

February 1, 2022

1. Which of the following represents the expected growth of India's GDP in 2021-2022 according to Economic survey of India?

- a. 9
- b. 9.2**
- c. 8
- d. 8.5

- India's GDP is expected to grow by 9.2% in 2021-22 and 8% to 8.5% in 2022-23. The 9.2% growth estimate for 2021-22 suggests a recovery above the pre-pandemic level of 2019-20 by 1.3%. GDP Projection The recovery is most significant in exports followed by government consumption and gross fixed capital formation. India's investment to GDP ratio has hit 29.6% in 2021-22, the highest level in seven years. The Economic Survey attributes the increased capital formation in the economy to the government's policy thrust on increased capex and infrastructure spending.

Link: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/economic-survey-2022-pegs-gdp-growth-in-the-range-of-8-8-5-for-fy23/articleshow/89240526.cms?from=mdr>

2. What is the rank of India in average annual net gain in forest area from 2010-2020?

- a. First
- b. Second**
- c. Third
- d. fourth

- India has increased its forest area in the past decade and ranks third globally in average annual net gain in forest area from 2010-2020. India annually added an average 2,66,000 hectares of forest area over the period. Forests covered 24% of India's geographical area, accounting for 2% of the world's total forest area in 2020, the department said.

Link: <https://weather.com/en-IN/india/news/news/2022-02-01-india-is-10th-largest-nation-in-terms-of-forest-cover>

3. Which of the following countries has topped the highest production of steel in the world as of 2022?

- a. India
- b. Russia

c. China

d. France

- According to World Steel Association, India's crude steel production rose by 18 per cent to 118 million tonne (MT) in 2021. India is the second largest steel producing nation, as it manufactured 100.3 MT steel in 2020 and China produced 1 064.7 MT of steel in the same year. China recorded a 3 per cent decline to 1 032.8 MT in 2021.

Link:<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/india-steel-output-grows-18-to-118-mt-in-2021-8005121.html>

4. Name the first Indian man to win World Games Athlete of the Year Award?

a. Arif Khan

b. Sachin Tendulkar

c. Sanju Samson

d. P R Sreejesh

- veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who was part of the men's team that claimed a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics, won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances, becoming only the second Indian to receive the accolade. Sreejesh became the first man and second hockey player to win the award, following in the footsteps of compatriot and India women's captain Rani, who took the 2019 prize, the FIH said in a release on Monday.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/sports/hockey/story/pr-sreejesh-becomes-first-indian-man-to-win-world-games-athlete-of-the-year-award-1906910-2022-01-31>

5. Which of the following days is celebrated as Indian Coast Guard day?

a. January 28

b. February 1

c. February 2

d. January 31

- On 1st February, the Indian Coast Guard celebrates its foundation day. This year, Indian Coast Guard is celebrating its 46th Raising Day. Indian Coast Guard has played a significant role in securing the Indian Coasts and enforcing regulations within the Maritime Zones of India.

Link:<https://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-indian-coast-guard-celebrates-46th-raising-day-today-know-history-importance-2931496#:~:text=Every%20year%20on%20February%201%2C%20India%20Coast%20Guard%20Day%20is%20commemorated.>

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6. Name the programme which envisages coordinated planning across Ministries and States for the development of infrastructure, announced in Union budget 2022-23?

- a. PM Samrudhi Yojana
 - b. **PM Gathi Sakthi**
 - c. National Ayush Mission
 - d. Drone Sakthi
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1 said the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development and is driven by seven engines – roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics infrastructure. These engines are supported by the complementary roles of energy transmission, IT communication, bulk water and sewerage and social infrastructure

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/business/budget/budget-2022-pm-gati-shakti-a-transformative-approach-for-economic-growth-sustainable-development-says-fm-sitharaman/article38358169.ece>

7. Who has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Portugal recently?

- a. **Antonio Costa**
 - b. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
 - c. Igor Dodon
 - d. Peter Mutharika
- The Prime Minister of Portugal, Antonio Costa has been re-elected after his centre-left Socialist Party secured a landslide victory in the 2022 Portuguese legislative election. Socialist Party bagged 117 seats in the 230 seats Parliament. Despite predictions of a tight race, the main opposition centre-right PSD party landed 27.8 per cent for 71 seats. Antonio Costa is serving as the 119th Prime Minister of Portugal since 26 November 2015

Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/world/portugal-pm-antonio-costa-reelected-with-absolute-majority-after-snap-polls-4716131.html>

8. India's first geological park is decided to built in?

- a. **Madhya Pradesh**
 - b. Rajasthan
 - c. Maharashtra
 - d. Kerala
- The first geological park of India will be built in Lamheta, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh. Approval for the park was given by the Geological Survey of India, under the ministry of mining. Park will be constructed with an investment of Rs 35 crores, over five-acre land. The geological park will be built in Lamheta, because this place is among significant places in the world, from the geological point of view.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/indias-first-geological-park-to-come-up-at-jabalpur/articleshow/89233861.cms>

9. Spituk Gustor Festival, is celebrated annually in India in?

- a. Manipur
 - b. Kohima
 - c. **Ladakh**
 - d. Goa
- Spituk Gustor Festival, a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture and traditional heritage celebrated on 30th & 31st January 2022 in Leh and Ladakh Union Territory. To witness the colourful festivities, devotees arrive at the Spituk Monastery every year and attend the colourful mask dance locally called "Chams". Spituk monastery is 8 km from Leh. It is a celebration of peace and prosperity that is celebrated at the Spituk Monastery in Leh and Ladakh UT.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/news/spituk-gustor-festival-2022-brightens-ladakh-with-colours/videoshow/89253586.cms>

10. Which of the following days is celebrated as World Wetlands day?

- a. January 29
- b. February 1

c. **February 2**

d. January 30

- Every year on 2nd February, World Wetlands Day is celebrated internationally. This day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February, 1971, in Ramsar, Iran. It was first celebrated in 1997. The theme of World Wetlands Day this year is 'Wetlands Action for People and Nature'. It aims to highlight the importance of actions to conserve and sustain wetlands.

Link: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/world-wetlands-day-2022-know-the-date-history-significance-and-theme-for-this-year-2744243>

2 February is also celebrated as RA Awareness Day

RA Awareness Day is Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day and is observed on 2 February to spread awareness for patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

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11. India's employment to population ratio in percentage according to the ILO report is ...

- a. 55
- b. 43**
- c. 52
- d. 63

- Data from International Labour Organization (ILO) suggest that, India's employment to population (over the age of 15) ratio has steadily decreased from 55% in 2005 to 43% in 2020. In 2020, it was 52% in Bangladesh, 63% in China and 73% in Vietnam.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/creating-jobs-by-increasing-capex/article38367086.ece>

12. Which of the following countries will launch World's first Hydrogen-powered Flying Boat 'The Jet'?

- a. United States
- b. United Arab Emirates**
- c. United Kingdom
- d. Russia

- Dubai firm, THE JET Zero Emission announced the launch of the World's first hydrogen-powered flying boat 'THE JET' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. 'THE JET' features cutting-edge characteristics

and technologies, making it capable of flying in silence over the waters at a cruising speed of 40 knots and also has a capacity of carrying 8-12 passengers.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/dubai-firm-to-launch-worlds-first-hydrogen-powered-flying-boat/articleshow/89256296.cms>

13. Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in news are recently recognised as...

- a. Biosphere reserves
 - b. Wetlands**
 - c. Ecologically prone areas
 - d. UN heritage sites
- The Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary near Jamnagar in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh have been listed as Wetlands of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 49.

Link:<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/world-wetlands-day-gujarat-up-wildlife-sanctuaries-are-indias-2-newest-protected-ramsar-sites-2744144>

14. The three days long Torgya Festival of the Monpa tribal community is celebrated annually in India in?

- a. Manipur
 - b. Jammu and Kashmir
 - c. Arunachal Pradesh**
 - d. Odisha
- The three days long Torgya Festival of the Monpa tribal community of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrated at Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh. The main attraction of the festival is the 'Sha-na Cham', the ritual dance performed by monks to showcase the Choe-Gyal Yap & Yum Tsa-Munde deity.

Link:<https://nenow.in/north-east-news/arunachal-pradesh/arunachal-pradesh-torgya-festival-monpa-community-tawang-monastery.html>

15. Which of the following days is observed as World cancer day?

- a. February 3
- b. February 1

c. February 2

d. February 4

- Every year on 4 February World Cancer Day is observed globally and is celebrated by WHO to aware people of the disease Cancer and how to cure it. Theme for 2022 is ‘close the care gap’.

Link:<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.indiatoday.in/amp/information/story/world-cancer-day-2022-theme-history-and-significance-1908594-2022-02-04>

February 4, 2022

16. Depsang friction point in news is related to border issues of India with

- a. Bangladesh
- b. Pakistan
- c. **China**
- d. Afghanistan

- Depsang has been ruled out by the Army Chief as a “friction point” in the ongoing border crisis in Ladakh. Depsang is an enclave of flat terrain located in an area the Army classifies as Sub-Sector North (SSN), which provides land access to Central Asia through the Karakoram Pass. It is a few km southeast of the important airstrip of Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO). The Chinese army has blocked Indian patrols since 2020 at a place called Y-junction or Bottleneck.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-border-move-that-will-only-bolster-china/article38372591.ece>

17. Which of the following states has launched the Chief Minister’s Relief Against Wage Loss (CRAWL) scheme?

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Manipur
- c. **Mekhalaya**
- d. Gujarat

- The Government of Meghalaya announced relief for workers affected by the COVID-19 lockdown through the Chief Minister’s Relief Against Wage Loss (CRAWL) scheme. The announcement was made without necessary details; there was no notification about the amount of financial support. A public audit of an unjustified relief scheme in Meghalaya for unorganised workers provides important

lessons about the importance of transparency, public participation, and monitoring those who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-curious-case-of-meghalayas-covid-19-relief-package/article38372608.ece>

18. India's lunar mission decided to execute in August 2022 is;

- a. Chandrayaan 2
 - b. Chandrayaan 3**
 - c. Gaganyaan 2
 - d. Bharath Lunar mission 2022
- India plans to execute the Chandrayaan-3 mission in August 2022. The Chandrayaan-3 mission is a follow-up of Chandrayaan-2 of July 2019. The Chandrayaan-2 mission aimed to land a rover (Pragyaan) on the lunar South Pole. It was sent aboard the country's most powerful geosynchronous launch vehicle, the GSLV-Mk 3. However, lander Vikram, instead of a controlled landing, ended up crash-landing. Had the Chandrayaan-2 mission been successful, it would have been the first time a country landed its rover on the moon in its maiden attempt.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/chandrayaan-3-set-for-august-launch/article38371017.ece#:~:text=India%20plans%20to%20execute%20the,specific%20month%20has%20been%20announced.>

19. Who among the following is the newly appointed director of DRDL?

- a. G A Srinivasa Murthy**
 - b. Dr G Satheesh Reddy
 - c. Dr Dashrath Ram,
 - d. Dr S Somanath
- Senior scientist GA Srinivasa Murthy has been appointed director of Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Hyderabad. He joined DRDL in the year 1987 and made significant contributions in the area of structural dynamics, ground resonance testing, electrical integration and checkout for various projects of the missile complex.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/g-a-srinivasa-murthy-appointed-director-of-defence-research-and-development-laboratory/articleshow/89274739.cms>

20. Which of the following days is observed as National day of Srilanka?

- a. February 3
 - b. February 1
 - c. February 2
 - d. **February 4**
- On 4 February every year, Sri Lanka's National Day is celebrated as Independence Day. Sri Lanka got freedom from British rule on 4 February, 1948.

