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Q.1) 'Mundera Bazaar' municipal council in Uttar Pradesh, has been renamed to –
उत्तर प्रदेश में 'मुंडेरा बाजार' नगरपालिका परिषद का नाम बदलकर क्या कर दिया गया है -

- (1) Kakori
- (2) Khalilabad
- (3) Chauri Chaura
- (4) Campirganj

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has received the **'no-objection'** certificates from the ministry of home affairs to change the names of two places in state.

- With this consent, **'Mundera Bazaar'** municipal council in Gorakhpur district has been renamed to **'Chauri Chaura'** and **'Telia Afghan'** village in Deoria district to **'Telia Shukla'**.

Q.2) Who has been honoured with the “Atal Anveshi Shikhar Samman 2022”?

अटल अन्वेशी शिखर सम्मान 2022” से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) Sophia Saik**
- (2) Prabhu Chandra Mishra**
- (3) Achyuta Samanta**
- (4) SS Rajamouli**

- **Prabhu Chandra Mishra** was honoured with the prestigious **Atal Samman Award** (Atal Anveshi Shikhar Samman) during the **9th Atal Samman Samaroh**, organised in New Delhi.

- He was awarded for his excellence in field of science & research.

Q.3) First case of deadly brain-eating Amoeba infection has been reported in –

दिमाग खाने वाले अमीबा संक्रमण का पहला मामला किस देश में सामने आया है?

- (1) South Korea**
- (2) North Korea**
- (3) Japan**
- (4) Russia**

- For the first time ever, a rare and potentially fatal **brain-eating amoeba** has been discovered in **South Korea**.

- Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM)** is a rare and serious infection caused by the **amoeba naegleria fowleri**, which is commonly found in warm freshwater and soil.

Q.4) Which state government has announced to give ₹1000 as Pongal gift to ration card holders?

किस राज्य सरकार ने राशन कार्ड धारकों को पोंगल उपहार के रूप में ₹1000 देने की घोषणा की है?

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

- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **MK Stalin** on 22nd December 2022, ordered to provide **Rs 1000 cash to ration card holders** across the state to celebrate **Thai Pongal** in 2023.
- A consultative meeting was held at the Chief Secretariat Presided over by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **MK Stalin** to celebrate **Tamil Thai Pongal** in the year 2023.

Q.5) Who has been appointed as Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (NHAI) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Dipankar Datta**
- (2) Vinay Mohan Kwatra**
- (3) Santosh Kumar Yadav**
- (4) Kamaldeep Singh**

- Senior bureaucrats, **Santosh Kumar Yadav** has been appointed as **chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**.
- He is a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- He is currently serving as an additional secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, **Ministry of Education**.

Q.6) Who has been appointed as the CEO of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण (FSSAI) के सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

(1) Dinesh Kumar Shukla

(2) Rajwinder Singh

(3) AK Singh

(4) Ganji Kamala V Rao

- **Ganji Kamala V Rao (IAS)** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer** of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

- He is currently serving as the **Managing Director** of **Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.**

Q.7) Who has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance Bank?

सूर्योदय लघु वित्त बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

(1) Baskar Babu Ramachandran

(2) Pramod Kabra

(3) Madan Gopal Sharma

(4) Ajay Kanwal

•The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of **Baskar Babu Ramachandran** as MD & CEO of **Suryoday Small Finance Bank** for three years, with effect from 23 January 2023.

•The founder of the bank, Baskar Babu Ramachandran sold the bank's 50 lakh shares on 16th December for ₹55.44 crores to close a loan for exercising warrants to maintain the promoter's stake at the minimum of 26 percent for the first 5 years.

Q.8) Who has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army?

भारतीय सेना के अगले इंजीनियर-इन-चीफ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Lt. General Arvind Walia**
- (2) Lt. General Harpal Singh**
- (3) Lt. General Anil Chauhan**
- (4) Lt. General Gurmeet Singh**

- **Lieutenant General Arvind Walia** has been named the Indian Army's new **Engineer-in-Chief**.
- Officials with the Indian Army announced that he will succeed **Lt Gen Harpal Singh**, who is retiring on December 31, 2022.

Q.9) India & ADB sign \$125 million loan to improve Urban Services in भारत और एडीबी ने शहरी सेवाओं में सुधार के लिए 125 मिलियन डॉलर के ऋण पर हस्ताक्षर किए -

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

• **India** has signed a **\$125 million loan agreement** with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to develop climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment, and drainage and water supply systems in three cities of **Tamil Nadu**.

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Q.10) Indian Bank has launched 'MSME Prerana' programme in –
इंडियन बैंक ने कहाँ 'MSME प्रेरणा' कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है -

- (1) Rajasthan
- (2) Gujarat
- (3) Haryana
- (4) Maharashtra

• **Indian Bank** has launched its flagship business mentoring program for MSME entrepreneurs named 'MSME Prerana' in **Rajasthan**.

• **Aim:** To empower MSME Entrepreneurs through skill development and capacity building training in their local languages.

Q.11) 11-day long festival 'Dhanu Yatra' has been started in –
11 दिवसीय त्योहार 'धनु यात्रा' कहाँ शुरू किया गया है –

- (1) Telangana
- (2) Odisha
- (3) West Bengal
- (4) Chhattisgarh

- The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, 11-day long festival, has been started in the Western **Odisha** town of Bargarh.
- It was came into existence in Bargarh in 1947-48 as part of the celebration of the country's Independence.

Q.12) SBI, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank will start issuing RuPay credit cards over the UPI by –

SBI, ICICI बैंक और एक्सिस बैंक UPI पर RuPay क्रेडिट कार्ड जारी करना शुरू करेंगे –

- (1) March 2023
- (2) May 2023
- (3) Dec 2023
- (4) Jan 2024

- State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank will start issuing RuPay credit cards over the UPI by **March 2023**.

- Presently, the RuPay credit card segment on the UPI platform is live with Union Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Indian Bank and HDFC Bank.

**Q.13) Madhya Pradesh Government will build Atal Bihari Vajpayee's grand memorial in –
मध्य प्रदेश सरकार अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी के भव्य स्मारक का निर्माण करेगी –**

- (1) Bhopal**
- (2) Gwalior**
- (3) Indore**
- (4) Jabalpur**

• **Madhya Pradesh Government** will build a huge statue of former prime minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** and a **research centre** as part of his grand memorial in **Gwalior**.

• The '**Gwalior Gaurav Diwas**' function marked the 98th birth anniversary of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. The event was also attended by Union ministers **Jyotiraditya Scindia** and **Narendra Singh Tomar**.

Q.14) George Cohen passed away at 83. He was associated with?
जॉर्ज कोहेन का 83 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किससे जुड़े थे?

(1) Tennis

(2) Kabaddi

(3) Football

(4) Cricket

- England's 1966 World Cup-winning **George Cohen** passed away recently at the age of 83.
- Cohen played every minute of **England's** victorious campaign on home soil. He made 37 appearances for his national team as a right-back.
- **Football**
- Cohen played his entire club career for Fulham, where he made 459 appearances between 1956 and 1969. He retired from playing at 29 after a serious knee injury.

Q.15) Hospital Management Information System 'E-Sushrut' has been inaugurated in –

अस्पताल प्रबंधन सूचना प्रणाली 'ई-सुश्रुत' का उद्घाटन किया गया है -

(1) Madhya Pradesh

(2) Uttar Pradesh

(3) Bihar

(4) Haryana

- The **Uttar Pradesh** Deputy Chief Minister **Brijesh Pathak** and Minister of State for Medical Education **Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh** inaugurated the 'E-Sushrut' Hospital Management Information System on 26 December 2022.
- In the first phase the 'E-Sushrut' hospital management information system in medical colleges has been started in **22 medical colleges** of the state.

Q.16) Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the Chief advisor of –
हसमुख अधिया को किसके मुख्य सलाहकार के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया
है -

- (1) Arvind Kejriwal
- (2) Mamata Banerjee
- (3) Bhupendra Patel
- (4) Pinarayi Vijayan

•Former finance secretary, Government of India **Hasmukh Adhia** and former retired bureaucrat **SS Rathore** has been appointed as the **Chief advisor** and **advisor** respectively to the chief minister of Gujarat **Bhupendra Patel** on 27 December 2022.

