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1) ___ and Oppo India Collaborates to Strengthen R&D of NavIC Messaging Service.

- a) DRDO b) ISRO c) VSSC d) HAL

Answer: B

Explanation: ISRO and Oppo India collaborate to ramp up messaging service in oceans. To strengthen the Research and Development (R&D) of NavIC or the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) messaging service, the Indian Space Research Organisation has signed a pact with Oppo India. NavIC, an acronym for Navigation with Indian Constellation, aims to provide a user-friendly platform. As a part of the pact, Oppo India will support ISRO with its R&D capabilities to provide a seamless experience to the users of the NavIC application.

Static Points:

ISRO **Headquarters** – Bengaluru

Director - Kailasavadivoo Sivan

Founder - Vikram Sarabhai

2) Which bank has released the 2nd edition of BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021?

- a) RBI b) Asian Development Bank c) World Bank d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: India's recovery is projected to be higher than other BRICS nations, as per the second edition of the BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021 released by the Reserve Bank of India. The CRA Research Group is responsible to enhance the research, economic analysis and surveillance capacity of the BRICS. This bulletin has addressed the theme of 'Navigating the Ongoing Pandemic: The BRICS Experience of Resilience and Recovery'.

Static Points:

- **BRICS** - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
- **RBI Headquarters** – Mumbai; **RBI Governor** – Shaktikanta Das
- **RBI Deputy Governor** – Mahesh Kumar Jain, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

3) DRDO successfully tests extended range Pinaka at Pokhran Range at which state?

- a) Punjab b) Odisha c) Assam d) Rajasthan

Answer: D

Explanation: India successfully tested the extended range Pinaka (Pinaka-ER) multi-barrel rocket launcher system at Rajasthan's Pokhran Range, by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The new Pinaka ER gives it a **range of around 70 km**, over the 45 km existing range of the missile which has been with the Indian forces for nearly a decade. It is an upgraded version of the earlier Pinaka rockets that have been in service with the Indian Army.

Static Points:

Rajasthan **Capital** – Jaipur

Rajasthan **CM** - Ashok Gehlot

Rajasthan **Governor** - Kalraj Mishra

4) Who was awarded the 2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians?

- a) Nikhil Srivastava b) Shai Evra c) Neena Gupta d) C.R. Rao

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian Mathematician Neena Gupta Wins Ramanujan Prize 2021. Gupta, who is a mathematician faculty member of the prestigious Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, was awarded the '2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians from developing countries' for exemplary work in geometry and commutative algebra.

5) Which minister has signed MoU with IITE, Gandhinagar for Training 800 Sainik School teachers?

- a) Ministry of Home Affairs b) Ministry of Defence
c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: B

Explanation: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) Gandhinagar to facilitate training to teachers of Sainik Schools. The centre, aimed at meeting future challenges and augmenting academic partnerships with industry in nanotechnology, will carry out multidisciplinary translational research in the fields of health care, nano biomaterials, micro and nanoelectronics, nano-energy devices and sensors.

Static Points:

Ministry of **Defence** - Raj Nath Singh (**Constituency** – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

6) World Chess Championship 2021, ___ wins his 5th Title Defeating Ian Nepomniachtchi.

- a) Magnus Carlsen b) Teimour Radjabov c) Levon Aronian d) Sergey Karjakin

Answer: A

Explanation: Norway's Magnus Carlsen, the defending Champion won his 5th World Chess Championship after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in 2021's World Chess Championship that was organised by **FIDE** (the International Chess Federation) **in Dubai**, UAE. Magnus Carlsen won the finals, with **7.5-3.5**, against his Russian opponent Ian Nepomniachtchi.

7) UN appoints ___ as Executive Director of UNICEF.

- a) Vladimir Putin b) Antonio Guterres c) Henrietta H. Fore d) Catherine Russell

Answer: D

Explanation: The United Nations (**UN**) **Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** appointed Catherine Russell as the Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). Russell will succeed Henrietta Fore, who resigned in July 2021. She is an American attorney, political adviser, and director of the White House Presidential Personnel Office.

