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LAW AND AMENDMENT

SC appointed panel for the recovery of money from NSEL defaulters

- The Supreme Court has approved the formation of the Supreme Court Committee for recovery of money from the defaulters against whom National Spot Exchange Ltd has secured money decrees.
- It will be headed by Justice (retd) Pradeep Nandrajog.
- NSEL, has already, single-handedly secured decrees/ arbitration awards worth Rs. 3,534.46 crore against the defaulters

Supreme Court appoints 3 members Committee of Administrators

- The Supreme Court has appointed a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA).
- It will be headed by former apex court judge AR Dave to manage the affairs of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and adoption of its constitution in line with the National Sports Code and model guidelines.
- The Committee of Administrators will also comprise of Dr SY Qureshi, former Chief Election Commissioner as its member

Supreme Court recognises sex work as a ‘profession’

- In a momentous order, the Supreme Court of India recognised sex work to be a ‘profession.’
- The bench comprised of three judges led by Justice L. Nageswara Rao issued six directives to protect the rights of sex workers.
- The apex court was hearing a plea that has raised the problems faced by sex workers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The plea has highlighted the destitution faced by sex workers on account of COVID-19 and sought relief measures for over nine lakh women and transgender sex workers across India.
- The court held that every individual in this country has a right to a dignified life under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- In *Kajal Mukesh Singh vs State of Maharashtra (2021)*, the Bombay High Court said “Prostitution is not an offence, a woman has a right to choose her vocation”.
- In *Manoj Shaw vs State of West Bengal (2003)*, the Calcutta High Court observed that sex workers should be treated as victims of crime rather than the accused.
- In *Budhadev Karmaskar vs State of West Bengal (2011)*, the High Court observed that sex workers are also entitled to live a dignified life as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

SC orders constitution of 25 special courts for cheque bounce cases

- The Supreme Court on May 19, directed the constitution of 25 special courts with a retired judge in five states for expeditious disposal of cheque bounce cases.
- The special courts under the Negotiable Instruments Act will be set up in Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in view of a large number of pending cases.
- Chief Justice of India - N. V. Ramana (48th)

Digitisation of Court Records

- The Indian judiciary has increasingly started using technology and the change is reflected in the legal profession in general as well.
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- As the 21st century began, the focus was on digitising the court's records and establishing e- courts across the country.
- In the year of 2006, e-courts were launched as a part of the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP).



APPOINTMENT

Centre appoints of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia as SC judges

- The Central Govt. has notified the appointments of Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Gujarat High Court judge Justice Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala, as the judges of the Supreme Court.
- Justice Dhulia will be the 2nd Judge to be elevated from Uttarakhand High Court.
- Justice Pardiwala will be the 4th Parsi to adorn the bench of the Supreme Court and have a tenure of about 2 yrs.

President of India appoints 9 Advocates as Judges of Delhi High Court

- The President of India has appointed nine Advocates as Judges of the Delhi High Court.
- Ms. Tara Vitasta Ganju, Ms. Mini Pushkarna, Mr Vikas Mahajan, Mr Tushar Rao Gedela, Ms. Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora, Mr Sachin Datta, Mr Amit Mahajan, Mr Gaurang Kanth and Mr Saurabh Banerjee have been appointed as Judges of the Delhi High Court.
- The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended their names.

Justice Mohanty gets additional charge of Lokpal Chairperson

- President Ram Nath Kovind has given justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson.
- He was given the charge after justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as the Lokpal chief in May 2022.
- The Lokpal is headed by a chairperson and can have eight members.
- At present, there are six members in the Lokpal.

Rajesh Bhushan appointed as chairperson of Committee B at 75th WHA

- India's Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed as the chairperson of Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA).
- The 75th World Health Assembly is being held between 22-28 May 2022, in Geneva, Switzerland, which is also the headquarters of the WHO.
- The theme of this year's Health Assembly is "Health for peace, peace for health."

Rajiv Kumar appointed Chief Election Commissioner of India

- Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- The appointment is done by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Nand Mulchandani appointed 1st-ever Chief Technology Officer of CIA

- The Central Intelligence Agency has announced the appointment of Nand Mulchandani as its first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO).
- CIA is the first line of defence for the United States.

Tarun Kapoor appointed Advisor to PM Narendra Modi

- The government has announced the appointment of retired bureaucrat Tarun Kapoor as Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- He has earlier served as the Vice-Chairman of Delhi Development Authority and as an additional Chief Secretary in the government of Himachal Pradesh.

Mohinder K Midha : 1st Dalit Female mayor elected in London Council

- Mohinder K Midha, an Indian-Origin Politician in the United Kingdom (UK), has become the first Dalit female mayor of a local London Council.
- Midha was elected for the next year's term of 2022-23 at a council meeting.
- United Kingdom Capital – London
- United Kingdom Prime Minister - Boris Johnson

Emmanuel Macron names Elisabeth Borne as France's new Prime Minister

- Elisabeth Borne was appointed France's new Prime Minister to become the second woman to hold the post in the country.
- She has served as Labor Minister in Macron's previous government since 2020.
- Borne is the second woman to hold the position after Edith Cresson, who was Prime Minister from 1991-to 1992 under Socialist President Francois Mitterrand.

Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new Prime Minister

- Anthony Albanese was sworn in as the country's Australia's new prime minister.
- Anthony Albanese became the country's 31st Prime Minister.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Labour Day Observed on 1 May

- International Workers' Day, also known as International Labour Day, is observed on May 1 around the world.
- The International Labor Organization is an agency of the United Nations that works towards setting international labour standards.
- In 1889, May 01 was designated as a day for workers in remembrance of the Haymarket affair in Chicago in 1886.
- In India, the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan celebrated the first Labour Day in 1923 in Chennai (formerly Madras).

World Laughter Day celebrated every year on 1 May

- World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May.
- In 2022, it was celebrated on 1 May.
- World Laughter Day was first celebrated on 10 May 1998 in Mumbai.
- World Laughter Day was started by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement, in 1998.
- World Laughter Day is celebrated to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.

Gujarat and Maharashtra celebrated their 62nd foundation days on 01 May 2022

- Gujarat celebrated its 62nd foundation day on 01 May 2022 as "Gujarat Gaurav Divas".
- The main function was held in Patan district of North Gujarat.
- On the occasion, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel dedicated to the people Regional Science Center in Patan.
- Gujarat was formed after the bifurcation of erstwhile Bombay state in 1960.
- Maharashtra celebrated its 62nd foundation day as 'Maharashtra Din'.
- Maharashtra was formed in 1960 after the Bombay Reorganization Act was enacted by Parliament.

World Press Freedom Day Celebrated on 3 May

- May 3, is celebrated as World Press Freedom Day across the world.
- This year's World Press Freedom Day theme is "Journalism Under Digital Siege".
- It is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of press freedom in any democracy.
- It is also observed to mark the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek.

Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti observed on 7 May

- The 161st birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore is being observed on May 7, 2022.
- Gurudev, a name given to him by Mahatma Gandhi, became the first Indian and the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 for his work, Gitanjali.
- He is the only one to have written the national anthems of three countries – India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

World Migratory Bird Day observed on 14 May

- World Migratory Bird Day is observed on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October.
- "Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds" is the theme of the campaign for 2022.
- For 2022, it is being observed on May 14 and October 8.
- The day raises awareness about the problems that migratory birds face.
- The day began in 2006 by the United Nations (UN).

International Nurses Day Observed on 12 May

- Every year, May 12 is observed as an International Nurses Day around the world.
- It is observed to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. She is considered as the founder of Modern Nursing.
- This year, the theme for International Nurses Day is “Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in Nursing and respect rights to secure global health”.
- The International Council of Nurses declared 12 May as International Nurses day in 1974.

International Museum Day celebrated on 18 May

- International Museum Day is celebrated on May 18 every year.
- The International Council Of Museums (ICOM) has been celebrating this day since 1977.
- The theme for 2022 is “The Power of Museums”.
- A museum describes the journey of a nation from prehistory to modernity by displaying enriched historical artifacts such as tools, weapons, clothes, and jewellery.

Anti-Terrorism Day Observed on 21 May

- Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 in India every year.
- Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- He was assassinated on May 21, 1991, by the LTTE terrorists while campaigning for the Congress Party at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.
- Rajiv Gandhi became India's youngest PM when he was sworn in at 40.

Commonwealth Day Celebrated on May 24

- Commonwealth Day is celebrated by the collection of 54 commonwealth countries every year.
- The theme for Commonwealth Day 2022 is ‘Delivering a Common Future’.
- It is marked on the second Monday of March in most of these countries but in India and a few more, it is observed on May 24.
- This day is celebrated to understand the Commonwealth and its shared values of peace, equality, and democracy.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's death anniversary ON 27 May

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's death anniversary is observed on 27 May every year.
- He was the first Prime Minister of India and was also the longest-serving PM of the country.
- Between 1920 and 1922, he was imprisoned twice in connection with the Non-Cooperation Movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi.

World No-Tobacco Day observed every year on 31 May

- World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed around the world every year on 31 May to raise awareness about the damage caused by consuming tobacco.
- The WHO member countries agreed to observe World No-Tobacco Day on May 31 in 1987.
- The theme for the year 2022 is “Protect The Environment”.
- In the year 2022, the WHO has selected Jharkhand for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award.

PM Modi arrives in Berlin on three-nation Europe visit

- PM Narendra Modi reached Berlin, Germany on the first leg of his official visit to three European nations, on 1 May 2022.
- Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz will co-chair the 6th India-Germany InterGovernmental Consultations (IGC).
- He will then visit Copenhagen on 3 May 2022, followed by Paris on 4 May 2022.
- He will participate in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit.

Statue of Unity included in '8 Wonders of SCO' 2022

- India's Statue of Unity has become the part of '8 Wonders of SCO' list.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation has included the Statue of Unity in its '8 Wonders of SCO' list.
- The Statue of Unity is the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of independent India.
- The 182-meter tall statue is the world's tallest statue located in Kevadia, Gujarat.
- The statue was inaugurated on the 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in 2018.

Venkaiah Naidu embarks on 3-nation tour to Gabon, Senegal and Qatar

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on 30 May 2022 embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, Senegal, and Qatar.
- This is the first-ever visit from India at the level of Vice President to all three countries.
- During the first leg of his visit to Gabon from 30th May to 1st of June, the Vice President will hold delegation-level talks with Prime Minister of Gabon Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda.

President of India addresses joint sitting of Parliament of Jamaica

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind addressed the Joint Sitting of both Houses of Parliament of Jamaica in Kingston on May 17.
- President Kovind has become first Indian President to visit Jamaica.
- He is on a 4 day visit to the Caribbean country.
- Jamaica capital – Kingston

South Korea becomes 1st Asian country join NATO Cyber Defence Group

- South Korea became the first Asian country join in North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.
- South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) is joined as a contributing participant in the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.

World's Longest Suspension Bridge opens in Czech Republic

- The world's longest suspension bridge named "Sky Bridge 721" has been opened for tourists in the Czech Republic.
- The bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres (312 feet) above a valley and can be accessed by cable car. It is 721 metres long.
- The Czech Republic is a landlocked country in Central Europe.

Kenton Cool becomes first foreigner to scale Everest 16 times

- A British climber scaled the world's highest mountain for the 16th time in May 2022 becoming the first foreign climber to make the most Mt Everest summits.
- Kenton Cool from Gloucestershire, South West England, also broke his own British record for the most summits of the world's highest peak.
- American climber Dave Hahn has climbed Mt Everest 15 times.