•SS Rathore is a former secretary of the roads and buildings department of the Gujarat government.

Q.17) India has agreed to start negotiations for a free trade agreement with which neighbouring country?

भारत किस पड़ोसी देश के साथ मुक्त व्यापार समझौते के लिए बातचीत शुरू करने पर सहमत हो गया है?

- (1) Bangladesh**
- (2) China**
- (3) Nepal**
- (4) Sri Lanka**

- With an aim to boost two-way commerce and investments, India and **Bangladesh** on 22nd December 2022, agreed to start negotiations for a free trade agreement at an early date.

- The decision was taken in a meeting between Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** and his Bangladeshi counterpart **Tipu Munshi**.

Q.18) What is the name of Google Search-driven education platform, launched by HDFC Securities?

HDFC सिक्योरिटीज द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए Google खोज-संचालित शिक्षा मंच का नाम क्या है?

- (1) Siksha**
- (2) Roots**
- (3) Manch**
- (4) Suraksha**

- Stock brokerage firm **HDFC Securities** has launched **“Roots”**, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis.

- The site offers multiple forms of valuable information, including articles, bite-sized tips, podcasts by experts, video tutorials and explainers, and a live social media feed on the Indian financial markets.

Q.19) Who has been elected as the All-India president of the Indian Oil Officers' Association?

इंडियन ऑयल ऑफिसर्स एसोसिएशन के अखिल भारतीय अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (1) Alope Singh**
- (2) Sanjay Singh**
- (3) Hemant Gupta**
- (4) Suhel Ajaz Khan**

• **Indian Oil Officers Association (IOOA)** on 28th December 2022, announced that **Sanjay Singh** has been elected **all-India president** of Indian Oil Officers' Association in the recently concluded election of the office bearers.

Q.20) Which state has become the first state to pass the Lokayukta Bill 2022?

कौन सा राज्य लोकायुक्त विधेयक 2022 पारित करने वाला पहला राज्य बन गया है?

- (1) Haryana**
- (2) Gujarat**
- (3) Maharashtra**
- (4) Karnataka**

- **Maharashtra** assembly on 28th December 2022, passed the **Lokayukta Bill 2022**, which brings the chief minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman.

- Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** termed the bill a historic legislation, adding **Maharashtra is the first state** to have such a law.

Q.21) Sri Lanka and which country have agreed to use the Indian Rupee for international trade?

श्रीलंका और किस देश ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार के लिए भारतीय रुपये का उपयोग करने पर सहमति व्यक्त की है?

- (1) Bangladesh**
- (2) Russia**
- (3) China**
- (4) Japan**

- **Russia** and Sri Lankan government has announced that they will be using **Indian Rupee** for most of their **International Trade**.

- This was agreed few days after the Indian Government announced that they are looking for several ways for the other countries to come up which are falling short of dollars into ambit of Indian trade settlement mechanism.

Q.22) “Khelo India Youth Games 2022” will be held in which state?
“खेलो इंडिया यूथ गेम्स 2022” किस राज्य में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

(1) Gujarat

(2) Goa

(3) Madhya Pradesh

(4) Haryana

- **Madhya Pradesh** will host the **Fifth Khelo India Youth Games 2022**.
- The games will be placed from **January 31st to February 11th, 2023**.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** made the announcement at an event in New Delhi in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

Q.1) Which constituency has become India's 1st complete Library constituency?

कौन सा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र भारत का पहला पूर्ण पुस्तकालय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र बन गया है?

- (1) Parassala**
- (2) Thrissur**
- (3) Dharmadam**
- (4) Eravipuram**

- The Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency **Dharmadam** has become the **first complete library constituency in India**.
- In his Facebook post, Vijayan said that out of the **total 138 wards** in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. Dharmadam reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too.
- Kerala** which was the **first state to achieve 100% literacy status in India** is also perhaps the only state in India that has a library in every village.

**Q.2) Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Nepal?
नेपाल के नए प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (1) Pushpa Kamal Dahal**
- (2) Rajendra Lingden**
- (3) Rabi Lamichhane**
- (4) Upendra Yadav**

- President **Bidya Devi Bhandari** of Nepal has appointed **Pushpa Kamal Dahal** 'Prachanda' as the **new prime minister of Nepal** on 25 December 2022.
- Prachand will become the prime minister for the third time.
- He previously held the post from 2008 to 2009, and again from 2016 to 2017.

Q.3) Who has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank?

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

- (1) Anshul Swami**
- (2) Ittira Davis**
- (3) PN Vasudevan**
- (4) Raj Vikash Verma**

- On 23rd December 2022, **Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)** has decided to extend the term of **PN Vasudevan** as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- His current term as MD, CEO will expire on **July 22, 2023**.
- The board of Bank has decided to renew his term for a further **period of 3 years** with effect from **July 23, 2023**, subject to approval from RBI.

Q.4) Indian origin Richard Verma has been elected to a top diplomatic position in –

भारतीय मूल के रिचर्ड वर्मा को किस शीर्ष राजनयिक पद के लिए चुना गया है -

- (1) Japan
- (2) UK
- (3) China
- (4) USA

• Indian-American lawyer diplomat **Richard Verma** has been nominated by US President **Joe Biden** to a **top diplomatic position** in the State Department.

• Mr Verma, 54, who served as a former **US ambassador** to **India** from January 16, 2015, to January 20, 2017 is currently the Chief Legal Officer and Head of Global Public Policy at **Mastercard**.

Q.5) Who has launched a revamped Probity Portal, "e-HRMS 2.0"?
एक संशोधित प्रोबिटी पोर्टल, "ई-एचआरएमएस 2.0" किसने लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Kiren Rijiju
- (2) Jitendra Singh
- (3) Smriti Irani
- (4) Pralhad Joshi

• Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** has launched a revamped Probity Portal, e-HRMS 2.0 Portal and e-Books on major Initiatives/Achievements of Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions on 25 December 2022 on the occasion of the **Good Governance Day** in New Delhi.

• The week-long '**Governance Week**' (19-25 December 2022) celebrations with a nationwide launch of "**PrashasanGaon Ki Ore**" campaign also concluded on this day.

Q.6) Which Union Minister has launched the “Khelo India Dashboard”?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने "खेलो इंडिया डैशबोर्ड" लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Anant Kumar**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Anurag Singh Thakur**
- (4) Uma Bharti**

- Sports **minister Anurag Thakur** on 23 December 2022 launched the '**Khelo India Dashboard**' a one-stop platform, which has all the statistical data related to the Khelo India Scheme and the Khelo India events.

Q.7) International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a \$400 million loan to –

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्त निगम (IFC) ने \$ 400 मिलियन का ऋण प्रदान किया है -

(1) ICICI Bank

(2) SBI

(3) HDFC

(4) PNB

• World Bank's investment arm, International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided to make a \$400 million (around ₹3,400 crore) loan to mortgage lender **HDFC Ltd**, with an aim to drive India's green housing growth.

• The capital will help HDFC boost its green affordable housing portfolio, with 75% (around \$300 million) of the proceeds earmarked for this sector.

**Q.8) Swasti Singh has been honoured with the 30th Ekalabya Puraskar in 2022. She was from –
स्वस्ति सिंह को 2022 में 30वें एकलव्य पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है। वह कहां से थीं -**

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

- On 23rd December 2022, International cyclist **Swasti Singh** hailing from Odisha, has been honoured with the **30th Ekalabya Puraskar** for the year 2022.
- She received a cash award of **₹5 lakh**, a citation and a trophy.
- **Odisha**

Q.9) 8th edition of the “International Balloon Festival” to be held in which state?