Static Points: UNICEF **Headquarters** - New York, US; India Representative at **UNICEF**- Dr Yasmin Ali Haque

8) Kotak General Insurance partners Vasai Vikas Sahakari Bank to offer ___ solutions.

- a) Loan b) Insurance c) Health Care d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Ltd (Kotak General Insurance), the wholly-owned subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, and Vasai Vikas Sahakari Bank Ltd has entered into a partnership to provide the bank's customers access to a range of insurance solutions. Under this agreement, Vasai Vikas Sahakari Bank Ltd. will offer Kotak General Insurance's comprehensive suite of general and health insurance products to its customers across its network of 21 branches.

Static Points:

- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Ltd **CEO** - Suresh Agarwal; **Headquarters** - Mumbai
- Vasai Vikas Sahakari Bank **CEO** - Dilip Sant; **Headquarters** - Palghar, Maharashtra

9) What is the rank of India at the Global Health Security Index 2021?

- a) 66 b) 77 c) 57 d) 72

Answer: A

Explanation: As per the Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021, the world's average overall GHS Index score was reduced to 38.9 (out of 100) in 2021, from a score of 40.2 in the GHS Index, 2019. India ranked 66 out of 195 countries with an overall Index score of 42.8 and along with a change of -0.8 from 2019. The United States of America (**USA**) ranked **1st** on the index with a score of **75.9** followed by Australia, Finland, Canada, and Thailand.

10) Which country became the 1st country to transition to a four and half-day work week?

- a) UK b) US c) UAE d) China

Answer: C

Explanation: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced to change its 5-day work-week to a 4 and a half day starting from **1st January 2022** and became the first country to make the employee-friendly transition as part of its efforts to improve productivity and work-life balance.

Static Points:

United Arab Emirates **Capital** - Abu Dhabi **Currency** - UAE Dhiram
President - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

11) When was International Mountain Day is observed?

- a) 8th December b) 9th December c) 10th December d) 11th December

Answer: D

Explanation: The United Nations (UN)'s International Mountain Day is annually observed across the globe on 11th December to create awareness about the importance of preserving the mountains across the globe. The **theme of** International Mountain Day 2021 is "**Sustainable mountain tourism**". It was announced that the first International Mountain Day would be celebrated the following year in 2003.

12) Who is the author of the Book Titled "Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water And How We Can Save It"?

- a) R.K Narayan b) Mriduala Ramesh c) Chetan Bhagat d) Arundhati Roy

Answer: B

Explanation: Mriduala Ramesh, the founder of Sundaram Climate Institute, which works on water and waste solutions and the angel investor in cleantech start-ups, has authored a new book titled "Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water And How We Can Save It". The book is **published by Hachette India**.

13) ___ and NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited collaborated for Doorstep Bill Payments Service.

- a) State Bank of India b) HDFC Bank
c) India Post Payments Bank d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) to facilitate pan India doorstep bill payments service for IPPB and non-IPPB customers. The platform enables customers to pay bills for various utilities and other recurring services. NBBL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Static Points:

- India Post Payments Bank **CEO** - J. Venkatramu; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) **CEO** - Noopur Chaturvedi

14) Who attended the closed-door session of the 1st summit for democracy?

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman b) Aravind Kejriwal c) Ram Nath Kovind d) Narendra Modi

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the closed-door virtual Summit Session of the 1st summit for democracy which was convened by United States President Joe Biden. India was among the 12 countries invited to attend the Summit for Democracy Leaders' Plenary Session. The summit focuses on challenges and opportunities facing democracies and will provide a platform for leaders to announce both individual and collective commitments, reforms, and initiatives to defend democracy and human rights at home and abroad.

Static Points:

Shri Narendra Modi - Prime Minister and also in charge of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, All important policy issues, and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.