Adani Green arm commissions India's 1st windsolar hybrid power plant

- Adani Green subsidiary Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant at Jaisalmer.
- The plant will be India's first wind and solar hybrid power generation plant.
- The new plant has a Power Purchase Agreement with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) with tariff at Rs. 2.69 per kWh.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's biggest Drone Festival - Bharat Drone Mahotsav-2022 in New Delhi.
- The event will also witness a virtual award of drone pilot certificates, panel discussions, product launches, display of a 'Made in India' Drone Taxi prototype, flying demonstrations, among others.
- It is a 2-day event being held from 27 to 28 May 2022.

Centre launches Swachh Survekshan 2023

- Union Government of India has launched the Eighth Edition of Swachh Survekshan – SS-2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.
- Designed with the theme of 'Waste to Wealth' as its driving philosophy, Swachh Survekshan- 2023 is curated towards achieving circularity in waste management.
- The survey would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

Ramgarh Vishdhari notified as India's 52nd tiger reserve

- Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified as Rajasthan's 4th and the 52nd tiger reserve of India.
- It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had given in-principle approval to make Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining areas as tiger reserves on July 5 last year.

Piyali Basak : 1st Indian to scale Mt. Everest without oxygen support

- West Bengal's Piyali Basak, on 22 May 2022, became the first Indian woman to scale Mt. Everest without supplementary oxygen.
- In October of 2021, Piyali also became the first woman to climb Mt. Dhaulagiri (8167 meters) without any oxygen support.
- She has also represented India in an international expedition to Mt. Annapurna 1(8091m).
- Mt. Annapurna 1 is the 10th highest peak in the world.

India elected a new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities for 2022-24

- India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines.
- Commission on Elections, Manila was the current chair of AAEA.
- The new member of the Executive Board now includes Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Centre announces formation of Cotton Council of India

- The Union Government has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- The Council will have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.

- Mr Goyal also appealed to the spinning and trading community to ensure a hassle-free supply of cotton and yarn first to the domestic industry.

India to be 'Country of Honour' at Cannes Marche' Du Film in France

- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur has announced that India will be the official Country of Honour at the upcoming Marche' Du Film, organized alongside the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, in France.
- The Country of Honour Status thereby ensured India's presence as Focus Country at the Opening Night of Marche Du Films being organized at the Majestic Beach with a spotlight on India, its cinema, its culture & heritage.

STATE NEWS

Uttarakhand forms panel led by retired SC judge on Uniform Civil Code

- The Uttarakhand government formed a five-member committee headed by retired SC judge Ranjana Desai, to prepare a draft on implementation of Uniform Civil Code in the state.
- The committee will comprise Pramod Kohli (retired judge), social activist Manu Gaur, retired IAS Shatrughan Singh and Doon University vice-chancellor Surekha Dangwal.
- Uttarakhand CM - Pushkar Singh Dhami.

SC allows companies to export iron ore in Karnataka Mining case

- The Supreme Court of India allowed mining companies to export iron ore extracted from mines in the Karnataka districts of Ballari, Chitradurga, and Tumakuru.
- A bench consisting of Chief Justice N V Ramana, Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli took note of the Central government's position and withdrew the export ban on iron ore, while instructing the companies to adhere to the authorities' restrictions.

Chhattisgarh becomes 2nd state to recognise CFR rights

- Chhattisgarh has become the 2nd state to recognise the Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights inside a National Park.
- The state government approved the CFR claims of Gudiyapadar and Nagalsar villages in Kanger Ghati National Park in Bastar district.
- In 2016, the Odisha government was the first to recognise CFRs inside the Simlipal National Park.

Jammu and Kashmir: Delimitation Commission orders become effective

- The Delimitation Commission's orders took effect on May 20, 2022, with the Centre determining the date under the powers granted by the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.
- According to the final Delimitation Order, 43 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in Jammu and Kashmir would belong to the Jammu region and 47 to the Kashmir region.

Rajasthan turns out as the First 10 GW Solar State

- According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, Rajasthan became the first state in India to reach 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations.
- The state has a total installed power capacity of 32.5 GW, with renewables accounting for 55 percent, thermal energy for 43 percent, and nuclear energy accounting for the remaining 2%.
- Solar is the most common energy source, accounting for roughly 36 percent of total capacity and 64 percent of renewables.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister launched Ladli Laxmi scheme 2.0

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the second phase of the Ladli Laxmi scheme (Ladli Laxmi scheme- 2.0).
- The scheme is an innovative initiative to encourage girl children to pursue higher education and make them self-dependent.
- The scheme is being implemented by the government of Madhya Pradesh since 2007 to enhance the economic and educational status of the girls.

Pre-Eminent crossing in Ayodhya to be named after Lata Mangeshkar

- A significant crossing will be developed and named for legendary vocalist Bharat Ratna late Lata Mangeshkar.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to pick a significant crossing in the temple town.
- The key crossing in Ayodhya on the way to Ram Janmabhoomi was most likely chosen for this project.

RANKING AND INDEX

India falls 8 positions in 2022 World Press Freedom Index

- India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index 2022 has fallen down to 150th position from 142nd rank in 2021, out of 180 countries.
- The index has been released by the Reporters Sans Frontiers.
- Norway (1st), Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd) Estonia (4th) and Finland (5th) grabbed the top positions.
- North Korea remained at the bottom of the list.
- Pakistan was at 157th position, Sri Lanka at 146th, Bangladesh at 162nd, and Myanmar at 176th position.

Global Crypto Adoption Index by Chainalysis released

- Global Crypto Adoption Index has been released by crypto analytics firm Chainalysis.
- United States topped the charts with an estimated realized gain of \$49.95 billion, followed by the United Kingdom (UK) with estimated realized gains of \$8.16 billion.
- India was at 21st position with an estimated realized gain of \$1.85 billion.

Ministry of Education releases National Achievement Survey 2021 report

- Department of School Education and Literacy has released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report.
- It assesses the health of school education system in the country by conducting comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies at classes 3, 5, 8, and 10th with a cycle period of three years.
- The last National Achievement Survey was held in 2017.

Indian Air Force ranks 3rd on World Air Power Index

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.
- The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) published the Global Air Powers Ranking of 2022.
- IAF currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory.

India overtakes Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market

- According to the report released by Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), India has surpassed Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market in the world.
- The 1st is occupied by China, followed by the US and Japan.
- India is expected to become the third-largest Vehicle market by 2025.

AWARDS

BRO's Atal Tunnel awarded with IBC Best Infrastructure Project award

- The Atal Tunnel constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) got the Indian Building Congress 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi.
- Around 30 projects have been nominated for this prestigious award. Atal Tunnel has been named as the Best Projects for Excellence in the Built Environment in 2021.
- Lt General Rajeev Chaudhry received the prize on the behalf of Border Roads Organisation during the IBC's 25th annual Convention.
- Atal Tunnel is 9.02 km long that connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley.
- The construction of this tunnel started on 3 June 2000 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister of India.

Snow leopard conservationist Charudutt Mishra wins Whitley Gold Award

- Charudutt Mishra was awarded Whitley Gold Award for his conservation work in 12 snow leopard countries.
- This is the second time Charudutt Mishra has won Whitley Gold Award. He had won the award previously in 2005.
- Charudutt Mishra published a paper on eight approaches to community-based conservation in 2017.

Winners of Pulitzer Prize 2022 announced

- Winners of the Pulitzer Prize 2022 were announced in May 2022.
- The Netanyahus by Joshua Cohen won in the fiction category.
- frank: sonnets by Diane Seuss won in the poetry category.
- Danish Siddiqui among 4 Indians honoured with Pulitzer Prize
- First awarded in 1917, the Pulitzer Prize recognizes excellence in journalism, literature, and musical composition.
- The categories include Public Service, Breaking News Reporting, Feature Writing, etc

President confers 13 Shaurya Chakras

- President Ram Nath Kovind, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred 13 Shaurya Chakras including six posthumous, on May 10, 2022.
- The awards were presented to the personnel of the Armed Forces during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase1) in New Delhi.
- The President also conferred 14 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, four Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, and 24 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals.

Army Chief Gen. Manoj Pande honoured with Param Vishisht Seva Medal

- Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande received Param Vishisht Seva Medal from President Ram Nath Kovind for his exceptional service.
- The President also conferred 14 Param Vishisht Seva Medal, four Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals.
- Gen. Manoj Pande has become the 29th Chief of the Army Staff.

- The Param Vishisht Seva Medal was instituted by the President of India on 26 January 1960 to recognise distinguished service rendered by personnel of the Armed Forces.

Shaunak Sen's 'All That Breathes' wins L'OEil d'Or award

- Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary "All That Breathes" has been honoured with the 2022 L'OEil d'Or award.
- The L'OEil d'Or documentary award, also known as The Golden Eye award, was created in 2015 by French-speaking authors' society LaScam in collaboration with the Cannes Film Festival.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui receives Excellence in Cinema Award

- Bollywood actor, Nawazuddin Siddiqui received an award for Excellence in Cinema at the French Riviera Film Festival that took place on May 20-21, 2022 in Cannes.
- Siddiqui was presented the award by Emmy winning star Vincent De Paul.
- Siddiqui received this award for his contribution to cinema.

Ajay Piramal receives top British honorary award

- Piramal Group chairman Ajay Gopikisan Piramal received an honorary commander of the order of the British Empire (CBE) by Queen Elizabeth on 17 May 2022.
- Mr Piramal received the award for services to the U.K.-India trade relationship as India co-chair of the U.K.-India CEO Forum.
- Ajay Piramal (66) is an Indian billionaire industrialist and the chairman of the Piramal Group.

West Bengal gets SKOCH award in education

- West Bengal has bagged the prestigious 'Star of Governance-SKOCH Award in Education'.
- The award will be bestowed on the state at a function in New Delhi on June 18, 2022 as a part of 'India Governance Forum'.
- SKOCH Awards, instituted in 2003, aims to recognize people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation.

SPORTS

Harshada Sharad Garud first Indian to win gold medal at IWF Championship

- In Weightlifting, Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships at Heraklion in Greece on 2 May 2022.
- She lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kilogram weight category, which included 70 kilograms in Snatch.
- Turkey's Bektas Cansu bagged the silver medal while Moldova's Teodora-Luminita Hincu won the bronze medal.

International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup starts

- International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup began on 9 May 2022 at Suhl in Germany.
- Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary will lead the Indian contingent at the event.
- National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has shortlisted as many as 51 shooters for the German World Cup, including shooters like Anish Bhanwala, Naamya Kapoor, Vivaan Kapoor, etc.

Gujarat Titans wins Indian Premier League 2022

- Gujarat Titans won the 15th edition of the IPL on 29 May 2022, after defeating Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets in the final in Ahmedabad.
- This was Gujarat Titans' maiden IPL season.
- Hardik Pandya, captain of Gujarat Titans won the Man of the Match award while Rajasthan Royals' Jos Buttler was named Most Valuable Player.

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- Jos Buttler also won the Orange Cap for scoring 863 runs in the season.

Yuzvendra Chahal, Jos Buttler become third duo to win Orange cap

- Jos Buttler and Yuzvendra Chahal from Rajasthan Royals become the 3rd pair in IPL history to bag the Orange Cap and Purple Cap, respectively from same franchise.
- It is only the 3rd time in the history of the IPL that the highest run-scorer and highest wicket-taker of a season have been from the same team.
- In 2013, Michael Hussey bagged the Orange Cap while Dwayne Bravo won the Purple Cap.

