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Q.1) “India’s 1st Infantry Museum” has been inaugurated in –
“भारत का पहला इन्फैंट्री संग्रहालय” का उद्घाटन किया गया है –

- (1) Delhi
- (2) Gujarat
- (3) Uttar Pradesh
- (4) Madhya Pradesh

- **India's first and the World's 2nd Infantry Museum** was inaugurated in the Mhow Cantonment in Indore district, **Madhya Pradesh** (MP).
- It is named as **Infantry Research Centre and Museum**.
- It was inaugurated on 16th December 2022, the eve of 75 years of raising of the Infantry School and to commemorate the **Vijay Diwas**.

Q.2) Which state/UT has been adjudged in the “Social Progress Index 2022”?

किस राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश को "सामाजिक प्रगति सूचकांक 2022" में घोषित किया गया है?

(1) Mizoram

(2) Goa

(3) Lakshadweep

(4) Puducherry

- The Prime Minister Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC) on 20 December 2022 released the Social Progress Index (SPI) for States and Districts prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative.
- Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Goa stand out as the best-performing States in the index.

Q.3) Which state has topped in Average Monthly income per agricultural household?

किस राज्य ने प्रति कृषि परिवार औसत मासिक आय में शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?

- (1) Mizoram**
- (2) Haryana**
- (3) Meghalaya**
- (4) Punjab**

- According to the 77th round of the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households in the rural areas of India, Meghalaya tops the list of Average Monthly income per agricultural household.
- **Meghalaya** topped the list with a monthly agriculture household income of ₹29,348 followed by Punjab (₹26,701), Haryana (₹22,841), Arunachal Pradesh (₹19,225), Jammu and Kashmir (₹18,918), Union Territories (₹18,511), Mizoram (₹17,964), Kerala (₹17,915), The Northeast group is followed by (₹16,863), Uttarakhand (₹13,552), Karnataka (₹13,441), Gujarat (₹12,631), Rajasthan (₹12,520), Sikkim (₹12,447) and Himachal Pradesh (₹12,153).

Q.4) Which team has won the 9th Pro Kabaddi League title in 2022?

किस टीम ने 2022 में 9वीं प्रो कबड्डी लीग का खिताब जीता है?

- (1) Jaipur Pink Panthers**
- (2) Puneri Paltan**
- (3) Tamil Thalaivas**
- (4) Bengaluru Bulls**

• **Jaipur Pink Panthers** has defeated **Puneri Paltan** 33-29 in the summit clash to emerge champions of the **Pro Kabaddi League Season 9** champions.

• **V Ajith, Sunil Kumar, and Arjun Deshwal** emerged as the best players for Jaipur side with six points each.

Q.5) Which state's "Duare Sarkar" scheme has been selected at the Digital India Awards 2022?

डिजिटल इंडिया अवार्ड्स 2022 में किस राज्य की "दुआरे सरकार" योजना का चयन किया गया है?

- (1) Odisha**
- (2) Bihar**
- (3) Jharkhand**
- (4) West Bengal**

- A flagship scheme of **West Bengal**, ‘Duare Sarkar’ (Government at doorstep) has been selected for the **Platinum Award** at the **Digital India Awards 2022**.

- The scheme has been awarded in the ‘Public Digital Platforms — Central Ministries, Departments and States’ category.

Q.6) Who took over as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the "Kilo Force"?

"किलो फोर्स" के जनरल ऑफिसर कमांडिंग (GOC) के रूप में किसने पदभार संभाला है?

- (1) Sanjiv Singh**
- (2) Mohit Seth**
- (3) Gaurav Jaiswal**
- (4) Sanjay Kumar**

- Major General **Mohit Seth** has taken over as the **General Officer Commanding (GOC)** of the Counter Insurgency Force **Kilo**.

- He took over from Major General **Sanjiv Singh Slaria** who has been moved to Northern Command headquarters in **Udhampur**.

Q.7) 'Rythu Bandhu' is a flagship scheme of which Indian state/UT?
'रायतु बंधु' किस भारतीय राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश की एक प्रमुख योजना है?

- (1) Telangana
- (2) Goa
- (3) Madhya Pradesh
- (4) Karnataka

- The 'Rythu Bandhu' initiative is being implemented by the state of **Telangana**.
- Through this scheme, the government provides agricultural investments to farmers at a rate of \$10,000 per acre for both the **Kharif and Rabi**
- The state government plans to **deposit Rs. 7,600 crores** in farmers' bank accounts by January, just in time for the Sankranti celebration.

Q.8) What is the name of the fifth Scorpene submarine of Project 75?

प्रोजेक्ट 75 की पांचवीं स्कॉर्पीन पनडुब्बी का नाम क्या है?

(1) INS Kalavari

(2) INS Khanderi

(3) INS Vagir

(4) INS Kharanj

•The fifth submarine, **INS Vagir** of Project 75, Kalvari Class submarines, Yard 11879, has been delivered to the **Indian Navy** by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) **Mumbai** on December 20, 2022.

•**Project-75** includes the indigenous construction of **six submarines of Scorpene design**. These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with Naval Group, France.

Q.9) Which state government has made mandatory of Aadhaar number for all of its schemes?

किस राज्य सरकार ने अपनी सभी योजनाओं के लिए आधार नंबर अनिवार्य कर दिया है?

- (1) Tamil Nadu**
- (2) Kerala**
- (3) Telangana**
- (4) Andhra Pradesh**

- The **Tamil Nadu** government has made **mandatory of Aadhaar number or Aadhaar identification** for all those who are eligible for benefits (other than minor children) under various government schemes.

Q.10) Recently, Centre has approved how many Greenfield Airports across India?

हाल ही में, केंद्र ने पूरे भारत में कितने ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डों को मंजूरी दी है?

(1) 21

(2) 25

(3) 28

(4) 33

• **K. Singh** (MoS Civil Aviation) has informed that the Rajya Sabha, that govt has accorded in-principle approval for setting up **21 Greenfield Airports** across the country.

• So far **nine Greenfield airports** have already been operationalized and the **tenth Greenfield airport** at **Mopa, Goa**.

Q.11) Google has announced a partnership with _____ for on-device storage.

Google ने ऑन-डिवाइस स्टोरेज के लिए _____ के साथ साझेदारी की घोषणा की है।

- (1) mParivahan
- (2) DigiLocker
- (3) UIDAI
- (4) Umang

- **Google** has announced a partnership with the **DigiLocker** in the Google for India 2022 event.

- **DigiLocker** is a government authorised identification storage system, to bring the govt issued ID to the local storage of Android devices.

Q.12) Hero of the 1971 India-Pakistan War, Bhairon Singh Rathore passed away. He was from –
1971 के भारत-पाकिस्तान युद्ध के नायक, भैरों सिंह राठौर का निधन हो गया। वह वहां से था -

- (1) Punjab**
- (2) Haryana**
- (3) Rajasthan**
- (4) Maharashtra**

•A BSF veteran and hero of the 1971 India-Pakistan War, **Bhairon Singh Rathore** has been passed away at the age of 81 in Jodhpur, **Rajasthan**.

•He served in the 14th BSF unit during the war and retired from service in 1987.

•The BSF veteran's bravery at Rajasthan's Longewala post during the war was portrayed by actor **Suniel Shetty** in the Bollywood movie 'Border'.

Q.13) Which Indian film has bagged three awards at the 2022 Philadelphia Film Critics Circle Annual Awards?

किस भारतीय फिल्म ने 2022 फिलाडेल्फिया फिल्म क्रिटिक्स सर्कल वार्षिक पुरस्कारों में तीन पुरस्कार जीते हैं?

(1) Saaho

(2) RRR

(3) Pushpa

(4) KGF 2

•The Indian film, **'RRR'** has bagged three awards at the 2022 Philadelphia Film Critics Circle Annual Awards.

•Categorizes: Best Foreign Language Film, Best Cinematography, and Best Score/Soundtrack categories.

Q.14) Madhya Pradesh government forms task force to prevent online gambling. It will be headed by –
मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ऑनलाइन जुए को रोकने के लिए टास्क फोर्स बनाती है। इसकी अध्यक्षता करेंगे -

- (1) Sudhir Kumar Saxena**
- (2) Pramod Verma**
- (3) Iqbal Singh Bains**
- (4) Ashutosh Rai**

- **Madhya Pradesh government has constituted a high-level task force, which will make recommendations about regulating online gambling and gaming.**

- It will be headed by the state chief secretary **Iqbal Singh Bains**.

Q.15) Which bank has launched a new special retail term deposit dubbed "Ind Shakti 555 days"?

किस बैंक ने "इंड शक्ति 555 दिन" नामक एक नया विशेष रिटेल टर्म डिपॉजिट लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Bank of India**
- (2) Canara Bank**
- (3) SBI**
- (4) Indian Bank**

- **Indian Bank** has launched a new special retail term deposit dubbed “Ind Shakti 555 days”.
- Special Retail Term Deposit Product “IND SHAKTI 555 DAYS” has offered a higher rate of interest for investment starting from Rs.5000 to less than 2 Crore for 555 days in the form of FD/MMD with callable options.

Q.16) Which country is the host of the 'UN Biodiversity Conference- COP15'?

कौन सा देश 'संयुक्त राष्ट्र जैव विविधता सम्मेलन- COP15' का मेजबान है?

- (1) India
- (2) Australia
- (3) China
- (4) Canada

- The **United Nations Biodiversity Conference**, often known as **COP15**, was held in Montreal, **Canada**.
- Governments from across the world have gathered to agree on a new set of environmental targets for the next decade.
- Negotiators at a UN biodiversity conference struck an agreement to invest USD 200 billion in biodiversity assistance by 2030.

Q.17) Which state government will provide ₹500 per cylinder for poor families?

कौन सी राज्य सरकार गरीब परिवारों के लिए प्रति सिलेंडर ₹500 प्रदान करेगी?

- (1) Rajasthan**
- (2) Punjab**
- (3) Haryana**
- (4) Uttarakhand**

- The **Rajasthan** Government will provide 12 LPG cylinders per year to the poor families at Rs 500 per cylinder from 1 April 2023.
- This was announced by the Rajasthan Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** at the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Alwar on 19 December 2022.

Q.18) Which country will host the 13th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial meeting in February 2024?

कौन सा देश फरवरी 2024 में 13वीं विश्व व्यापार संगठन (WTO) मंत्रिस्तरीय बैठक की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (1) Qatar**
- (2) UAE**
- (3) Oman**
- (4) Saudi Arabia**

- The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) will host the 13th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial meeting in February 2024.
- The African country of Cameroon had also expressed its willingness to host the 13th WTO ministerial meeting.

Q.19) India's 1st-ever Surety Bond Insurance products belongs to which financial company?

भारत का पहला ज़मानत बांड बीमा उत्पाद किस वित्तीय कंपनी से संबंधित है?

- (1) Muthoot finance**
- (2) Bajaj alliance**
- (3) TATA Capital**
- (4) Aditya Birla**

- **Nitin Gadkari**, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, has inaugurated one of India's first **Surety Bond Insurance products** from **Bajaj Allianz**.