“अंतर्राष्ट्रीय गुब्बारा महोत्सव” का 8वां संस्करण किस राज्य में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

- (1) Punjab**
- (2) Jharkhand**
- (3) Odisha**
- (4) Tamil Nadu**

- The 8th edition of the **Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival (TNIBF)** is set to take place from 13th to 15th January 2023, at Pollachi in Coimbatore

- The event's organisers are **Global Media Box** in association with the Tamil Nadu tourism department.

Q.10) "Upgraded Inner Line Permit System" portal has been launched in which state?

"अपग्रेड इनर लाइन परमिट सिस्टम" पोर्टल किस राज्य में लॉन्च किया गया है?

- (1) Maharashtra
- (2) Manipur
- (3) Mizoram
- (4) Nagaland

- **In Manipur**, an upgraded Inner Line Permit (ILP) System portal was launched by Chief Minister **Biren Singh** on 23rd December 2022.
- It has been launched by seeing the importance of saving the indigenous people population of the state.
- The portal has been opened for **Deputy Commissioners and Labour Commissioners** of Manipur.

**Q.11) Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the "Sports Science Centre" in –
खेल मंत्री अनुराग सिंह ठाकुर ने कहाँ "खेल विज्ञान केंद्र" का उद्घाटन किया है -**

- (1) Goa**
- (2) Maharashtra**
- (3) Karnataka**
- (4) Kerala**

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** has inaugurated the “**Sports Science Centre**” in Udupi, **Karnataka**.

- The government has increased the sports budget from 854 crores before 2014 to **3,100 crore rupees (2022)** and spent 2700 crore rupees to enhance sporting infrastructure as against 630 crore rupees earlier.

Q.12) Who become India's first drone company to get double certification by DGCA?

DGCA द्वारा दोहरा प्रमाणन प्राप्त करने वाली भारत की पहली ड्रोन कंपनी कौन बनी है?

- (1) Skylark Drones**
- (2) Garuda Aerospace**
- (3) TechEagle**
- (4) Teja Aerospace**

•Drone maker **Garuda Aerospace** has become the first drone startup in India to receive 'Type Certification' and 'Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RTPO)' approval by the DGCA for its indigenously designed Kisan drone.

•DGCA Type Certification is provided on the basis of quality checks of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process.

Q.13) Who has been honoured with a fellowship of UNESCO – World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)?
UNESCO - वर्ल्ड एकेडमी ऑफ साइंसेज (TWAS) की फेलोशिप से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) Herman Prit**
- (2) K.S. Rangappa**
- (3) Pramod Kabra**
- (4) Sneha Jawale**

- Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Professor **Kanchugarakoppal S. Rangappa** has been awarded a fellowship of the **World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)**, a programme unit of the **UNESCO**.

- This fellowship comes into effect from **1st January 2023**.

**Q.14) Ladakh has celebrated 'Losar Festival' to mark the Ladakhi New Year on –
लद्दाख ने लद्दाखी नव वर्ष को चिह्नित करने के लिए 'लोसर महोत्सव' मनाया है -**

- (1) 24th December**
- (2) 25th December**
- (3) 26th December**
- (4) 27th December**

- **Ladakh** has celebrated **Losar Festival** on **December 24**, to mark the **Ladakhi New Year**.
- **Ladakhi New Year** is the major socio-religious festival of **Ladakh** celebrated in winter.
- The **Losar** festivities continue for **nine more days** from the new year with the offering of prayers in the name of God and Goddess, dances and songs in honour of **Ibex** and the pilgrimage of **Mount Kailash**.

Q.15) India has observed first "Veer Bal Diwas" on –
भारत ने पहला "वीर बाल दिवस" कब मनाया है -

- (1) 24th December
- (2) 25th December
- (3) 26th December
- (4) 27th December

• **India** has observed first ‘**Veer Bal Diwas**’ on **December 26**, to honor the ‘**Sahibzadas**’, the four sons of **Guru Gobind Singh**.

• This day is observed to pay honor and tribute to the sacrifices made by **Sahibzada Zorawar Singh (6)** and **Sahibzada Fateh Singh (9)**, who were laid down their lives while defending their faith in Sirhind, Punjab.

**Q.1) India's first Nilgiri Tahr project has been commenced in –
भारत की पहली नीलगिरी तहर परियोजना शुरू की गई है -**

(1) Kerala

(2) Tamil Nadu

(3) Odisha

(4) Karnataka

- **Tamil Nadu** government has issued orders to conserve the Nilgiri tahr, the state animal, at a cost of Rs 25.14 crore.
- This is regarded as the **first Nilgiri Tahr conservation project** in the country.
- The project would be implemented during a **5-year period** from 2022-2027, and follow a strategy including synchronised surveys to estimate numbers of the tahrs.

Q.2) India's 2nd longest cable-stayed 8-lane "Zuari Bridge" opens in भारत का दूसरा सबसे लंबा केबल-स्थित 8-लेन "जुआरी ब्रिज" कहाँ खुला है?

- (1) Goa
- (2) Maharashtra
- (3) Gujarat
- (4) Delhi

- Union Minister of Roads Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated the **India's 2nd longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge in Goa.**

- Right-hand side (4-lane corridor) across the **Zuari River** and approaches from **Bambolim to Verna** were thrown open for vehicular traffic. **Gadkari** also launched the **“PWD Goa”** App for integrated operations management.

Q.3) Portugal Football team captain Cristiano Ronaldo has joined in which club?

पुर्तगाल फुटबॉल टीम के कप्तान क्रिस्टियानो रोनाल्डो किस क्लब से जुड़े हैं?

- (1) Al Nassr**
- (2) Chelsea**
- (3) Nassef Sawiris**
- (4) Al-Khelaifi**

- After leaving the **Manchester United** club on 30 December 2022, Portugal team captain **Cristiano Ronaldo** has joined Saudi Arabian club **Al Nassr** on a two-and-a-half-year contract.

- Ronaldo's contract is estimated by the media to be worth more than **200 million euros** (\$214.04 million), the highest salary in football history.

Q.4) Which state's women team has won the "Khelo India Youth Games 2022" title?

किस राज्य की महिला टीम ने "खेलो इंडिया यूथ गेम्स 2022" का खिताब जीता है?

- (1) Madhya Pradesh**
- (2) Odisha**
- (3) Haryana**
- (4) Jharkhand**

•In Hockey, **Haryana's** women's team has won **Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers** after defeating **Madhya Pradesh 2-0** in the final at Bhubaneswar.

•**Odisha** stepped up to claim 3rd place after beating Hockey **Jharkhand 2-1** in the 3rd and 4th place encounter.

Q.5) Which state's men team has won the "Khelo India Youth Games 2022" title?

किस राज्य की पुरुष टीम ने "खेलो इंडिया यूथ गेम्स 2022" का खिताब जीता है?

- (1) Jharkhand**
- (2) Haryana**
- (3) Odisha**
- (4) Madhya Pradesh**

• In hockey, **Madhya Pradesh** clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the **Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier** title in Bhubaneswar on 30 December.

• **Haryana** defeated **Jharkhand** 2-0 to secure the third position in the competition.

Q.6) Who has won India's first-ever silver medal in FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships?

FIDE वर्ल्ड ब्लिट्ज शतरंज चैंपियनशिप में भारत का पहला रजत पदक किसने जीता है?

- (1) Harika Dronavalli**
- (2) Koneru Humpy**
- (3) Bhakti Kulkarni**
- (4) Priyanka Nutakki**

• Former world rapid champion, **Koneru Humpy** has won India's first-ever silver medal in **FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships** after defeating China's **Zhongyi Tan**.

• **World Blitz Chess Championship**: It was held on 29 and 30 December at Almaty, Kazakhstan. The men's section was won by **Magnus Carlsen**. The women's section was won by **Bibisara Balabayeva** of Kazakhstan.

Q.7) Who has taken over as the Director General of Border Security Force (BSF)?

सीमा सुरक्षा बल (BSF) के महानिदेशक के रूप में किसने पदभार संभाला है?

- (1) Sitiveni Rabuka**
- (2) Shamsheer Singh**
- (3) Pushpa Kamal Dahal**
- (4) Sujoy Lal Thakur**

•The Government of India has given the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director General **Sujoy Lal Thaosen** the additional charge as Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).