Link:<https://www.cpsctech.org/2020/01/sri-lanka-celebrates-72-years-of.html>

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21. Golden langur (*Trachypithecus geei*) in news is endemic to

- a. Assam
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Bhutan
 - d. **a and c**
- Golden langur (*Trachypithecus geei*) are found only in Assam and Bhutan. IUCN Status is Endangered. They are Schedule-I species under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972. Kakoijana Reserve Forest is one of the better-known homes of the golden langur.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/assam-villagers-oppose-sanctuary-tag-for-golden-langur-habitat/article38376951.ece>

22. Which of the following places host the one week program of Kala Ghoda Arts Festival?

- a. Meerut
 - b. Kolkata
 - c. **Mumbai**
 - d. Hyderabad
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival will start on 5 February 2022. The festival presents plenty of events that reflect the rich history of art in Mumbai.

Link: <https://www.thehansindia.com/life-style/kala-ghoda-art-festival-mumbais-famous-street-arts-festival-727787>

23. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

- a. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar
 - b. Prof D P Singh
 - c. Prof Avinash Chandra Pandey
 - d. Rahul Bhatia
- The government of India has appointed JNU (Jawaharlal Nehru University) Vice-Chancellor, M Jagadesh Kumar as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/education/jnu-vice-chancellor-jagadesh-kumar-appointed-as-ugc-chairman-7756589/>

24. Which of the following is the semi-high-speed trains for the next three years announced in the Union budget 2022-23?

- a. PM Gathi Sakthi
 - b. K Rail
 - c. Vande Bharat
 - d. PM yatra Rakshak
- The Budget has announced 400 more of these semi-high-speed trains in the next 3 years. It comes in addition to the current plan — to be able to run 75 Vande Bharats across India by Independence Day in 2023. Vande Bharat is a semi-high speed trainset, each of 16 coaches, and self-propelled — they do not require an engine.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/explained-when-will-new-vande-bharat-trains-be-launched/article38385706.ece>

25. Which of the following days is observed as International day of human Fraternity?

- a. February 3
- b. February 1
- c. February 2

d. **February 4**

- The 'International Day of Human Fraternity' is celebrated across the world on 4th February to promote cultural and religious tolerance and coexistence. The first International Day of Human Fraternity was held in 2021.

Link:<https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-fraternity>

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26. Sariska Tiger Reserve in news is located at

- a. Karnataka
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. **Rajasthan**
 - d. Uttar Pradesh
- The tiger population in Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has gone up to 25. As part of its corporate social responsibility expenditure, a foundation is funding the development of earthen bunds and water holes for wild animals at 10 locations and making livelihood interventions for the villagers, etc. The grassland habitats developed in dry patches of land have helped ungulates to feed better, leading to enhanced feed for tigers.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/sariska-wears-the-stripes-of-success/article38386597.ece>

27. Which of the following is the first city to host both the summer and winter games?

- a. **Beijing**
 - b. Paris
 - c. Tokyo
 - d. London
- Beijing secured the distinction of becoming the first city to host both the summer and winter games.
Winter Olympics: The Winter Olympic Games is a major international multi-sport event held once every four years for sports practised on snow and ice. The first Winter Olympic Games, the 1924 Winter Olympics, were held in Chamonix, France. The original five Winter Olympic sports were bobsleigh, curling, ice hockey, Nordic skiing and skating.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/in-china-olympics-fuels-winter-sports-boom/article38383877.ece#:~:text=China%20has%20never%20been%20a,total%20number%20now%20crossing%20800.>

28. Which of the following countries decided to held the Nehru Trophy Boat Race of Kerala in 2022 in their waters?

- a. Bangladesh
 - b. UAE**
 - c. Srilanka
 - d. Maldives
- Nehru Trophy Boat Race, a famous event held in Alappuzha of Kerala, is set to be held in Ras al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this year. The race will be held in the month of March in partnership with International Marine Sports Club Ras Al Khaimah at the Al Marjan Island, UAE. The name of the water race was set after Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Kerala Boat Race in 1952.

Link: <https://gulfnews.com/uae/keralas-famed-nehru-boat-race-coming-to-the-uae-in-march-1.85448976#:~:text=Ras%20Al%20Khaimah%3A%20The%20Nehru,Al%20Marjan%20Island%20in%20March.>

29. Who among the following secured the first gold medal of Beijing Olympics?

- a. Dinigeer Yilamujiang
 - b. Therese Johaug**
 - c. Veronica Campbel
 - d. Usain Bolt
- Norway's Therese Johaug won the first gold medal of the Beijing Winter Olympics on Saturday, storming ahead of the competition in the women's 7.5km-plus-7.5km skiathlon cross-country skiing.

Link:<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2022/feb/05/beijing-2022s-first-gold-medal-won-by-convicted-doper-therese-johaug>

30. Which of the following days is observed as International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation?

- a. February 4

- b. February 5
 - c. **February 6**
 - d. February 7
- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed on 6 February to spread awareness and educate people about the consequences and problems that females faced due to genital mutilation. This year's theme is Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation

Link:<https://www.un.org/en/observances/female-genital-mutilation-day>

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31. Which article of the Constitution guarantees the “freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion”?
- a. Article 21-A
 - b. Article 14
 - c. **Article 25(1)**
 - d. Article 19
- The issue of wearing a hijab to the colleges along with the uniform has sparked a debate in Karnataka over religious practices impacting the education system in the state. The issue initially began in Udupi where six students who attended classes wearing headscarves in violation of the stipulated dress code were sent out. Article 25(1) of the Constitution guarantees the “freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion”. It is a right that guarantees that the state shall ensure that there is no interference or obstacle to exercise this freedom. The state can restrict the right on grounds of public order, morality and health and to the other provisions as enshrined in this part of the constitution.
- Link:**<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-interpretative-answer-to-the-hijab-row/article38389321.ece>
32. The Basai wetlands in news is located at...?
- a. **Haryana**
 - b. Karnataka
 - c. Maharashtra
 - d. Telangana

- The Basai wetlands is a 250 acre shallow wetland located close to Gurugram city, Haryana. It is recognized as a key biodiversity area by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Wildlife Institute of India and the Bird Life International, a global network of NGOs that work to protect bird habitats.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/basai-wetlands-an-oasis-in-the-heart-of-a-concrete-jungle/article38389774.ece>

33. Satkosia Tiger Reserve, in news is located at:

- a. Karnataka
 - b. Maharashtra
 - c. Telangana
 - d. **Odisha**
- The Satkosia Tiger Reserve has started making efforts afresh to re-establish it as a tiger habitat. Satkosia Tiger Reserve is a tiger reserve located in the Angul district of Odisha. The Tiger Reserve is located where the Mahanadi River passes through a long gorge in the Eastern Ghats mountains. Satkosia was declared as a tiger reserve in 2007. It comprises the Satkosia Gorge Wildlife Sanctuary and the adjacent Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary. To revive tiger population in the STR, India's first inter-State tiger relocation programme was launched by way of import of a pair of tiger and tigress from Kanha Tiger Reserve and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in 2018.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/satkosia-making-fresh-attempts-to-be-suited-for-tiger-habitat/article38390724.ece#:~:text=Fifteen%20years%20after%20declaration%20as,it%20as%20a%20tiger%20habitat.&text=The%20STR%20was%20declared%20as%20tiger%20reserve%20in%202007>

34. The winners of The ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup of this year is;

- a. England
 - b. Australia
 - c. **India**
 - d. Pakistan
- The ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup is an international cricket tournament organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC) contested by national under-19 teams.. India, this years winner

have won the World Cup on a record five occasions. The 2022 Under-19 Cricket World Cup was held in the West Indies. Dewald Brevis of South Africa scored the maximum runs (506) in the tournament and was named the player of the series.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/india-win-u-19-cricket-world-cup-heres-what-you-should-know-about-the-young-stars-7759316/>

35. Which state the renamed places ‘Hoshangabad Nagar, Shivpuri and Babai’, belongs to ?

- a. Maharastra
 - b. **Madhya Pradesh**
 - c. Bihar
 - d. Punjab
- the government of India (GoI) has approved the renaming of 3 places in Madhya Pradesh, Hoshangabad Nagar as “Narmadapuram”, Shivpuri as “Kundeshwar Dham” and Babai as “Makhan Nagar”.

The Hoshangabad Nagar named after Hoshang Shah, the first formally appointed Sultan of the Malwa Sultanate of Central India was renamed as Narmadapuram. Babai has been renamed after the renowned journalist and poet Makhanlal Chaturvedi. Makhanlal Chaturvedi was born in Babai, MP. The government has named a national university of journalism and communication at Bhopal after Makhanlal in 1992.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/centre-approves-renaming-of-three-places-in-madhya-pradesh/articleshow/89302316.cms>

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36. Which of the following scheme provides ₹ 5,000 for the birth of the first child to partially compensate a woman for the loss of wages?

- a. **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana**
 - b. Janani Samrudhi Yojana
 - c. Mahila Udyam Nidhi Scheme
 - d. Mother’s Absolute Affection program
- The Union government announced that the maternity benefit provided under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) would be extended to cover the second child only if it is a girl.