India wins 23 medals at Bahrain Para Badminton

- The Indian Para badminton team finished with a rich haul of 23 medals (7 Gold, 3 Silver & 13 Bronze) at the first Bahrain Para Badminton International Championships in Manama.
- Promising doubles shuttler Manisha Ramdass shot into the limelight with her twin gold medal show.
- Top para shuttlers Pramod Bhagat and Tarun Dhillon also clinched a couple of gold medals each.

Bangladesh's first international professional boxing tournament

- The first-ever professional international boxing tournament of Bangladesh was held in Dhaka on May 19.
- A total of 14 boxers took part in the event including 11 from Bangladesh, two from Nepal and one from India.
- The one-day event was organised by the Bangladesh Boxing Foundation

Indian men's compound team wins successive gold medals in archery

- The Indian men's compound team won a gold medal in Archery World Cup 2022 Stage-Two in Gwangju, South Korea on 20 May 2022.
- Abhishek Verma, Aman Saini, and Rajat Chauhan defeated Adrien Gontier, Jean Philippe Boulch, and Qentin Baraer.
- The Indian Women's compound team of Avneet Kaur, Muskan Kirar, and Priya Gurjar have also won a team bronze.

PV Sindhu wins Bronze in Asia Badminton Championships

- P.V. Sindhu won the bronze medal for the second time in the Asia Badminton Championships.
- She lost to defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semi-final.
- P.V. Sindhu had defeated Big Jiao of China 21-9, 13-21 and 21-19 in the quarterfinal.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Rasheed Kidwai penned a new book "Leaders, Politicians, Citizens"

- In this book, Rasheed Kidwai has compiled stories of 50 personalities who influenced India's politics.
- It has been published by Hachette India.
- In this book, he has written about leading political figures such as Sheikh Abdullah, Jyoti Basu, Sheila Dikshit, Rajiv Gandhi, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, etc.
- "The House of Scindias: A Saga of Power, Politics and Intrigue," "Ballot - Ten Episodes That Have Shaped India's Democracy" and "24, Akbar Road" were other famous books written by him.

'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' book launched

- 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' was launched by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in May 2022.

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- It is a compilation of chapters written by domain experts, PM Modi's cabinet colleagues and major personalities.
- The book is a rare compilation that gives the readers a ringside view of the evolution of one of the most popular and iconic leaders of modern India.

SCHEMES

PM to release benefits under PM CARES for Children Scheme

- PM Modi will release benefits under the PM CARES for Children Scheme.
- A passbook of PM CARES for Children, and health card under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana will be handed over to the children during the programme.
- PM CARES for Children Scheme was launched in 2021 to support children who have lost both their parents to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dharmendra Pradhan launches reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'

- Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 100-day reading campaign called 'Padhe Bharat'.
- It is aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 or NEP 2020. This program emphasizes and encourages reading culture for people of every age group.
- It encourages students to read books in local, regional, tribal, and mother tongue languages.
- It aims to improve the learning level of students and creativity, critical thinking, vocabulary, and the ability to express themselves both verbally and in writing.

Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy launched by Prime Minister Modi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy and spoke to the startup community via video conferencing at the Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave in Indore.
- The Prime Minister also unveiled the Madhya Pradesh Startup Portal, which would ease and promote the startup environment in the state.

BANKING ECONOMY AND FINANCE

Moody's lowers India's CY22 growth forecast to 8.8%

- In the May update of its Global Macro Outlook 2022-23, Moody's has lowered its calendar-year 2022 growth forecast for India to 8.8% from the earlier forecast of 9.1% made in March.
- It has maintained its 2023 growth forecasts at 5.4%.
- Moody's expects the G-20 economies to grow 3.1% in 2022, down from 5.9% growth in 2021.

India joins US's Indo Pacific economic plan

- India and 12 countries led by the US, on 23rd May, launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework that aims to strengthen economic partnership among participating countries.
- The IPEF is launched to counter China's economic dominance.
- The 13 initial partner countries - together account for 40 per cent of world GDP.

FDI inflow hits all-time high of USD 83.57 billion in 2021-22

- India has recorded the "highest ever" annual FDI (foreign direct investment) inflow of USD 83.57 billion in 2021-22.
- In 2020-21, the inflow stood at USD 81.97 billion.

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- Singapore is the top investor country with a 27% share followed by the US (18%) and Mauritius (16%).
- Karnataka is the top recipient state with a 38 per cent share of the total FDI equity inflow.

BRICS-led New Development bank to set up regional office in India

- The New Development Bank (NDB), the Shanghai-based multilateral bank of the BRICS countries, will open its first regional office in India at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). The India office will focus on expanding its footprint in the country.
- The bank is headquartered in Shanghai, China and was formally opened in July 2015.

According to SBI report, India’s GDP growth to be 8.2-8.5 percent in FY22

- According to the State Bank of India’s research paper Ecowrap, India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in FY22 is predicted to be in the range of 8.2 to 8.5 percent.
- Uncertainties abound in Q4FY22 GDP estimates, as normal quarterly data adjustments are tough to fathom, but the research produced by SBI’s Economic Research Department predicts that it will meet the 3 to 3.5 percent mark.

US Overtakes China as India’s Largest Trading Partner in FY22

- The United States overtook China to become India’s top trading partner in 2021-22, reflecting strong economic ties between the two countries.
- According to commerce ministry data, in 2021-22, bilateral trade between the US and India stood at US\$ 119.42 billion as against US\$ 80.51 billion in 2020-21.
- Exports to the US increased to US\$ 76.11 billion in 2021-22 from US\$ 51.62 billion in the previous fiscal, while imports rose to US\$ 43.31 billion as compared to around US\$ 29 billion in 2020-21.

UN projects India to grow 6.4% in 2022

- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in its ‘World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) Mid-year Update 2022’ report has declined India’s GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth projections from 6.7% to 6.4% for 2022-23.
- For 2023-24, 6% GDP growth is forecasted for India as against 6.1%. In 2021, India’s economy grew at 8.8%. The growth outlook for South Asia is also downgraded by 0.4 percentage points to 5.5% in 2022.

DEFENCE

Abhilasha Barak becomes the Indian Army’s first woman combat aviator

- Abhilasha Barak has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator after successfully completing her training.
- She was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the DG and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation in Nashik.
- She has been assigned to the second flight of the 2072 Army Aviation Squadron.
- She was commissioned into the Indian Army from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018.

India Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) Exercise

- The fourth edition of the two-day India-Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) exercises began on 22ndst May in the Bay of Bengal.
- The last time both countries conducted CORPAT exercises were in October 2020.
- The exercise aims to strengthen mutual understanding and enhance the interoperability between the navies of India and Bangladesh in countering maritime threats.

‘Operation Dudhi’

- Recently, the surviving soldiers of Operation Dudhi were felicitated by Assam Rifles.
- In 1991, 72 militants were eliminated by the Assam Rifles in a single counter-insurgency operation that was conducted in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Operation Dudhi was undertaken by the Assam Rifles while it was in Jammu & Kashmir from the years 1990 to 1992.

Bongosagar Exercise

- The third edition of Exercise Bongosagar, bilateral naval exercise between India and Bangladesh, commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh.
- It is an annual exercise.
- Second edition of the exercise, held in Northern Bay of Bengal in 2020.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Adani Green Switches On India's First Hybrid Power Plant

- Adani Green subsidiary Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, contributing significantly to India's green energy effort.
- The plant will be India's first hybrid wind-solar power producing facility.
- The hybrid power plant, which combines solar and wind generating, unlocks the full potential of renewable energy by eliminating generation intermittency and providing a more stable option to meet rising power demand.

ISRO plans mission to Venus by Dec 2024

- The Indian Space Research Organisation will send a spacecraft to orbit Venus to study what lies below its surface, the space body's Chairperson S Somnath announced.
- ISRO is expecting to launch the mission by December 2024 with an orbital manoeuvre planned for a year after that.
- The orbital manoeuvre is the use of propulsion systems to change the orbit of a spacecraft. It enables a spacecraft to enter a planet's orbit.

China Plans to launch World's First Search For Habitable Planets through Space Telescope

- Chinese scientists have proposed a space project to survey the sky through a space-borne telescope to hunt for habitable Earth-like planets outside the solar system, about 32 light-years from Earth.
- The project, named Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey (CHES), would be the first space mission specially designed to search for habitable terrestrial planets around nearby Sun-like stars.

India to introduce made in India TB infection skin test called “c-TB”

- India will introduce a newly approved “made in India” TB infection skin test called ‘c-TB’, said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- This cost-effective tool will be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
- A new initiative, “Adopt people with TB” will be launched this year, based on Indian values of collectivism, which will call upon corporates, industries, organisations, political parties and individuals to come forward and adopt TB-infected people and families and provide them with nutritional and social support.

PM Modi unveils India's first 5G test bed, estimated to be worth Rs 220 crore

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first 5G testbed, allowing startups and industry players to test and certify their technologies domestically and lessen reliance on foreign facilities.

- The testbed was built at a cost of approximately Rs 220 crore.
- The Prime Minister said the 5G testbed is a significant step toward self-reliance in the direction of critical and modern technologies while speaking at the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India’s silver jubilee celebrations.

ISRO Successfully Tests Human-Rated S200 Rocket Booster

- At Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully completed the static test of a human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for the Gaganyaan programme.
- According to the Bengaluru-based space agency, the HS200 is the human-rated version of the S200 rocket booster of the satellite launch vehicle GSLV Mk III, also known as LVM3.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE

PM Modi to participate in second global Covid-19 Summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be participating in the second global Covid Summit on 12 May 2022 at the invitation of US President Joe Biden.
- PM Modi will deliver his remarks on the theme – Preventing Pandemic Fatigue and Prioritizing Preparedness.
- He had participated in the first global virtual summit on Covid-19 also, hosted by Biden on September 22, 2021.

PM Modi arrives in Tokyo on 2-day visit to participate in Quad Summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Tokyo on 23 May 2022 on a two-day visit to Japan to participate in the Quad Leaders Summit.
- Quad brings together four countries united by their commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo Pacific.
- US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will participate in the summit.
- The Quad is a strategic security dialogue between Australia, India, Japan, and the USA.
- This will be the fourth interaction of Quad leaders.

President inaugurates National Women Legislators Conference-2022

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the National Women Legislators’ Conference-2022 in Thiruvananthapuram.
- The 20-day conference is being hosted by the Kerala Legislative Assembly as part of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’.
- This is for the first time that women legislators’ conference is organised at the national level.

China hosts BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting

- China hosted the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs on May 19, 2022 through video conference.
- The theme for BRICS 2022 is ‘Foster HighQuality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development’.
- The meeting was also attended by India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- India handed over the BRICS Chairmanship to China in January 2022.

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INTERNATIONAL

United Nation (UN) Secretary-General Launches Action Agenda on Internal Displacement:

The action agenda launched by United Nation, sets out commitments by UN system to better resolve, prevent and address internal displacement crises. Internally displaced person (IDPs) are people who are forced to flee their homes due to armed conflict, generalized violence, violation of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, climate change impacts but who remain within their own country. Number of IDPs has reached more than 59 million people (2021). India also saw 4.9 million international displacements in 2021. Action Agenda sets out three goals: -

- (a) Help IDPs find a durable solution.
- (b) Better prevent New Displacement crises
- (c) Ensure effective protection and Assistance.