- In response to the product introduction, Gadkari stated that India is well on its way to becoming a **\$5 trillion economy**.

Q.20) Which country's football player Karim Benzema has announced his retirement from international football?

किस देश के फुटबॉल खिलाड़ी करीम बेंजेमा ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय फुटबॉल से संन्यास लेने की घोषणा की है?

- (1) France**
- (2) Germany**
- (3) Argentina**
- (4) Australia**

- **France** footballer **Karim Benzema** has announced his **retirement** from International football.
- Benzema ends his time with France with **37 goals** in 97 appearances, but his time with the squad hasn't exactly been easy since his debut 15 years ago.
- When Benzema made his debut for France against Austria in March 2007, he scored while playing as a substitute.

Q.21) Who has become the youngest male Test cricketer to take a five-wicket haul on Test debut?

टेस्ट डेब्यू पर पांच विकेट लेने वाले सबसे कम उम्र के पुरुष टेस्ट क्रिकेटर कौन बने हैं?

- (1) Rishabh Pant**
- (2) AR Patel**
- (3) James Rew**
- (4) Rehan Ahmed**

- England's leg-spinner **Rehan Ahmed** has become the youngest men's Test cricketer to take a five-wicket haul on debut during the ongoing third match against Pakistan at the National Bank Cricket Arena.
- After making his Test debut at 18 years and 126 days, Rehan claimed three wickets in six overs on his way to 5-48 in the second innings, playing a key role in bowling out Pakistan for 216 in 74.5 overs on day three of the match.

Q.22) Which country has launched 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers?

शांति सैनिकों के खिलाफ अपराधों के लिए जवाबदेही को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस देश ने 'ग्रुप ऑफ फ्रेंड्स' लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Ukraine**
- (2) India**
- (3) Sri Lanka**
- (4) Bangladesh**

- **India** has recently launched a 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers, during its current presidency of the UN Security Council.

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced that New Delhi will soon have a database that will record all crimes against the peacekeepers.

**Q.23) Who has been awarded with first Rohini Nayyar prize?
प्रथम रोहिणी नैय्यर पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (1) Sethrichem Sangtam**
- (2) Pawan Singh**
- (3) Abhinandan Sharma**
- (4) Krishna Ayer**

- **Sethrichem Sangtam**, who runs an NGO that works with farmers in eastern Nagaland, has won the **first Rohini Nayyar Prize** for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development.
- Sangtam works with **1,200 marginal farmers and their families** in eastern Nagaland.
- He started the **Better Life Foundation** to concentrate on issues of rural livelihood security, environmental sustainability and education for change.

**Q.24) When is Sashastra Seema Bal's raising day celebrated?
सशस्त्र सीमा बल का स्थापना दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?**

- (1) December 12**
- (2) December 15**
- (3) December 19**
- (4) December 20**

•Sashastra Seema Bal celebrates its '59th Raising Day' on **December 20** with a dedication to a safe, secure, and prosperous India.

•Sashastra Seema Bal, or SSB, is an Indian border security organization that patrols the country's borders with **Nepal and Bhutan**.

•It is one of the **five Central Armed Police Forces** and is overseen by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Q.25) "National Mathematics Day" is observed every year on –
"राष्ट्रीय गणित दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 20th December
- (2) 21st December
- (3) 22nd December
- (4) 23rd December

- India observes the National Mathematics Day every year on **22 December since 2012.**
- The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician **Srinivasa Ramanujan.**
- This year nation celebrates his **135th birth anniversary** of Ramanujan.
- The day was announced on **26 February 2012** by the then Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 Dec 1887- 26 Apr 1920).
- **2012** was also observed as **National Mathematics Year.**



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Q.1) What is India's rank in the 2022 Global Food Security Index (GFSI)?

2022 वैश्विक खाद्य सुरक्षा सूचकांक (GFSI) में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

(1) 68th

(2) 71st

(3) 77th

(4) 84th

- **The 2022 Global Food Security Index (GFSI) report was released by the British weekly The Economist. The 11th Global Food Security Index shows a deterioration in the global food environment for the third year, threatening food security.**
- **In this report, South Africa overtook Tunisia to become the most food-secure country in Africa.**
- **India is ranked at 68th position along with Algeria with the overall score of 58.9. China's position is at 25th with the score of 74.2.**

**Q.2) Which team has won the 2022 FIFA World Cup title?
किस टीम ने 2022 फीफा विश्व कप का खिताब जीता है?**

(1) France

(2) Belgium

(3) Argentina

(4) Brazil

- **Argentina** won the **FIFA World Cup 2022** title **third time** after defeating defending champions **France 4-2** on penalties.
- The final match was played at **Lusail Stadium** in Lusail, Qatar.
- Argentina has been able to win the World Cup after 36 years. It has now won the title for the third time after **1978** and **1986**.

**Q.3) Who has won the ATP Fans' Favorite Award 2022?
एटीपी प्रशंसकों का पसंदीदा पुरस्कार 2022 किसने जीता है?**

- (1) Rafael Nadal**
- (2) Carlos Alcaraz**
- (3) Casper Ruud**
- (4) Novak Djokovic**

- Spanish tennis player, **Rafael Nadal** has won the **Fan's Favorite singles title** at the Association of Tennis Professionals, **ATP Awards 2022**.
- **Carlos Alcaraz** (Spain) has won the title of **Most Improved Player of the Year** at the ATP awards 2022.
- Fan's favourite (doubles): Nick Kyrgios and Thanasi Kokkinakis
- Newcomer of the Year: Holger Rune
- Comeback Player of the Year: Borna Coric
- Coach of the Year: Juan Carlos Ferrero
- Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award: Andy Murray

Q.4) Which city has been included under the “Swadesh Darshan 2.0” scheme?

“स्वदेश दर्शन 2.0” योजना के तहत किस शहर को शामिल किया गया है?

- (1) Nalanda**
- (2) Bihar Sharif**
- (3) Muzaffarpur**
- (4) Bhagalpur**

- **Gaya and Nalanda** in Bihar has been included by the Government of India under the **Swadesh Darshan 2.0**
- **Punaura Dham** in Sitamarhi District of Bihar has been selected for development under the **PRASHAD Scheme** of the Government of India.
- This information was given by the Union Tourism Minister **Kishan Reddy** in the Lok Sabha on 19 December 2022.
- Government of India launched **Swadesh Darshan scheme** in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits for eg Buddhist circuit, Ramayana circuit, desert circuit etc.

**Q.5) Who has inaugurated a nationwide campaign 'Prashasan Gaon
ki Ore'?**

**राष्ट्रव्यापी अभियान 'प्रशासन गांव की ओर' का उद्घाटन किसने किया
है?**

- (1) Jitendra Singh**
- (2) Piyush Goyal**
- (3) Pralhad Joshi**
- (4) Ashwini Vaishnaw**

• Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions **Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated a nationwide campaign, **Prashasan Gaon ki Ore**.

• This campaign was launched under the **Good Governance Week 2022** in New Delhi.

• He has also launched the Good Governance Week portal, gov.in.

Q.6) Who has been appointed as the first Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara?

गति शक्ति विश्वविद्यालय, वडोदरा के पहले चांसलर के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Bhupendra Yadav**
- (2) Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- (3) Kiren Rijiju**
- (4) Pralhad Joshi**

- Union Minister of Railways, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has been appointed as the **Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara**, by President **Draupadi Murmu**.
- It is noteworthy to mention that Ashwini Vaishnaw will be the **first Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**.
- President also appointed **Dr Manoj Chaudhary** as the **first Vice Chancellor of Gati Shakti University, Vadodara**.

Q.7) PA Sangma football stadium has been inaugurated in –
पीए संगमा फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का उद्घाटन किया गया है -

(1) Sikkim

(2) Meghalaya

(3) Mizoram

(4) Tripura

- **Meghalaya** CM, **Conrad K Sangmaat** has inaugurated a football stadium at the **P A Sangma Sports Complex, Dakopgre in Tura.**

- **The stadium and the two indoor stadiums are built over a combined area of over 17,000 sqm.**



Q.8) India and which country will launch ferry service between Kankesanthurai and Pondicherry in January 2023?

भारत और कौन सा देश जनवरी 2023 में कांकेसंथुराई और पांडिचेरी के बीच नौका सेवा शुरू करेंगे?

- (1) Myanmar**
- (2) Malaysia**
- (3) Bangladesh**
- (4) Sri Lanka**

- **Sri Lanka** and India will start a passenger ferry service between Kankesanthurai port in Jaffna district and Karaikal ports in Pondicherry in January 2023.
- A large number of Indian citizens are engaged in business activities in the Jaffna Peninsula.
- The ferry service between Tamil Nadu and the Northern part of Sri Lanka which is dominated by Sri Lanka Tamils was disrupted in 1980's due to the civil war in Sri Lanka.

Q.9) Which company has won the IEI Industry Excellence Award 2022?

किस कंपनी ने IEI उद्योग उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार 2022 जीता है?

- (1) National Mineral Development Corporation**
- (2) TP renewable Microgrid**
- (3) NTPC Limited**
- (4) Torrent Power**

- **National Miner National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** won the **Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) Industry Excellence Award 2022** in Chennai.

- The largest producer of iron ore in the country was felicitated at the 37th Indian Engineering Congress for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence.

Q.10) RBI has imposed a penalty of _____ on Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC.

RBI ने बैंक ऑफ बहरीन और कुवैत BSC पर _____ का जुर्माना लगाया है।

- (1) ₹2.22 crore
- (2) ₹2.35 crore
- (3) ₹2.66 crore
- (4) ₹2.84 crore

• Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs **2.66 crore** on Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC, India operations for non-compliance with directions on “Cyber Security Framework” in Banks on 19 December 2022.

• In a statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the bank failed to implement systems to detect unusual and unauthorized, internal or external activities in its database.

Q.11) Who has granted \$1 million to IIT Madras to build India's first Responsible AI center?

IIT मद्रास को भारत का पहला रिस्पॉन्सिबल AI सेंटर बनाने के लिए किसने 1 मिलियन डॉलर दिए हैं?

- (1) Meta**
- (2) Amazon**
- (3) Google**
- (4) Microsoft**

- **Google** plans to collaborate with Indian Institute of Science (IISc) for **project Vaani**, Google for India announced on December 19, 2022.
- Under the partnership, Google aims to build an artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) model to collect language samples from **773 districts across India**.
- As per the official announcement, Project Vaani aims to ensure the collected and produced data will be open-source.

Q.12) Which Indian Navy sailboat will participate in the 50th edition of the 'Cape Town to Rio Race 2023' to be held in January 2023?

जनवरी 2023 में आयोजित होने वाले 'केप टाउन टू रियो रेस 2023' के 50वें संस्करण में भारतीय नौसेना का कौन सा सैलबोट भाग लेगा?

- (1) INSV Tarini**
- (2) INSV Ambuda**
- (3) INSV Balwan**
- (4) INSV Ajral**

- Indian Navy's sailboat **INSV Tarini** has set sail for an expedition to Cape Town, South Africa for participating in the 50th edition of **Cape to Rio Race 2023**.
- This ocean sailing race will be flagged off from Cape Town on **2 January 2023** and will culminate at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Q.13) Who is the author of newly launched book “The Light We Carry: Overcoming In Uncertain Times”?