The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), launched in 2017, provides ₹ 5,000 for the birth of the first child to partially compensate a woman for the loss of wages. The amount is given in three instalments upon meeting certain conditions. It is combined with another scheme, Janani Suraksha Yojana, under which nearly ₹ 1,000 is given for an institutional birth. So in total, a woman gets ₹ 6,000.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/universalise-maternity-benefit-scheme-say-activists/article38393235.ece>

37. Operation AAHT, to curb human trafficking is launched by ...?

- a. National Commission for women
 - b. Indian Railway Protection Force**
 - c. Women Safety Division of MHA
 - d. Bureau of Police Research and Development
- Indian Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking. As part of “Operation AAHT”, special teams will be deployed on all long-distance trains/routes with a focus on rescuing victims, particularly women and children, from the clutches of traffickers.

Link:<https://news.knowledia.com/IN/en/articles/rpf-launches-nationwide-operation-to-curb-human-trafficking-e48885ad9aaf62f9f12c04ac8fc63e20e32a4d59>

38. Who has been appointed as the **New Director of VSSC**?

- a. Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair**
 - b. S P Somanath
 - c. M. C. Dathan
 - d. Dinesh Prasad Saklani
- Scientist and launch vehicle specialist, Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair took charge as the director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). VSSC is a key space research centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) and specialises in rocket and space vehicles for satellite programs. Nair, who started his career in VSSC Trivandrum in 1985, has made significant contributions in launch vehicle mechanisms, acoustic protection systems and payload fairing areas during his tenure.

Option d Dinesh Prasad Saklani, is the newly appointed director of NCERT

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/dr-unnikrishnan-nair-appointed-vssc-director/articleshow/89416193.cms>

39. Who has been appointed as the first woman Vice-Chancellor of JNU, recently?

- a. B. V. Nagarathna
- b. **Santishree Pandit**
- c. Ayesha Malik
- d. Mallika Srinivasan

- The Ministry of Education (MoE) has appointed Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit as the new Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). She is the first women Vice-Chancellor of JNU. The 59-year-old Pandit has been appointed for a period of five years. Pandit replaces M Jagadesh Kumar, who has been appointed as Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). Before this appointment, Pandit was serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule University in Maharashtra.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/education/colleges/santishree-pandit-appointed-jawaharlal-nehru-university-vice-chancellor/article38391089.ece>

40. Which of the following days is celebrated as Safer Internet day?

- a. February 7
- b. **February 8**
- c. February 9
- d. February 10

- This year, it is celebrated on 8 February. The day calls all stakeholders to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, mainly for children and young people.

Link:<https://www.firstpost.com/world/safer-internet-day-2022-here-are-some-tips-to-keep-your-children-safe-online-10356071.html>

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41. Which of the following article deals with Governor's function in passing a Bill of the state legislature?

- a. Article 19A
- b. Article 21
- c. Article 20

d. Article 200

- The Tamil Nadu Assembly has once again adopted a Bill, granting exemption from the mandatory National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test (NEET) for seats allotted by the Government in undergraduate medical and dental courses in Tamil Nadu. Notably, this bill was earlier returned by the Governor. This development brings to question whether a Governor can override the decision of the Legislative Houses. In this context, the article discusses the related constitutional provisions.

Article 200: Article 200 deals with the Governor's function in passing a Bill of the state legislature. Under Article 200 of the Indian Constitution, the Governor may (a) grant assent (b) withhold assent (c) return for reconsideration by the Legislature or (d) reserve for the consideration of the President any Bill passed by the State legislature and presented to him for assent. Notably, there is no timeframe fixed in the Constitution for any of these functions.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/the-governors-role-in-approving-a-bill/article38400499.ece>

42. Which of the following well defines the ratio between government spending towards the agricultural sector and the sector's contribution to GDP?

- a. Agricultural index
 - b. Agriculture Orientation Index**
 - c. Zero Hunger index
 - d. None of these
- Agriculture Orientation Index (AOI) is an index that was developed as part of Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015. The AOI is calculated by dividing the agriculture share of government expenditure by the agriculture value-added share of GDP. It measures the ratio between government spending towards the agricultural sector and the sector's contribution to GDP. The overall budgetary allocation towards the agricultural sector has marginally increased by 4.4% in the Union Budget 2022-23.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/step-up-agri-spending-boost-farm-incomes/article38398661.ece>

43. Which of the following ministries launched the 'Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022'?

- a. Ministry of Home Affairs

- b. Ministry of Electronics and IT
 - c. Ministry of Communication
 - d. **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting released Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022. It includes a stringent provision under which the accreditation is liable to be suspended or withdrawn if a journalist 'acts in a manner which is prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State' among others. Accredited media persons are prohibited from using the words "Accredited to the government of India" on their profile.
Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/understanding-the-new-central-media-accreditation-guidelines/article38406099.ece#:~:text=The%20Central%20Media%20Accreditation%20Guidelines,with%20a%20serious%20cognisable%20offence.>
44. Who has been named as the new brand ambassador of the state Uttarakhand?
- a. **Akshay Kumar**
 - b. Rishabh Pant
 - c. N.D. Tiwari
 - d. Chander Singh Rahi
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami has appointed Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections. In 2017, Akshay Kumar was appointed as Uttarakhand's brand ambassador for 'Swachhata Abhiyan'. Akshay Kumar, is a Canadian-Indian actor, a film producer who has acted in more than 100 films. In 2021, Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant, who hails from Roorkee, Uttarakhand was appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand.
Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/akshay-kumar-appointed-as-uttarakhands-brand-ambassador-after-actor-flies-to-the-hill-to-meet-cm-pushkar-singh-dhami/articleshow/89400893.cms>
45. Amazon India signed MoU with which state to turn rural women into entrepreneurs recently?
- a. **Karnataka**
 - b. Tamilnadu
 - c. Telangana

d. Andra Pradesh

- Amazon India signed an MoU with Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (KSRLPS) to support the growth of women entrepreneurs. Amazon India will launch 'Sanjeevini-KSRLPS' in its platform and extend benefits of the 'Saheli' Programme to train and empower thousands of rural women entrepreneurs and also provide online access to a wider market for their products.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/retail/amazon-india-signs-mou-to-turn-rural-women-into-entrepreneurs-in-karnataka/articleshow/89370459.cms>

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46. India's first biomass-based hydrogen plant is to be located at.....

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Rajasthan
- c. **Madhya Pradesh**
- d. Karnataka

- India's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant will come up at the Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh. Every day this plant will produce one tonne of hydrogen, from 30 tonnes of biomass feedstock. The plant is being put up by a joint venture of Watomo Energies Ltd and Biezel Green Energy with an investment of Rs 24 crore.

Link:<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/indias-first-biomass-based-hydrogen-plant-coming-up-in-mp/article64997164.ece>

47. Which of the following is the new radar-imaging satellite to be launched by ISRO in February?

- a. EOS (01)
- b. EOS (02)
- c. EOS (03)
- d. **EOS (04)**
- As part of the first launch of 2022, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to place, into orbit, an Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-04) onboard the PSLV C-52.

EOS-04 satellite: EOS-04 is a radar-imaging satellite, designed to provide high-quality images under all weather conditions for applications such as agriculture, forestry & plantations, soil moisture and

hydrology, and flood mapping. The EOS-04 satellite would be placed in a sun-synchronous polar orbit.
G. Tidbits

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/isro-to-launch-earth-observation-satellite-on-february-14/article38400805.ece#:~:text=After%20a%20rather%20muted%202021,Somanath.>

48. Which of the following is recognized as the Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 feet' by World Book of Records?

- a. The Gotthard Base Tunnel
 - b. Seikan Tunnel
 - c. **Atal Tunnel**
 - d. West Qinling Tunnel
- Atal Tunnel is the world's longest highway tunnel above 10,000 feet according to the World Book of Records. The tunnel carries a lot of importance strategically as it is 9.02 kilometres long which runs under the 'Rohtang Pass' and was constructed on the Manali–Leh highway. It connects Manali to the Lahaul-Spiti Valley

Link: <https://www.ibef.org/news/world-record-atal-tunnel-recognised-as-the-longest-highway-tunnel#:~:text=Atal%20Tunnel%20is%20the%20world's,on%20the%20Manali%E2%80%93Leh%20highway.>

49. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of SSC?

- a. **K Kishore**
 - b. Braj Raj Sharma
 - c. Saiyid Hamid
 - d. Dinesh Prasad Saklani
- Senior bureaucrat S. Kishore has been appointed as Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC). Presently, he is serving as Special Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Link: <https://egov.eletsonline.com/2022/02/s-kishore-appointed-as-chairman-staff-selection-commission/>

50. Which of the following days is observed as Kashmir Solidarity Day or Kashmir Day in Pakistan?

- a. February 2
 - b. February 11
 - c. **February 5**
 - d. February 8
- Multinational companies faced backlash in India over their posts on social media that supported “Kashmir Solidarity Day”. February 5th is observed as Kashmir Solidarity Day or Kashmir Day in Pakistan. The day is observed to show Pakistan’s support towards the people residing in the Indian administered part of Jammu and Kashmir and the efforts of separatists of Kashmir.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/anger-in-diplomacy-the-hindu-editorial-on-indian-reaction-to-korean-mnc-kashmir-tweets/article38403860.ece>

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51. Name the online portal by Government of India meant to create a national database of unorganised workers.
- a. e- Gram
 - b. **e- Shram**
 - c. Sevak portal
 - d. Kisan Bharat
- The e-Shram portal is meant to create a national database of unorganised workers. Under this portal, the unorganized workers would register on the portal and their data would be seeded with their Aadhaar data. The portal has been developed by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. As per Government estimates, there are around 38 crore informal sector workers in India.
- Link:**<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/invest/e-shram-portal-who-can-register-how-to-apply-online/articleshow/88993319.cms>
52. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Madras High Court?
- a. **Munishwar Nath Bhandar**
 - b. S. Manikumar
 - c. Sanjib Banerjee
 - d. Satish Chandra Sharma

- According to the Law Ministry, Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. Justice Bhandari had taken over as the Acting Chief Justice of the Madras High Court after the transfer of Justice Sanjib Banerjee to the Meghalaya High Court in November last year. The Law Ministry also notified the appointment of a total of 13 advocates and three judicial officers as judges of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh High Courts.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/munishwar-nath-bhandari-new-chief-justice-of-madras-high-court/article38409791.ece#:~:text=Justice%20Munishwar%20Nath%20Bhandari%20has,Court%20in%20November%20last%20year.>

53. A book titled “Atal Bihari Vajpayee” recently launched is authored by....?

- a. Sanjaya Baru
 - b. Jaimini Bhagavati
 - c. **Sagarika Ghose**
 - d. S. Jaisanker
- IA book titled “Atal Bihari Vajpayee” authored by Sagarika Ghose has been launched. It is a biography of the former Prime Minister of India. Sagarika Ghose is a journalist. She has also authored a book titled “Indira: India’s Most Powerful Prime Minister”.