Constituency - Varanasi, UP

15) Which country has been re-elected to International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council for 2022-2023?

- a) India b) Russia c) Japan d) China

Answer: A

Explanation: India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council after elections were held at its Assembly in London for the 2022-23 biennium under category B states. The Council is the executive organ of IMO and is responsible, under the Assembly, for supervising the work of the Organization. The Council performs the functions of the Assembly, except that of making recommendations to Governments on maritime safety and pollution prevention.

Static Points: International Maritime Organization **Headquarters** - London, UK

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1) ___ & UNDP Signed Lou as a Part of 'Code-Unnati' to Improve Entrepreneurship & Youth Employment.

- a) Karnataka b) Kerala c) Odisha d) Assam

Answer: A

Explanation: Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Government of Karnataka has signed a Letter of Understanding (Lou) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as a part of the State-level initiative 'Code-Unnati' to improve the access to entrepreneurship and employment opportunities among the youths, including women. The Lou was signed in the presence of CN Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Higher Education and Skill Development, Government of Karnataka.

Static Points:

- Karnataka **Capital** – Bengaluru; **CM** - Basavaraj Bommai; **Governor** - Thawar Chand Gehlot
- UNDP **Headquarters** - New York, US

2) India sends humanitarian assistance to which country, consisting of medical supplies?

- a) Afghanistan b) Japan c) Italy d) Sri Lanka

Answer: A

Explanation: In view of the challenging humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, the Government of India has dispatched humanitarian assistance consisting of medical supplies on the return flight. These medicines will be handed over to the representatives of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Kabul and will be administered at the Indira Gandhi Children Hospital, Kabul,“. The boxes carrying the items were marked with stickers bearing the words - Gift from the People of India to the People of Afghanistan.

Static Points: Afghanistan **Capital** - Kabul; **Currency** - Afghan Afghani; **PM** - Hasan Akhund

3) When was the International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed?

- a) 11th December b) 13th December c) 10th December d) 12th December

Answer: D

Explanation: Every year Universal Health Coverage is observed on 12th December to raise awareness about having strong and resilient world-class health systems across the globe with multi-stakeholder partners. The reason behind the day is to have access to quality, affordable health care for international development.

4) What is the edition of the India International Science festival being held in Panaji, Goa?

- a) 4th b) 6th c) 9th d) 7th

Answer: D

Explanation: Former Minister of Science and Technology of India Jitendra Singh inaugurates 7th edition of IISF at Panaji, Government News, ET Government. The advances in science and technology will propel India as a frontline country in the years. The theme of the 4-day IISF 2021 is 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - "Celebrating Creativity, Science, Technology and Innovation for a prosperous India.

Static Points:

Goa **Capital** – Panaji; Goa **CM** - Pramod Sawant; Goa **Governor** - P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

5) Which bank has entered into a Bancassurance partnership with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd?

- a) Federal Bank b) Bank of Baroda c) HDFC Bank d) ICICI Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: Federal Bank has entered into a Bancassurance partnership with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide health insurance products for the Bank's 8.90 million customers across India. The Bank's customers can avail benefits of Star Health's retail products and group affinity products through the bank's various distribution channels thus helping customers address their complete financial needs under one roof.

Static Points:

- Federal Bank **CEO** - Shyam Srinivasan; Federal Bank **Headquarters** - Aluva, Kerala
- Federal Bank **Tagline** - Your Perfect Banking Partner

6) ___ and IAF test Helicopter launched Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile from Pokhran ranges.

- a) ISRO b) DRDO c) NASA d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested the indigenously designed and developed helicopter launched Stand-off Anti-Tank (SANT) missile from Pokhran range. The missile is equipped with a state-of-the-art millimetre wave (MMW) seeker which provides high precision strike capability from a safe distance. The weapon can neutralise targets at a range of up to **10 kilometres**.