•He replaced **Pankaj Kumar Singh**, who was retired on 31 December 2022.

•Sujoy Lal Thaosen is a 1988 batch officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre.

Q.8) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (BSE) के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Hemant Gupta**
- (2) Sundararaman Ramamurthy**
- (3) Alope Singh**
- (4) Suhel Ajaz Khan**

- **Sundararaman Ramamurthy** has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **BSE Limited**.

- He has been appointed for a **five-year term** with effect from January 4.

- The post has been vacant since July when the then MD and CEO **Ashish Kumar Chauhan** resigned from the post to join the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)**.

**Q.9) Ajay Kumar Srivastava has taken over as the MD and CEO of –
अजय कुमार श्रीवास्तव ने किस कंपनी के एमडी और सीईओ का पदभार
संभाला है?**

- (1) Canara Bank**
- (2) Indian Overseas Bank**
- (3) Karnataka Bank**
- (4) Karur Vysya Bank**

- **Ajay Kumar Srivastava** taken over as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Public sector **Indian Overseas Bank** from 1 January 2023.

- Prior to taking up the new role, Srivastava was serving as an executive director in the bank.

**Q.10) Who has been appointed as the new foreign minister of China?
चीन के नए विदेश मंत्री के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (1) Deng Xiaoping**
- (2) Mao Zedong**
- (3) Fan Bingbing**
- (4) Qin Gang**

- China's ambassador to the United States (US), **Qin Gang** (56-years) has been appointed as the **country's new foreign minister**.

- This decision was made by the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee

Q.11) Who has assumed the charge as Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)?

परमाणु ऊर्जा नियामक बोर्ड (AERB) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसने पदभार ग्रहण किया है?

- (1) Dinesh Kumar Shukla**
- (2) Rajiv Badyal**
- (3) Santosh Kumar Yadav**
- (4) Anil Kumar Lahoti**

- Distinguished Scientist and former Executive Director of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) **Dinesh Kumar Shukla** assumed the charge as Chairman, AERB on 31st December 2022 for a period of **three years**.

Q.12) Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at –

अमित शाह ने केंद्रीय जासूस प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (CDTI) की आधारशिला रखी

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

• Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone of the **Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI)** at Devanahalli, **Karnataka** on 31 December 2022.

• This will be the **6th CDTI** of the Bureau of Police Research & Development under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs in the country.

**Q.13) Who has launched the “Utkarsh 2.0” for the period 2023-2025?
2023-2025 की अवधि के लिए "उत्कर्ष 2.0" किसने लॉन्च किया है?**

- (1) Shaktikanta Das**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Droupadi Murmu**
- (4) Amit Shah**

- RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das** on 30 December 2022 launched the second phase of the central bank's medium term strategy for strengthening regulatory and supervisory mechanisms called "Utkarsh 2.0".

Q.14) Who has been appointed as UP's first woman Police Commissioner in Noida?

नोएडा में यूपी की पहली महिला पुलिस आयुक्त के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Neelmani N. Raju**
- (2) Laxmi Singh**
- (3) Darpan Ahluwalia**
- (4) Manjari Jaruhar**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer **Laxmi Singh** as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state.
- 2000-batch officer, Laxmi, 48, was served as an Inspector General of Police, Lucknow range.
- She replaced Alok Singh.

Q.15) Who has launched the draft guidelines for a new ranking system of cities based on finance and beauty?

वित्त और सौंदर्य के आधार पर शहरों की एक नई रैंकिंग प्रणाली के लिए मसौदा दिशानिर्देश किसने लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) S. Jaishankar**
- (2) R. K. Singh**
- (3) Hardeep Singh Puri**
- (4) Kiren Rijiju**

- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri**, on 28th Dec 2022, launched the **draft guidelines for a new ranking system of cities** based on financial performance and beautification.

**Q.16) Indian Oil has announced TB eradication project in –
इंडियन ऑयल ने टीबी उन्मूलन परियोजना की घोषणा की है -**

- (1) Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh**
- (2) Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh**
- (3) Rajasthan and Gujarat**
- (4) Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh**

- **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** has signed an MoU with the **Central TB Division** under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the states of **Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh** to undertake an intensified TB elimination project.
- According to the World Health Organisation, **26% of Tuberculosis (TB) cases** in the world in 2020 was reported from **India**.

**Q.17) Who has taken over the charge as the CEO of FSSAI?
FSSAI के सीईओ के रूप में किसने कार्यभार संभाला है?**

(1) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti

(2) AK Singh

(3) G Kamala Vardhana Rao

(4) Sanjib Banerjee

- **G Kamala Vardhana Rao** (1990-IAS) has taken over the charge as the **CEO** of food regulator **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**.

- He was previously served as the **Managing Director of Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.**



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**Q.18) Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the head of the new Economic Advisory Council of –
टाटा संस के अध्यक्ष एन चंद्रशेखरन को किसकी नई आर्थिक सलाहकार परिषद के प्रमुख के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है -**

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

- The Maharashtra government has appointed Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran as the head of the new Economic Advisory Council of Maharashtra.

- The Economic Advisory Council will function as a private research organization with focus on issues related to agriculture, banking, engineering and education.

**Q.19) 'Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee – National Institute of Water and Sanitation (DSPM – NIWAS)' has been inaugurated in –
'डॉ. श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी - राष्ट्रीय जल और स्वच्छता संस्थान (DSPM - NIWAS) का उद्घाटन किया गया है -**

- (1) Uttar Pradesh**
- (2) West Bengal**
- (3) Telangana**
- (4) Karnataka**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid foundation stone and projects worth more than ₹7,800 crore in **West Bengal**.
- He also virtually inaugurated Syama Prasad Mookerjee – National Institute of Water and Sanitation (DSPM – NIWAS).
- It will serve as an apex body in the country on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in the country, serving as a hub of information and knowledge for Central, State and local governments.

Q.20) Election Commission of India has developed a prototype of a Remote Electronic Voting Machine (RVM) for –

भारत के चुनाव आयोग ने रिमोट इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीन (RVM) का एक प्रोटोटाइप विकसित किया है -

- (1) Non Resident Indians**
- (2) Domestic Migrant Workers**
- (3) Elderly citizens above 80 years**
- (4) Persons with Disabilities**

- The Election Commission of India has developed a prototype of a Remote Electronic Voting Machine (RVM) for **domestic migrant voters**.

- It has invited political parties for a demonstration. If implemented, migrant voters do not need to travel to their home district to exercise their franchise and this will be a major move to increase voter participation.

Q.21) Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi has inaugurated the ₹300-crore Angul-Balram rail line in –

कोयला मंत्री प्रह्लाद जोशी ने ₹300 करोड़ की अंगुल-बलराम रेल लाइन का उद्घाटन किया है -

- (1) Odisha
- (2) Chhattisgarh
- (3) Karnataka
- (4) Maharashtra

- Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi has inaugurated the Rs 300-crore **Angul-Balram rail line** that connects Odisha's Talcher Coalfield.
- The rail link is the first phase of a total 68-km-long Inner Corridor – Angul-Balram-PutugadiaJarapada-Tentuloi — which will cater to the coal mines of Talcher coalfields in the **Angul** district of **Odisha**.

**Q.22) Which is the worst performing state in responding to RTI?
आरटीआई के जवाब में सबसे खराब प्रदर्शन करने वाला राज्य कौन सा है?**

- (1) Bihar**
- (2) West Bengal**
- (3) Maharashtra**
- (4) Tamil Nadu**

- The State Information Commission of **Tamil Nadu** has the lowest performance of responsiveness under the RTI Act concerned, with only up to 14% of the information sought.
- Maharashtra** was second lowest with sharing only 23% of the information asked for.
- The report was issued on the Performance of Information Commission (ICs) in India for 2021-22 by **Satark Nagrik Sangathan**.

Q.23) REC Limited has organized "Bijli Utsav" in which state?

आरईसी लिमिटेड ने किस राज्य में "बिजली उत्सव" का आयोजन किया है?