हाल ही में लॉन्च की गई पुस्तक "द लाइट वी कैरी: ओवरकमिंग इन अनसर्टेन टाइम्स" के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (1) Barack Obama**
- (2) Michelle Obama**
- (3) Jill Biden**
- (4) Rajvanshi Devi**

- **The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times** is a nonfiction book written by **Michelle Obama** and published, by Crown Publishing.

- **The Light We Carry** will inspire readers to examine their own lives, identify their sources of gladness, and connect meaningfully in a turbulent world.

Q.14) Which country launched the 'Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft'?

किस देश ने 'सरफेस वाटर एंड ओशन टोपोग्राफी (SWOT) अंतरिक्ष यान' लॉन्च किया?

- (1) USA
- (2) Russia
- (3) Israel
- (4) China

- The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the Earth science satellite to track nearly all the water on Earth's surface.
- The **Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT)** spacecraft was launched atop a SpaceX rocket with a mission of three years.
- USA**

Q.15) Which company has launched indigenous consumer packaged goods brand "Independence"?

किस कंपनी ने स्वदेशी उपभोक्ता पैकेज्ड सामान ब्रांड "इंडिपेंडेंस" लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Walmart**
- (2) Adani**
- (3) Reliance**
- (4) Amazon**

- **Reliance** Group has launched its fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) brand “Independence” in Gujarat.
- The company will offer several indigenous products including processed foods, staples and daily essentials.
- It is launched by Reliance Consumer Products, a subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd.

**Q.16) National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research (ICMR-NARFBR) has been inaugurated in –
बायोमेडिकल रिसर्च के लिए राष्ट्रीय पशु संसाधन सुविधा (ICMR-NARFBR) का उद्घाटन किया गया है -**

- (1) Mumbai**
- (2) Chennai**
- (3) Kolkata**
- (4) Hyderabad**

• **Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, opened the **ICMR-NARFBR** (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) in Genome Valley in **Hyderabad**.

• NARFBR is a premier centre dedicated to the ethical care, use, and welfare of laboratory animals in research.

Q.17) Which city will host the Urban 20 meetings as part of G 20 meetings?

जी 20 बैठकों के हिस्से के रूप में कौन सा शहर शहरी 20 बैठकों की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (1) Gandhinagar**
- (2) Ahmedabad**
- (3) Vadodara**
- (4) Surat**

- The UNESCO heritage city **Ahmedabad** will host the **Urban 20 meetings** as part of **G 20 meetings** between **Februarys to July 2023**.
- Chief Minister of Gujarat **Bhupendra Patel** unveiled the **logo, website and social media handles** of the **Urban-20 conference** in **Gandhinagar** on **19 December 2022**.
- In **July 2023**, the **U20 mayor's summit** will be held in **Ahmedabad** to discuss **urban development issues**.

Q.18) "Goa Liberation Day" is observed every year on –
"गोवा मुक्ति दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 19th December
- (2) 20th December
- (3) 21st December
- (4) 22nd December

- India observed **Goa Liberation Day** every year on **December 19** to celebrate the independence of the smallest state of the Union in 1961.
- Goa did not gain its independence in 1947 like the other princely states of British India. Then Prime Minister **Jawaharlal Nehru** tried to secure the accession of Goa through diplomacy.

**Q.1) Who has won the “Women’s FIH Nations Cup 2022” title?
“महिला FIH नेशंस कप 2022” का खिताब किसने जीता है?**

- (1) Ireland**
- (2) India**
- (3) Spain**
- (4) South Korea**

- The Indian women Hockey team led by Captain Savita Punia beat Spain 1-0 in the final to win the inaugural FIH Nations Cup played at Valencia, Spain on 17 December 2022.
- The inaugural FIH Nations cup was held in Valencia, Spain from 11-17 December 2022..
- India** finished third in the 2021-22 FIH Pro League. The team did not qualify for the ongoing 2022-23 Pro League season.

Q.2) What is India's rank in the publication of Scientific papers?
वैज्ञानिक पत्रों के प्रकाशन में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

- (1) 2nd
- (2) 3rd
- (3) 5th
- (4) 8th

- According to the Union Minister for Science & Technology **Dr Jitendra Singh**, India has been ranked **3rd** globally in the publication of **scientific papers**.
- Quoting the National Science Foundation (NSF)'s Science & Engineering Indicators 2022 report of the United States, India's position globally in scientific publications, has improved from **7th position** in 2010 to **3rd position** in 2020.

Q.3) How much amount was earned by ISRO in 5 years from foreign launches?

विदेशी लॉन्च से इसरो ने 5 साल में कितनी कमाई की?

- (1) ₹1,100 crore**
- (2) ₹1,500 crore**
- (3) ₹1,800 crore**
- (4) ₹2,400 crore**

•According to the Ministry for Space, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) had earned approximately **Rs 1,100 crore** in the last five years from the launch of foreign satellites.

•Since January 2018, ISRO successfully launched **177 foreign satellites** belonging to **19 countries**.

Q.4) PM Narendra Modi has launched the "Grih Pravesh"
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पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने "गृह प्रवेश" कार्यक्रम कहां शुरू किया है -

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited poll-bound Tripura and Meghalaya on December 18 to inaugurate and laid the foundation stones of projects worth over Rs 6,800 crore.
- In Shillong, Prime Minister participated in the golden jubilee celebration of the North Eastern Council.
- PM also inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects worth over Rs 2,450 crore in Meghalaya.

**Q.5) Who has won the “Mrs. World 2022” title?
"श्रीमती" किसने जीता है। विश्व 2022” शीर्षक?**

- (1) Jyoti Parmar**
- (2) Sargam Kaushal**
- (3) Amrita Kumari**
- (4) Avni Pandey**

- **Sargam Kaushal** has won the title of World 2022, becoming the winner among contestants from 63 countries.
- This title has returned to India after 21 years.
- America's Mrs. World 2021 Shaylin Ford crowned Mumbai's Sargam Kaushal at an event held at Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino on the evening of 18 December.

Q.6) 'One Week One Lab' theme-based campaign, is associated with –

'वन वीक वन लैब' थीम आधारित अभियान, किससे जुड़ा है -

(1) ICAR

(2) NDRI

(3) CSIR

(4) IISc Bengaluru

• Union Minister for Science & Technology, **Jitendra Singh**, who is also the vice president of **CSIR** (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), on 17 December announced the launching of “**One Week, One Lab**” countrywide campaign from **January 6, 2023**.

• The campaign aims to showcase the technological achievements and innovations in each of the 37 CSIR laboratories/institutes spread across the country.

Q.7) "INS Mormugao" has been commissioned at the Naval Dockyard in –

"INS मोरमुगाओ" को किस नौसेना डॉकयार्ड में कमीशन किया गया है -

- (1) Mumbai
- (2) Visakhapatnam
- (3) Kochi
- (4) Chennai

• **India** commissioned its latest stealth guided missile destroyer, **Mormugao**, at the Naval Dockyard in **Mumbai** on December 18.

• Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**, CDS Gen **Anil Chauhan**, Navy chief Admiral **R Hari Kumar** and other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

• **INS Mormugao** is the **second warship** under the navy's **Project-15B** under which two more warships will be delivered by 2025.

Q.8) Who has been named as the “PETA India’s Person of the Year 2022” title?

“पेटा इंडियाज पर्सन ऑफ द ईयर 2022” शीर्षक से किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (1) Sonakshi Sinha**
- (2) John Abraham**
- (3) Anushka Sharma**
- (4) Sonam Kapoor**

- **Sonakshi Sinha** has been awarded with the PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year title for advocating Animal Adoption & Vegan Fashion.

- Sonakshi's activities helped save many animals that would have been killed for fashion, but she was given the title because of her strong support for dog and cat rights.

- As said in the PETA India's anti-leather campaign, "More than 1.4 billion cows, sheep, goats, dogs, cats and other animals are killed each year for cruelty. For Leather accessories that no one needs."

Q.9) Which state government has introduced the “Friends of Library” scheme?

किस राज्य सरकार ने “फ्रेंड्स ऑफ लाइब्रेरी” योजना शुरू की है?

- (1) Kerala**
- (2) Tamil Nadu**
- (3) Andhra Pradesh**
- (4) Odisha**

- **Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi**, **Ministre of School Education (Tamil Nadu)**, has introduced the “**Friends of Library**” scheme.

- With this scheme, **personally deliver books** to people who are unable to visit state-run libraries.

- As a result, the project will be helpful to people with disabilities, seniors, kids, and hospital in-patients, among others, who are unable to visit a library.

Q.10) "International Human Solidarity Day" is observed every year
on –

"अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानव एकता दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 18th December
- (2) 19th December
- (3) 20th December
- (4) 21st December

- **International Human Solidarity Day** is observed on **20th December** each year by all United Nations Member States.
- This day aims to raise awareness about the necessity of solidarity in reducing global poverty.
- On International Human Solidarity Day, the UN member states formulate and share their strategies for poverty reduction.

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- (b) Manuel Neuer**
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- (e) Peter Gulacsi**

Q13. Name the player, who awarded Golden Glove Award in the FIFA World Cup 2022?

उस खिलाड़ी का नाम बताइए, जिसे फीफा विश्व कप 2022 में गोल्डन ग्लव अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Mike Maignan
- (b) Manuel Neuer
- (c) Emiliano Martinez**
- (d) Gianluigi Donnarumma
- (e) Peter Gulacsi

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निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश 2022 फीफा विश्व कप में तीसरे स्थान पर रहा?

- (a) Morocco**
- (b) Croatia**
- (c) Argentina**
- (d) France**
- (e) Brazil**

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- (d) Argentina
- (e) Croatia

Maps (in News)

Tal Chhapar blackbuck sanctuary



Tal Chhapar blackbuck sanctuary in Rajasthan's Churu district has received a protective cover against a proposed move of the State government to **reduce the size of its eco-sensitive zone** (from about 7 sq km to 3 sq Km), under pressure from miners in the surrounding areas.

The court recently ordered a **"complete prohibition"** on any action to reduce the wildlife sanctuary's area.

It is known for **blackbucks** (around 4000) and is also home to a variety of birds. The **World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)** has also taken up a major project for the **conservation of raptors** in the sanctuary.

Threats: hyper-aridity, grazing pressure, the invasive weed *Prosopis juliflora*, and salt mines in the vicinity.

Ireland: Leo Varadkar

Ireland's **Leo Varadkar** took over as premier for the **second time** in a handover of power in line with a coalition deal struck in 2020. Varadkar replaced Micheal Martin as Taoiseach (premier) in a rotation between his Fine Gael and Martin's Fianna Fail parties that is unprecedented in Irish history.

Varadkar (aged 43), who is of **Indian origin** and **openly gay**, is still one of **Ireland's youngest ever leaders**, even in his second stint in the role.