US (Supreme Court) Ends Abortion Rights:

Overturms Landmark Roe V. Wade ruling on Abortion Rights:

United States Supreme Court has ended the Constitutional Protection for abortion that had been in place for nearly 50 years. United States Supreme Court overturned the 1973 landmark decision that provided. Constitutional protection to woman’s right to terminate her pregnancy and had institutionalised abortion-related protection. The move has triggered doubts about liberty and women’s personal autonomy in the United States. By this, decision, the US Supreme Court has not only attracted criticism from the US Government and President also from countries and leaders all over the world.

Joe Biden became Democratic presidential nominee of United States elections

Former United States Vice President Joe Biden became the Democratic presidential nominee to run for the White House against President Donald Trump in the elections in November 2020. Biden, took his tally of pledged delegates over the halfway mark of 1,991 from a total of 3,979, thus becoming eligible to earn the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

Joe Biden served as the 47th vice president of the United States from 2009 to 2017 during the presidency of Barack Obama. As a Senator, he had voted to approve the landmark civilian nuclear deal between the two countries in 2008.

UN's Global Policy Framework for Displaced Children

The land-mark guidelines were launched on July 25, 2022 with an aim to protect and empower children forced to flee their homes due to climate-related emergencies.

These guidelines were launched by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), Georgetown University and the United Nations University. The guidelines cover both internal as well cross-border migrations.

14th BRICS Summit to be Held in Beijing on 23 June 2022:

Chinese President Xi Jinping will host the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on 23 June 2022. The summit will be held in virtual format under the theme of ‘Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development.’ China is the chair of the 14th BRICS Summit happening in 2022.

British Prime Minister Boris Jhonson survives no-confidence vote with 211 votes in favour and 148 against.

In India 1st ever No Confidence Motion in India was initiated against the then P.M. Jawahar Lal Nehru in 1963 brought by Acharya J.B. Kriplani which consequently failed due to less votes.

It is an important tool used against the Council of Minister in the Loksabha. If 51% of the members of the House vote in favour of the motion, then Government will be deemed to have lost the majority and consequently resign from the office.

India-Australia Critical Minerals Investment Partnership

According to Union Minister for coal & mines (Pralhad Joshi), under “India-Australia Critical Minerals Investment Partnership”, both the countries will explore investment opportunities in cobalt and lithium mineral assets.

FACEBOOK’S DECLARATION

Facebook has announced to launch its new publishing tool called Bulletin with the aim of promoting independent writers. Bulletin would help and support these independent creators in United States. Bulletin will be providing support focused on content creation, monetisation and audience growth.

Thailand: 1st Asian Country to legalise Cannabis for Medicinal use:-

Thailand has become the 1st Asian Country to legalise Cannabis for medicinal use. Now in Thailand, it is no longer a crime to grow and trade Marijuana and Hemp products, or use parts of the plant to treat illness, but the recreational use of drugs still remains illegal.

Canada: 1st Country to Introduce Written Warning on Every Cigarette:

Canada is all set to become the World’s 1st Nation to introduce a printed warning on every Cigarette. While the exact message could change but the current proposal is, ‘Poison in Every Puff’.

Fruits Software:

The Karnataka Government has launched ‘The Former Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System’ or FRUITS Software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes. Through the Creation of single digital identification through FRUITS, formers can access benefits of hosts of schemes such as Direct Benefit Transfer under PM Kisan, Payment for Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for crops, special financial assistance, caste certificate authentication, and ration cards.

New Zealand declared itself free from “Coronavirus”

New Zealand declared itself free from the coronavirus and lifted all virus-related restrictions within the country. Since the last person who was being monitored for coronavirus was released from isolation and regarded as recovered, Health Ministry of South-Pacific nation New Zealand declared itself as ‘free from Covid-19.

All restrictions such as social distancing and limits on economic activity and public gatherings, except ‘border controls’ were lifted from June 9th. New Zealand had reported 1,154 infections and 22 deaths from the disease.

‘Shohojodha’ online plasma network for COVID-19 launched by Bangladesh

The Government of Bangladesh launched an online network named as ‘Shohojodha’ to facilitate plasma exchange between recovered patients of COVID-19 and those undergoing treatment for Corona infection in the country. The plasma therapy for the Coronavirus patients in Bangladesh is under trial process awaiting final approval from the government.

Shohojodha has been established by the ICT division of the government of Bangladesh in collaboration with Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), a2i innovation lab and e-Generation to facilitate collection and distribution of plasma from patients who have recovered from Coronavirus.

Twitter India has appointed an interim chief compliance officer to comply with the new IT

Twitter India has appointed an interim chief compliance officer to comply with the new IT rules in India. Twitter India will also designate two other executives in accordance with the new IT rules, soon.

G7 summit postponed

US President Donald Trump has postponed the G7 Summit till September and has suggested expansion of the Group to G10 or G11 with India, Australia, South Korea and Russia included. G7 is a grouping of the world's largest economies – the US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan.

The U.S. chairs the G7 this year. After taking the office, Trump has pulled the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the Paris climate accord, UNESCO, the United Nations Human Rights Council, the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement, the Treaty on Open Skies and the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Israel Government Dissolves Parliament:

The weakened coalition government of Israel decided to dissolve the Parliament and call a new election, the country's 5th in three years.

Israel Elections, which are expected in this fall, could set a stage for the return of a nationalist religious government led by the former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or another period of political gridlock.

PM of Israel Naftali Bennett said that it was not easy to disband the Israeli Government, but he called it the right decision for Israel.

The immediate cause of Naftali Bennet's decision was the looming expiration of laws that grant West Bank settlers a special legal status.

If those laws in Israel were to expire, the settlers will be subject to many of the military laws that apply to the territory's more than 2 million Palestinians.

India and Israel finalised a vision statement to further step up their overall defence cooperation, especially in the co-production of key military equipment and joint research and development of futuristic technologies for the armed forces.

- Israel has been one of India's top defence partners supplying a range of high end defence equipment. Indian armed forces rely heavily on Israeli Searcher and Heron UAVs to meet their surveillance requirements with growing need for more. In the backdrop of the standoff with China in eastern Ladakh, last year the Army had leased four Heron-TP Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAVs from Israel Aircraft Industries which have since been inducted.
- In the second half of last year, the Army also placed orders for smaller, expendable 'SkyStriker' drones to be manufactured in Bengaluru by a joint venture between Israel's Elbit System and India's Alpha Design Technologies, which is now part of Adani Group.
- The two countries have several joint development projects in the pipeline, including the Long Range Surface to Air Missile also called Barak-8 for the Indian Navy's warships.
- In another important project, in April, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited entered into a memorandum of understanding with IAI to convert six Boeing-767 civil passenger aircraft to midair refuelling aircraft in India for the Indian Air Force.
- The Army which has operated Israeli small arms for a long time had contracted 16,497 Negev Light Machine Guns from Israel in March 2020 under fast track procurement and they have since been inducted.

Guinness World Record India:

On 9th June, a National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) creates Guinness World Record by laying the longest bituminous lane of 75 kms, on NH-53 in 105 hours 33 minutes between Amravati and Akola Districts in Maharashtra.

WHO launched 'COVID-19 Technology Access Pool'

COVID-19 Technology Access Pool

World Health Organization has launched COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP). The idea of C-TAP was mooted by President Carlos Alvarado of Costa Rica. More than 30 countries have signed up to support this initiative.

The aim of this initiative is to provide access to all for making vaccines, tests, treatments and other health technologies to fight COVID-19. C-TAP will serve as a sister initiative to the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator.

World's biggest plant discovered off Australian coast:-

The World's largest living plant has been identified in the shallow water off the coast of Western Australia. The sprawling sea grass a marine flowering plant known as Posidonia Australis, stretches for more than 112 miles (180 kilometers) in Shark Bay, a wilderness area protected as a World Heritage site.

India pledged USD 15 mn to GAVI

India has pledged 15 million dollars to GAVI – The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this while addressing the virtual Global Vaccine Summit hosted by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Gavi is a United Nations-backed organisation which coordinates vaccinations across the world.

Gavi launched the Gavi Advance Market Commitment for COVID-19 Vaccines (Gavi Covax AMC). It is aimed at incentivising vaccine manufacturers to produce sufficient quantities of eventual COVID-19 vaccines, and to ensure access for developing countries.

World Economic Forum to host 'twin summit' in January 2021

The World Economic Forum will host a unique "Twin Summit" in January 2021 at Davos, Switzerland. The theme of the summit will be "The Great Reset".

"The Great Reset" is a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of economic and social system for a more fair, sustainable and resilient future.

NASA's announcement

NASA has announced that its new spacecraft, NEA Scout, has successfully undergone all the required tests and has now been safely tucked inside the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket.

India-ASEAN boost cooperation during Youth Dialogue 2020

The dialogue established the revival of Nalanda University in Bihar towards channelizing youthful energy.

Launching of 1,000 PhD fellowships for ASEAN students at the Indian Institutes of Technology.

It highlighted several other youth-centric initiatives such as special Courses for Young ASEAN Diplomats and Exchange Programmes for Young Farmers.

Democrat-led House of Representatives approved Statehood Bill for Washington D.C

Democrat-led House of Representatives approved historical Statehood Bill for Washington D.C. The House of Representatives voted to declare the city to be the nation's 51st state.

Earlier, the House voted on D.C. statehood once before, in 1993. The bill failed 277 to 153. The vote is result of efforts since decades by statehood activists.

FATF decided to continue Pakistan in Grey List

The global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided to keep Pakistan in the Grey List' for terror financing. The decision has been taken as Pakistan has failed to check flow of money to terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

The decision will make difficult for Pakistan to get financial aid from the IMF, World Bank, ADB and the European Union, thus further enhancing problems for the nation which is in a precarious financial situation. The FATF currently has 39 members including two regional organizations -- the European Commission and Gulf Cooperation Council.

Virtual India Pavilion at Cannes Film Market 2020

India participated in the Cannes Film Festival – 2020 with the e-inauguration of the Virtual India Pavilion. The Festival was held from 22 - 26 June, 2020. The Pavillion facilitated B2B meetings and linkages between film makers and other media and entertainment industries stake holders.

Two National Film Award winning movies were screened- MaiGhat: Crime No 103/200 (Marathi) and Hellaro (Gujarati). NFDC's Film Bazaar partnered with Marche' du Films and took 5 Films from Film Bazaar 2019 for pitching in the Market.

India selected as UNSC President for August 2021

India, which has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council, will serve as the president of the powerful 15-nation UN body for the month of August, 2021. India won 184 votes out of the 192 ballots cast to become UNSC President for August 2021.

The UNSC is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions. Membership of the United Nations Security Council is held by the five permanent members and ten elected, non-permanent members. Under the Charter of the United Nations, all Member States are obligated to comply with Council decisions.

India elected as non-permanent member of UNSC

India was elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the 2021-22 term. India secured 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. Ireland, Mexico and Norway were also elected as non-permanent member of UNSC.

India's two year term will begin on January 1, 2021. This is the eighth time that India will sit at the UN high-table, which comprises five permanent members and 10 non-permanent members. The other non-permanent members are Estonia, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam.

China's unmanned submersible reached deepest point on the earth

China's unmanned submersible has dived to a depth of 10,907 metres at the world's deepest ocean point, setting a new record for the country during which samples from the deep sea and high-definition images of the geological environment were collected.