Link:<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/books/journalist-and-biographer-sagarika-ghose-on-how-atal-bihari-vajpayee-should-be-remembered>

54. Which of the following is the first Union Territory to be integrated with NSWS?

- a. Goa
 - b. **Jammu and Kashmir**
 - c. New Delhi
 - d. None of these
- Jammu & Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to integrate with the National Single Window System (NSWS) which marks a major leap in Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in the UT. Lieutenant Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha launched the J&K Single Window Clearance System integrated with NSWS. NSWS is linked with the India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) which hosts 45 industrial parks of J&K that will help Investors to discover available land parcels in J&K.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/jk-becomes-first-ut-to-be-integrated-with-national-single-window-system/articleshow/89412630.cms>

55. Which of the following days is observed as World Unani Day?

- a. February 9
 - b. February 10
 - c. **February 11**
 - d. February 12
- World Unani Day is observed on February 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of “Hakim Ajmal Khan”, an eminent Indian Unani physician. The first Unani Day was celebrated in 2017 at the Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM), Hyderabad. The main objective is to spread the awareness in masses and action about healthcare delivery through the Unani system of medicine worldwide through its preventive and curative philosophy.

Link:<https://www.firstpost.com/india/world-unani-day-2022-history-significance-and-all-we-need-to-know-about-unani-physician-hakim-ajmal-khan-10359861.html>

February 12, 2022

56. Name the largest multilateral exercise, to be performed by Indian navy in 2022?

- a. Malabar exercise
 - b. The Varuna
 - c. **Milan**
 - d. Exercise Konkan
- The Indian Navy will host the largest multilateral exercise, Milan 2022. Milan’ is a biennial multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy. The Milan exercise has been held since 1995 at Andaman and Nicobar Command. For the first time, the exercise is being held in Visakhapatnam. It will see the participation of all major Navies including Quad countries, Russia and from West Asia amid tensions in Ukraine and developments in West Asia.

Theme: The theme of the Milan exercise is ‘Camaraderie–Cohesion–Collaboration’.

Aims and Objective: To promote collective responsibilities of maritime security for ensuring safe and secure seas. To imbibe best practices and procedures and enable doctrinal learning in the maritime domain through professional interaction between friendly navies.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/navys-largest-exercise-milan-to-bring-together-over-35-countries/article38414936.ece>

57. Which of the following is the rank of India in ease of starting business as per GEM 2021-22 report?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 6
- d. 7

- India ranked 4th in the ease of starting business as per GEM 2021-22 reports. It was topped by Saudi Arabia, followed by Netherlands and Sweden

Link:<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/global-survey-places-india-among-top-5-economies-for-ease-of-starting-business-11644509460807.html>

58. Which of the following species is marked as Endangered by Australia recently ?

- a. Kangaroo
- b. Non venomous snakes
- c. Koala
- d. White Panda

- Australia has recently designated the koala an endangered species, which was classified as vulnerable only 10 years ago. The impact of prolonged drought, summer bushfires, and the cumulative impacts of disease, urbanisation and habitat loss over the last twenty years have led to the decision. From now, Koalas will be provided with greater protection under Australia's national environment law.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-australia-has-listed-koalas-as-endangered-species-7768081/>

59. Which of the following introduces JIVA Programme' to promote natural farming?

- a. Ministry of Agriculture and farmers welfare
- b. Ministry of Forest and environment
- c. NABARD
- d. Kisan Kalyan yojana

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched the 'JIVA programme' to promote natural farming under its existing watershed and wadi programmes in 11 states. To effectively implement the principles of agroecology long-term sustainability and transform the pre-existing social and natural capital towards efficient farming. JIVA is an agroecology-based programme, an amalgamation of several projects under the watershed programme of NABARD and will be implemented in 11 states covering five agroecological zones, which are in ecologically fragile and rain-fed areas.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/nabard-launches-jiva-to-promote-natural-farming-under-its-existing-watershed-wadi-programmes/articleshow/89456386.cms>

60. Which of the following days is observed as National Women's Day ?

- a. **February 13**
 - b. February 10
 - c. February 11
 - d. February 12
- Indian National Women's Day is observed every year on 13 February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu. This year Nation celebrates its 143rd Birth Anniversary. She was born on February 13, 1879. She was famous for her nickname 'Nightingale of India' or 'Bharat Kokila' because of her poems. Sarojini Naidu is well-known across the globe for her contributions to literature. Sarojini Naidu, born in Hyderabad and educated in Cambridge was the powerful face of Women in the Indian Independence struggle. Anti-imperialistic, Universal Suffragist, Women rights activist Mrs. Naidu paved the path for women's movements in India.

Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/why-is-national-womens-day-celebrated-on-sarojini-naidus-birth-anniversary-4764887.html>

February 13, 2022

61. Name the river in which Sundarbans delta is situated?

- a. **Hooghly**
- b. Ganga
- c. Brahmaputra
- d. Narmada

- The Sunderban delta is named after a special type of mangrove tree called Sundari. These trees are very common in the mangrove forests of West Bengal. The Sundarban Delta is located from the Hooghly River in India's state of West Bengal to the Baleswar River in Bangladesh. The Sundarbans is a mangrove area in the delta formed by the confluence of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna Rivers in the Bay of Bengal.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/society/history-and-culture/supratim-bhattacharjee-unicef-photo-of-the-year-award-2021-sundarbans/article38364521.ece>

62. Which of the following countries announced to open Solomon Islands embassy to counter China?

- a. UK
 - b. India
 - c. Russia
 - d. **US**
- The U.S. says it will open an embassy in the Solomon Islands.

Solomon Islands: – Solomon Islands, a country in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. It consists of a double chain of volcanic islands and coral atolls in Melanesia. The Solomon Islands consist of six major and approximately 900 smaller volcanic islands, coral atolls and reefs. The archipelago nation consists of several large volcanic islands to the south-east of Papua New Guinea. The U.S. previously operated an embassy in the Solomons for five years before closing it in 1993.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/us-aims-to-counter-china-by-opening-solomon-islands-embassy/article38417292.ece>

63. Which of the following institutes has developed Metamaterials recently?

- a. IIT Bombay
 - b. IIT Delhi
 - c. IISc Bangalore
 - d. **IIT Madras**
- Researchers from Indian Institute of Technology Madras have developed such a metamaterial.

Metamaterials: – Metamaterials are artificially structured materials used to control and manipulate light, sound, and many other physical phenomena. The properties of metamaterials are derived both from the

inherent properties of their constituent materials, as well as from the geometrical arrangement of those materials.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/a-metamaterial-that-can-make-use-of-origami-to-reduce-shock/article38419736.ece#:~:text=Morph%20cell&text=An%20idea%20that%20the%20researchers,transform%20into%20two%20contrasting%20geometries>.

64. Which of the following Ministries launched the 'SMILE' scheme?

- a. Ministry of Agriculture and farmers welfare
 - b. Ministry of Forest and environment
 - c. **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**
 - d. Ministry of women and child welfare
- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launches "SMILE" (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme to rehabilitate beggars

Link: <https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/governance/smile-scheme-launched-to-support-transgenders-and-people-engaged-in-begging/89544086>

65. Which of the following days is observed as World radio day ?

- a. **February 13**
 - b. February 10
 - c. February 11
 - d. February 12
- Every year on 13 February, World Radio Day is commemorated to honour one of the oldest and widely consumed mediums of communication. According to UNESCO, radio is a strong and powerful medium for celebrating humanity in all its diversity and constitutes a platform for democratic discourse. The theme of the 2022 edition of World Radio Day is thus devoted to "Radio and Trust"

Link: <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldradioday>

February 14, 2022

66. Name the state announces "Hope Express" to prevent cancer, recently?

- a. **Maharashtra**

- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Rajasthan
- d. Kerala

- Maharashtra's Health Minister, Rajesh Tope has announced that "Hope Express" will be launched in the state to prevent cancer. This is the first such machine in India. He was speaking at the launch of a state-of-the-art Mosaic-3D radiation machine at a private hospital in Kolhapur. The State Health Minister also promised to take initiative to start Hope Express in every district of the state through district planning.

Link:<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Maharashtra%E2%80%99s-Health-Minister-announces-%22Hope-Express%22-will-be-launched-to-prevent-cancer&id=435382>

67. Who among the following has won the ESPNcricinfo 'Test Batting Award' 2021 ?

- a. Aswin Kumar
- b. Virat Kohli
- c. **Rishabh Pant**
- d. Rohit Sharma

- In the 15th Edition of ESPNcricinfo Awards, India's wicketkeeper-batsman, Rishabh Pant wins the 'Test Batting' award by scoring 89 not out, helped India to win the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2021 by (2-1) and shattered Australia's unbeaten record at Gabba after 32 years. Rishabh Pant was the top scorer of the series for the Indian team, scoring (274 runs).

Link:<https://www.espnricinfo.com/story/espnricinfo-awards-2021-test-batting-winner-rishabh-pant-89-not-out-vs-australia-1299096>

68. Rahul Bajaj, who passed away recently was a ,

- a. Scientist
- b. **Industrialist**
- c. Violinist
- d. Teacher/ writer

- Noted industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Auto, Rahul Bajaj, has passed away, due to pneumonia and a heart problem. He was awarded the third-highest civilian award Padma Bhushan in 2001. He was the chairman emeritus of the Indian conglomerate Bajaj Group, the parent company of Bajaj Auto. He

stepped down as the non-executive chairman of Bajaj Auto in April 2021 and transferred the responsibility to Niraj Bajaj.