Ireland's Leo Varadkar



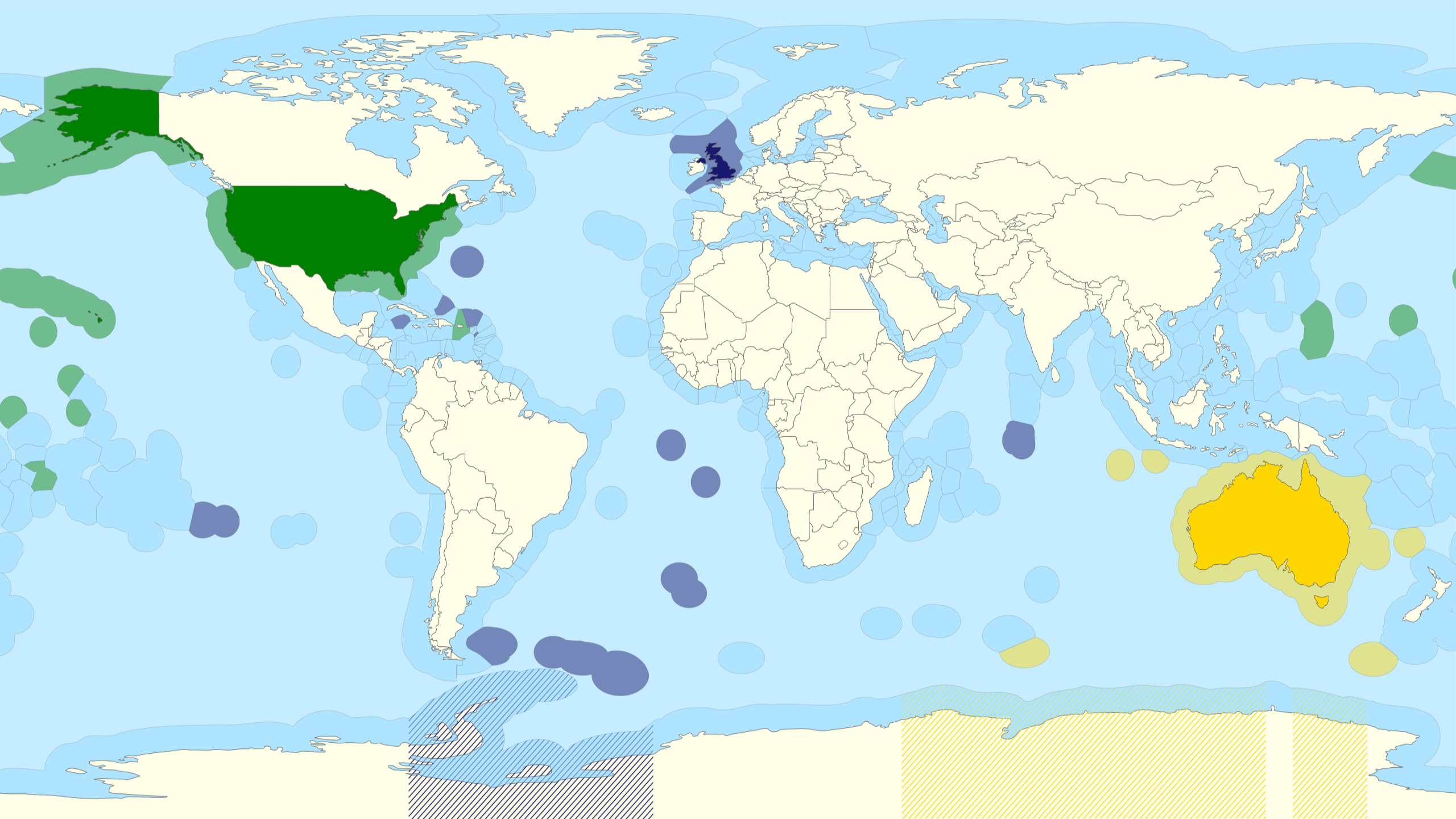
Britain

UK's famous National Health Service is under crisis as NHS staffs are striking over pay rise. The British government says this is unaffordable and no pay rise close to that has been offered.

Thailand

Royal Thai Navy warship 'Sukhothai,' sank in the Gulf of Thailand. The ship was struck by the high waves that caused the accident. The reported deaths have been caused as there were not enough life jackets because more people than usual were aboard the ship.





Five Eyes Alliance

- The Five Eyes alliance is an **intelligence-sharing arrangement** between five English-speaking democracies: the **US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.**
- The alliance was created during the **Cold War (1946-1991)** that was fought between the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as their respective allies.
- The alliance was needed to share sensitive information regarding their adversaries on all possible fronts available.
- It is often described as the **world's most successful intelligence alliance.**

Recently, the US has announced a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific, between Australia, the UK and the US (AUKUS).

- The major highlight of this arrangement is the sharing of US nuclear submarine technology to Australia.

Key Points

- **Focusing on Indo-Pacific:** The security grouping AUKUS will focus on advancing strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

- Though the US has explicitly denied that the grouping is targeted against China, its Indo-pacific orientation makes it an alliance against China's assertive actions in the South China Sea.
- The three countries alongside Canada and New Zealand already share extensive intelligence through the **Five Eyes alliance**.

- **Transferring Nuclear Submarines to Australia:** As part of this initiative, Australia will acquire nuclear-powered submarines with help from the UK and the US.

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This step is significant because the US has only shared nuclear submarine technology once before, and it started in 1958 with Great Britain.

Nuclear submarines that are quieter than their conventional counterparts but also more capable of being deployed for longer periods and needing to surface less frequently.

• Alongside India's stated intent to acquire more nuclear-powered submarines, it will amount to a step-change increase in the Quad's undersea and anti-submarine warfare capabilities.

- Quad is a grouping of India, USA, Australia and Japan.**

Australia is now set to join an elite group of only six countries – India, the US, the UK, France, Russia and China – that operate nuclear-powered submarines. It will also be the only country to have such submarines without having a civilian nuclear power industry.

•Multi-Sectoral Cooperation: AUKUS will also involve a new architecture of meetings and engagements between the three countries, as well as cooperation across emerging technologies (applied AI, quantum technologies and undersea capabilities).

**Q.1) Who has won the title of the T20 World Cup 2022 for Blind?
नेत्रहीनों के लिए टी20 विश्व कप 2022 का खिताब किसने जीता है?**

(1) India

(2) Bangladesh

(3) Australia

(4) Sri Lanka

- **The 3rd T20 World Cup for Blind was held in India from 6 -17 December 2022.**
- **India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Australia, Bangladesh, and South Africa competed in the tournament.**
- **India** has defeated **Bangladesh** by 120 runs to win their third consecutive title of the T20 World Cup 2022 for the Blind at the **M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore.**
- **Sunil** was declared **Man of the Match** in the final and also received the **Man of the Series** in the B3 category.

Q.2) FIFA Club World Cup 2023 will be host by –
फीफा क्लब विश्व कप 2023 की मेजबानी किसके द्वारा की जाएगी –

- (1) Libya
- (2) Algeria
- (3) Niger
- (4) Morocco

- World football governing body **FIFA** president **Gianni Infantino** announced on 16 December 2022 that **Morocco** will host the next football **Club World Cup**.

- The tournament will take place from **1-11 February 2023**.

- **Morocco** has hosted the **Club World Cup** in **2013** and **2014**.

**Q.3) India Energy Week 2023 will be held in February 2023 at –
भारत ऊर्जा सप्ताह 2023 फरवरी 2023 में आयोजित किया जाएगा –**

- (1) Bengaluru**
- (2) Kolkata**
- (3) Chennai**
- (4) Visakhapatnam**

• **India Energy Week 2023 (IEW 2023)**, being organised during India's G20 Presidency, will be held in **Bengaluru between February 6 and 8, 2023.**

• **Hardeep S Puri**, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated the curtain raiser.

Q.4) Indian-Origin Leo Varadkar has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of –

भारतीय मूल के लियो वराडकर को किस देश के प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में फिर से चुना गया है?

(1) Belgium

(2) Ireland

(3) Austria

(4) Slovenia

- Indian-Origin, **Leo Varadkar** (38) has been re-elected as the **Prime Minister of Ireland** in line with a coalition deal struck in 2020.
- He has replaced **Micheal Martin** as Taoiseach (premier) in a rotation deal between his Fine Gael (party) and Martin's Fianna Fail (party).
- He was born in Dublin to an Irish mother who worked as a nurse and an **Indian immigrant father**, who was a qualified doctor.

Q.5) Which Union Minister has unveiled the Hockey World Cup trophy in New Delhi?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने नई दिल्ली में हॉकी विश्व कप ट्रॉफी का अनावरण किया है?

- (1) Narendra Modi**
- (2) G. Kishan Reddy**
- (3) Anurag Singh Thakur**
- (4) Rajnath Singh**

• Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** on 16th December unveiled the **Hockey World Cup trophy** in New Delhi.

• The Federation of Indian Hockey (FIH) Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 **Bhubaneswar – Rourkela Trophy** arrived at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in the national capital.

• The trophy will **travel across 13 states and one union territory** before returning to Odisha on December 25, giving fans and the public a chance to engage with the coveted trophy.

Q.6) Who has been appointed as Interim Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court?

झारखंड उच्च न्यायालय के अंतरिम मुख्य न्यायाधीश के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Ravi Malimath**
- (2) AK Singh**
- (3) Rajesh Bindal**
- (4) Sanjib Banerjee**

- Central government on 16th December, notified the appointment of Justice **Aparesh Kumar Singh** as the acting Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court with effect from December 20.
- He will take over the post consequent to the retirement of the current Chief Justice Ravi Ranjan.

**Q.7) Who has been named the Men's ITF World Champions 2022?
पुरुषों की ITF वर्ल्ड चैंपियंस 2022 किसे नामित किया गया है?**

- (1) Novak Djokovic**
- (2) Daniil Medvedev**
- (3) Rafael Nadal**
- (4) Ashleigh Barty**

- On 15th December 2022, Spanish Tennis Player **Rafael Nadal** has been named the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for 5th time.
- He won the Australian Open and Roland Garros and rose to the top spot in terms of men's Grand Slam single titles won.
- Previously, He has been named the men's ITF World Champion in 2018, 2010, 2017 and 2019.

**Q.8) Who has been named the women's ITF World Champions
2022?**

महिला ITF वर्ल्ड चैंपियंस 2022 किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (1) Caroline Garcia**
- (2) Maria Sakkari**
- (3) Ons Jabeur**
- (4) Iga Swiatek**

•On 15th December 2022, Polish tennis player **Iga Swiatek** has been named women's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for her performance in 2022 winning 2 Grand Slam titles and 8 titles.

•She has become the **1st Polish woman** to be named an ITF World Champion and the **2nd Polish player** in Singles World Champions.

•She is named the WTA Player of the Year after winning both the **French and US Open in 2022**.

Q.9) Who has become England's youngest Cricketer to Debut in Test Cricket?

टेस्ट क्रिकेट में डेब्यू करने वाले इंग्लैंड के सबसे युवा क्रिकेटर कौन बने हैं?