7) As per the Global pension report, India is ranked at which spot among 43 countries?

- a) 40 b) 39 c) 42 d) 37

Answer: A

Explanation: The Global Pension Index Report was published in 2021 and has ranked India at 40th place, out of 43 countries for its pension system. The report was published by **Mercer**, a management consulting firm. The Index is prepared on the basis of certain criteria of sustainability, adequacy, and integrity.

- **Iceland** was ranked highest with an overall index value of 84.2

8) ___ granted Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance?

- a) UNICEF b) UNGA c) UNE d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The UN General Assembly has conferred Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance (ISA), a historic decision which India would help provide for well-defined cooperation between the Alliance and the United Nations that would benefit global energy growth and development. The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by India and France to mobilise efforts against climate change through the deployment of solar energy solutions.

Static Points: UNGA **President** - Abdulla Shahid; **Headquarters** - New York, US

9) India has won 41 medals at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games 2021, which is held at ____.

- a) Tokyo, Japan b) Riffa, Bahrain c) Beijing, China d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: India claimed **41 medals** (12 Gold, 15 Silver, 14 Bronze) at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG), Asia's biggest event held at Riffa city, Bahrain. The event is organized by the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Bahrain with the support of the local government.

Static Points: Bahrain **Capital** – Manama; **Currency** - Bahrain Dinar

10) Which bank signs MoU with Centrum Housing Finance for Housing Loans?

- a) Asian Development Bank b) Bank of Baroda c) World Bank d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Bank of Baroda signs MoU with Centrum Housing Finance Limited (CHFL) for sourcing and financing Housing loans under the Co-lending Mechanism. The Bank will penetrate deep into the markets of tier 2 & tier 3 cities at very competitive interest rates. Bank extends up to Rs.1000 crore as Housing finance in one financial year. CHFL is one of the leading housing finance companies that provide long-term housing finance.

Static Points:

Bank of Baroda **CEO** – Sanjiv Chadha; Bank of Baroda **Headquarters** – Vadodara, Gujarat;
Bank of Baroda **Tagline** - India's International Bank

11) Federal Bank entered into Bancassurance Partnership with which insurance company?

- a) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
- b) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- c) Life Insurance Corporation
- d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Federal Bank and Star Health Insurance tie-up for bancassurance. Federal Bank has joined hands with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide a wide range of innovative health insurance products for the Bank's 8.90 million customers spread over 1,291 banking outlets across the country. It is a partnership between a bank and an insurance company that would enable them to offer insurance products to the bank's customers.

Static Points: Star Health and Allied Insurance **CEO** - V Jagannathan; **Headquarters** - India

12) NITI Aayog announced that it is set to establish will be establishing 1,000 Atal Tinkering Laboratories in which state/ UT?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Puducherry
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Ladakh

Answer: A

Explanation: NITI Aayog to set up 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in Jammu and Kashmir. The chief secretary also asked the School Education Department to promote scientific temper among the students in areas such as machine learning and artificial intelligence by proactively engaging them in various experiments and scientific activities.

13) Which state has topped the 9th edition of India Skills Report (ISR) 2022?

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Assam
- d) West Bengal

Answer: B

Explanation: The 9th edition of India Skills Report (ISR) 2022, released by Wheebox, Maharashtra has retained the top position in the list of states with the highest poll of employable talent followed by Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and West Bengal. The theme of ISR 2022 – 'Rebuilding and Reengineering the Future of Work'.

Static Points:

Maharashtra **Capital** – Mumbai; **CM** - Uddhav Thackeray; **Governor** - Bhagat Singh Koshyari

14) Which state government has announced to implement Commissionerate System?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Odisha

Answer: A

Explanation: Madhya Pradesh Government implements the Police Commissionerate system in Bhopal and Indore. Madhya Pradesh government implemented a Police Commissionerate system in Bhopal and Indore. The Police Commissioner system covers the boundaries of 36 police stations in Indore and 38 police stations in Bhopal. Inspector-General of Police level officer will be the Commissioner of Police in both the cities. The Commissioner of Police will have the powers of the Executive Magistrate.