The known deepest part of the ocean is the Challenger Deep at a depth of around 11,000 metres in the Mariana Trench.

India’s 1st Covid-19 Vaccine for Animals ‘Anocovax’ Launched:

India’s 1st indigenously developed Covid -19 vaccine for animals ‘Anocovax’ was launched on June 10th, by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar 2022. The Covid-19 vaccine for animals neutralizes both Delta & Onicron Variant’s and is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, nice and rabbits. The vaccine has been developed by ICAR-NRC Equines.

PM Modi to travel UAE:

PM Modi will be travelling to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the last week of June, 2022. This visit would be the part of his visit to Germany, where he will take port in G-7 summit, due to held from June, 26 to 28 at Scholars Elmau in Bavarian Alps. The visit to UAE is expected to help re-affirm India’s ties with the Gulf, particularly to UAE, amid the strong reactions from the region to the negative remarks by the BJP spokesperson about the Prophet.

‘One Health’ Initiative Launches in Bengaluru on 28th June:

The Department of Animal Husbandary and Dairying (DAHD) has launched the One Health Pilot programme in Bengaluru, Karnataka. It’s aim is to bring the stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges. DAHD has collaborated with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to implement the One-Health framework in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand.

Khushi Patel from UK is Crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022:

The winner of the longest-running Indian beauty pageant outside of India, Miss India Worldwide 2022, was announced as British biomedical student Khushi Patel. Shrutika Mane was named the second runner up, and Vaidehi Dongre from the US was named the first running up. The top 12 competitors at the pageant were the champions of other international competitions.

Japan to attend NATO Summit for 1st Time:

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will attend the NATO Submit on 28 June, 2022 in Madrid. He will become Japan’s 1st Leader to join a top meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). South Koreas’ new President Yoon Suk-Yeol will also be the first leader from his country to attend. NATO is an inter-governmental military alliance between 30 members states and was founded in 1949.

Government Clears the Appointment of New Chief Justices in 6 High Courts:-

Union Government has cleared the appointments of New Chief Justices in six High Courts (HC's). 5 Judges of the High Courts will be elevated as the Chief Justices while the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court S.C. Sharma would be transferred to the Delhi HC in the same capacity. Vipin Sanghi & S.S. Shinde will be appointed as the Chief Justices of Uttarakhand HC and Rajasthan HC respectively.

National E-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 released:

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh released the 2nd edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment, 2021 on 13 June, 2022. The NeSDA, 2021 report has been prepared covering the assessment of states, Union Territories with a focus on Central Ministries on their effectiveness in delivering online services to citizens. Jammu & Kashmir tops among Union Territories (UTs) in e-Governance Service Delivery.

Intrusion Detection System Project:

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has ordered the installation of a Perimeter Intrusion Detection System in hyper-sensitive airports to ensure the safety and security of the passengers against the acts of unlawful interference with the Civil Aviation.

This system is a sensor that helps in alerting the security agencies of any form of intrusion through the boundary walls of the Airports. List of Hypersensitive Airports include airports of Amritsar, IG Delhi, Jaipur, Varansi, Lucknow, Raipur, Mumbai etc.

SCO Approves the Plan for Conduct of the Joint Border Operation Friendship Border 2022:

India Supporting China's Initiative for Joint Border Operation Event in 2023:- The eighth meeting of the heads of the border services of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held on 17.06.22 under the Chairmanship of India in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the border services of India, China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan & the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO –RATS) India and other member countries of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) have supported an initiative of China to organize a Joint Border Operation, "Solidarity-2023", for the border agencies of these countries next year. A statement to this effect was made by Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh at the Conclusion of the meeting.

Ratan Tata conferred honorary D. Litt by HSNC University:

Tata Group Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata has been conferred honorary D. Litt by Maharashtra's Second Cluster University, HSNC University. The Governor of Maharashtra & the Chancellor of the University Bhagat Singh Koshyari awarded the degree to him on 11 June, 2021

Delhi High Court Appoints Justice Pankaj Naqvi as an Administrator to handle Affairs of Judo Federation of India:

Justice Pankaj Naqvi was former Allahabad High Court Judge and now he will handle day to day affairs of Judo Federation of India. Court added that the administrator shall be authorised to make appropriate arrangements for the governance of the Federation until elections are held.

Balika Panchayat:

The Kunariya village of Kutch district in Gujarat has come out with a unique idea of holding Balika Panchayat. The 1st Ever Elections of this Balika Panchayat were successfully inspired by the T.V. Series, Balika Vadhu'. Young females aged between 10 to 21 years contested elections for this unique Panchayat which will take up issues pertaining to the adolescent girls and women in the village. The unique step by

a small village like Kunariya aligns with PM’s vision of enhancing young women’s participation in the political process.

One Nation One Ration Card Scheme Successfully Implemented:

Assam has become the last state to implement one Nation, One Ration Card Scheme. With this, the One Nation One Ration Card Scheme, in successful implemented in all the States & UTs making food security portable throughout the country. The scheme aims at enabling migrant workers and their family members to seamlessly lift their entitled subsidized food grains from any Fair Price Shop of their own choice anywhere in the city. During the last two years of Covid-19 pandemic, the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan has significantly contributed to ensuring subsidized food grains for National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) beneficiaries, especially migrant beneficiaries.

India Rank 37th in World Competitiveness Index, 2022:

India has jumped six positions to 37th rank on the annual World Competitiveness Index for the year, 2022. Denmark has been ranked at the Top while Switzerland has been ranked at Second position. The Index is a 63 –Nation List which has been compiled by the Swiss-Based International Institute for Management Development (IMD). It was first published in 1989.

Telangana Chief Minister to Launch National Party in June, 2022:-

The Chief Minister of Telangana K. Chandrashekhara Rao will launch a National Party in June, 2022. The name of the new political party is expected to be ‘Bhartiya Rashtra Samiti’. The move has come as a longer stride to gather opposition leader just ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha Polls.

Google announced a startup Accelerator Program for Women Founders:

The Google has announced a start-up Accelerators Program for Women Founders which will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring. The programme will run from July, 2022 to September, 2022. The programme is a part of a larger effort by Google towards improving the representation of women across different sections of India’s digitally- trained workforce- be it entrepreneurship, professional looking to upskill or young graduates seeking a head start on their career.

Rajya Sabha Election-2022:

The polling for 16th Rajya Sabha Seats spread across the 4 States-Rajasthan, Haryana, Maharashtra & Karnataka will be held today i.e. on 10th June. This election will decide the fate of some very prominent leaders including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Nirmala Sitharaman & Congress Leader Randeep Surjewala, Jairam Ramesh & Mukul Wasnik.

BJP Wins Big in Rajya Sabha Election Result-2022:

Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) registered a win in three of the four states where Rajya Sabha Election were held for 16 seats. Congress party won 3 seats in Rajasthan, however suffered a setback in Haryana. In Maharashtra, the ruling alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) suffered a major setback and had to satisfy with just three seats out of six. Rajya Sabha Elections 2022 to fill 57 vacant seats was held on June 10, 2022. The contest was narrowed down to 16 seats spread across 4 states: Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Haryana & Karnataka after 41 members in 17 states were elected unopposed.

Justice B.S. Patil Appointed as New Karnataka Lokayukta:

Justice Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil has been appointed as the New Lokayukta of Karnataka. Justice B.S. Patil was earlier a Judge in Karnataka HC and had served as Upa-Lokayukta before being appointed as the Lokayukta.

Odisha: Siren Project to Alert Elephant Movement:

The Dhenkanal Forest Department in Odisha have planned to install automatic sirens near the National Highway, in a bid to protect elephants from accidents. This pilot project has been stated by ‘Change’ which is a voluntary organization that work in the field of elephant protection.

India’s 1st Covid-19 Vaccine for Animals ‘Anocovax’ Launched:

India’s 1st indigenously developed Covid -19 vaccine for animals ‘Anocovax’ was launched on June 10th by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar 2022. The Covid-19 vaccine for animals neutralizes both Delta & Onicron Variant’s and is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, nice and rabbits. The vaccine has been developed by ICAR-NRC Equines.

Agnipath Scheme Army:

The historic “Agnipath Scheme, is a New Military Recruitment Scheme approved by the Cabinet Committee on June 14, 2022. Under the ‘Agnipath Scheme’, Indian Youngsters will be provided with an opportunity to serve in the Indian Armed Forces. Agnipath is a Pan-India Merit-Based Recruitment Scheme for enrolling soldiers, airmen, and sailors. While unveiling the Central Scheme, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that Agnipath is a transformative initiative that will provide a youthful profile to the armed forces in the country. Under this scheme, the ‘Agniveers’ will be provided with a good pay package and an exit retirement package after a service of 4 years. Agneevcers will be paid a salary between Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 40,000 per month. They will also get an insurance cover of Rs. 48 Lakhs during the period. Agnipath Scheme army age limit will be between 18-25 years.

Web 5:

Jack Dorsey, the former Twitter CEO, announced a new platform on Twitter called ‘Web5’. It is a combination of Web 3 & Web 2.0 built on the Bitcoin Block chain. Web5 promises to fix the issue of securing personal date. Web5 lets developers focus on creating delightful user experiences while returning the ownership of data and the identity to individuals. Through Web5, individuals will have the ability to ‘own their data’ and they will be able ‘to control their identity’.

Strawberry Super Moon, 2022:

The June Full Moon will be the 2nd of the Four Consecutive Super Moons and it will brighten the skies on June 14, 2022, providing a treat to Stargazers. The June Full Moon will be the lowest full moon of this year. The full moon that falls in June is most commonly known as the ‘Strawberry Moon’- a name that originates with Native Americans. The name is such, because the Wild Strawberries are ready for the harvest in North America.

SC calls for strengthening of Anti-Defection Law:

While hearing the landmark case Shivraj Singh Chauhan vs. Speaker Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly [2020(5)SCJ 444] relating to Madhya Pradesh Political crisis the Supreme Court of India had made stronger observations against the trend of defecting legislators. Supreme Court judge, Justice DY Chandrachud had stated in the judgement that the “spectacle of rival political parties whisking away their political flock to safe destinations does little credit to the state of our democratic politics. It is an unfortunate reflection on the confidence which political parties hold in their own constituents and a reflection of what happens in the real world of politics.”

SIA in J&K:

The Jammu and Kashmir Government has given approval to the establishment of the State Investigating Agency (SIA) in J&K. It will be a Nodal Agency that will co-ordinate with the Central Probe Agencies.

Gujarat CM Launches 17th “Shala Praveshotsav”:

Guajarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on 23 June 2022 launched the 17th ‘Shala Praveshotsav’, the drive to enrol students in primary schools in the state. It is a three-day enrolment drive which began from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district. In the three-day campaign, the state officials will visit different schools in the state and enrol children in class 1.