Link: <https://scroll.in/article/1017535/rahul-bajaj-1938-1922-the-man-who-wouldnt-shut-up>

69. Who among the following is the re-elected president of Germany?

- a. **Frank-Walter Steinmeier**
 - b. Emmanuel Macron
 - c. Olaf scholz
 - d. Angela Merkel
- Germany: President Frank-Walter Steinmeier re-elected for another term by a special assembly made up of the members of parliament's lower house and representatives of 16 states

Link: <https://www.livemint.com/news/world/germany-favours-continuity-as-frank-walter-steinmeier-re-elected-as-president-11644770610980.html>

70. Which of the following days is observed as International Epilepsy Day?

- a. February 13
 - b. Second Saturday of February
 - c. **Second Monday of February**
 - d. February 12
- International Epilepsy Day is observed every year on the Second Monday of February across the world. In 2022, International Epilepsy Day falls on February 14, 2022. International Epilepsy Day seeks to raise awareness and educate the general public on the true facts about epilepsy and the urgent need for improved treatment, better care, and greater investment in research.

Link: <https://www.epilepsy.com/make-difference/public-awareness/international-epilepsy-day>

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71. Name the article details the Role of civil services in a democracy?

- a. Article 300
- b. **Article 312**
- c. Article 321
- d. Article 356

- The Centre has proposed amendments to 6(1) of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) (Cadre) Rules of 1954 in order to exercise greater control in the central deputation of IAS officials.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/oped-on-simpler-solutions-to-solve-the-problem-of-fewer-ias-officers-at-the-centre/article65048510.ece>

72. Which of the following states has initiated Operation Parivartan?

- a. Kerala
 - b. Tamilnadu
 - c. Karnataka
 - d. **Andra Pradesh**
- The Andhra Pradesh Police initiated 'Operation Parivartan', a special operation undertaken to eliminate the cultivation and supply of cannabis. An initiative of this magnitude has never been taken up before and it, therefore, pushes the state's 'United Fight Against Drugs'.

Link: <https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/general-news/operation-parivartan-ap-police-destroys-2-lakh-kgs-of-seized-cannabis-in-visakhapatnam-articleshow.html>

73. Which of the following became the first country to allow drones in civilian airspace?

- a. China
 - b. Japan
 - c. **Israel**
 - d. Germany
- Israel becomes the first-ever country to allow drone flights in civilian airspace. The certification was issued to the Hermes Starliner unmanned system by the Israeli Civil Aviation Authority and was manufactured and developed by Elbit Systems, an Israeli defence electronics company.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/travel/travel-news/israel-becomes-first-ever-country-to-allow-drone-flights-in-civilian-airspace/as89507358.cms>

74. The Book titled 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic' is written by?

- a. **Bill gates**
- b. Sundarpichai
- c. RaghuramRajan

d. AnoopSathyanathan

- A book titled 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic' has authored by Bill Gates will be published this year in May 2022. In the book Bill Gates has written about specific steps that can only stop future pandemics but, in the process, provide better health care for everyone around the world.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/books-and-literature/how-to-prevent-the-next-pandemic-bill-gates-new-book-7765382/>

75. Who among the following is the newly appointed MD and CEO of Air India

- a. AswaniLohani
- b. **IlkerAyci**
- c. Vinod Kumar Yadav
- d. Rohit Nandan

- IlkerAyci has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Air India. He will assume his responsibilities on or before 1st April 2022. IlkerAyci is a former chairman of Turkish Airlines. Ilker is an aviation industry leader who led Turkish Airlines to its current success during his tenure there.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/who-is-ilker-ayci-air-india-ceo-7774451/>

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76. Pahela Phagun, is a festival celebrated in ...?

- a. China
- b. Nepal
- c. **Bangladesh**
- d. Srilanka

- The first day of the spring called 'Pahela Phagun' was celebrated in Dhaka, Bangladesh despite the continued shadow of Corona pandemic in the country. Cultural organisations held programmes at different venues in the city to herald the beginning of the spring.

Link: <https://www.latestly.com/socially/india/news/pahela-fagun-the-first-day-of-the-month-of-falgun-celebrated-in-bangladesh-on-monday-latest-tweet-by-dd-news-3364486.html>

77. Who among the following is the newly elected new DG at special assembly of ISA?

- a. **Dr Ajay Mathur**

- b. UpendraTripathi
- c. DrVibhaDhawan
- d. Dr. Somanath

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) has announced Dr Ajay Mathur as its new Director-General following his election at the first special assembly of ISA members. Dr Mathur replaces Mr Upendra Tripathy, who has served as Director-General since the ISA was founded in 2015.

Link:<https://m.economictimes.com/industry/energy/power/ajay-mathur-takes-over-as-director-general-of-international-solar-alliance/articleshow/81511479.cms>

78. S. Theodore Baskaran in news is related to ,

- a. **Wildlife conservation**
- b. Wetland protection
- c. Forest fire prevention
- d. Flood mitigation

- S. Theodore Baskaran who is a writer, a historian, a naturalist and an activist has won the Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020. The award was instituted by the Sanctuary Nature Foundation. Theodore Baskaran was chosen for the award in the light of his dedication to the wildlife conservation. He won the award for his writing prowess in English and Tamil contributing towards the conservation discourse.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/theodore-baskaran-wins-sanctuary-lifetime-service-award-2020/article33845284.ece>

79. Which of the following states has initiated the Legal mining of Bajri (riverbed sand)?

- a. Maharashtra
- b. **Rajasthan**
- c. Bihar
- d. Odisha

- legal mining of Bajri is initiated in Rajasthan. Environment clearance issued to as many as 60 mining areas has paved the way for legal mining of bajri (riverbed sand) in Rajasthan, more than four years after the Supreme Court banned the sand mining activities in riverbeds until a scientific replenishment study was completed.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/environmental-clearance-paves-way-for-riverbed-sand-mining/article65049699.ece>

80. Which of the following days is celebrated as Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day?

- a. February 16
- b. February 18
- c. February 20
- d. February 21

- Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day is celebrated on 20 February as on this day it gained the status of the Union Territory and named Arunachal Pradesh.

Link: <https://www.ritiriwaz.com/arunachal-pradesh-foundation-day/>

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81. Crimson rose, a Least Concern IUCN species in news is a ..

- a. Migratory bird
- b. Fish
- c. Butterfly
- d. Snake

- Crimson rose is a large butterfly belonging to the genus *Pachliopta* (roses) of the red-bodied swallowtails. The beach of Dhanushkodi has witnessed a rare phenomenon over the past few days that these Butterflies fly over sea.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/thousands-of-crimson-rose-butterflies-fly-across-ocean-from-india-towards-sri-lanka/article65055049.ece>

82. Which of the following ministries has introduced SEED scheme recently?

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

- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launches Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED); DNTs are De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities.

Under the scheme, approximately Rs 200 crore will be spent over a period of 5 years, starting from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Link: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1798792>

83. Name the longest tunnel of Indian Railways in news ?

- a. T 47
- b. T 49
- c. T 69
- d. T 56

- **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link: Longest tunnel of Indian Railways T-49 of 12.758 km length connected**

Link: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/railways-connects-india-s-longest-tunnel-t-49-in-katra-banihal-section-all-you-need-to-know-101644986539664.html>

84. Which of the following institutes has launched 'waste to wealth creation' programme 2022?

- a. NABARD
- b. SIDBI
- c. RBI
- d. SEBI

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the 'Waste to Wealth Creation' programme for women in the Sundarbans in West Bengal. In this, the women will make ornaments and showpieces from the fish scales. SIDBI will extend benefits to 50 women indirectly generating revenues from alternate livelihoods.**

Link: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/small-biz/sme-sector/sidbi-launches-waste-to-wealth-creation-programme-in-bengal/articleshow/89581408.cms>

85. Which of the following has launched the Quit Tobacco App?

- a. UNICEF
- b. WHO
- c. Central Bureau of Narcotics
- d. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia Region (SEAR) has launched a 'Quit Tobacco App'. This application helps people to give up the use of tobacco in all forms, including smokeless and other newer products.

Link: <https://www.who.int/southeastasia/news/detail/15-02-2022-who-launches-quit-tobacco-app>

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86. Indian Neutrino Observatory, is decided to locate at?

- a. Gujarat
 - b. Andra Pradesh
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. **Tamilnadu**
- Tamil Nadu has conveyed to the Supreme Court that it does not want the Indian Neutrino Observatory (INO) to be set up in a sensitive ecological zone in the Western Ghats.

Indian Neutrino Observatory (INO)

The setting up of an INO was approved by the Union cabinet for studying fundamental particles called the neutrinos. The location of the Observatory would be in the Bodi Hills region of the Theni district in Tamil Nadu. It involves the construction of an underground laboratory.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tn-says-no-in-supreme-court-to-neutrino-observatory-project/article65059219.ece>

87. Which of the following states inaugurated India's first water taxi service?

- a. Kerala
 - b. Andra Pradesh
 - c. **Maharashtra**
 - d. Karnataka
- India's first water taxi service was inaugurated in Maharashtra.

The ₹ 8.37-crore project has shared expenditures from the State and Centre and will currently operate in three routes. The three routes include, Belapur to Ferry Wharf (the domestic cruise terminal) Belapur to Elephanta Caves and Belapur to JNPT

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/indias-first-water-taxi-launched-in-mumbai-7779070/>

88. Who presided the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting?

- a. India
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Myanmar
- d. Indonesia

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting under G20 Presidency of Indonesia.

Link:<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=FM-Nirmala-Sitharaman-participates-in-first-G20-Finance-Ministers%2C-Central-Bank-Governors%26%2339%3B-meeting-under-G20-Presidency-of-Indonesia&id=435708#:~:text=Finance%20Minister%20Nirmala%20Sitharaman%20today,and%20G20%20priorities%20for%202022>

89. FAITH 2035 vision document is associated with,

- a. Forest conservation
 - b. River water management
 - c. Travel and tourism
 - d. Flood control
- Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) has released the FAITH 2035 vision document containing goals and an execution path for making Indian tourism preferred and loved by the world by the year 2035. The vision document has been launched commemorating the 75th year of Indian independence. It aims to position tourism as a 'Social-Economic Job and Infrastructure creator for India' as well as 'to be a role model for creating Sustainable and Inclusive Ecosystem'.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/travel/faith-releases-india-tourism-vision-document-envisaging-goals-and-benchmarks-for-tourism-till-2035/articleshow/89615911.cms>

90. Which of the following countries jointly conduct the Cope South 22 air exercise?

- a. UK and India
- b. India and US
- c. Maldives and China
- d. US and Bangladesh

- The air forces of Bangladesh and the United States will conduct a joint tactical airlift exercise ‘Cope South 22’. The six days exercise has been sponsored by Pacific Air Forces (PACAF). The bilateral exercise will be held at Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Kurmitola Cantonment, Dhaka; and Operating Location-Alpha, Sylhet, Bangladesh.