Static Points: Madhya Pradesh **Capital** – Bhopal; **CM** - Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Governor - Manqubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

15) Which state's Chief Minister has launched the 'Milk Price Incentive Scheme'?

- a) Nagaland b) Uttar Pradesh c) West Bengal d) Uttarakhand

Answer: D

Explanation: Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the 'Milk Price Incentive Scheme' in Dehradun. The scheme is aimed to provide incentives benefiting around 53,000 people of Uttarakhand. The state government is targeting to spend INR 444.62 crore to open **500 milk sales centres** in Uttarakhand. It is a Direct Bank Transfer (DBT) scheme, the amount under the scheme would go directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries through their linked bank accounts.

Static Points:- Uttarakhand **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Bhararisen (Summer); **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

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1) Who addressed depositors in a Bank Deposit Insurance Programme?

- a) Narendra Modi b) Nirmala Sitharaman c) Aravind Kejriwal d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the bank deposit insurance programme titled 'Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment **up to Rs 5 Lakh**' in Delhi and addressed depositors. Deposit insurance covers all deposits such as savings, fixed, current, recurring deposits, etc. in all commercial banks, functioning in India. Deposits in State, Central and Primary cooperative banks, functioning in States/Union Territories are also covered.

2) Which country becomes the World's 1st 100% Paperless Government?

- a) Dubai b) Iran c) Russia d) France

Answer: A

Explanation: Dubai became the world's first government to turn 100 per cent paperless, the announcement was made by the United Arab Emirate (UAE) Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. It will save around 3 billion Dirham (USD 350 million) and 14-million-man hours. All internal, external transactions and procedures in the Government of Dubai are now 100 per cent digital and managed from a comprehensive digital government services platform.

Static Points:

Dubai (Emirate) - City in the United Arab Emirates; **President** - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

7 Emirates of the UAE - Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al-Quwain, Fujairah, and Ras Al Khaimah

UAE Capital - Abu Dhabi

3) Which bank mandated the 20-digit LEI for Cross-Border Transactions above Rs. 50 crore?

- a) HDFC Bank b) RBI c) SBI d) ICICI Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs. 50 crore and above, from 1st October 2022. RBI has introduced the LEI in a phased manner for over the counter (OTC) derivative, non-derivative markets, large corporate borrowers and large value transactions in centralised payment systems.

Static Points:

- The Hilton Young Commission recommended the setting up of the Reserve Bank of India.
- RBI was **Nationalised** on 1 January 1949 (founded on 1 April 1935)

4) ___ bank won two awards at ET BFSI excellence awards 2021.

- a) OCBC Bank b) DBS Bank c) United Overseas Bank d) POSB Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: DBS Bank India was awarded the ET BFSI Excellence Awards 2021. The bank has won two awards – for the 'DBS Rapid (Real-time API)' solution in the 'Innovative API/Open Banking model' category and for 'Intelligent Banking' in the 'Best Digital Customer Experience initiative' category. The bank has designed a real-time, digital payments solution for Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI). DBS is the first bank to offer paperless onboarding for mutual fund investments from multiple fund houses.

Static Points: DBS Bank-India **MD & CEO** - Surojit Shome; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

5) Uttar Pradesh's Haiderpur Wetland Recognized as ___ Ramsar Site in India.

- a) 48th b) 12th c) 37th d) 47th

Answer: D

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh's Haiderpur Wetland Recognized as 47th Ramsar Site in India. Haiderpur Wetland, the human-made wetland of around **6908** hectares in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has been recognised as the 47th Ramsar Site of India and 2,463rd site internationally.

6) Which insurance company launched the #Care4Hockey' Campaign; Rani Rampal Face of the Campaign?