- (1) Rehan Ahmed**
- (2) Will Jacks**
- (3) Luke Wood**
- (4) Jofra Archer**

- **Rehan Ahmed** becomes England's youngest-ever Test Cricketer to debut in the final match between Pakistan and England.
- Rehan Ahmed will be 18 years and 126 days old when the match begins.
- Till now, **Brian Close**, who was 18 years and 149 days old, was the youngest player in England during the New Zealand vs England match in 1949.

Q.10) Raktsey Karpo Apricot is the 1st GI Tag of which state?
रक्तसे कार्पो खुबानी किस राज्य का पहला जीआई टैग है?

- (1) Goa
- (2) Ladakh
- (3) Tripura
- (4) Meghalaya

- **Ladakh** got its first ever Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to its Raktsey Karpo Apricot. The coveted GI tag certification for **twenty years**.
- Ladakh grows more than **thirty types of Apricots**, but the Raktsey Karpo variety is unique to the region.
- **Apricot** is the major fruit of **Ladakh** with large-scale cultivation in both **Leh** and **Kargil** Districts among the nine fruits grown in Ladakh.

Q.1) Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB)?

राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड (NDDDB) के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Manoj Malaviya**
- (2) Meenesh C Shah**
- (3) Suman Bala**
- (4) Herman Prit**

- The government of India in an order issued on 9 December 2022 has appointed **Meenesh C Shah** as the Managing Director of **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** with effect from 15 November 2022.
- There has been no regular chairman at NDDB since December 2020.
- Presently **Meenesh Shah** was also holding the additional charge of the **Chairman, NDDB**.

Q.2) Who has become the first woman president of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)?

टेबल टेनिस फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (TTFI) की पहली महिला अध्यक्ष कौन बनी हैं?

- (1) Richa Ghosh**
- (2) Anjum Mou**
- (3) Meghna Ahlawat**
- (4) Sophiya Saik**

- **Meghna Chautala**, wife of Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, has been elected president of the **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)** on December 5, 2022.

- Meghna Chautala has become the **first woman president** of the Table Tennis Federation of India.

Q.3) Who has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Ittira Davis**
- (2) Raj Vikash Verma**
- (3) Pramod Kabra**
- (4) Madan G. Sharma**

•Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) on December 7 said it has received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for reappointment of **Ittira Davis** as its managing director and chief executive officer for a **period of two years**.

•Davis has been associated with Ujjivan since **March 2015**.

Q.4) Who has been appointed as the First Vice President of Federal Reserve Bank of New York?

न्यूयॉर्क के फेडरल रिजर्व बैंक के पहले उपाध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Sushmita Shukla**
- (2) Anish Thoppani**
- (3) Sneha Jawale**
- (4) Sanskar Saraswat**

- The **Federal Reserve Bank of New York** has appointed Indian-origin, **Sushmita Shukla** (54) as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of bank, effective March 2023.
- It is the largest Reserve Bank in terms of assets and volume of activity.

**Q.5) Who has become the new Brand Ambassador of Pottery Barn,
a American furniture retailer?**

**अमेरिकी फर्नीचर रिटेलर पॉटरी बार्न का नया ब्रांड एंबेसडर कौन बना
है?**

- (1) Alia Bhatt**
- (2) Deepika Padukone**
- (3) Priyanka Chopra**
- (4) Huma Qureshi**

- American furniture retailer, Pottery Barn has signed **Deepika Padukone** as a brand ambassador, to promote the company's international expansion
- She will also work with the company's in-house design team in San Francisco to co-create a capsule collection, that will be launched in 'Fall 2023'.

**Q.6) Who has launched the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party?
भारत राष्ट्र समिति (BRS) पार्टी की शुरुआत किसने की है?**

- (1) Pema Khandu**
- (2) Bhupesh Baghel**
- (3) K Chandrasekhar Rao**
- (4) Basavaraj Bommai**

•The Telangana Chief Minister and president of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), **K Chandrasekhar Rao** formally launched the **Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS)** on 9 December 2022 in Hyderabad.

•The Election Commission of India (ECI) on 8 December 2022 had approved the change of name of the **Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)** as **Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS)**.

Q.7) As per Government, How many Indians have given up Indian Citizenship since 2011?

सरकार के अनुसार, 2011 के बाद से कितने भारतीयों ने भारतीय नागरिकता छोड़ी है?

- (1) 16 lakh**
- (2) 18 lakh**
- (3) 21 lakh**
- (4) 24 lakh**

- According to the government of India over **16 lakh** Indians have given up Indian citizenship since 2011 including 183,741 in 2022.

Q.8) Who represented India at the 24 Hour Ultra Marathon in Taiwan?

ताइवान में 24 घंटे के अल्ट्रा मैराथन में भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व किसने किया?

- (1) Avinash Sable**
- (2) Ram Singh Yadav**
- (3) Thonakal Gopi**
- (4) Amar Singh Devanda**

- Air Warrior Corp **Amar Singh Devanda** bagged sixth position by covering a distance of 204.47 Kms in 24 Hrs Ultra Marathon organised by Chinese Taipei Association of Ultra runners for 2022 at Soochow University, Taiwan.
- Cpl Amar Singh Devanda represented India in the event.

**Q.9) Who has approved a \$780 million loan for Chennai metro rail?
चेन्नई मेट्रो रेल के लिए 780 मिलियन डॉलर के ऋण को किसने मंजूरी दी
है?**

(1) World Bank

(2) AIIB

(3) ADB

(4) NDB

- The **ADB** has approved the financial aid of \$780 million to build new lines for Chennai's metro rail.

- Focus:** Improve the network's connectivity with bus and feeder services.

Q.10) Who has approved a \$250 million loan to strengthen logistics sector in India?

भारत में रसद क्षेत्र को मजबूत करने के लिए 250 मिलियन डॉलर के ऋण को किसने मंजूरी दी है?

- (1) ADB**
- (2) AIIB**
- (3) NDB**
- (4) World Bank**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** on 9 December 2022 has approved a USD 250 million loan.
- **Aim:** to strengthen and modernize the country's logistics infrastructure, improve efficiency, and lower costs

Q.11) Government has extended the "Rooftop Solar Programme"

till

सरकार ने "रूफटॉप सोलर प्रोग्राम" को कब तक बढ़ाया है -

(1) 2023

(2) 2024

(3) 2025

(4) 2026

- The government on 8 December said the **rooftop solar programme** has been extended till March 31, **2026**.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing the **Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme (Phase II)** to generate solar power by installing solar panels on the roof of houses.

Q.12) Which state cabinet approved a bill to create 'Safai Karamchari Commission'?

किस राज्य के मंत्रिमंडल ने 'सफाई कर्मचारी आयोग' बनाने के लिए एक विधेयक को मंजूरी दी?

(1) Assam

(2) Bihar

(3) Karnataka

(4) Gujarat

- The **Assam Cabinet** on 7th Dec 2022 approved a bill to create a **Safai Karamchari Commission**.
- Aim:** to providing financial benefits to pregnant women, monitoring drug prices, protecting Safai Karmacharis' rights and filling up vacancies in the Forest Department were also taken in the meeting.

Q.13) ISRO has announced to develop 'Spatial Data Infrastructure Geoportal' for –

इसरो ने किसके लिए 'स्थानिक डेटा इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर जियोपोर्टल' विकसित करने की घोषणा की है -

- (1) Ladakh**
- (2) Chandigarh**
- (3) Delhi**
- (4) Puducherry**

•Ladakh has approached the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), a unit of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for developing “Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal ‘Geo-Ladakh’ for **UT-Ladakh**”.

**Q.14) UPI transactions has increased how much percentage in semi-urban and urban sectors in 2022?
2022 में अर्ध-शहरी और शहरी क्षेत्रों में UPI लेनदेन में कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है?**

- (1) 560%**
- (2) 500%**
- (3) 100%**
- (4) 650%**

- The unified payments interface (UPI) transactions witnessed a meteoric **650 per cent rise** at the semi-urban and rural stores in India in 2022.

Q.15) Female umpires will officiate in which Trophy, for the first time in Indian cricket history?

भारतीय क्रिकेट इतिहास में पहली बार महिला अंपायर किस ट्रॉफी में अंपायरिंग करेंगी?

- (1) Nehru Trophy**
- (2) Santosh Trophy**
- (3) Deodhar Trophy**
- (4) Ranji Trophy**

- **Female umpires** will officiate in **Ranji Trophy** this season, for the first time in Indian cricket history.
- With Ranji Trophy, beginning December 13, the **three female officials** will only get to do select matches in the men's first-class competition.

Q.16) Union Ministry has organised the “Universal Coverage Day (UHC) 2022” at –

केंद्रीय मंत्रालय ने "सार्वभौमिक कवरेज दिवस (UHC) 2022" का आयोजन किया है -

- (1) Lucknow**
- (2) Kanpur**
- (3) Varanasi**
- (4) Agra**

• **Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** has organised a two-days conclave commemorating the “**Universal Coverage Day (UHC) 2022**” on 10th and 11th December 2022 at **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.**

• **Theme of UHC 2022:** “**Build the World We Want: A Healthy Future for All**”

Q.17) "International Mountain Day" is observed every year on –
"अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पर्वत दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 9th December
- (2) 10th December
- (3) 11th December
- (4) 12th December

- **International Mountain Day** is observed globally on **December 11** every year.
- The day is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of mountains to life.
- **Theme 2022: “Women Move Mountains”**
- The day was established by the UN General Assembly in **2003** to encourage the sustainable development of mountains.
- United Nations had declared **2002** as the **UN International Year of Mountains**.

**Q.1) India's longest escape tunnel has been completed in –
भारत की सबसे लंबी एस्केप टनल कब पूरी हुई है -**

(1) Jammu & Kashmir

(2) Uttarakhand

(3) Ladakh

(4) Gujarat

• India's longest escape tunnel, which is 89 km long, built on the 111 km under-construction Banihal-Katra railway line in **Jammu and Kashmir**, was completed by the Indian Railways on 15 December.

• This longest tunnel is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project.

• This is the fourth tunnel on the Banihal-Katra route following the 12.75 km tunnel T-49, the longest tunnel of the Indian Railways, which was completed in January this year.

Q.2) Who was the most written-about track and field athlete in 2022?

2022 में सबसे अधिक लिखित ट्रैक और फील्ड एथलीट कौन था?

- (1) Shelley-Ann Fraser-Pryce**
- (2) Elaine Thompson-Herah**
- (3) Neeraj Chopra**
- (4) Usain Bolt**

- According to the World Athletics, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** of India was the most written about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing the Jamaican legend Usain Bolt from the top lists.
- Quoting the data collated by media Analysis Company Unicepta the World Athletics body on 16 December 2022 said that there were 812 articles written about Neeraj Chopra in 2022.

Q.3) “Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)” has been renamed as –
“प्रधानमंत्री कौशल को काम कार्यक्रम (PMKKK)” का नाम बदलकर –

- (1) PM MANAS
- (2) PM VIKAS
- (3) PM UNNATI
- (4) PM ROSHINI

•The Minister of Minority Affairs, Smriti Zubin Irani in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on 15 December informed that the “Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)” has now been named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (**PM VIKAS**)

•This integrated scheme amalgamates the five earlier schemes of the Ministry – Seekho aur Kamao, Ustad, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil.