- (1) Assam
- (2) Sikkim
- (3) Jharkhand
- (4) Karnataka

•As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', REC Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power, Govt of India organised 'Bijli Utsav' in Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam on 28th December.



**Q.24) Which country is the most Hungry countries in the World?
विश्व में सबसे ज्यादा भूखा देश कौन सा है?**

- (1) South Sudan**
- (2) Somalia**
- (3) Haiti**
- (4) Afghanistan**

- **Afghanistan** is among the eight countries **worst hit by hunger**.

- The number of people facing severe hunger in Afghanistan increased from 2.25 million people in 2019 to **6 million** in 2022, Khaama Press reported.

**Q.25) Which state government has introduced a lesson in schools on India's First Muslim Woman Teacher Fatima Sheikh?
किस राज्य सरकार ने भारत की पहली मुस्लिम महिला शिक्षक फातिमा शेख पर स्कूलों में एक पाठ शुरू किया है?**

- (1) Odisha**
- (2) Andhra Pradesh**
- (3) Telangana**
- (4) Karnataka**

- The **Andhra Pradesh** government has introduced a lesson on the contribution of **Fatima Sheikh** in the textbooks of the **eighth class**.

- Fatima Sheikh was **India's first woman Muslim teacher** and one of India's greatest social reformers and educators.

Q.1) Benjamin Netanyahu has been sworn-in as the new prime minister of –

बेंजामिन नेतन्याहू ने किस देश के नए प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली है -

- (1) Israel**
- (2) Egypt**
- (3) Lebanon**
- (4) Jordan**

- **Benjamin Netanyahu (73)** has been sworn-in as the **new prime minister of Israel** for a **sixth time**, after Israel's parliament (Knesset) has passed a vote of confidence in new government.
- Out of 120 members, 63 lawmakers have voted in favour of new government.
- He is the **longest-serving Prime Minister of Israel**.

Q.2) PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Railway projects worth over ₹5,800 crore in –

पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस देश में 5,800 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की रेलवे परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (1) Assam
- (2) West Bengal
- (3) Jharkhand
- (4) Odisha

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated railway projects worth over Rs 5,800 crore in **West Bengal** through video-conferencing.
- The projects include Joka-Taratala stretch of the **Joka-Esplanade Metro Project (Purple Line)** and **Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express**.
- Joka-Taratala project is 6.5-km stretch having six stations has been constructed at a cost of more than Rs 2,475 crore.

**Q.3) Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the Zuari bridge in
केंद्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने में जुआरी पुल का उद्घाटन किया है**

- (1) Karnataka**
- (2) Gujarat**
- (3) Goa**
- (4) Maharashtra**

- **Nitin Gadkari** (Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways) has inaugurated the phase 1 of **Zuari bridge** in **Goa**, that connects North and South **Goa**.

- It is located on the Zuari river at Cortalim village on **Margao-Panaji National Highway**.

- Under this phase, the 4 Lane Right Hand Side Corridor of the 8 Lane Stayed Cable bridge has been inaugurated.

Q.4) Who has been appointed as the UN Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative?

काला सागर अनाज पहल के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र समन्वयक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Ganji Kamala**
- (2) Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti**
- (3) Hasmukh Adhia**
- (4) Pushpa Kamal Dahal**

•UN Secretary-General, António Guterres has appointed **Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti** of Kuwait as UN Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

•He has replaced Amir Mahmoud Abdulla of Sudan.

Q.5) Who has won the "2022 World Rapid Championship"?
"2022 वर्ल्ड रैपिड चैंपियनशिप" किसने जीती है?

- (1) Levon Aronian**
- (2) Fabiano Caruana**
- (3) Magnus Carlsen**
- (4) Anish Giri**

- GM **Magnus Carlsen** (Norway) has secured his fourth title of 2022 World Rapid Championship, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- Vincent Keymer** (Germany) has settled for silver and **Fabiano Caruana** (America) has secured bronze.
- While, **Tan Zhongyi** (China) has won gold in 2022 Women's World Rapid Champion.

Q.6) President Droupadi Murmu has laid the foundation stone of
"PRASHAD" project in –
राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने "प्रसाद" परियोजना की आधारशिला रखी है -

- (1) Maharashtra
- (2) Andhra Pradesh
- (3) Chhattisgarh
- (4) Telangana

•President **Droupadi Murmu** has laid the foundation stone of the project for development of pilgrimage facilities at the Bhadrachalam group of temples in Telangana under the ‘**Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)**’ scheme.

•**Telegana**

•She also laid the foundation stone for another project called ‘**Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Infrastructure of UNESCO World Heritage Site at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple**’ at Mulugu in the state.

Q.7) Which state cabinet has approved ₹367 crore for empowerment of women in agriculture?

किस राज्य के मंत्रिमंडल ने कृषि में महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण के लिए 367 करोड़ रुपये मंजूर किए हैं?

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

- The **Odisha** Cabinet has approved the provision of Rs 367.19 crores for five years (2022-23 to 2026-27) for implementation of “empowerment of women in agriculture-promotion of entrepreneurship for women SHG”.
- The cabinet was headed by Odisha CM, **Naveen Patnaik**.

**Q.8) Who will serve as the secretariat for Science 20 (S20)?
विज्ञान 20 (S20) के लिए सचिवालय के रूप में कौन काम करेगा?**

- (1) IIT Guwahati**
- (2) IIT Madras**
- (3) IISc Bengaluru**
- (4) IIT Roorkee**

- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru** will serve as the **secretariat for Science 20 (S20)**, one of the G20's multiple groupings.
- The Science 20 (S20) 2023 will work towards resolving common global-level challenges like poverty.
- The theme of the Science 20 (S20) 2023 is **'Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development'**.

**Q.9) Football legend, Pele passes away at 82. He was from –
फुटबॉल के दिग्गज, पेले का 82 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कहाँ से
थे -**

- (1) Brazil**
- (2) Argentina**
- (3) France**
- (4) Belgium**

- **Brazilian** football legend, **Edson Arantes do Nascimento**, who was popularly known as **Pele** has been passed away at the age of **82** in **São Paulo, Brazil**.
- He is the only player to win the **World Cup three times** (1958, 1962 and 1970).
- He was named **FIFA's Player of the Century** in **2000**.

Q.10) Home Minister Amit Shah has launched a mobile app "Prahari" for –
गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने किसके लिए एक मोबाइल ऐप "प्रहरी" लॉन्च किया है -

- (1) Indian Army
- (2) CRPF
- (3) CISF
- (4) BSF

- HM **Amit Shah** has launched the Mobile App 'Prahari' and Manual of **Border Security Force** in New Delhi.
- This app will provide personal information and information related to accommodation, **Ayushman CAPF** and leaves on their mobiles to jawans.
- It will also connect jawans with the portal of the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

Q.1) 1st Metro rail in Bangladesh, has been inaugurated in which city?
बांग्लादेश में पहली मेट्रो रेल का उद्घाटन किस शहर में किया गया है?

- (1) Chattogram
- (2) Dhaka
- (3) Khulna
- (4) Rajshahi

- Bangladesh PM, Sheikh Hasina has flagged off the first metro rail in **Dhaka** for its first journey between Diabari and Agargaon station.

- The metro rail is an approximately 12-kilometer-long metro route.

- The rail service was built with financial and technical support from Japan.

Q.2) Which state's campaign "Nijaat" has been selected for the "IACP 2022 award"?

किस राज्य के अभियान "निजात" को "IACP 2022 पुरस्कार" के लिए चुना गया है?

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

- The anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign of **Chhattisgarh** police named 'Nijaat' has been selected for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2022 award under the 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' in the institutional category.

Q.3) Which IIT has won the "Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022"?

किस IIT ने "व्हार्टन-क्यूएस रीइमेजिन एजुकेशन अवार्ड्स 2022" जीता है?

- (1) IIT Guwahati**
- (2) IIT Delhi**
- (3) IIT Madras**
- (4) IIT Kanpur**

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT) Madras** has won the **Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards** at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA.

- The institute has been awarded and its BS in **Data Science and Applications** is awarded the silver in the best online programme category.