AWARDS

- Odia poet, Dr Rajendra Kishore Panda, has been awarded Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar 2020. Name of Dr Panda was finalized by a threemember committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah. Other members of the committee include Bengali author Shyamal Bhattacharya, Kannada poet Dr. H.S. Shivaprakash & Agraphara Krishnamurthy, former secretary of Central Sahitya Academy.
- Mansukh Mandaviya, Rajya Sabha member from Gujarat, has been appointed as new Health Minister of India in a major cabinet reshuffle. Mandaviya has replaced Dr Harsh Vardhan who was in charge of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Ministry of Science & Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences since 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited people to send nominations for Padma Awards 2022. Padma Awards are announced every year on the eve of Republic Day. Padma awards are the highest civilian honors in India. As of 2020, 3123 people have received them.
- Rudreswara Temple which is located at Palampet, Mulugu district, in the state of Telangana has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list. On 25th July, 2021 this decision was taken at the 44th session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee. Ramappa temple was proposed by the government of India as its sole nomination for UNESCO World Heritage site tag, 2019.
- Three enterprises based in India are among the winners of 'Best Small Businesses' global competition as announced by the United Nations. These businesses are providing diverse, inspiring and impactful solutions in improving access to sustainable and healthy food.
- BJP leader Basavaraj S Bommai has been selected as the 23rd chief minister of Karnataka and will take his oath on 28th July, 2021. BJP has planned on having three deputy chief ministers in Karnataka's new government. Govind Karjol, R. Ashoka and Sriramalu are the ones who will most likely be appointed
- On 27th July, 2021 IPS officer Rakesh Asthana has been appointed as the Commissioner of Delhi Police. Rakesh Asthana was due to retire on as Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) on 31st. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has extended his service for a one year period beyond the date of Asthana's superannuation.
- Salman Rushdie, the Mumbai-born author of the Booker Prize-winning novel Midnight's Children , leads a list of over 40 professionals and community champions of Indian-origin to be honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

SCHEMES

The Scheme for Residential Education

The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) has been formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest Scheduled Caste students, as per the Constitutional mandate.

The students from the Scheduled Caste communities, for long been subjects to inequality, were kept out of quality education and a situation that perpetuates the disadvantages carried forward for generations of lack of adequate education.

The scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) has been conceived to provide access to high quality residential education to the meritorious poor students from Scheduled Caste communities, whose parental annual income is up to Rs. 2.5 Lakh per annum, at free of cost from class 9th to class 12th.

India’s 1st Private Train Service Flagged off under ‘Bharat Gaurav Scheme’:

The 1st train to be operated between Coimbatore and Shirdi by a private operators, under the ‘Bharat Gaurav Scheme’ for the Indian Railways, was flagged off. Ministry of Tourism has informed that the 1st Ever Bharat Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore North to Sainagar Shirdi route. Indian Railways, had launched the operation of theme based Bharat Gaurav train in the month of November, 2021. The objective of this theme is to showcase India’s rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and World, through Bharat Gaurav Trains.

PM Modi has launched the lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)

PM Modi has launched the lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement, a global initiative and asserted that its vision is to live an environment conscious life-style that is in tune with our planet. The idea of ‘LiFE’ was introduced by the P.M. during the 26th UN Climate Changes Conference of the Parties (COP-26) in Glasgow last year.

“Biotech startup Innovations

Theme :- “Biotech startup Innovations : Towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat”.

‘Save Soil Movement’

‘Save Soil Movement’ is a global movement to increase awareness about deteriorating soil health and to bring about a conscious response to improve it.

The movement was started by Sadhguru in March 2022, who embarked on a 100-day motorcycle journey passing through 27 countries.

5th June marks the 75th day of the 100-day journey. Soil degradation is the physical, chemical and biological decline of soil quality.

Caused by unabated deforestation and urbanisation, industrial pollution, overgrazing, and unsustainable agricultural practices, half of the world’s soil is already degraded. This loss threatens food quality and supply, water security and biodiversity, increases carbon emissions and climate related risks, and can lead to loss of livelihoods, conflict and migration. A change in farming practices has never been more urgent.

FINANCIAL LITERACY CURRICULUM

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) have partnered to introduce a financial literacy curriculum for students of Class VI. It was launched as part of new elective ‘financial literacy’ subject which will enable students to understand basic financial concepts at preliminary stage of their education.

Health Care Information Management System

Delhi government has informed that a cloud based Health Care Information Management System (HISM) is likely to be rolled out by March 2022. This announcement was made by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal while reviewing the progress of health project in Delhi.

NIPUN Bharat Initiative

Union government is set to launch a new scheme called "NIPUN Bharat Initiative" on 5 July, 2021. It will be launched to improve numeracy, foundational reading, and understanding for early-stage students. NIPUN stands for "National Initiative for Proficiency in reading with Understanding and Numeracy".

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan complete two years:- The Government of India launched Garib Kalayan Rojgar Abhiyan (GKRA) on June 20,2020 to ensure employment for a period of 125 days with a resource envelope of Rs. 50,000 crore to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of Covid-19 outbreak it has complete 2 years on 20th June,

2022. Garib Kalayan Rojgar Abhiyan (GKRA) aims to give 125 day of employment to 6,70,000 migrant workers, approximately two-thirds of the total migrant labourer force that has gone back to rural areas.

PM Modi Launches Infrastructure Projects worth over Rs.28,000 crores in Bengaluru:- PM arrived on 20th June in Bengaluru, Karnataka to inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for various infrastructure projects worth over Rs. 28,000 crores. He also dedicated 150 tech hubs to the nation. The development works cover the diverse sectors and will boost the ‘Ease of living’ for the people of Bengaluru and surrounding areas. PM Modi also inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research in Bengaluru.

DEFENCE

10 anti-drone systems

A drone attack at Indian Air Force (IAF) station in Jammu, Air force has decided to procure 10 anti-drone systems in order to stop such attacks in future across border areas. Army Force has floated Request for Information (RFI) from Indian vendors for Counter Unarmed Aircraft System (CUAS).

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tabar

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tabar recently participated in military exercises with frontline frigate of Italian Navy. INS Tabar joined Italian Navy and entered Port of Naples on 3 July as part of ongoing deployment in Mediterranean.

MTech programme in Defence Technology

Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have launched a regular MTech programme in Defence Technology. Tech programme was launched to impart necessary theoretical and experimental knowledge, skill & aptitude in the areas of defence technology.

ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE AIRCRAFT P-8I

Indian Navy received 10th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I from US-based aerospace company, Boeing. 10th P-81 aircraft is the second aircraft to be delivered under option contract for four additional aircraft that Defence ministry was awarded in 2016.

Drone Rules, 2021

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has released reorganized "Drone Rules, 2021" for public consultation. Draft rules were built on premise of trust, self-certification and nonintrusive monitoring. As per new rules, there will be minimal human interface on digital sky platform and most permissions will be self-generated.

DIESEL-ELECTRIC SUBMARINES

Under Project 75-India, the Government has issued a tender of Rs. 50,000 crores to build six conventional diesel-electric submarines. These submarines will be bigger than the Scorpene-class submarines which are being built at the Mazagon Dockyards Limited, Mumbai

TEST FIRED S-500

On 20th July, 2021, Russia announced that it had successfully test-fired S-500 its new air defence missile systems at a southern training range of the country and had successfully hit a high-speed ballistic target.

A high strength titanium alloy has been developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

This alloy has been developed for applications in aerospace structural forgings. (DRDO) has said that this alloy can be used in various ways that include slat and flap tracks, landing gears and drop link in landing gear etc.

Man-Portable AntiTank Guided Missile (MPATGM)

A guided missile named "Man-Portable AntiTank Guided Missile (MPATGM)" which has been indigenously developed by India's Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has been successfully flight tested. A manportable launcher that was integrated with thermal site was used to launch this missile.

In the last year, the Indian Air Force received approval from the defence ministry to procure 21 MiG-29 fighter jets besides 12 Sukhoi MK1 from Russia.

In recent news, a spokesperson of Russia's Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation has said that Russia will supply 21 MiG-29 fighters to India.

New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG),

New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG), a surface-to-air Missile has been successfully flight-tested Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) on 21 July, 2021 from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha.

Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2021 has joined the Indian Navy

On 22nd July, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2021 of the United Kingdom which is led by the HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier has joined the Indian Navy for maritime exercises in the Bay of Bengal for three day duration. For the first time, United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2021 which is led by HMS Queen Elizabeth is having complex maritime interactions with the Indian Navy.

Essential Defence Services Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 22nd July.

Essential Defence Services Bill is introduced with the aim to prevent the staff of all the government owned ordnance factories across the country from going on a strike.

IITK launched technology innovation hub to find cyber security solutions

On 23rd July, 2021 the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) launched technology innovation hub to find cyber security solutions for intrusion detection system, anti-drones technologies, cyber physical system and blockchain. After a rigorous application process, 25 research and development principal investigators and 13 start-ups were selected.

Kargil Vijay Diwas's

On 26th July, 2021, Kargil Vijay Diwas's 22nd Anniversary is being celebrated across the country. The Nation will be paying tributes to the Martyrs on Kargil Vijay Diwas. This day marks the victory of the Indian armed forces over the Pakistani army in Operation Vijay in the year 1999. The Pakistani army were evicted from high altitude outposts in the Kargil sector of India.

In the maritime Exercise Cutlass Express 2021, INS Talwar is participating.

This naval exercise is being conducted from 26th July 2021 to 6th August 2021 along the Eastern Coast of Africa. This maritime exercise is held annually and it is conducted to promote regional and national maritime security in the Western Indian Ocean and East Africa.

'Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)'

The Department of Defence Production which comes under the Ministry of Defence has given its approval for a central sector scheme named 'Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)' and a Rs. 498.80 crore budgetary supports has been provided for the next 5 years starting from 2021-22 to the year 2025-26.

INDRA NAVY EXERCISE

From 28th to 29th July, 2021, the 12th edition of the military exercise INDRA NAVY was held in the Baltic Sea. It is a biennial bilateral maritime exercise that is conducted between the Indian Navy and Russian Navy.

SPORT

Khelo India University Games- Highlights

From 24th April 2022 to 3rd May 2022, the Khelo India University Games 2021 was successfully conducted at Jain University, Bengaluru. This is the second edition of these games in this competition, a total of 20 games were played.

Victoria, Australia: Host of 2026 Commonwealth Games

The Victoria state of Australia will be hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games. During the games focus will also be given to boosting the economy of the region. An exclusive negotiating period was granted to the capital of Victoria, Melbourne, to secure the hosting rights for the Commonwealth Games.

Badminton: PV Sindhu wins Singapore Open title

On July 17, 2022 PV Sindhu acquired the first Super 500 title in her career, after defeating Asian champion Wang Zhi Yi from China. PV Sindhu secured the title, by defeating Wang Zhi Yi by 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 in the final of Singapore Open.

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Schedule

India is set to play three group stage matches at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha as FIFA announced the schedule for U-17 Women's World Cup. FIFA announced the schedule for U-17 world cup, in association with the Local Organising Committee (LOC). Official draw is scheduled to take place on June 24, 2022.

Virat Kohli- 1st Indian with 200 million followers on Instagram:-

Former Indian Skipper Virat Kohli has become the 1st Indian to have 200 million followers on Instagram. He is the only 3rd athlete to touch this feat after Footballer Lionel Messi (334 million followers) and Christian Ronaldo (451 million followers).

Manpreet, Paramjeet Win Bronze at 2022 Asia Oceania Championships:-

India Para - Power lifters Manpreet Kaur and Paramjeet Kumar have won Bronze Medals in World Para-Powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championship. The Championship was held at Pyeongtack in South Korea on 15 June, 2022.

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, 2022:

The Complete Schedule of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup has been announced. India is scheduled to play all its group stage matches at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubneswar, Odisha. The Final match will be held at D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, India will host the 7th Edition of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup which will begin on October, 11 and Final will be held on October 30.

Babar Azam from Pakistan becomes 1st batter to score 3 consecutive ODI centuries twice:-

The Captain of Pakistan Cricket Team Babar Azam scripted brilliant record and become 1st batter to score 3 consecutive hundreds on 2 separate occasions in ODIs. His latest century came against West Indies in the ongoing series between Pakistan & West Indies in Pakistan.