**Q.4) What is the target range of "Agni-V" missile?
"अग्नि-V" मिसाइल की लक्ष्य सीमा क्या है?**

- (1) 3,500 km**
- (2) 5,000 km**
- (3) 5,500 km**
- (4) 7,000 km**

- India has successfully carried out the night trials of nuclear-capable ballistic missile, Agni-V from Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha on 15th December, 2022.

- The test was conducted to check the new technologies and equipment on the missile which is now lighter than before.

- The missile has a capacity to hit targets beyond **5,000 kilometres**.

- The Agni series I to IV missiles have ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km.

Q.5) Which state government has launched the “Arunodaya 2.0” scheme?

किस राज्य सरकार ने “अरुणोदय 2.0” योजना शुरू की है?

- (1) Uttarakhand**
- (2) Manipur**
- (3) Punjab**
- (4) Assam**

- **Assam** Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on 14th December, inaugurated 'Orunodoi 2.0 scheme' via video conferencing from Delhi.

- This scheme aims to help 17 lakh women in Assam.

- Under this scheme, women will receive Rs 1,250 in their bank account every month.

Q.6) Which country has the highest number of broadband users, as of December 2022?

दिसंबर 2022 तक किस देश में ब्रॉडबैंड उपयोगकर्ताओं की संख्या सबसे अधिक है?

- (1) China**
- (2) USA**
- (3) India**
- (4) Indonesia**

•The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** announced that **India** is the largest connected nation in the world today with more than 800 million broadband users.

•The announcement was made during ‘India Internet Governance Forum 2022’, held on the theme ‘Leveraging Techade for Empowering Bharat’.

•It is an initiative associated with the UN Internet Governance Forum (UN-IGF).

Q.7) Who has been appointed as the first black president of Harvard University?

हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय के पहले अश्वेत अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) John Adams**
- (2) Dr Claudine Gay**
- (3) Lawrence Seldon**
- (4) Catharine Drew**

- Harvard University has named **Dr Claudine Gay** as the first black president to run an Ivy League university.
- Dr Gay, who is a dean at Harvard, has been appointed as 30th president the university.
- She will replace **Lawrence Bacow**, who will retire on July 2023.

Q.8) Which state government signed MoU with Hinduja group for investment of ₹35,000 crore in 11 sectors?

किस राज्य सरकार ने 11 क्षेत्रों में 35,000 करोड़ रुपये के निवेश के लिए हिंदुजा समूह के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (1) Karnataka**
- (2) Telangana**
- (3) Maharashtra**
- (4) Odisha**

- **Maharashtra** government has signed an MoU with Hinduja group for an investment worth Rs 35,000 crore in 11 sectors.
- Hinduja group has identified 11 sectors for investment in the state, which includes renewable energy, media and entertainment, cyber security, healthcare, infrastructure, education, manufacturing and new age technologies.

Q.9) Who has become first carbon-neutral power exchange of India?

भारत का पहला कार्बन-न्यूट्रल पावर एक्सचेंज कौन बन गया है?

- (1) Power Exchange India Limited (PXIL)**
- (2) Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX)**
- (3) NTPC**
- (4) Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)**

- **Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)** has become first carbon-neutral power exchange of India, using market based tradable instruments to offset its carbon emissions.
- To reduce carbon footprint, IEX has voluntarily cancelled CERs (certified emissions reductions) from clean projects registered under the Clean Development Mechanism, UNFCCC.

Q.10) United Nations states have removed which country from UN women's rights group?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र के राज्यों ने किस देश को संयुक्त राष्ट्र महिला अधिकार समूह से हटा दिया है?

- (1) Japan**
- (2) Iran**
- (3) Russia**
- (4) Ukraine**

- **United Nations member states have removed Iran from UN women's rights group.**
- **The resolution was proposed by the US to “remove with immediate effect the Islamic Republic of Iran from the Commission on the Status of Women for the remainder of its 2022-2026 term.**
- **The Commission is made up of 45 countries which are elected by the Council to four-year terms.**

Q.11) Which Indian institute has declared 'Tobacco-Free Zone'?
किस भारतीय संस्थान ने 'तंबाकू मुक्त क्षेत्र' घोषित किया है?

- (1) AIIMS Raipur**
- (2) AIIMS Patna**
- (3) AIIMS Bhopal**
- (4) AIIMS Delhi**

- The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) located in the capital **New Delhi** has been declared a 'Tobacco-Free Zone'.
- Information in this regard has been given through an office memorandum issued by M. Srinivas, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Strict action will be taken against doctors, permanent or contractual staff and security staff found smoking or chewing tobacco in the hospital premises.

Q.12) Who has partnered with Viasat to deliver satellite internet to 10 million people across the world by 2025?

2025 तक दुनिया भर में 10 मिलियन लोगों को सैटेलाइट इंटरनेट देने के लिए वायसैट के साथ किसने साझेदारी की है?

- (1) Meta**
- (2) Google**
- (3) Amazon**
- (4) Microsoft**

- **Microsoft** announced that it has partnered with global communications company **Viasat** to deliver **satellite internet** access to **10 million people** across the world by **2025**.

- **Viasat** is the first satellite partner to work with **Microsoft's Airband Initiative**, and together they will deepen Airband's work, **Microsoft** said in a blogpost on **14th Dec 2022**.

Q.13) Which flower has been declared as an 'endangered species' by the US wildlife authorities?

अमेरिकी वन्यजीव अधिकारियों द्वारा किस फूल को 'लुप्तप्राय प्रजाति' घोषित किया गया है?

- (1) California Poppy**
- (2) Cherokee Rose**
- (3) Goldenrod**
- (4) Nevada wildflower**

•S. wildlife officials have declared a **Nevada wildflower** endangered at the only place it's known to exist on a high-desert ridge where a lithium mine is planned to help meet growing demand for electric car batteries.

•The Fish and Wildlife Service has formally listed Tiehm's buckwheat and its accompanying area of 910 acres for the 6-inch-tall flower with yellow blooms.

Q.14) Which Indian initiative has been recognised as World's top 10 initiatives by UN?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा किस भारतीय पहल को विश्व की शीर्ष 10 पहल के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है?

- (1) Project Tiger**
- (2) Chipko Movement**
- (3) Project Elephant**
- (4) Namami Gange**

• India's '**Namami Gange**' – river Ganga rejuvenation project- has been recognised as one among world's 10 most “ground-breaking” initiatives for restoration of natural ecosystems, according to a report released during the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15).

• The award was received by **G Ashok Kumar**, Director General, Namami Gange, at the 15th Conference of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada on 14 December 2022.

Q.15) Mette Frederiksen has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of –
मेटे फ्रेडरिकसन को किस देश के प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में फिर से चुना गया है -

- (1) Denmark**
- (2) Sweden**
- (3) Puru**
- (4) Germnay**

• **Mette Frederiksen** has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of **Denmark**.

• She is a Danish politician, who has been the Prime Minister of Denmark since June 2019.

• She is also the youngest Prime Minister of Danish history.

Q.16) Where has ISRO successfully tested the 160 meter Trisonic Wind Tunnel?

ISRO ने 160 मीटर ट्राइसोनिक विंड टनल का सफल परीक्षण कहाँ किया है?

- (1) Kerala**
- (2) Assam**
- (3) Andhra Pradesh**
- (4) Rajasthan**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently conducted the maiden blow-down test of their all-new wind tunnel, installed at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Kerala.

- The Trisonic Wind tunnel, as it is known, facilitates testing under three conditions – subsonic (below the speed of the sound), at the speed of sound and supersonic (faster than the speed of sound).

Q.17) As per the India Skills Report 2023, what is the percentage of India's employable workforce?

भारत कौशल रिपोर्ट 2023 के अनुसार, भारत के रोजगार योग्य कार्यबल का प्रतिशत क्या है?

(1) 40.5%

(2) 50.3%

(3) 65.5%

(4) 72.5%

- According to the **Wheebox India Skills Report 2023**, India's employable talent has risen in the past one year.
- According to the report, India's employable workforce has increased from 46.2 per cent to **50.3 per cent.**
- The percentage of women who were found to be employable has increased to **8 per cent**, compared to 47.2 per cent for men.

Q.18) Which institution won nine National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2022?

किस संस्था ने वर्ष 2022 के लिए नौ राष्ट्रीय ऊर्जा संरक्षण पुरस्कार जीते?

(1) Indian Railways

(2) Indian Army

(3) DRDO

(4) ISRO

•National Energy Conservation Awards, National Energy Efficiency Innovation Awards and National Painting Competition Awards were presented by President Draupadi Murmu.

•On December 14, the awards were presented on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day in New Delhi.

•**Indian Railways** received nine National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2022 on this occasion.

**Q.19) Who has launched the "EV Yatra" web portal and apps?
"ईवी यात्रा" वेब पोर्टल और ऐप किसने लॉन्च किया है?**

- (1) Droupadi Murmu**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Amit Shah**
- (4) Jagdeep Dhankhar**

- On December 14, President **Droupadi Murmu** launched the 'EV Yatra' web portal and mobile phone application to encourage the adoption of E-Mobility in the country.
- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency of India created the EV Yatra mobile app to make EV usage more convenient. Users can use the app to find the nearest EV charging station and reserve a charging slot. The app is now available on Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

**Q.20) Which state organised the 'Muziris Biennale' art event?
किस राज्य ने 'मुज़िरिस बिएनले' कला कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया?**

- (1) Tamil Nadu**
- (2) Kerala**
- (3) Andhra Pradesh**
- (4) Odisha**

- **Kerala** Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the fifth edition of Kochi “Muziris Biennale”.
- The Biennale will be hosted on the theme ‘In Our Views Flow Ink and Fire’.
- The four-month-long celebration of art is scheduled to see several discussions, performances and film screenings.

Q.21) "Vijay Diwas" is celebrated in India every year on –
भारत में हर साल "विजय दिवस" मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 15th December
- (2) 16th December
- (3) 17th December
- (4) 18th December

• **Vijay Diwas** is celebrated in India every year on **December 16** to commemorate the victory of India against Pakistan in the 1971 war that led to the creation of Bangladesh as an independent nation.

• After 13 days of battle, India defeated Pakistan on December 16, 1971, in what came to be known as the largest military surrender in history after World War II.

Q.22) "International Migrants Day" is observed every year on –
"अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रवासी दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 16th December
- (2) 17th December
- (3) 18th December
- (4) 19th December

- The International Migrants Day is observed globally on 18 December every year.
- The date (December 18) was chosen to honor the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families, which was adopted by the UNGA on this day in 1990.

Q.23) "Minorities Rights Day" is observed every year on –
"अल्पसंख्यक अधिकार दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 15th December
- (2) 16th December
- (3) 17th December
- (4) 18th December

- India observed **Minorities Rights Day** every year on **18th December**.

- **Aim:** to promote the rights of Minority communities in India.