Q.4) Which Indian has been included in the ICC emerging player of the year 2022 award nominee list?

किस भारतीय को ICC इमर्जिंग प्लेयर ऑफ द ईयर 2022 पुरस्कार नामांकित सूची में शामिल किया गया है?

- (1) Umran Malik
- (2) Venkatesh Iyer
- (3) Kuldeep Sen
- (4) Arshdeep Singh

• Indian **Arshdeep Singh** has been included in the men's and **Yastika Bhatia** and **Renuka Singh** in the women's section of the **International Cricket Council's (ICC) emerging player of the year 2022 award nominee list.**

•The nominee list was announced by the ICC on 28 December 2022.

Q.5) Who has been appointed as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?

कार्यवाहक केंद्रीय सतर्कता आयुक्त (CVC) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Praveen Kumar Srivastava**
- (2) Shubman Gill**
- (3) Cheteshwar Pujara**
- (4) Hasmukh Adhia**

- Government of India has appointed Vigilance Commissioner, **Praveen Kumar Srivastava** as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).

- He has replaced **Suresh N Patel**, who completed his term as the chief of CVC on December 24, 2022.

Q.6) Which state government has launched the 10th phase of “Rythu Bandhu”?

किस राज्य सरकार ने "रायतु बंधु" के 10वें चरण का शुभारंभ किया है?

- (1) Kerala
- (2) Karnataka
- (3) Telangana
- (4) Odisha

- **Telangana** government has launched the **10th phase of Rythu Bandhu**, the investment support scheme for farmers.

- Under this phase, **7,676 crores rupees** will be deposited in the bank accounts of over **70 lakh 54 thousand farmers** towards investment support for the Rabi crop season.

**Q.7) Union Minister RK Singh has announced, the World-class Kayaking-Canoeing Academy will be set up in –
केंद्रीय मंत्री आरके सिंह ने घोषणा की है, विश्व स्तरीय कयाकिंग-कैनोइंग अकादमी स्थापित की जाएगी -**

- (1) Rajasthan**
- (2) Haryana**
- (3) Uttar Pradesh**
- (4) Uttarakhand**

• Union Minister of Power, **RK Singh** has inaugurated the National Championship “**Tehri Water Sports Cup**” at Tehri Lake, **Uttarakhand**.

• During the event, he has also announced that world-class **Kayaking-Canoeing Academy** will be set up at Tehri in **Uttarakhand**.

Q.8) Which Union Minister has launched the “Stay Safe Online” campaign?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने “स्टे सेफ ऑनलाइन” अभियान शुरू किया है?

- (1) Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- (2) Rajnath Singh**
- (3) G. Kishan Reddy**
- (4) Piyush Goyal**

- Minister of Meity, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched the “**Stay Safe Online**” campaign and “**G20 Digital Innovation Alliance**” (G20-DIA).

- **Aim of ‘Stay Safe Online’**: To raise awareness about the online world due to the widespread use of social media and rapid adoption of digital payments

Q.9) India's Road accidents have been decreased by _____ in 2021 as compared to 2019.

2019 की तुलना में 2021 में भारत की सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में _____ की कमी आई है।

- (1) 7.5%
- (2) 8.1%
- (3) 11.7%
- (4) 14.8%

- According to the report, released by the **Road Transport and Highways Ministry**, the road accidents in India have been **decreased by 1% in 2021** as compared to 2019.

- **Report title:** Road accidents in India — 2021
- The **injuries** due to road accidents have also decreased by **8%**.

- **8.1%**

Q.10) Cricket Farhaan Behardien has announced his retirement. He is from –

क्रिकेट फरहान बेहरदीन ने अपनी सेवानिवृत्ति की घोषणा की है। वह से है -

- (1) Pakistan**
- (2) South Africa**
- (3) New Zealand**
- (4) Bangladesh**

- **South African** white-ball specialist and former T20I skipper **Farhaan Behardien** has announced his **retirement** from professional cricket.
- The 39-year-old, who played **59 ODIs** and **38 T20Is** and captained the Proteas in a three-match T20 series against Sri Lanka in 2017.
- He represented **South Africa** in **four World Cups**. He was part of the Proteas' T20 World Cup campaigns in 2012, 2014, and 2016 as well as the ODI World Cup in 2015.

Q.11) Veteran Sanskrit scholar, Sribhashyam Vijayasarathi passed away at 86. He was from –

वयोवृद्ध संस्कृत विद्वान, श्रीभाष्यम विजयसारथी का 86 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह थे -

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

•Veteran Sanskrit scholar, **Sribhashyam Vijayasarathi**, who is known for his poetry, has been passed away at the age of 86 in **Telangana**.

•In 2020, he was honoured with the **Padma Shri** for his excellent work in the field of Literature and Education.

Q.12) Which state government has launched the Nilgiri Tahr conservation project at ₹25.14 crore?

किस राज्य सरकार ने ₹25.14 करोड़ में नीलगिरी तहर संरक्षण परियोजना शुरू की है?

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

- The **Tamil Nadu** government has launched an initiative for the conservation of the **Nilgiri Tahr** (State animal) at a cost of **₹25.14 crore**.
- Aim:** To develop a better understanding of the Nilgiri Tahr population through surveys and radio telemetry studies; reintroduce the Tahrs to their historical habitat
- The project is to be implemented from **2022 to 2027**.

Q.13) Which Indian scientist has been honored as one of Europe's Top talents in Biology?

किस भारतीय वैज्ञानिक को जीव विज्ञान में यूरोप की शीर्ष प्रतिभाओं में से एक के रूप में सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) Nilamber Pant**
- (2) Mahima Swamy**
- (3) Kamala Sohonie**
- (4) Ritu Karidhal**

• **Mahima Swamy**, an Indian scientist has been chosen to join the prestigious **European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Young Investigator network**, recognising her as one of the top talents in biology – Immunology in Europe.

• Mahima Swamy's membership is between **2023-2026** and her subject area is **Immunology**.

Q.14) Which Indian has been recognised as an Ambassador of Change Award?

किस भारतीय को चेंज अवार्ड के राजदूत के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है?

- (1) Tanishka Vatsa**
- (2) Aadhvik Saxena**
- (3) Vishal Mittal**
- (4) Rishi Vinay**

- **Vishal Mittal**, a student at the University of Canberra (UC), Australia, was recognised as an **Ambassador of Change**, for his outstanding work as a Student Mentor and contribution to the UC community.
- Vishal Mittal is one of the **9 Ambassador of Change**, who were recognised for their work in various areas.

Q.15) IIT Roorkee and _____ have developed "SwasthGarbh" mobile app for pregnant women?

IIT रुड़की और _____ ने गर्भवती महिलाओं के लिए "स्वस्थगर्भ" मोबाइल ऐप विकसित किया है?

- (1) AIIMS Bhopal
- (2) AIIMS Delhi
- (3) AIIMS Rajkot
- (4) AIIMS Gorakhpur

• Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee and **AIIMS Delhi** have developed a mobile application, 'SwasthGarbh', for providing antenatal care and real-time medical support to pregnant women.

Q.16) "International Day of Epidemic Preparedness" is observed every year on –

महामारी की तैयारी का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 27th December
- (2) 28th December
- (3) 29th December
- (4) 30th December

• **International Day of Epidemic Preparedness** is observed every year on **December 27**.

• **Objective** – To facilitate exchange of information, dissemination of scientific knowledge, and ensure exchange of best practices at the international level.

Q.1) India's 1st underwater Metro will be started in –
भारत की पहली अंडरवाटर मेट्रो कब शुरू की जाएगी -

- (1) Kolkata
- (2) Delhi
- (3) Mumbai
- (4) Hyderabad

- According to the **Kolkata** Metro Rail Corporation, India's first **underwater metro service**, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by **December 2023**.
- The metro line, which will connect **Salt Lake to Howrah** via Kolkata with a stretch below the **Hooghly River**, is currently operational between Sector V and Sealdah stations.