2026 FIFA World Cup will be hosted in three countries:-

FIFA President Gianni Infantino announced that a total of 16 cities across the US, Canada and Mexico will host the 2026 FIFA World Cup. It will be the first-ever tournament to include 48 teams instead of the current capacity of 32. The US will host 60 of the 80 matches that will be played during the FIFA World Cup, while Canada and Mexico will host 10 matches each. All knockout fixtures will be played at different venues across the US.

National Air Sports Policy 2022

India's first National Air Sports Policy (NASP 2022) has been released by Ministry of Civil Aviation. It aims to provide a safe, accessible, sustainable, and affordable air sports ecosystem in India. It has a vision of making country a hub for air sports nation by 2030.

French Open Tournament 2022-

On June 5, 2022, Rafael Nadal won the 14th French Open. With this win, his record extended to 22nd Grand Slam title. He became the oldest male champion at Roland Garros.

Ace Cricketer Mithali Raj announces retirement

Ace Indian Cricketer Mithali Raj took to Twitter on June 8, 2022 and announced retirement from all forms of cricket. She recently led the Indian team in Women's World Cup 2022, which was recently concluded in New Zealand. Mithali Dorai Raj is an Indian cricketer.

Mascot & Logo for FIDE Chess Olympiad

The official logo, mascot and hashtag were unveiled by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M K Stalin and President of AICF Dr. Sanjay Kapoor in Chennai. The 44th Chess Olympiad is scheduled to be organised in July 2022. 'Thambi' is the official mascot of the Olympiad.

Thailand Open Boxing Tournament 2022

India Bags 10 medal in Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022. The 15-member Indian boxing contingents ended their campaign at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022 in Phuket with 10 medals, including three golds, four silvers, and three bronze.

First Yogasana Senior National Championship Starts in Ahmedabad

The first Yogasana senior national championship kicked off in Ahmedabad with over 169 participants from 14 states.

The two-day event has been organised by the National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF), an organisation set up by "like-minded shareholders" to promote Yoga as a competitive sport, and Gujarat State Yogasana Association in association with the government of Gujarat.

12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship

12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship tournament was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from April 6 to 17, 2022.

Haryana wins 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship by defeating Tamil Nadu 3-1 in the shootout after the final ended 1-1 in the regulation time.

Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022

Netherlands beating Germany at Potchefstroom, South Africa Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023

India is ready to host the Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023.

The Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023 will welcome 22 teams from 16 countries.

APPOINTMENT

Raveesh Kumar

Appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Finland

S.S. Mundra

Appointed as Chairman of BSE

Gaitri I. Kumar

Appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom

Arati Prabhakar

Appointed as Science Advisor to the President of U.S

Sowmyanarayan Sampath

Executive vice president and chief executive officer of Verizon Business

Alok Kumar Choudhary

Managing Director of State Bank of India

Krishna Srinivasan

Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD)

Mayank Kumar Agrawal

Chief Executive Officer, Prasar Bharati

Amandeep Singh Gill

UN Chief's envoy on technology

N J Ojha

MGNREGA Ombudsman

R Subramaniakumar

MD & CEO of RBL Bank

Olivier Loison

Managing Director for the India Cluster

Ikdeep Singh

Global President of its pet Nutrition Business

Pankaj R Patel

Non-Official director in the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai

Next head of the Press Council of India (PCI)

Radha Iyengar Plumb

Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense

Sowmyanarayan Sampath

CEO of Verizon Business

Sanganagouda Patil

Lokayukta of Karnataka

Hamza Abdi Barre

Prime Minister of Somalia

Justice Vipin Sanghi

Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan

Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court

Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed

Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court

Justice Shinde Sambhaji Shiwaji

Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court

Justice Rashmin M Chhaya

Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court

S Ruchira Kamboj

Next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York

Gustavo Petro

Colombia's first left-wing president

Dr. Arati Prabhakar

Next White House science adviser

Dr. D J Pandian

Director-General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)

Ranjit Bajaj

Chairman of the Advisory Committee overseeing AIFF

Venkat Nageswar Chalasani

Former Deputy Managing Director of SBI, as a member of the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL)

S.S. Mundra

Public Interest director to lead the world's largest stock exchange BSE

Senior IPS officer Dinkar Gupta

Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)

Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran

Lead India International Centre

Parameswaran Iyer

New Niti Aayog CEO

Avinash Kulkarni

New CEO of Indian debt resolution company limited

Anil Khanna

President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

Ajay Devgn

New brand ambassador for Go Gas, Confidence

IRS officer Nitin Gupta

Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

Ramesh Bafna

Chief Financial Officer of Coin Switch

Justice Satish Chandra Sharma

Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court

Akash Ambani

Chairman of the telecom unit, Reliance Jio Ltd

Isha Ambani

Chairman of the Reliance conglomerate's retail unit

Mohammed Jalood

President of the International Weightlifting Federation

Nalin Negi

Full-Time CFO of BharatPe

Natarajan Sundaran

Managing Director and Chief Executive of The National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd

Prashanth Aluru

Head of the company's newly set up entity TMRW which will acquire as well as incubate direct-to-consumer fashion and lifestyle brands

“CURRENT AFFAIR”

Pankaj Sharma

Part-Time member of PFRDA

S L Thaosen

Director-General of the Sahastra Seema Bal

Rajesh Gera

Director General of the National Informatics Centre

Ashwani Bhatia

Whole-time member of the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)

Javier Olivan

New Chief Operating Officer of Meta Platforms

Alvin Tse

General Manager of Xiaomi India

Manimekhalai

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of Union Bank of India

Himanshu Tandon

New head of India operations of POCO

Kayzad Hiranek

Chief Operating Officer of Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance

DAYS

International Yoga Day, 2022 Theme:

The theme of the 8th International Yoga Day has been chosen as 'Yoga for Humanity'. This theme perfectly portrays how during the peak of Covid-19 pandemic, Yoga served humanity in reducing the sufferings.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, 2022:-

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is annually observed on 15 June. The day aims to draw attention to the impact of elder abuse. It also highlights how the abuse is perpetuated and what can be done to combat it. Theme, 2022: 'Combatting Elder Abuse'.

World Wind Day 15 June:-

World Wind Day is a World Wide Event that is held on June 15th every year around the world. It is organised by Wind Europe & GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council). The purpose of this day is to increase public knowledge of wind Energy and its uses. The day was 1st observed in 2007.

International Olympic Day: 23rd June:-

International Olympic Day is celebrated every year on 23rd June. It is observed to commemorate the founding of the International Olympic Committee on 23rd June 1894 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin. The Theme for 2022 is 'Together, For a Peaceful World'. The 1st Ever Olympic Day was celebrated on 23rd June 1948.

International Day for Countering Hate Speech:

In July, 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted Global concerns over 'the Exponential Spread and Proliferation of Hate Speech' around the World and adopted a resolution on "Promoting Inter-religious and intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance in Countering Hate Speech". The resolution proclaimed 18th June as the International Day for countering Hate Speech, which will be marked for the first time in 2022.

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2022:-

The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is an International Event conducted by the United Nations (UN) on June 19 each year. The day is celebrated to raise the awareness about conflict –related sexual violence. Sexual violence, whose victim are primarily women, is one of the worst crimes committed against human beings or animals, which leaves lasting psychological and emotional damage to the victim apart from physical harm. It occurs both in times of peace and during armed conflict.

International Albinism Awareness Day 13 June:-

The International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is annually observed on June, 13. Albinism is a non-Contagious, genetically inherited ailment that results in the lack of Melanin in the Skin, Eyes and Hair. Theme: 'United in Making our Voice Head'.

World Accreditation Day:

World Accreditation Day is observed on 9th June every year. It is a joint initiative by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

World Day for International Justice 2021

World Day for International Justice is celebrated worldwide on July 17 every year to mark an emerging modern system of justice against international criminal acts. It is also known as International Criminal

Justice Day or International Justice Day. The day is important as it unites people who not only wish to support justice and promote the rights of the victims, but also help to prevent crimes that pose a challenge to the peace, security, and well-being of the world.

World Day against Child Labour observed on 12th June:

World Day against Child Labour is observed every year on 12th June by International Labour Organisation (ILO) to focus attention on the Worldwide extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.

25th June: International Day of Seafarer:

The ‘Day of the Seafarer’ is celebrated annually on June 25 to honour the Vital Contribution that seafarers make to global trade and the economy, frequently at considerable personal sacrifice to themselves and their families.

Theme: “Your Voyage - then and now, share your adventure”

World MSME Day-2022:-

World MSME (Micro –Small & Medium –Sized Enterprises) is observed every year on June 27 all over the World to highlight the significance of MSMEs and how they play a crucial role in being the backbone of the countries economy. World MSME Day, 2022 recognizes the potential of MSMEs and their role in strengthening the economies globally. MSMEs are the organisations that do not usually employ more than 250 employees, however, are responsible for creating more than two-thirds of all jobs globally. World MSME Day was first marked by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in its 74th Plenary on April 6, 2017. To celebrate World MSME Day 2022, the UN has also recognised 3 hybrid sessions (online and offline) with entrepreneurs from across the world.

Theme: Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for sustainable Development.

International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking 2022:-

International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, also known as World Drug Day, is conducted by the United Nations on 26 June annually. It is observed to spread awareness about the physical and psychological impact of substance abuse and drug-related problems across the globe. The day was first observed in 1989.

Theme: “Addressing Drug Challenges in Health and Humanitarian Crisis”.

International Day in Support of Victims of Torture: 26 June:-

The International Day in support of victims of Torture is annually observed on 26 June. The day is observed to call upon nations, civil societies and individuals all across the World to extend their support to victims of torture and those who are being tortured. The United Nations General Assembly had first observed the day in 1998.

International Day of Tropics, 2022:-

The International Day of the Tropics is observed annually on June, 29 to highlight the significance of the tropics and the environmental and socio-economic challenges faced in tropical regions. This day encourages to talk about the tropics, the regions of the earth that surrounds the equator and lies between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn in the Northern and the Southern Hemispheres. The Tropics region receives direct sunlight are the warmest, and experience abundant rainfall which results in a humid climate. International Day of Tropics sheds light on the fact that this belt hosts about 40% of the Earth’s population and 80% of its biodiversity.

International Day of Parliamentarism 2022:

International Day of Parliamentarism is observed every year on 30th June to commemorate the date on which the Inter –Parliamentary Union (IPU) was founded. The IPU, founded in Paris in 1889, is an international organisation of national parliaments to promote democratic governance, accountability and cooperation among its members.