- Also, the awareness creation about the **Minority Rights** is the objective of celebrating this day as **Minorities Rights Day**.

- A **National Commission for Minorities (NCM)** has also been set up under the **National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992**.

Q.24) "World Arabic Language Day" is observed every year on –
"विश्व अरबी भाषा दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 17th December
- (2) 18th December
- (3) 19th December
- (4) 20th December

- **World Arabic Language Day** is observed globally on **18th December** every year.
- The Arabic language is one of the pillars of the cultural diversity of mankind.
- It is one of the most widely used languages in the world, spoken daily by more than **400 million people**.
- **Theme 2022:** “The Contribution of the Arabic Language to Human Civilization and Culture”

Q.1) What is India's rank in the '2022 Hurun Global 500 list' of valuable companies?

मूल्यवान कंपनियों की '2022 हुरुन ग्लोबल 500 सूची' में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

- (1) 5th**
- (2) 7th**
- (3) 9th**
- (4) 11th**

- According to the recently released **Hurun Global 500 list 2022**, India, with **20 most valuable companies** in the world, has moved into the **5th position** among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms.
- Last year India was ranked **9th** with 8 companies.
- The **United States of America** with **260 companies** came at the top. It was followed by **China** with 35 companies, **Japan** with 28 companies, The United Kingdom with 21 companies, India and Canada were at the 5th position with 20 companies each.

**Q.3) India's 1st Carbon Neutral Farm has been inaugurated in –
भारत के पहले कार्बन न्यूट्रल फार्म का उद्घाटन किया गया है -**

- (1) Maharashtra**
- (2) Karnataka**
- (3) Tamil Nadu**
- (4) Kerala**

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinnari Vijayan on 10 December 2022 inaugurated Kerala's State Seed Farm located in Aluva, Ernakulam district.
- It is the first farm in India which is carbon neutral.

Q.4) Mopa Airport become the 2nd International Airport of which state/UT?

मोपा हवाई अड्डा किस राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश का दूसरा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा बन गया है?

- (1) Goa**
- (2) Odisha**
- (3) Bihar**
- (4) Manipur**

- **PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Goa's 2nd international airport at Mopa on 11 December 2022.**
- **Mopa airport will be the first cargo carrying airport of Goa.**

Q.1) Total number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags in India?
भारत में भौगोलिक संकेत (GI) टैग की कुल संख्या?

(1) 423

(2) 432

(3) 439

(4) 450

•The Government of India has granted the GIs tags to nine new items on 14th December 2022 including Gamocha (Assam), Tandur red gram (Telangana), Raktsey Karpo apricot (Ladakh), Alibag white onion (Maharashtra).

•Kerala has been awarded five GI tags for its agricultural produce.

•With this, the total number of GI tags in India comes to **432**.

Q.5) India's largest and 4th business jet terminal has been commissioned in –

भारत का सबसे बड़ा और चौथा बिजनेस जेट टर्मिनल कहाँ पर चालू किया गया है -

- (1) Tamil Nadu
- (2) Odisha
- (3) Kerala
- (4) Telangana

•Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the India's first and biggest charter gateway – the Business Jet Terminal — at the Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) on 10 December 2022.

Q.6) Who take the oath as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?

हिमाचल प्रदेश के नए मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में कौन शपथ लेता है?

(1) Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu

(2) Sachin Pilot

(3) Harsh Mahajan

(4) Pratibha Singh

• **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu** has been unanimously elected as the new **Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh** and take the oath on 11th December 2022, succeeding **Jai Ram Thakur**.

• He served as the president of the **Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee** from 2013 to 2019.

Q.7) Legendary Marathi Lavani singer Sulochana Chavan died. He was known as –

**प्रसिद्ध मराठी लावणी गायिका सुलोचना चव्हाण का निधन हो गया।
उन्हें इस रूप में जाना जाता था -**

- (1) Singer Swift**
- (2) Queen of Soul**
- (3) Singet Lavani**
- (4) Lavani Samradnyi**

• **Legendary Marathi Lavani singer Sulochana Chavan died in Mumbai on 10 December 2022.**

• **Known as ‘Lavani Samradnyi’ (Queen of Lavani), Sulochana Chavan was one of the most well-known singers in this traditional Maharashtrian musical genre closely associated with the folk theatre form Tamasha.**

Q.8) Shenu Agarwal has been appointed as the MD and CEO of –
शेनु अग्रवाल को किस कंपनी का एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया
गया है?

- (1) Maruti Suzuki
- (2) Ashok Leyland
- (3) Tata Motors
- (4) Honda Cars

• **Ashok Leyland**, the flagship company of the Hinduja group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, on 8 December announced the appointment of **Shenu Agarwal** as its new managing director and chief executive officer.

• Shenu joins Ashok Leyland from **Escorts Kubota Ltd**, where he was president.

Q.9) Who has won the S&P Platts Global CEO of the Year Award in 2022?

2022 में S&P प्लैट्स ग्लोबल CEO ऑफ द ईयर अवार्ड किसने जीता है?

- (1) Leena Nair**
- (2) Parag Agrawal**
- (3) Gurdeep Singh**
- (4) Ajay Banga**

- CEO of NTPC, **Gurdeep Singh** has been named the **S&P Platts Global CEO of the Year Award**.

- The 24th annual **Platts Global Energy Awards** which is also considered as the “**Oscars of the energy industry**” was held in **New York, United States of America**.

Q.10) Who has picked Indian TV actor Dev Joshi to accompany him for a trip around Moon?

चंद्रमा के चारों ओर एक यात्रा के लिए भारतीय टीवी अभिनेता देव जोशी को उनके साथ किसने चुना है?

- (1) Masayoshi Son**
- (2) Takemitsu Takizaki**
- (3) Tadashi Yanai**
- (4) Yusaku Maezawa**

- Japanese billionaire **Yusaku Maezawa** has picked Indian TV actor **Dev Joshi** to accompany him around for a **trip** around the **Moon** on a private **SpaceX** flight as early as next year.
- Dev Joshi is best known for portraying the role of **Baal Veer** in Sony Sab's **Baal Veer** and **Baalveer Returns**.

Q.11) Who has inaugurated the 1st phase of Mumbai-Nagpur Super Expressway?

मुंबई-नागपुर सुपर एक्सप्रेसवे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (1) Narendra Modi**
- (2) Droupadi Murmu**
- (3) Eknath Shinde**
- (4) Jagdeep Dhankhar**

•PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated what would be India's longest expressway – the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg, also known as **Mumbai-Nagpur expressway**.

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Q.12) As per Government, How many pregnant women have comprehensive antenatal care under PMSMA?

सरकार के अनुसार, पीएमएसएमए के तहत कितनी गर्भवती महिलाओं की व्यापक प्रसव पूर्व देखभाल की जाती है?

- (1) 2 crore 40 lakh**
- (2) 3 crore 60 lakh**
- (3) 3 crore 80 lakh**
- (4) 4 crore 20 lakh**

•The Government of India has said that more than **3 crore 60 lakh pregnant women** have received comprehensive antenatal care under the **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan programme** across all States and Union Territories.

•The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan has been launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MoHFW**), Government of India.

Q.13) Aam Aadmi Party has become the _____ “National Party” of India.

आम आदमी पार्टी भारत की _____ "राष्ट्रीय पार्टी" बन गई है।

(1) 6th

(2) 7th

(3) 8th

(4) 9th

- Within a decade of its formation, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) becomes India's ninth national party with its performance in Gujarat elections.

- The Election Commission of India gives “national” and “state” tags to parties, which allows them to use their symbol across India or in a respective state.

- AAP was a state party in both Delhi and Punjab.

Q.14) Sports Ministry has announced that 1000 Khelo India Centers will be set up by –

खेल मंत्रालय ने घोषणा की है कि 1000 खेलो इंडिया केंद्र स्थापित किए जाएंगे -

- (1) August 2023**
- (2) December 2022**
- (3) 2024**
- (4) 2025**

•The Union Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Thakur** on 9 December 2022 informed the Lok Sabha that **one thousand Khelo India sports centers** will be set up in the country by **15 August 2023**.

•He said that the government has so far **approved 773 centers**.

**Q.15) Karnataka government to be renamed "Salaam Aarti" ritual to
कर्नाटक सरकार का नाम बदलकर "सलाम आरती" अनुष्ठान किया जाएगा**

- (1) Alpona**
- (2) Namaskara**
- (3) Chetna**
- (4) Prama**

• **Salaam Aarti**’ ritual was started during the time of Mysuru ruler **Tipu Sultan**. Tipu got the worship done on his behalf for the welfare of the **Mysuru kingdom**.

• The ruling BJP of Karnataka has decided to rename ‘Salaam Aarti’- a ritual started by Mysuru ruler Tipu Sultan in the state.

• Now, the ritual would be named as ‘**Aarti Namaskara**’.

Q.16) Who has been awarded with the “Don Award 2022” by Australia?

ऑस्ट्रेलिया द्वारा “डॉन अवार्ड 2022” से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) Patrick Mills**
- (2) Kurt Fearnley**
- (3) Ashleigh Barty**
- (4) Jeff Horn**

- **Ashleigh Barty**, the winner of the **Australian Open women's singles title** in January, has been conferred with **The Don Award**, Australia's most prestigious annual sports award.
- The award is named after the country's legendary cricketer **Don Bradman**.

Q.17) Japan, Britain and which country jointly build sixth-generation fighter jets?

जापान, ब्रिटेन और कौन सा देश संयुक्त रूप से छठी पीढ़ी के लड़ाकू जेट का निर्माण कर रहे हैं?

- (1) Iran**
- (2) Iraq**
- (3) Italy**
- (4) India**

- British PM **Rishi Sunak** has announced a partnership between the **UK, Italy and Japan** to build the **fighter jet** of the future.
- It will be called the “**Tempest**”.
- It is conceived as a **sixth-generation stealth fighter** with multiple capabilities.

Q.18) IIT Delhi has organised the 4th edition of "Industry Day", held

on –

IIT दिल्ली ने "उद्योग दिवस" के चौथे संस्करण का आयोजन किया है -

- (1) 9th December
- (2) 10th December
- (3) 11th December
- (4) 12th December

- **IIT Delhi's flagship industry-academia partnership event, Industry Day 2022, held on December 10, 2022.**
- **K Ananth Krishnan, Executive Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer, Tata Consultancy Services, who is an IIT Delhi alum, was the chief guest on the occasion.**

Q.19) "Nobel Prize Day" is observed every year on –
"नोबेल पुरस्कार दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 9th December
- (2) 10th December
- (3) 11th December
- (4) 12th December

• **Nobel Prize Day** is observed every year on **10th December** to honor the achievements of **Alfred Bernhard Nobel**, a Swedish engineer, chemist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist.

• **Five Nobel Prize** in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace are awarded annually on **10th December** since **1901**.

**Q.20) "International Day of Neutrality" is observed every year on –
"तटस्थता का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -**

- (1) 10th December**
- (2) 11th December**
- (3) 12th December**
- (4) 13th December**

- **International Day of Neutrality** is a United Nations recognized day held on **December 12** each year.
- **Aim:** to raise public awareness of the value of neutrality in international relations

Q.1) Who has been named as the “1st Global Ambassador for Diabetes“?