Link:<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Bangladesh-US-Air-forces-to-conduct-joint-air-exercise-between-20-25-Feb&id=435673>

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91. The Krishna river does not flows through..

- a. Maharashtra
 - b. Andra Pradesh
 - c. Karnataka
 - d. **Tamilnadu**
- The Krishna is an east-flowing river that originates at Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra and merges with the Bay of Bengal. It flows through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Together with its tributaries, it forms a vast basin that covers 33% of the total area of the four states.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/sc-asks-if-states-can-settle-dispute-over-krishna-water-allocation-through-mediation/article65061710.ece>

92. Which of the following countries will become 1st country to deploy India’s UPI platform?

- a. Srilanka
 - b. Bangladesh
 - c. **Nepal**
 - d. china
- Nepal will be the first country to adopt India’s UPI system, which will play a pivotal role in transforming the digital economy of the neighbouring country, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of NPCI, has joined hands with Gateway Payments Service (GPS) & Manam Infotech to provide the services. GPS is the authorized payment system operator in Nepal. Manam Infotech will deploy Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Nepal.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/business/story/nepal-to-become-the-first-country-to-adopt-india-s-upi-system-1914860-2022-02-18>

93. Shastra App' and 'Smart Card Arms License' are launched by Amit Shah are a part of .. ?

- a. ISRO
 - b. Central Bureau of Investigation
 - c. Ministry of transportation
 - d. **Delhi Police**
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'Smart Card Arms License' and 'Shastra App' of the Delhi Police, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Delhi Police. In order to provide techno-friendly digital services to the citizens of the national capital. According to Delhi Police, the smart card, with inherent security features, is easy to carry and handle. The card will be printed in-house after verification of data of the arms license holders.

Link:<https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/delhi/2022/feb/17/delhi-police-introduces-app-for-smart-card-arms-license-becomes-first-in-country-to-do-so-2420450.html>

94. Surajit Sengupta, who passed away recently was a....

- a. Environmentalist
 - b. Sarod player
 - c. **Footballer**
 - d. Bollywood actor
- The former India footballer Surajit Sengupta, who played as a midfielder, has passed away due to COVID-19 complications. He was 71. At the club level, Sengupta had been associated with Kolkata's three big clubs, Mohun Bagan (1972-1973, 1981-1983), East Bengal (1974- 1979) and Mohammedan Sporting (1980). He was part of the Indian national team that won a bronze medal in the 1970 Asian Games, held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Link:<https://sports.ndtv.com/football/former-india-midfielder-and-east-bengal-legend-surajit-sengupta-dies-2773634>

95. Which of the following days is observed as World Pangolin Day 2022?

- a. February 18

b. February 19

c. February 17

d. February 20

- World Pangolin Day is celebrated on the “Third Saturday of February” every year. In 2022, the annual World Pangolin Day is being celebrated on 19 February 2022. It marks the 11th edition of the event. The day aims to raise awareness about these unique mammals and speed up conservation efforts. Pangolin numbers are rapidly declining in Asia and Africa.

Link: <https://carnegiemnh.org/world-pangolin-day-february-19-2022/>

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96. The Eat Right India initiative is a flagship mission under....?

a. NABARD

b. **FSSAI**

c. FCI

d. NABI

- Eat Right India is a flagship mission of FSSAI. The mission aims to ensure the people of the country are provided with nutritious meals that help address the problem of various lifestyle-related diseases. The initiative works on the principles, Ensure that the food being served to officers, jawans, visitors and staff is safe to consume and in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006. It aims at promoting balanced meals and eliminating trans-fats or “bad fat” found in industrial food products. It ensures a reduction in consumption of salt and sugar that increases the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/explained-how-are-police-station-canteens-in-new-delhi-introducing-healthy-meals/article65065136.ece>

97. India imported a record quantity of 100,000 tonnes of Soy Oil from?

a. **USA**

b. UK

c. Israel

d. UAE

- Indian traders have imported a record 100,000 tonnes of Soy Oil from the United States, because of limited supplies from drought-hit South America. This import has been undertaken amidst the high

prices of its rival Palm Oil. The higher purchases are expected to support U.S. soy oil prices, which have already climbed nearly 20% this year.

Link:<https://www.reuters.com/markets/europe/exclusive-india-makes-record-us-soy-oil-purchases-drought-parches-south-america-2022-02-18/>

98. World Bank's REWARD Program is related to?

- a. Poverty Alleviation
 - b. Watershed management**
 - c. Wetland protection
 - d. Energy conservation
- Government of India, the State Governments of Karnataka and Odisha and the World Bank have signed a USD 115 million Programme. The name of the project is REWARD (Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development Programme). It will help national and state institutions adopt improved watershed management practices.

Link:<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Government-of-India%2C-World-Bank-sign-loan-agreement-of-115-million-US-dollar-for-implementation-REWARD-Project&id=435800>

99. Who among the following has been appointed as the new director of Institute of Economic Growth?

- a. **Chetan Ghate**
 - b. Ajit Mishra
 - c. Sanjiv Kumar
 - d. Shaktikanta Das
- The Institute of Economic Growth has appointed Chetan Ghate as the new director succeeding Ajit Mishra. Ghate, who was a member of the Reserve Bank of India's first monetary policy committee between 2016-2020, is the winner of the 2014 Mahalanobis Memorial gold medal for the best research economist in the country under the age of 45

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/chetan-ghate-to-succeed-ajit-mishra-as-director-of-institute-of-economic-growth/articleshow/89664175.cms>

100. Which of the following is The theme for this year's World Day of Social Justice?

- a. If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice.

- b. **Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment**
 - c. Access, Equity, Diversity, Participation, and Human Rights
 - d. promotes fairness and equity across many aspects of society
- World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on 20 February to encourage people to see how social justice affects poverty eradication. The main aim of this day is to achieve full employment and support for social integration. This day tackle issues like poverty, exclusion, and unemployment. The theme for this year's World Day of Social Justice is “Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment”

Link:<https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>

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101. India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award is given to ...?

- a. ONGC
 - b. **Coal India**
 - c. SAIL
 - d. BPCL
- Maharatna Company of the Government of India, Coal India Limited has been awarded the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award. Coal India received this honour at the “Energy Meet and Excellence Award” function organized by Industry Chamber “ASSOCHAM” in Kolkata. The company has got this honour at a time when Coal India has not allowed the situation of power crisis in the country by significantly increasing coal production and supply in the last few months to meet the increased demand for coal for the power sector.

Link:<https://www.psuconnect.in/news/Indias-Most-Trusted-Public-Sector-Company-award/31388/>

102. Who among the following is selected as brand ambassador of Adidas?

- a. Kunal Rajput
 - b. Shah Rukh Khan
 - c. **Manika Batra**
 - d. Milind Soman
- Table Tennis player, Manika Batra was named as the brand ambassador of Adidas. The partnership focuses on empowering women to realize their dreams, cheering for women to break barriers and

boosting participation in sports. With this association, the duo aims to drive credibility and inclusivity in sports, further fanning the aspirations of upcoming women sportspersons across the country.

Link:<https://www.financialexpress.com/brandwagon/manika-batra-joins-adidas-as-brand-ambassador/2437295/>

103. “A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore’s Pioneering Work in Rural Construction”, is authored by ..?

- a. Sunil Ganguly
 - b. Krishna KripalanI
 - c. **Uma Das Gupta**
 - d. Debarati Bandyopadhyay
- The book titled “A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore’s Pioneering Work in Rural Construction” was authored by Uma Das Gupta and published under Niyogi Books ‘Paper Missile’ released. The book contains Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore’s work in ‘village reconstruction’ by setting up ‘Sriniketan’, a wing of his Visva Bharati International University at Santiniketan in 1922, which is also popularly known as a university town. It is situated in West Bengal.
- Link:**<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/history-of-sriniketan-book-throws-light-on-rabindranath-tagores-pioneering-work-for-rural-reconstruction/articleshow/89664721.cms?from=mdr>

104. Name the 1st cricket player to hit triple ton on first-class debut?

- a. Sanju Samson
 - b. **Sakibul Gani**
 - c. Babul Kumar
 - d. Mangal Mahrour
- Bihar’s Sakibul Gani become the first player in the history of the game to score a triple century on his first-class debut. He scored 341 off 405 balls, hitting 56 fours and two sixes, in the Plate Group Ranji Trophy fixture against Mizoram at the Jadavpur University Campus ground, Jadavpur, Bengal. Gani has played List A cricket before this, scoring 377 runs from 14 matches including a century. In 11 domestic T20s, he has made 192 runs.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/ranji-trophy-bihars-gani-becomes-first-player-to-hit-triple-ton-on-first-class-debut-7780414/>

105. Which of the following days is observed as International Mother Language Day?

- a. February 19
 - b. February 20
 - c. **February 21**
 - d. February 22
- According to a UN agency, nearly 43% of about 6,000 languages spoken in the world are endangered. In November 1999, the UNESCO General Conference approved the declaration of February 21 as International Mother Language Day, in response to the declining state of many languages.
International Mother Language Day, 2022 Theme: Using Technology for Multilingual Learning: Challenges and Opportunities.
Objective: To discuss the role of technology to further the cause of multilingual education and use technology to support and enrich the teaching-learning experience on a multilingual level.
Aim: To achieve a qualitative, equitable and inclusive educational experience. The Director-General of UNESCO said that the technology can provide new tools for protecting linguistic diversity. Such tools will help us to record and preserve languages that sometimes exist only in oral form.
Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/tapping-technology-for-multilingual-learning/article65068443.ece>

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106. Which Indian city has been selected as the host of 2023 International Olympic Committee's (IOC) session?

- a. New Delhi
 - b. Chennai
 - c. **Mumbai**
 - d. Kolkata
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Saturday informed that Mumbai would be hosting the 140th IOC Session. It is expected to take place in May or June next year at the Jio World Centre. Olympic Gold medallist Abhinav Bindra, IOC member Nita Ambani, Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

President Narinder Batra and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur presented India's proposal at the IOC Session in Beijing.

Link:[https://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/explained-i-what-is-an-ioc-session/article65065534.ece#:~:text=Mumbai%20became%20the%20second%20Indian,Olympic%20Committee%20\(IOC\)%20session.](https://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/explained-i-what-is-an-ioc-session/article65065534.ece#:~:text=Mumbai%20became%20the%20second%20Indian,Olympic%20Committee%20(IOC)%20session.)

