* partially depends on its host but also has leaves capable of photosynthesis.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/new-genus-of-parasitic-flowering-plant-discovered-from-nicobar-islands/article38345955.ece>

147. Who among the following wrote the book “A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence” which is published recently?

- a. William Dalrymple
 - b. Ruskin Bond**
 - c. Rudyard Kiping
 - d. Mark Tully
- A new book titled “A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence” authored by Ruskin Bond was released, marking 75 years of India’s Independence. The book is the blend of “physical and spiritual” attributes of India and also highlights the last 75 years of India’s progress as a nation.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/books-and-literature/author-ruskin-bond-new-book-a-little-book-of-india-celebrating-75-years-of-independence-7743739/>

148. Who among the following is appointed as the new chairman and MD of HPCL?

- a. Mukesh Kumar Surana
 - b. Pushp Kumar Joshi**
 - c. KV Subramanian
 - d. Sanjiv Mehta
- Pushp Kumar Joshi has been named to be the new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), the nation's third-largest oil refining and fuel marketing company. Joshi, who is currently Director – Human Resources at HPCL has been on the board of HPCL for almost a decade now. He will replace Mukesh Kumar Surana, who superannuates on April 30 this year.

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/pushp-kumar-joshi-to-be-new-chairman-and-managing-director-of-hpcl-122012600076_1.html

149. Which of the following days is celebrated as World data privacy day?

- a. January 27
 - b. January 28**
 - c. January 29
 - d. January 30
- Data Privacy Day is celebrated on January 28, every year across the world. The objective of the day is to sensitize individuals and disseminate privacy practices and principles. It encourages everyone to own their privacy responsibilities to create a culture of privacy. Observance of the day is “an international effort of creating awareness on the importance of respecting privacy, enabling trust and safeguarding data”. The theme for this year is ‘Privacy Matters’. It instills a sense of accountability that Privacy is integral to every individual's life.

Link: <https://ciso.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/why-28-january-is-celebrated-as-data-privacy-day/62631243>

150. Which of the following days is observed as [Martyrs Day or ShaheedDiwas](#)?

- a. January 27

- b. January 28
- c. January 29
- d. **January 30**

- 30 January is celebrated as Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas every year in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and the sacrifice of three revolutionaries of India. As, of 30 January, 1948, the 'Father of Nation' was assassinated. And on 23rd March 3 heroes namely Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar of the nation were hanged to death by the British.

Link:<https://www.firstpost.com/india/martyrs-day-or-shaheed-diwas-history-significance-and-how-the-day-is-observed-10327651.html>

January 31, 2022

151. Which of the following ministries has launched the DLI scheme for startups and small and medium enterprises?

- a. Ministry of information and broadcasting
- b. **Ministry of Electronics and IT**
- c. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- d. Ministry of Finance

- As part of the recently launched Design-linked incentive (DLI) scheme, the Ministry of Electronics and Information (MeitY) has sought applications from 100 domestic companies, startups and small and medium enterprises to become a part of the scheme.

DLI Scheme: Under the DLI Scheme, financial incentives and design infrastructure support will be extended to domestic companies, startups and MSMEs across various stages of development and deployment of semiconductor design for Integrated Circuits (ICs), Chipsets, System on Chips (SoCs), Systems & IP Cores and semiconductor linked design for over a period of 5 years..

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/the-dli-scheme-and-the-chip-making-industry-in-india/article38352883.ece>

152. Which of the following countries are connected by Nord Stream, an export gas pipeline?

- a. **Russia and Europe**
- b. Norway and Germany
- c. Norway and Sweden

d. Belarus and Germany

- Nord Stream is an export gas pipeline which runs under the Baltic Sea carrying gas from Russia to Europe. It is currently the longest subsea pipeline. The Nord Stream crosses the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of several countries including Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany, and the territorial waters of Russia, Denmark, and Germany.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/explained-the-importance-of-the-nord-stream-pipeline/article38352754.ece>

153. Which of the following states has topped the highest number of Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs?

- a. Kerala
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. **Maharashtra**
- d. Odisha

- Maharashtra has topped India's list in the number of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) owned by entrepreneurs from the Scheduled Castes with as many as 96,805 enterprises. Tamil Nadu with 42,997 enterprises and Rajasthan with 38,517 units occupy the second and third slots, according to the data furnished by the Office of the Development Commissioner in the Union Ministry of MSME.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/maharashtra-has-highest-number-of-sc-entrepreneurs/article38340822.ece>

154. Who among the following has won the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2022?

- a. **Rafael Nadal**
- b. Medvedev
- c. Margaret Court
- d. Ashleigh Barty

- Rafael Nadal (Spain) has defeated Daniil Medvedev (Russia) 2-6,6-7,6-4,6-4,7-5 to win the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2022. This is his 21st Major title, becoming the first male player to do so. In women's tennis, Margaret Court (Australian) has 24 singles majors, an all-time record. In women's, World Number 1 Ashleigh Barty of Australia defeated Danielle Collins of the US, 6-3 7-6, to win women's singles final title at the Australian Open 2022.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/sport/tennis/australian-open-2022-rafael-nadal-lifts-title-makes-history-winning-21st-grand-slam/article38349754.ece>

155. Who among the following has wrote the book “**Fearless Governance**”?

- a. AjitDowal
 - b. **KiranBedi**
 - c. Prasanthbhushan
 - d. Harkishore
- The book titled ‘Fearless Governance’ authored by Dr Kiran Bedi has been released. She is the former Lt Governor of Puducherry and IPS (retd). This book is based on the ground realities of nearly five years of service of Dr Bedi as Lt. Governor of Puducherry and her vast experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service.

Link:<https://www.financialexpress.com/lifestyle/kiran-bedis-new-book-released/2420074/>