- a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance b) Tata AIG General Insurance
c) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers in India has announced the launch of its '#Care4Hockey' campaign. The Company has associated with Rani Rampal, Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain who is the face of this campaign. '#Care4Hockey' is a one of its kind campaign from the Company with a goal to support the development of Hockey in India from the grass-root level.

Static Points: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance **CEO** - Tapan Singhel; **Headquarters** - Pune, Maharashtra

7) NABARD Projects 12% increase in Assam's Credit Potential to INR ___ Cr for FY23.

- a) Rs.46,112 b) Rs.36,292 c) Rs.17,342 d) Rs.24,123

Answer: B

Explanation: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has projected a 12 per cent increase in Assam's credit potential to Rs.36,292 crore for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The amount will be used as a base for the preparation of the annual credit plan for priority sector lending (PSL) for FY23.

Static Points: NABARD **Chairman** - G.R Chintala; **Headquarters** – Mumbai

8) Who has been crowned Miss Universe 2021 at the 70th Edition of the Miss Universe Competition?

- a) Sushmita Sen b) Harnaaz Sandhu c) Lara Dutta d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: 21 years old Indian Actor and Model, Harnaaz Sandhu from Chandigarh, Punjab, has been crowned Miss Universe 2021 at the 70th Edition of the Miss Universe Competition held in Eilat, Israel. Harnaaz Sandhu became the 3rd Indian to be crowned Miss Universe after Sushmita Sen, the 1st Indian to win Miss Universe (1994) and Lara Dutta (Miss Universe 2000). The 70th Miss Universe "Harnaaz Sandhu" was crowned at the end of the event by "Alma Andrea Meza Carmona" who is the 69th Miss Universe.

9) Current Generation Students could lose ___ per cent of Global GDP due to COVID-19 induced School Closures.

- a) 13% b) 7% c) 12% d) 14%

Answer: D

Explanation: As per the report of the World Bank (WB), titled, 'The State of the Global Education Crisis: A Path to Recovery', the present generation of students risks losing USD **17 trillion** (higher than the 2020 estimation of USD 10 trillion) in lifetime earnings in present value, or about 14 per cent of global GDP (Gross Domestic Product) due to COVID-19-related school closures.

Static Points: World Bank **President** - David Malpass; **Headquarters** - Washington DC, US

10) Which country launches satellites for Space Exploration - Shijian-6 05?

- a) China b) South Korea c) Japan d) Thailand

Answer: A

Explanation: China successfully launched a new group of satellites Shijian-6 05 into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China for space exploration and new technology tests. The satellites were launched by a Long March-4B Rocket which marked the 400th mission of Long March series carrier rockets.

Static Points: China **Capital** – Beijing; China **President** - Xi Jinping; China **Currency** - Renminbi

11) IAF-DRDO flight-tested Helicopter-launched Stand-off Anti-Tank Missile from which state?

- a) Rajasthan b) Odisha c) Andhra Pradesh d) Maharashtra

Answer: A

Explanation: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested the indigenously designed and developed Helicopter launched (air-launched) Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile from **the Pokhran range in Rajasthan**. It should be noted that it is for the first time that this was launched from a Russian origin Mi-35 helicopter gunship.

12) When was National Energy Conservation Day is Observed?

- a) 12th December b) 10th December c) 14th December d) 13th December

Answer: C

Explanation: National Energy Conservation Day is observed on 14th December, every year. The day focuses on making people aware of global warming and climate change and promotes efforts towards saving energy resources. The agenda of celebrating national energy conservation Day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of energy and resources conservation. Conserving energy means wisely using energy rather than indiscriminately misusing it.

13) Who inaugurated the Saryu Nahar National Project in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Narendra Modi c) Yogi Adityanath d) Anandiben Patel

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Saryu Nahar National Project in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh. The outlay of the project is over Rs 9,800 crore, out of which more than Rs 4,600 crore was provisioned in the last four years. Governor of Uttar Pradesh Smt Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat were among those present on the occasion.