Q.2) Which country is set to build "British Indian Army Memorial"?
कौन सा देश "ब्रिटिश भारतीय सेना स्मारक" बनाने के लिए तैयार है?

- (1) Wales**
- (2) Ireland**
- (3) Norway**
- (4) Scotland**

- A new **British Indian Army Memorial** will be built in **Scotland's Glasgow**
- The city's local council has approved the plans subject to conditions.
- The memorial will commemorate the sacrifice of millions of Indian soldiers who fought alongside the British during **World Wars I and II**.

Q.3) Indian Army has inaugurated first-ever two-storey 3-D printed dwelling unit in –

भारतीय सेना ने पहली बार दो मंजिला 3-डी प्रिंटेड आवास इकाई का उद्घाटन किया है -

- (1) Ahmedabad**
- (2) Varanasi**
- (3) Pune**
- (4) Jammu**

- The Indian Army inaugurated its **first 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit** (with Ground plus One configuration) for soldiers at **Ahmedabad Cantt.**

- The dwelling unit has been constructed by the Military Engineering Services (MES) in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt. Ltd. incorporating the latest 3D Rapid Construction Technology.

Q.4) Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated "Mega Dairy" project

in –

गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने "मेगा डेयरी" परियोजना का उद्घाटन किया है -

(1) Maharashtra

(2) Karnataka

(3) Kerala

(4) Gujarat

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** inaugurated “**Mega Dairy**” at Mandya in **Karnataka** on 30th December.
- The mega dairy, inaugurated at a cost of **Rs 260 crore**, will process **10 lakh litres of milk per day** and will have the capacity to be scaled up to **14 lakh litres per day**.

Q.5) 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began
in –

सबसे बड़ा ओपन-एयर थिएटर फेस्टिवल 'धनु यात्रा' उत्सव कहाँ शुरू हुआ

- (1) Gujarat
- (2) Maharashtra
- (3) Odisha
- (4) Kerala

•The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began after a gap of two years, in Bargarh in **Odisha**. The Festival is being held from **December 27 to Jan 6, 2023**.

•The vibrant Dhanu Yatra is associated with the culture of Odisha.

•Several artists from **130 cultural troupes** from across the country are scheduled to perform during the festival.

Q.6) Who has assumed the charge of Chairman-Cum-MD of the MOIL Limited?

मॉयल लिमिटेड के अध्यक्ष-सह-एमडी का पदभार किसने ग्रहण किया है?

- (1) Shamsheer Singh**
- (2) Praveen Vashi**
- (3) Ranjan Swain**
- (4) Ajit Kumar Saxena**

- **Ajit Kumar Saxena** has assumed the charge of **Chairman-Cum-Managing Director** of the public sector enterprise **MOIL Limited**.
- Prior to this assignment, Shri Saxena held the position of Director (Operations) at **RINL-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant**.

Q.7) PM Narendra Modi's mother Heeraben Modi passed away on December 30, at what age?

पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी की मां हीराबेन मोदी का निधन 30 दिसंबर को किस उम्र में हुआ था?

- (1) 98 years**
- (2) 99 years**
- (3) 100 Years**
- (4) 101 years**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother **Heeraben Modi (100)** passed away at a hospital in **Ahmedabad** on 30th December.
- On 18 June 1923, Heeraben Modi was born in Visnagar, Mehsana, **Gujarat**.
- She was married to a tea seller named **Damodardas Mulchand Modi**. She lived with the prime minister's younger brother **Pankaj Modi** in Raisan village, a neighbourhood of Gandhinagar.

Q.8) India-assisted 720 Megawatts Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project has been handed to –

भारत द्वारा सहायता प्राप्त 720 मेगावाट की मांगदेछु जलविद्युत परियोजना को सौंपा गया है -

- (1) Bhutan**
- (2) Nepal**
- (3) Bangladesh**
- (4) Myanmar**

- India-assisted 720 Megawatts **Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project** has been recently handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in **Bhutan**.

- With this project, **India and Bhutan** have successfully completed **four mega hydroelectric power projects**. The commissioning of the project has increased Bhutan's Electrical Power Generation Capacity by 44 per cent.

Q.9) Who has been appointed by US Vice President Kamala Harris in the National Space Council Advisory Group?

अमेरिकी उपराष्ट्रपति कमला हैरिस ने राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष परिषद सलाहकार समूह में किसे नियुक्त किया है?

- (1) Geto Sora**
- (2) Harshit Raja**
- (3) A Setumadhvan**
- (4) Rajiv Badyal**

- The American Vice President **Kamala Harris** has named Indian American **Rajeev Badyal** to the National Space Council's Users Advisory Group (UAG).

- The UAG is tasked to maintain a robust and responsible US space enterprise and preserve space for current and future generations. The UAG is headed by US Air Force Rtd General **Lester Lyles**.

Q.10) Which cricketer has been shortlisted for the ICC Man's T20I cricketer of the year 2022?

किस क्रिकेटर को ICC मैन्स T20I क्रिकेटर ऑफ द ईयर 2022 के लिए शॉर्टलिस्ट किया गया है?

- (1) Suryakumar Yadav**
- (2) Hardik Pandya**
- (3) Arshdeep Singh**
- (4) Ishaan Kishan**

• **Suryakumar Yadav** of India has been nominated for **Men's T20I Cricketer of 2022**.

• **Suryakumar Yadav** had a fantastic 2022 in the shortest version of the game, becoming the second batter in the format to **hit more than 1000 runs** in a year. He finished the year as the leading run-scorer, with **1164 runs scored** at a crazy strike rate of **187.43**.

Q.1) As per Taste Atlas, What is India's rank in the list of best Cuisines?
स्वाद एटलस के अनुसार, सर्वश्रेष्ठ व्यंजनों की सूची में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

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

• **India** is ranked **fifth** on the global list of the **best Cuisines** for 2022, according to **Taste Atlas**.

• **Italy's** food came in first place followed by **Greece**, Spain, Japan, USA, Turkiye, France and Peru.

• The ranking is based on audience votes for ingredients, dishes, and beverages.

**Q.2) What is India's rank at the "2022 FIFA World rankings"?
"2022 फीफा विश्व रैंकिंग" में भारत की रैंक क्या है?**

- (1) 95th**
- (2) 106th**
- (3) 109th**
- (4) 113th**

• **FIFA** has officially announced the **2022 world rankings**, and **Brazil** hold on to their **1 spot** and **22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions**.

• The **Indian men's football team** is placed **106th** in the world, while the **Indian women's football team** is ranked **61st**.

Q.3) Which team has topped the medals tally at “Women’s National Boxing Championship 2022”?

"महिला राष्ट्रीय मुक्केबाजी चैंपियनशिप 2022" में किस टीम ने पदक तालिका में शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?

(1) Haryana team

(2) CRPF team

(3) MP team

(4) Railways team

•In the Women's National Boxing Championship 2022, **Railways team** has topped the medals tally with 10 medals – five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

•Madhya Pradesh placed second in medal tally, followed by Haryana.

Q.4) Which country has topped the medals tally at the “Archery Asia Cup 2022”?

किस देश ने "तीरंदाजी एशिया कप 2022" में पदक तालिका में शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?

- (1) UAE**
- (2) Pakistan**
- (3) India**
- (4) Bangladesh**

- **Indian** archers dominated the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates from 20 to 25 December 2022.

- **India** has topped the medal tally with **10 medals** – five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

- Seven of India's 10 medals at the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 were won by compound archers.

Q.5) "Australia's men's Test Player of the Year" award has been named after whom?
"ऑस्ट्रेलिया के पुरुष टेस्ट प्लेयर ऑफ द ईयर" का पुरस्कार किसके नाम पर रखा गया है?

- (1) Adam Gilchrist
- (2) Ricky Ponting
- (3) Shane Warne
- (4) David Warner

•Australia's men's Test Player of the Year award has been renamed to honour legendary spinner **Shane Warne**.

•The Shane Warne Men's Test Player of the Year award will be presented annually at the Australian Cricket Awards.

•Warne himself won the award once, in 2006 after an incredible year that included a record 40 wickets in the famous 2005 Ashes series in England.