“मधुमेह के लिए प्रथम वैश्विक राजदूत” के रूप में किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (1) Narendra Modi**
- (2) Droupadi Murmu**
- (3) Sheikh Hasina**
- (4) Shehbaz Sharif**

- Bangladesh PM **Sheikh Hasina** has been named as the **Global Ambassador for Diabetes** by the **International Diabetic Federation (IDF)** at the opening ceremony of the **World Diabetes Congress 2022** held in **Lisbon, Portugal** on **5th December 2022**.
- PM Sheikh Hasina is the **1st Global Ambassador for Diabetes**.

**Q.2) Mopa International Airport in Goa has been named after whom?
गोवा में मोपा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का नाम किसके नाम पर रखा गया है?**

- (1) Manohar Parrikar**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Laxmikant Parsekar**
- (4) Dayanand Bandodkar**

Q.2) Who has become an Official Partner of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

FIH पुरुष हॉकी विश्व कप 2023 का आधिकारिक भागीदार कौन बना है?

- (1) Tata Steel**
- (2) Infosys**
- (3) Reliance**
- (4) Nestle India**

- **Tata Steel** Limited has signed an MoU with Hockey India to become an Official Partner of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.
- The 15th edition of the Hockey Men's World Cup will take place in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela from January 13 to January 29, 2023.
- It will be the fourth time that India will be hosting the prestigious tournament after having played hosts in 1982 in Bombay, 2010 in New Delhi, and 2018 in Odisha.

Q.3) Which edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise "SURYA KIRAN" conducted?

भारत-नेपाल संयुक्त प्रशिक्षण अभ्यास "सूर्य किरण" का कौन सा संस्करण आयोजित किया गया?

- (1) 15th edition**
- (2) 16th edition**
- (3) 17th edition**
- (4) 18th edition**

- The **16th Edition** of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise “SURYA KIRAN-XVI” between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 – 29 December 2022.
- Nepal Army soldiers of Shree Bhawani Baksh Battalion and Indian Army soldiers from the 5 GR will be participating in the exercise.

**Q.4) India gets last of the 36 IAF Rafale aircraft from –
भारत को 36 IAF राफेल विमानों में से अंतिम विमान मिला है -**

(1) Russia

(2) US

(3) France

(4) Japan

- **Rafale**, the last of the 36 IAF Rafale aircraft, has landed in **New Delhi** after refueling by a UAE Air Force tanker aircraft after taking off from **France**.
- With the landing of the last Rafale aircraft, the delivery of 36 Rafale fighter jets to the country has been completed.
- The first batch of five state-of-the-art Rafale fighter jets arrived in India on **July 29, 2021**, nearly four years after India signed an inter-governmental agreement with France to procure 36 aircraft at a cost of around **Rs 60,000 crore**.

Q.5) New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022 has been passed on –
नई दिल्ली अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मध्यस्थता केंद्र (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2022 पारित किया गया है -

- (1) 14th Dec 2022**
- (2) 15th Dec 2022**
- (3) 16th Dec 2022**
- (4) 17th Dec 2022**

- Parliament has passed the **New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022** with Rajya Sabha on **14th December 2022**.

- The bill was already passed in Lok Sabha.
- With this amendment, the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre has been renamed as the **India International Arbitration Centre**.

Q.6) G7 have approved a deal to provide 15.5 billion US dollars to –
G7 ने 15.5 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर प्रदान करने के लिए एक सौदे को
मंजूरी दी है –

- (1) Cambodia
- (2) Laos
- (3) Vietnam
- (4) Philippines

- A group of nine (G7, Norway and Denmark) rich industrialized nations have approved a deal to provide 5 billion US dollars to **Vietnam**.
- Reason: To help the Southeast Asian nation move faster from coal power to renewable energy, cutting its climate-damaging pollution.
- This grant will help Vietnam to reduce its emissions to “net zero” by 2050.
- It is a goal which experts say needs to be met globally to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Q.7) Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated 12 NH development projects worth ₹40,453 crore in –

नितिन गडकरी ने ₹40,453 करोड़ की 12 NH विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन किया है -

- (1) Telangana
- (2) Andhra Pradesh
- (3) Tamil Nadu
- (4) Kerala

• **Nitin Gadkari** (Minister of Road Transport and Highways) has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **12 National Highway development projects** worth 40,453 crore rupees in **Kerala**.

• The event was organised at the **Travancore International Convention Centre** at **Karyavattom Sports Hub, Thiruvananthapuram**.

Q.8) Who has been appointed as the President of retail business of DealShare?

डीलशेयर के खुदरा व्यापार के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Ajay Singh**
- (2) Kamaldeep Singh**
- (3) Rajesh Bhushan**
- (4) Somanath Gianni**

- **Kamaldeep Singh** has been appointed as the president of retail business of DealShare (Social e-commerce company).
- Prior to this role, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of Big Bazaar, where he was responsible for retail operations, organizational transformation, and business strategy execution.

Q.9) Tokyo makes solar panels mandatory for new homes built

after –

टोक्यो निम्नलिखित के बाद निर्मित नए घरों के लिए सौर पैनलों को अनिवार्य बनाता है -

- (1) June 2024**
- (2) December 2024**
- (3) April 2025**
- (4) December 2025**

•The Tokyo local assembly has passed a new regulation, which stated that **all new houses in Tokyo** built by large-scale homebuilders after **April 2025** must install **solar power panels** to cut household carbon emissions.

•Currently, **Japan** stands at **fifth spot** in the world's largest carbon emitters list.

**Q.10) Which Indian swimmer has broke National record in the men's 200m at FINA World Swimming Championship?
किस भारतीय तैराक ने FINA वर्ल्ड स्विमिंग चैंपियनशिप में पुरुषों की 200 मीटर दौड़ में राष्ट्रीय रिकॉर्ड तोड़ा है?**

- (1) Kenisha Gupta**
- (2) Srihari Nataraj**
- (3) Kushagra Rawat**
- (4) Siva Sridhar**

- Indian swimmer **Siva Sridhar** broke the national record in the men's 200m individual medley heats at the **FINA World Swimming Championships 2022** in Melbourne.

- Siva clocked **1:59.80s** to finish first in heat 1 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

- South Africa's **Matthew Sates** won the championship in **1:50.15s** with USA's **Carson Foster** (**1:50.96**) and Canada's **Finlay Knox** (**1:51.04**) winning silver and bronze, respectively.

**Q.11) Which Indian swimmer has broke National record in the women's 100m at FINA World Swimming Championship?
किस भारतीय तैराक ने FINA वर्ल्ड स्विमिंग चैंपियनशिप में महिलाओं की 100 मीटर दौड़ में राष्ट्रीय रिकॉर्ड तोड़ा है?**

- (1) Chahat Arora**
- (2) Nafisa Ali**
- (3) Bula Choudhury**
- (4) Shyamala Goli**

- In Swimming, Indian swimmer **Chahat Arora** set a national record in the women's 100-metre breaststroke at the FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia on 14 December.
- Chahat Arora completed the 100-metre breaststroke race in 1 minute, 13.13 seconds.
- Lithuania's **Ruta Meilutyte**, topped the overall heats in 1 minute, 3.81 seconds, which was 9.32 seconds quicker than Chahat Arora.

Q.12) Which state/UT has proposed to introduce a unique alphanumeric identification number for all families?

किस राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश ने सभी परिवारों के लिए एक अद्वितीय अल्फा-न्यूमेरिक पहचान संख्या पेश करने का प्रस्ताव दिया है?

(1) Goa

(2) Gujarat

(3) Jammu and Kashmir

(4) Karnataka

- **Jammu and Kashmir** Lieutenant-Governor **Manoj Sinha** said that the administration will issue an **eight-digit unique alpha-numeric identity number** to Union Territory families.
- The **Unique Family ID** intends to accelerate and transparently implement social security programs.
- The **JK Family ID** will also be used to evaluate the eligibility of recipients of several social welfare systems.

Q.13) Which country has declared a nationwide state of Emergency on 14th December?

किस देश ने 14 दिसंबर को राष्ट्रव्यापी आपातकाल की घोषणा की है?

(1) Bolivia

(2) Peru

(3) Colombia

(4) Brazil

- The **Peruvian** government declared a nationwide state of emergency on 14 December amid raging protests.
- Peru's Defense Minister removed President **Pedro Castillo** from office on 7 December by impeaching him. Due to which protests are going on in the country.

**Q.14) How many crores has been allocated for the “New India Literacy Programme (NILP)” for the next 5 years?
अगले 5 वर्षों के लिए "न्यू इंडिया लिटरेसी प्रोग्राम (NILP)" के लिए कितने करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए गए हैं?**

- (1) ₹1004.32 Crore**
- (2) ₹1037.90 Crore**
- (3) ₹1158.25 Crore**
- (4) ₹1250.50 Crore**

- The central government has allocated a total financial outlay of the New India Literacy Programme (NILP) for five years to be **1037.90 crore**, MoS for Education Annpurna Devi in a written reply informed in the Lok Sabha on 12th December 2022.
- The minister said that the government has announced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme NILP for implementation during five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27.

Q.15) Which country has emerged as the Top oil supplier to India in November 2022?

कौन सा देश नवंबर 2022 में भारत के लिए शीर्ष तेल आपूर्तिकर्ता के रूप में उभरा है?

- (1) Saudi Arabia**
- (2) Russia**
- (3) Qatar**
- (4) UAE**

- **Russia** has for the first time emerged as top oil supplier to India replacing Iraq in November 2022.

- India's oil imports from Russia rose for the fifth straight month, totaling 908,000 barrels per day (bpd) in November, up 4% from October, the data showed.

**Q.16) Who has took over additional charge as the Chairman and MD of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)?
नेशनल हाइड्रोइलेक्ट्रिक पावर कॉरपोरेशन (NHPC) के अध्यक्ष और एमडी के रूप में अतिरिक्त प्रभार किसने संभाला है?**

- (1) Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi**
- (2) K.V. Suresh Kumar**
- (3) Hansraj Gangaram**
- (4) Vijender Sharma**

- **Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi** has taken over the additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited on 13th December 2022.

- He is currently serving as CMD of Rishiesh (Uttarakhand) based Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDCIL).

- He has succeeded Yamuna Kumar Chaubey.

Q.17) How many New 'Nuclear Power Plants' to be Commissioned in India by 2031?

2031 तक भारत में कितने नए 'परमाणु ऊर्जा संयंत्र' चालू किए जाएंगे?

(1) 40 Plants

(2) 32 Plants

(3) 25 Plants

(4) 20 Plants

- India plans to commission **20 nuclear power plants** by 2031, adding nearly 15,000 MW in power generating capacity, the government told the Lok Sabha on 14th Dec 2022.

- The first of these 20 nuclear power plants, a **700 MW unit**, is expected to be commissioned in 2023 at **Kakrapar** in Gujarat, which already has three atomic power generating units operational.

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