107. Mandi Biodiversity Park at Bhulah valley is located at...?

- a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Arunachal Pradesh
 - c. **Himachal Pradesh**
 - d. Nagaland
- Himachal Pradesh gets the first biodiversity park to make its contribution towards the conservation of endangered Himalayan herbs. This park is set to come up at Mandi's Bhulahvalley. With the cost of Rs 1 crore, the Biodiversity Park is set up under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) by HP's forest department.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/shimla/himachal-gets-1st-biodiversity-park/articleshow/89553655.cms>

108. "Khajuraho Dance Festival" is a cultural festival of which state?

- a. **Madhya Pradesh**
 - b. Odisha
 - c. West Bengal
 - d. Haryana
- Madhya Pradesh Governor, Mangu Bhai Patel has inaugurated the 48th 'Khajuraho Dance Festival-2022' at world-famous tourist destination Khajuraho on the occasion of 'AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav'. The event will be organized till 26 February. This year a 5-km 'Dil Khel Ke Ghoomo' marathon was also organized under the banner of 'Safe Tourism Project for Women' at the event. It aims to create a sense of security among women in tourist destinations with the slogan 'Hindustan KeDil Mein Aap Safe Hain'.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/toi-original/madhya-pradesh-48th-khajuraho-dance-festival-brings-art-and-culture-alive/videoshow/89777313.cms>

109. Name the organization which joined South East Asia–Middle East–Western Europe 6 (SEA-ME-WE-6) undersea cable consortium recently?

- a. Vodafone India
 - b. **Bharti Airtel**
 - c. Reliance Jio
 - d. Bsnl
- Telecom operator, Bharti Airtel Ltd has announced that it has joined South East Asia–Middle East–Western Europe 6 (SEA-ME-WE-6) undersea cable consortium, in a bid to scale up its high-speed global network capacity and serve India's fast-growing digital economy. It shall be anchoring 20 per cent of the overall investment in the cable system. Through SEA-ME-WE-6, Airtel will be able to add 100 TBps capacity to its global network

Link:<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/bharti-airtel-joins-sea-me-we-6-undersea-cable-consortium-11645436366145.html>

110. Which of the following ministries has introduced Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme?

- a. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - b. **Ministry of education**
 - c. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 - d. Ministry of health and family welfare
- The Ministry of Education has approved the continuation of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme till 31st March 2026 with an expenditure of 12,929.16 crores. The new phase of the scheme would support around 1,600 projects. Out of Rs 12,929.16 crores of expenditure, the centre will share Rs 8,120.97 crores, and the state will share Rs 4,808.19 crores.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/education-ministry-approves-continuation-rashtriya-uchchatar-shiksha-abhiyan-scheme-till-2026-7780922/>

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111. Donetsk and Luhansk, in news is geographically located in ..?

- a. Russia

- b. **Ukraine**
- c. Romania
- d. Crimea
- Donetsk and Luhansk are two states located in eastern Ukraine, which share a border with Russia. Within these two states are two separatist territories known as the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and Luhansk People's Republic (LPR), which are run by Russian and Russian-backed separatists. This entire region, which includes Donetsk, Luhansk and their respective separatist territories, is generally referred to as the 'Donbas' region. Donbas, located on the Russian border adjoining Russia, has a majority Russian-speaking population

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/west-responds-to-russia-move-with-new-sanctions/article65075731.ece>

112. Char Chinari Island is located at...?

- 1. **Srinagar**
- 2. Arunachal Pradesh
- 3. Ladakh
- 4. Mizoram
- Recently, efforts were made to plant chinari trees and boost floriculture on the Char Chinari Island. 'Char Chinari' island: Char Chinari Island is in the middle of the Dal Lake in Srinagar. The island owes its name to chinari trees, as Char Chinari means four chinars. It was constructed by Murad Baksh, the brother of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. Chinari trees were planted on the picturesque island with the Zabarwan hills in the backdrop

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/chinars-return-to-iconic-char-chinari-island-on-srinagars-dal-lake/article65074271.ece>

113. Which of the following ministries introduced the PM CARES scheme for children orphaned by the COVID-19 pandemic?

- a. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- b. **Ministry of women and Child Development**
- c. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- d. Ministry of health and family welfare

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development said that the PM CARES scheme for children orphaned by the COVID-19 pandemic has been extended.

PM-CARES for Children Scheme: The scheme covers all children who have lost both parents, the lone surviving parent or legal guardian or adoptive parent or parents, due to COVID-19. To avail the scheme, a child should not have turned 18 on the date of death of his or her parents.

Education aid: The scheme provides gap funding for education and health and a monthly stipend from the age of 18 years, apart from a lump sum amount of ₹ 10 lakh when a beneficiary turns 23 years old.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/centre-extends-scheme-for-children-orphaned-by-covid-19/article65074967.ece>

114. Who among the following has been nominated by Centre for the post of Director of Central Board of RBI?

- a. Debashish Panda,
 - b. **Sanjay Malhotra**
 - c. Narayana Hrudayalaya
 - d. Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- The Centre government has nominated Sanjay Malhotra, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The nomination of Malhotra, a 1990 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre, is effective from February 16, 2022, and until further orders. **Link:**<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/centre-nominates-dfs-secy-sanjay-malhotra-as-director-on-rbis-central-board/article65057003.ece>

115. Name the Indian youngest player to beat World No 1 Magnus Carlsen in Chess Championship?

- a. Bharath Subramaniam
 - b. Pentala Harikrishna
 - c. **Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa**
 - d. Viswanathan Anand
- India's teen chess Grandmaster, Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa has created history as he defeated world number one chess champion, Magnus Carlsen, of Norway in an online chess tournament. The Airthings Masters is the first of the nine events of the 2022 Meltwater Champions Chess Tour, being held from February to November 2022. The 16-year-old Pragg achieved the feat in the eighth round of the

Airthings Masters, an online rapid chess tournament, in 39 moves with black pieces. Praggnanandhaa is also only the third Indian grandmaster to win against Magnus Carlsen apart from Viswanathan Anand and Pentala Harikrishna.

Link: <https://thewire.in/sport/delighted-says-16-year-old-indian-grandmaster-who-beat-world-no-1-magnus-carlsen>

February 24, 2022

116. Which of the following is not a part of International Space Station?

- a. NASA (USA)
 - b. Roscosmos (Russia)
 - c. European Space Agency (ESA-Europe)
 - d. **None of these**
- NASA plans to decommission the International Space Station (ISS) by 2031.

International Space Station (ISS) : The ISS was launched in 1998 by five space agencies, namely, NASA (USA), Roscosmos (Russia), European Space Agency (ESA-Europe), JAXA (Japan) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA-Canada). The ISS operates in low-earth orbit and is at an altitude between about 200 km and 400 km and weighs more than 400,000 kg. The ISS orbits the earth at about 5 miles per second and makes 15.5 orbits per day. It takes about 93 minutes to make one revolution around the earth.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/explained-nasas-plan-to-decommission-the-international-space-station/article65076599.ece#:~:text=NASA%20plans%20to%20decommission%20the,the%20station%20are%20catching%20up.>

117. Cobra Warrior Exercise is carried out by ...?

- a. Indian Air Force (IAF)
 - b. **Royal Air Force of U.K**
 - c. Air Forces of Belgium
 - d. Air forces of Saudi Arabia
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) will deploy the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas for multilateral air exercise 'Cobra Warrior' at Waddington, U.K.

Cobra Warrior Exercise: The Cobra Warrior exercise is an apex event organised by the Royal Air Force of U.K. The exercise is for training the pilots and others in planning and executing complex airborne missions. Aim: providing operational exposure and sharing best practices amongst the participating Air Forces, thereby enhancing combat capability and forging bonds of friendship. The latest edition will also see the participation of Air Forces of Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Sweden and the U.S.

Link:<https://frontline.thehindu.com/dispatches/tejas-to-participate-in-prestigious-cobra-warrior-exercises-of-the-royal-air-force-in-the-uk/article38436405.ece>

118. Indian Institute of Technology will establish its first branch outside India in?

- a. Bangladesh
 - b. UAE**
 - c. Myanmar
 - d. Nepal
- The Indian Institute of Technology will establish its first branch outside India in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as part of the India-UAE trade deal signed. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed between the UAE and India will usher in a new phase of joint strategic cooperation in all sectors. The two nations will also set up an India-UAE cultural council to facilitate and promote cultural projects, cross-cultural exchanges and exhibitions.

Link:<https://www.thequint.com/news/education/first-iit-abroad-to-be-set-up-in-uae>

119. Which of the following institutions has launched the KISAN' mobile app in Uttarakhand?

- a. IIT Bombay
 - b. IIT Delhi
 - c. IIT Roorkee**
 - d. IIT Guwahati
- The Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee has organized a regional farmers' awareness programme as part of the 'Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa' (GKMS) project and launched KISAN mobile application for the farmers. The app will provide agro-meteorological services to the farmers. Farmers from Haridwar, Dehradun, and Pauri Garhwal districts participated in the program.

Link : <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/iit-roorkee-launches-kisan-mobile-to-send-agricultural-advises-1915304-2022-02-19>

120. Which of the following days is observed as the Central Excise Day of India?

- a. February 23
 - b. **February 24**
 - c. February 25
 - d. February 26
- Central Excise Day of India is celebrated every year on February 24. The day is being celebrated to honour the service of the Central Board of Excise and Custom (CBEC) to the country. The day is celebrated to honour the officers associated with CBEC and their services. The day is celebrated to commemorate the legislation of the Central Excise and Salt act on 24 February 1944. The central excise day is celebrated to raise awareness about the contribution of the central excise officers among the general public of the country.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/central-excise-day-2022-history-significance-and-all-you-need-to-know-1917124-2022-02-24>

February 25, 2022

121. 12th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I is received by the Indian Navy from which country?

- a. UK
 - b. France
 - c. **USA**
 - d. Russia
 - e. Non
- The Indian Navy has received the 12th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I from the US-based aerospace company Boeing. This is the fourth of four additional aircraft, for which the contract was signed in 2016. The Ministry of Defence had signed a contract for eight P-8I aircraft in 2009. However, later in 2016, it signed a contract for four additional P-8I aircraft.

Link:<https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2022/02/boeing-delivers-12th-p-8i-maritime-patrol-aircraft-to-india/>

122. Who among the following actors won the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021 for best Actor, male?