Q.6) The International Space Registry has named one Star after whose name?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष रजिस्ट्री ने एक तारे का नाम किसके नाम पर रखा है?

- (1) Mahatma Gandhi**
- (2) Atal Bihari Vajpayi**
- (3) Sushma Swaraj**
- (4) Manohar Parrikar**

•The Aurangabad chapter of the BJP named a **Star** after former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** on his birth anniversary, which was observed as 'Good Governance Day' across the country, revealed Aurangabad BJP president **Shirish Boralkar**.

•The **distance of the star** from Earth is **01 light years**. It is the **closest star to the Sun**.

Q.7) Who has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award 2022?

पहले केआर गौरी अम्मा राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार 2022 के लिए किसे चुना गया है?

- (1) Mariko Yamada**
- (2) Santosh Sharma**
- (3) Aleida Guevara**
- (4) Tamara Grigsby**

- Cuban social worker and human rights activist, **Dr Aleida Guevara** has been selected for the **first KR Gouri Amma national award 2022**.

- She is an active member of the **Cuban Medical Mission** that works to improve the health profile of children in Latin America.

- The award will be presented by Kerala **CM Pinarayi Vijayan** at Olympia Hall at Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium.

Q.8) Who has been appointed as the CEO and Chairman of the Railway Board?

रेलवे बोर्ड के सीईओ और अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Hemant Gupta**
- (2) Anil Kumar Lahoti**
- (3) Alope Singh**
- (4) Shamsheer Singh**

•Former General Manager of Central Railway, **Anil Kumar Lahoti** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board** with effect from January 1, 2023.

•He will replace **Vinay Kumar Tripathi**.

•Lahoti belongs to the 1984 batch of Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE).

Q.9) Which state's Bulandshahr prison has been awarded with 5-star rating by FSSAI?

किस राज्य की बुलंदशहर जेल को FSSAI द्वारा 5-स्टार रेटिंग से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) Maharashtra**
- (2) Delhi**
- (3) Madhya Pradesh**
- (4) Uttar Pradesh**

•The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the **Bulandshahr prison** of Uttar Pradesh a **five-star rating** and the tag **‘Eat Right Campus’**.

•Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after **Farrukhabad jail** to get this tag from **Uttar Pradesh**.

Q.10) Who has been certified as a “Great Place to Work” for 2023 by Great Place to Work Institute?

ग्रेट प्लेस टू वर्क इंस्टीट्यूट द्वारा 2023 के लिए "ग्रेट प्लेस टू वर्क" के रूप में किसे प्रमाणित किया गया है?

- (1) Infosys Ltd**
- (2) TCS**
- (3) Tata Steel**
- (4) ICICI Bank**

- **Tata Steel** has been certified as 'Great Place to Work' by Great Place to Work Institute for 2023.

- This is the **sixth consecutive year** that the Company has received the recognition for its efforts towards building an inclusive and sustainable organisation.

Q.11) Which IIT institute has developed “Artificial Heart” to deal with Acute Cardiac Problems?

किस IIT संस्थान ने तीव्र हृदय संबंधी समस्याओं से निपटने के लिए "कृत्रिम हृदय" विकसित किया है?

- (1) IIT Kanpur**
- (2) IIT Madras**
- (3) IIT Kharagpur**
- (4) IIT Gandhinagar**

- **IIT Kanpur** is ready with an **Artificial Heart** that would be of great help to people with **acute cardiac problems**.
- Trial on animals will start from **February or March**.
- After success in the trial, **transplantation** can be done in humans in the **next two years**.

Q.12) Abdulla Yameen has been sentenced to 11 years in prison. He was former President of –

अब्दुल्ला यामीन को 11 साल जेल की सजा सुनाई गई है। वह पूर्व राष्ट्रपति थे

- (1) Cambodia
- (2) Maldives
- (3) Somalia
- (4) Vietnam

- Former **Maldives** President **Abdulla Yameen** has been sentenced to **11 years in prison** after being found guilty of **money laundering** and bribery.

- Yameen was accused of abusing his position and taking **one million US Dollar** from a private company to facilitate the sale of Aarah for resort development.

**Q.13) As per CEBR report, India will become 3rd Largest economy by
CEBR रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बन
जाएगा**

(1) 2035

(2) 2045

(3) 2050

(4) 2060

- According to the British consultancy, Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) report, **India** will become **third largest economy** by **2035** from the **current fifth spot**.

- Report title: World Economic League Table**

Q.14) Which institution won the DSCI AISS Award for 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector'?

किस संस्थान ने 'सरकारी क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ सुरक्षा अभ्यास' के लिए DSCI AISS अवार्ड जीता?

(1) IRCTC

(2) ISRO

(3) NASSCOM

(4) UIDAI

- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has won a **top data security award** for government sector best practices.

- The **Data Security Council of India (DSCI)** is a non-profit industry organization in India that was established by **NASSCOM**.

Q.15) Which country supplies the S-400 air defence missile system to India?

कौन सा देश भारत को S-400 वायु रक्षा मिसाइल प्रणाली की आपूर्ति करता है?

- (1) USA**
- (2) Israel**
- (3) Russia**
- (4) France**

- In 2023, **Russia** will begin supplying India with the 3rd squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system.
- India has already deployed its first two missile system squadrons to monitor the Ladakh sector, the Chicken's Neck Corridor in West Bengal, and the whole northeastern area.

**Q.16) RBI has mandated banks to renew their locker agreements by
RBI ने बैंकों को अपने लॉकर समझौतों को नवीनीकृत करने के लिए
अनिवार्य किया है**

- (1) 1st Jan 2023**
- (2) 31st Jan 2023**
- (3) 1st April 2023**
- (4) 31st Dec 2023**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently said that all leading banks should issue the locker agreement to its holders before **January 1, 2023**, as the new locker rules will be implemented from that date.

- Earlier, the RBI had announced revised guidelines on August 8, 2021, which became effective from January 1, 2022.

Q.17) A new book titled "Forks in the Road", has been authored by "फोर्क्स इन द रोड" नामक एक नई पुस्तक किसके द्वारा लिखी गई है -

- (1) R. N. Malhotra
- (2) C Rangarajan
- (3) Raghuram Rajan
- (4) Venugopal Reddy

- **Chakravarthi Rangarajan** has authored a book titled “Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond”.

- It was published by the Penguin Business.

**Q.18) Which IIT is to set up an institute in Malaysia?
मलेशिया में किस IIT को एक संस्थान स्थापित करना है?**

- (1) IIT Kharagpur**
- (2) IIT Delhi**
- (3) IIT Patna**
- (4) IIT Mumbai**

- **IIT Kharagpur** wants to set up an engineering institute in **Malaysia** as part of a plan to go global, its director **V K Tewary**
- Tewary said the institute is **aiming** to be among the **top 10 in the world.**

Q.19) Which state has the highest number of centrally protected monuments that have been illegally encroached?

किस राज्य में सबसे अधिक संख्या में केंद्रीय संरक्षित स्मारक हैं जिनका अवैध रूप से अतिक्रमण किया गया है?

- (1) Gujarat**
- (2) Uttar Pradesh**
- (3) Madhya Pradesh**
- (4) Maharashtra**

- **Uttar Pradesh** has the highest number of centrally protected monuments that have been illegally encroached.
- According to the Central Government, a total of 356 centrally protected monuments have been illegally encroached into across India. This is an increase from the 2019 figure of 321 protected monuments that have been infringed.
- India has a total of 3,695 Centrally Protected Monuments or Sites.

**Q.20) Which state will be India's 1st to "Humanize" prisons?
भारत का पहला "मानवीकरण" जेल कौन सा राज्य होगा?**

- (1) West Bengal**
- (2) Meghalaya**
- (3) Nagaland**
- (4) Arunachal Pradesh**

- **Arunachal Pradesh** is set to come up with its first jail.
- Which has moved to “**humanise**” its prisons for a societal and administrative change in attitude towards prisoners.
- The state government has decided to name it as a “**Correctional Centre**”.