Current Objective Questions

1. "Dholavira", a Harappan City, is presently located in which Indian state?
 - (a) Andhra Pradesh
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Maharastra
 - (d) Gujarat
2. As per the RBI guidelines, what is the mandated method for replenishing cash in ATMs?
 - (a) Open cash top-up
 - (b) Loading cash on the spot
 - (c) Use Lockable cassettes
 - (d) None of the above
3. Which of the following state has decided to abolish the physical stamp papers in an attempt to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of State revenue?
 - (a) Haryana
 - (b) Punjab
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Gujarat
4. Who will take over as the company's chief operating officer after Shery/ Sandberg stepped down from the post?
 - (a) David Wehner
 - (b) Mike Schroepfer
 - (c) Javier Olivan
 - (d) Chris Hughes
5. Santoor maestro and Padma Shri awardee, _____ has passed away at the age of 73.
 - (a) Bhajan Sopori
 - (b) Ulhas Bapat
 - (c) Tarun Bhattacharya
 - (d) Shivkumar Sharma
6. Which country has exported apples to India, for the first time on 50 years?
 - (a) China
 - (b) Israel
 - (c) UK
 - (d) Australia
7. Which of the following social media platform has launched an 'alert' feature to help find missing children?
 - (a) Meta
 - (b) Snapchat
 - (c) Whatsapp
 - (d) Instagram
8. Who will build the national capital region's new airport at Jewar, after outbidding the Shapoorji Pallonji Group and Larsen & Toubro for the contract?
 - (a) Wipro
 - (b) HCL
 - (c) Adani Group
 - (d) Tata Projects

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9. Who among the following has launched the Scheme “SHRESHTA”-Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas?
 - (a) Dharmendra Pradhan
 - (b) Sarbananda Sonowal
 - (c) Giriraj Singh
 - (d) Virendra Kumar

10. Who has been awarded the '01 Best Content Award' and the Immunization Champion award by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)?
 - (a) Hampi Sonam
 - (b) Umar Nisar
 - (c) Vinay Singh
 - (d) Prem Singh

11. Which institution launched a scheme, to let retail investors participate in Government securities market?
 - (a) SEBI
 - (b) RBI
 - (c) Ministry of Finance
 - (d) NITI Aayog

12. Bujar Nishani was the former president of which country?
 - (a) Macedonia
 - (b) Montenegro
 - (c) Albania
 - (d) Kosovo

13. Who has won the Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022?
 - (a) Sergio Pérez
 - (b) Carlos Sainz Jr.
 - (c) Max Emilian Verstappen
 - (d) C. Leclerc

14. World Vape Day is observed on _____ across the globe to create awareness about the alternatives to harmful tobacco products.
 - (a) 26th May
 - (b) 27th May
 - (c) 28th May
 - (d) 30th May

15. Which of the following state has launched a new health and wellness app AAYU to address and help heal chronic diseases and lifestyle disorders through yoga?
 - (a) Andhra Pradesh
 - (b) Kerala
 - (c) Tamil Nadu
 - (d) Karnataka

16. Recently, PM released the benefits under the PM CARES for Children Scheme. In which year the PM CARES scheme was launched?
 - (a) 2022
 - (b) 2018
 - (c) 2015
 - (d) 2021

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17. Which state has witnessed a rise in cases of Zika virus infection?
- Arunachal Pradesh
 - Punjab
 - Haryana
 - Kerala
18. _____ has launched Portal to Simplify Process of Teacher Education Programme.
- Indian Council of Education
 - Education Council of India
 - NCTE
 - NCERT
19. Which species is to be insured by the National Insurance Company Ltd (NICL)?
- Himalayan Yak
 - Great Indian Bustard
 - Kashmir stag
 - Nilgiri Tahr
20. PARAM ANANTA Supercomputer commissioned at which IIT?
- Roorkee
 - Hyderabad
 - Madras
 - Gandhinagar
21. Tata Motors Inks Pact for Potential Acquisition of Ford India's Plant in Sanand, _____.
- Gujarat
 - Rajasthan
 - Punjab
 - Maharashtra
22. Who has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the Bank of England's?
- Ruchika Wadhwa
 - Shewta Dang
 - Swati Dhingra
 - Beenu Gupta
23. Who has been joined National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) as Managing Director and CEO?
- Sanjay Singh
 - Natarajan Sundar
 - Satish Kumar
 - Vinay Verma
24. What is the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga 2022?
- Yoga For Wellness
 - Yoga for Heart
 - Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family
 - Yoga for Humanity
25. Defence Ministry signs _____ crore deals for indigenous Astra Beyond Visual Range missiles.
- Rs 5,971 crore
 - Rs 4,971 crore
 - Rs 3,971 crore
 - Rs 2,971 crore

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26. Who has been appointed as the Director-General, National Informatics Centre (NIC)?
- Vinod Tiwari
 - Rajesh Gera
 - Soniya Kumari
 - Ramesh Singh
27. What is the theme of World Milk Day 2022?
- Drink Move Be Strong
 - Drink Milk: Today & Everyday
 - The 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day
 - Dairy Net Zero
28. First-ever India-European Union (EU) Security and Defence Consultations held in _____.
- Brussels, Belgium
 - Zürich, Switzerland
 - Athens, Greece
 - None of the above
29. Who set a new national record as he threw 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland?
- Joginder Singh Bedi
 - Neeraj Chopra
 - Ravinder Singh Khaira
 - Anil Singh
30. World Health Organization (WHO) has selected _____ for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022.
- Uttarakhand
 - Jharkhand
 - Bihar
 - Gujarat
31. Which of the following Indian state was founded on 2nd June 2014?
- Telangana
 - Andhra Pradesh
 - Goa
 - Uttarakhand
32. Who among the following has been presented the Times Business Award 2022? The award was given in the category of Eastern India's Leading READY-TO-EAT brand?
- Deepika Sharma
 - Roshni Dixit
 - Rashmi Sahoo
 - Vineta Suyal
33. Which of the following country overtook China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22?
- UAE
 - United States
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Iraq
34. 7th Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia list 2022 released. How many Indian are included in the list?
- 30
 - 32
 - 33
 - 61

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35. Who has been conferred with the V Shantaram Lifetime achievement award at MIFF 2022?
- (a) Ranjeet Tiwari
 - (b) Sanjit Narwekar
 - (c) Sanjay Bisht
 - (d) Vikram Arora
36. _____ has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- (a) S L Thaosen
 - (b) Kumar Rajesh Chandra
 - (c) Ranjeet Singh Rana
 - (d) Amanjot Singh
37. Which of the following team has won the Men’s Hockey Asia Cup 2022?
- (a) Pakistan
 - (b) Malaysia
 - (c) India
 - (d) South Korea
38. Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)?
- (a) Shahnawaz Siddqui
 - (b) Amit Mishra
 - (c) Nasir Kamal
 - (d) Himanshu Tiwari
39. Who will continue as United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) ‘Goodwill Ambassador’ for a record 20th year?
- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
 - (b) Sania Mirza
 - (c) Priyanka Chopra
 - (d) Deepika Padukone
40. Which of the following supercomputer has topped the 59th edition of the Top500 list of the world’s most powerful supercomputers?
- (a) Fugaku
 - (b) Frontier
 - (c) LUMI
 - (d) Summit
41. Who has launched a nationwide ‘Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle rally’ on World Bicycle Day?
- (a) Arjun Munda
 - (b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
 - (c) Narendra Singh Tomar
 - (d) Anurag Thakur
42. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched “My Pad My Right programme”, in Leh. Who is the chairman of Nabard?
- (a) Vinay Dixit
 - (b) GR Chintala
 - (c) Girish Kumar
 - (d) Pratap Singh Rana
43. India _____ bilateral defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh.
- (a) Bangladesh
 - (b) France

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- (c) USA
(d) Russia
44. Who among the following has won the "2022 French Open Men's Category"?
- (a) Ivan Dodig
(b) Casper Ruud
(c) Austin Krajicek
(d) Rafael Nadal
45. Who has launched the 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement', a global initiative?
- (a) Narendra Modi
(b) Amit Shah
(c) Ramnath Kovind
(d) Rajnath Singh
46. Who have been awarded by the UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA) in the category of "Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology" for feeding Solar Energy directly to 25 KV AC Traction System?
- (a) US Railway
(b) Dutch Railway
(c) Russian Railway
(d) Indian Railway
47. Who has won the Best Male actor award in the International Indian Film Academy Awards held in Abu Dhabi?
- (a) Salman Khan
(b) Sharukh Khan
(c) Vicky Kaushal
(d) Varun Dhawan
48. World Food Safety Day is celebrated globally on _____ every year as per the World Health Organization (WHO).
- (a) June 3
(b) June 4
(c) June 5
(d) June 7
49. In which state/UT, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated National Tribal Research Institute?
- (a) Haryana
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Chandigarh
(d) Delhi
50. Which among the following Indian has recently topped the Real-Time Billionaires List by Forbes?
- (a) Shiv Nadar
(b) Gautam Adani
(c) Mukesh Ambani
(d) Cyrus Poonawalla
51. Denmark topped the position in Global Environment performance Index. What is the position of India in the index?
- (a) 160th
(b) 150th
(c) 180th
(d) 177th

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52. Name the Union Minister who has unveiled India's largest educational metaverse 'Polyversity' and Academic Blockchain Consortium 'Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN)'.
- (a) Narayan Tatu Rane
 - (b) Sarbananda Sonowal
 - (c) Jyotiraditya M Scindia
 - (d) Dharmendra Pradhan
53. India ranked _____ among the top recipients of FDI in the last calendar year (2021), according to the UNCTAD World Investment Report.
- (a) 5th
 - (b) 7th
 - (c) 9th
 - (d) 12th
54. Who has been appointed as ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)?
- (a) S L Thaosen
 - (b) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
 - (c) Swarup Kumar Saha
 - (d) N J Ojha
55. Which district has topped in 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)?
- (a) Rajkot, Gujarat
 - (b) Cachar, Assam
 - (c) Jamtara, Jharkhand
 - (d) Satara, Maharashtra
56. Which of the following day marks the World Day Against Child Labour?
- (a) 11 June
 - (b) 12 June
 - (c) 13 June
 - (d) 14 June
57. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed by the United Nations on _____ every year.
- (a) June 11
 - (b) June 12
 - (c) June 13
 - (d) June 14
58. Which of the following state has inaugurated the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services?
- (a) Kerala
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Andhra Pradesh
 - (d) Telangana
59. Who has been appointed as the Under Secretary General of the United Nations?
- (a) Kofi Annan
 - (b) Courtenay Rattray
 - (c) Ban Ki-moon
 - (d) Rabab Fatima

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60. Which of the following state has won the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title with 52 gold medals on the final day?
- (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Haryana
61. Which global body approved its first-ever "Vision for Everyone" resolution?
- (a) WHO
 - (b) UNGA
 - (c) UNESCO
 - (d) FAO
62. Inland Vessels Bill", which was passed recently, seeks to replace which act?
- (a) Inland Vessels Act of 2006
 - (b) Inland Vessels Act of 1917
 - (c) Inland Vessels Act of 2020
 - (d) Inland Vessels Act of 2019
63. Which state/UT recently ended 149-year-old practice of 'darbar move'?
- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
 - (b) Ladakh
 - (c) Uttar Pradesh
 - (d) Madhya Pradesh
64. As of 2021, which is the world's largest political party?
- (a) Chinese Communist Party (CCP)
 - (b) Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)
 - (c) Democratic Party (United States)
 - (d) United Socialist Party of Venezuela

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CURRENT OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

ANSWER - KEY

1	D	15	D	29	B	43	A	57	C
2	C	16	D	30	B	44	D	58	A
3	B	17	D	31	A	45	A	59	D
4	C	18	C	32	C	46	D	60	D
5	A	19	A	33	B	47	C	61	B
6	C	20	D	34	D	48	D	62	B
7	D	21	A	35	B	49	D	63	A
8	D	22	C	36	A	50	C	64	B
9	D	23	B	37	D	51	C		
10	B	24	D	38	B	52	D		
11	B	25	D	39	A	53	B		
12	C	26	B	40	B	54	D		
13	A	27	D	41	D	55	A		
14	D	28	A	42	B	56	B		

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