- a. Ranveer Singh
 - b. ShahrukhKhan
 - c. **Akshay Kumar**
 - d. Amitabh bachan
- The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards 2021 were announced, to honour the best in Indian cinema, television, music, and OTT. The winner of the Award for 2021 are as follows:
Best Actor (Female): Deepika Padukone, Chhapaak Best Actor (Male): Akshay Kumar, Laxmii
Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/movies/dadasaheb-phalke-international-film-festival-awards-2021-heres-a-complete-list-of-winners-3461057.html>

123. The biggest cricket stadium in the world, recently renamed as Narendra Modi Stadium was formerly known as?

- a. Wankhede stadium
 - b. **Motera Stadium**
 - c. Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium
 - d. Rajiv Gandhi international stadium
- President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the newly revamped Motera cricket stadium in Ahmedabad, which has been renamed the Narendra Modi Stadium. The stadium was first opened in the early 1980s but has recently been rebuilt and now has a seating capacity of 110,000. Motera currently is the biggest cricket stadium in the world in terms of capacity. The last time when India played a cricket match at Motera was way back in 2014.
Link:<https://www.sportingnews.com/au/cricket/news/india-v-england-sardar-patel-stadium-capacity-biggest-cricket-ground-in-the-world-cricket/11f98ex3yu0ys10eopbbs6mg3a>

124. The Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP), in news is related to.. ?

- a. **Artificial vision**
- b. System malware
- c. Artificial intelligence
- d. Non of these

- The Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP) is a type of implant that bypasses the optic nerves and the retina to link directly to the brain's visual cortex. At Rush University Medical Center, this was successfully placed surgically in the study's first participant.

Link: <https://scitechdaily.com/first-successful-implantation-of-revolutionary-artificial-vision-brain-implant/>

125. The Great Tech Game: Shaping Geopolitics and the Destinies of Nations.' Is authored by?

- a. Vikram Seth
- b. **Anirudh Suri**
- c. Shashi Tharoor
- d. Chetanbhat

- Indian author, Anirudh Suri has come out with his new book titled "The Great Tech Game: Shaping Geopolitics and the Destinies of Nations.' It has been published by HarperCollins India. In this book, the author lays out a roadmap for how any country must develop its own strategic plan to succeed in this technology-dominant era

Link: <https://www.prnewswire.com/in/news-releases/harpercollins-publishers-india-is-proud-to-announce-the-great-tech-game-shaping-geopolitics-and-the-destinies-of-nations-by-anirudh-suri-897186864.html>

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126. MSME-Technology Centre is recently decided to establish in ...?

- a. **Maharashtra**
 - b. Madhya Pradesh
 - c. Odisha
 - d. West Bengal
- Union Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane has announced the establishment of MSME-Technology Centre with an outlay of Rs. 200 Crore, in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. The MSME-Technology Centre will provide the best of technology, incubation as well as advisory support to the industry, especially MSMEs, to enhance their competitiveness and provide skilling services for the employed and unemployed youth of the area to enhance their employability.

Link:<https://www.maritimegateway.com/msme-technology-centre-to-be-set-up-in-sindhudurg/>

127. Who among the following has been appointed as the National e-Governance Division chief?

- a. GeethaMeetina
- b. Rajbir S. Panwar
- c. **Abhishek Singh**
- d. Arvind Kumar

- 1995-batch IAS officers and Digital India Corporation CEO, Abhishek Singh as new National e-Governance Division chief. The 1995-batch IAS officer from Nagaland cadre will hold the position in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.

Link:<https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/governance/digital-india-ceo-abhishek-singh-named-national-e-governance-division-chief/89788143>

128. EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022' is a joint military exercise between India and?

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

- The third edition of the joint military exercise "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022" between India and Japan will be conducted from 27 February to 10 March 2022, at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka. The 15th Battalion the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment of the Indian Army and 30th Infantry Regiment of Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) are participating in this 12 days long joint exercise.

Link:<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1801085>

129. Name the Indian weightlifter wins gold at Singapore Weightlifting International 2022?

- a. **MirabhaiChanu**
- b. Vikas Thakur
- c. SanjitaChanu
- d. Dajomes Barrera

- Indian weightlifter and 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist, Mirabai Chanu has won the gold medal in the 55kg weight category at the Singapore Weightlifting International 2022 on February 25, 2022.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/more-sports/others/weightlifter-mirabai-chanu-wins-gold-in-singapore-qualifies-for-cwg-in-new-55kg-weight-division/articleshow/89820563.cms>

130. India's rank in International Intellectual Property Index 2022 is ...

- a. 41
- b. 42
- c. 43
- d. 44

- India has improved its overall IP score from 38.4 per cent to 38.6 per cent, and the country is ranked 43 out of 55 countries on the International Intellectual Property Index 2022. This index was released by the Global Innovation Policy Center of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The top five countries in the ranking are:

United States, United Kingdom Germany Sweden and France

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/india-s-overall-ranking-on-ip-protection-improves-says-uscc-report-122022401676_1.html

February 27, 2022

131. Name the evacuation procedure of Indian citizens from Ukraine via Romania and Hungary in Russia Ukraine war 2022?

- a. Operation Raksha
- b. Operation Ganga
- c. Operation Devi Shakti
- d. Operation Entebb

- India evacuated its stranded citizens from Ukraine via Romania and Hungary through "Operation Ganga". The risky evacuation is taking place in the middle of a war, where Indian professionals are currently stranded in an underground bunker in Ukraine's capital Kyiv.

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-india-abstains-unsc-vote-russia-invasion-ukraine-7791712/>

132. Zmiinyi Island (Snake Island), in news, is located in which sea?

- a. Mediterranean sea
- b. Black sea
- c. Arabian Sea

d. Bay of Bengal

- Snake Island, also known as Serpent Island or Zmiinyi Island, is an island belonging to Ukraine located in the Black Sea, near the Danube Delta, with an important role in delimiting Ukrainian territorial waters. The island has been known since classical antiquity, and during that era hosted a temple to Achilles

Link: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-60522454>

133. Hemananda Biswal, who passed away recently was the first tribal Chief Minister of which state?

- a. Bihar
 - b. Nagaland
 - c. Odisha
 - d. Arunachal Pradesh
- Odisha's first tribal chief minister as well as last Congress chief minister of the state, Hemananda Biswal passed away. He was 82. Biswal, a Bhuyan tribal from Jharsuguda district, served as the chief minister twice from 1989 to 1990 and 1999 to 2000.

Link: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/odishas-first-tribal-cm-hemananda-biswal-passes-away-101645830606181.html>

134. How many countries are members of the NATO Alliance?

- a. 28
 - b. 30
 - c. 32
 - d. 35
- NATO alliance has a total of 30 member countries including 2 North American countries, 27 European countries and 1 Eurasian country. Under the alliance, the member countries have agreed to come to one another's aid in the event of armed attack against any one member state.

Link : <https://theprint.in/world/nato-finally-comes-to-ukraines-aid-with-response-force-debut-members-send-arms-ammunition/850453/>

135. Which of the following days is recognized as World NGO day?

- a. February 26

- b. **February 27**
 - c. February 28
 - d. Second Sunday of February
- The day is dedicated to recognising, celebrating, and honour all non-governmental and non-profit organisations, and also the people behind them that contribute to society
- Link:**<https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/world-ngo-day-2022-theme-history-significance-and-celebrations-4809476.html>

February 28, 2022

136. Which of the following is the first country in the world that has authorized the use of a plant-based COVID-19 vaccine?
- a. India
 - b. Japan
 - c. USA
 - d. **Canada**
- Canada became the first country in the world that has authorized the use of a plant-based COVID-19 vaccine. The two-dose vaccine of Medicago Inc. (a biopharma company owned by Mitsubishi Chemical and Philip Morris), can be given to adults who are aged between 18 to 64, but little data is available on the shots received by people aged 65 and above.
- Link:**<https://www.hindustantimes.com/science/canada-clears-world-s-1st-plant-based-covid-vaccine-know-all-about-covifenz-101645776818727.html>
137. Who has been appointed as the first woman chief of SEBI?
- a. Chitra Ramakrishna
 - b. **Madhabi Puri Buch**
 - c. Indira Banerjee
 - d. Nirmala Sitharaman
- Former ICICI Banker, Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the new Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) chairman, replacing Ajay Tyagi. She is the first woman chief of SEBI and also the first non-IAS to head the regulatory body. She has over three decades of experience in the financial markets and was SEBI whole-time member (WTM) between April 5, 2017, and October 4, 2021. During

her tenure at SEBI, she handled portfolios such as surveillance, collective investment schemes and investment management.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/madhabi-puri-buch-appointed-as-sebi-chairperson/articleshow/89892353.cms>

138. Who among the following won the Mexican Open tennis single 2022?

- a. **Rafael Nadal**
 - b. Cameron Norrie
 - c. Feliciano Lopez
 - d. Stefanos Tsitsipas
- In tennis, Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat British number one Cameron Norrie 6-4 6-4 to win the singles title of Mexican Open 2022 (also known as Acapulco title). This is the 91st ATP title of his career and the third title of the season. This is the fourth time that Rafael Nadal has won the Mexican Open title, after winning the previous ones in 2005, 2013 and 2020. Men's double title winners are Feliciano Lopez (Spain) and Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece).
 - **Link:**<https://www.si.com/tennis/2022/02/27/rafael-nadal-third-2022-win-mexican-open>

139. Which of the following days is observed as Polio National Immunization Day 2022?

- a. February 26
 - b. **February 27**
 - c. February 28
 - d. March 1st
- In 2022, the Government of India has organised the Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID) (also known as "Polio Ravivar") on February 27, 2022, to give two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child in the country under the age of five. Over 15 crore children will be covered under the drive across all 36 States and UTs in 735 districts. The National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022 was launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandavia on February 26, 2022. February 27th is also celebrated as the National Protein Day, to create awareness about protein deficiency and encourage people to include of this macronutrient in their diet

Link:<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1801311>

140. Which of the following days is recognized as National science day in India?

- a. February 26
 - b. February 27
 - c. **February 28**
 - d. March 1
- National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on February 28 in India, to commemorate the remarkable work of Indian physicist CV Raman in the field of light scattering. Raman is known as one of the greatest scientists and an inspiration to many. The theme of National Science Day 2022 is 'Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future'. A programme titled Vigyan Sarvatra Pujiyate is being held to celebrate the S & T achievements of India over the past 75 years as a prelude to National Science Day on February 28.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-day-to-embody-the-true-spirit-of-science/article65090108.ece>