Static Points:

International Airport in UP - Kushinagar, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport

14) What is the rank of India on the IMD 2021 World Talent Ranking?

- a) 50th b) 47th c) 72nd d) 56th

Answer: D

Explanation: India has ranked 56th on the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) 2021 World Talent Ranking, which evaluates the ability of the economies in developing, attracting and retaining talent. The IMD World Talent Ranking 2021 shows the overall ranking for 64 economies. In the Peer Group Ranking – Asia – Pacific, India have ranked 12th. Switzerland tops the ranking followed by Sweden in 2nd and Luxembourg in 3rd.

Static Points: IMD **Headquarters** – Switzerland; **President** - Jean-Francois Manzoni

15) WHO report on 3 Diseases as State of Inequalities – HIV, TB and ____.

- a) Dengue b) Corona c) Malaria d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Fund released titled 'State of Inequalities – HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria', stating that the poorest, least-educated and rural subgroups remain vulnerable to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB) and malaria. This report is the first systematic global analysis of the state of inequality in HIV, TB and malaria. Drawing from two decades of global data about a range of disease indicators and multiple dimensions of inequality, it aims to facilitate a broad understanding of inequalities in HIV, TB and malaria.

Static Points:

World Health Organisation **Director-general** - Tedros Adhanom; **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland

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1) Who laid the foundation stone for Maa Umiya Dham Development Project?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Amit Shah c) Rajnath Singh d) Narendra Modi

Answer: B

Explanation: Union **Home Minister** Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Umiya Mata Temple as well as its premises at Umiya Campus in Sola in **Ahmedabad**. He also inaugurated several developmental projects including a railway bridge. Umiya Mata Temple is dedicated to Maa Umiya, who is the reigning deity of Kadva Patidar sect. The temple and other buildings will be developed at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore on 74,000 square yards of land. An Umiya Mata temple was also commissioned by the Kadva Patidar Samaj in Macon, Georgia, in 2013.

Static Points:- Umiya Mata Temple is **located in** - Mehsana district, Gujarat

- Shri Amit Shah (Union Home Minister) Constituency - Gandhinagar (Rajya Sabha)

2) ___ signs MoU with IAF to improve indigenisation efforts in various weapon systems.

- a) IIT Kanpur b) IIT Delhi c) IIT Bombay d) IIT Hyderabad

Answer: B

Explanation: IIT-Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Air Force (IAF) to support requirements towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems. The MoU was signed by Air Vice-Marshal Samir V Borade, Deputy Senior Maintenance Staff Officer, Headquarters Maintenance Command, IAF, and M R Ravi, Head of Department for Mechanical Engineering at IIT-Delhi. Under the MoU, The IAF has identified key focus areas involving the development of technology and finding indigenous solutions towards the sustenance of various weapon systems.

Static Points:- Indian Air Force **Headquarters** - New Delhi; **Chief of the Air Staff** - Vivek Ram Chaudhari

- Indian Air Force **Motto** - Touch the Sky with Glory

3) Which bank launches wearable payment solution in partnership with NPCI?

- a) Bank of Baroda b) ICICI Bank c) HDFC Bank d) Union Bank of India

Answer: A

Explanation: Bank of Baroda (BOB) in partnership with National Payments Corporations of India (NPCI) launched bob World Wave, a wearable line of products for payments, integrated with a complete health ecosystem. A bob World Wave wearable device will allow customers to monitor their Saturation of Peripheral Oxygen (SpO2), body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure. The device will provide contactless payments of **up to Rs. 5,000** in all Near-Field Communication (NFC) enabled Point of Sale (PoS) devices and also enable payments above Rs 5000 using the PIN.

Static Points: NPCI CEO & Managing Director (**MD**) - Dilip Asbe; **Headquarters** - Mumbai

4) Which wildlife sanctuary is declared as Eco-Sensitive Zone from Uttarakhand?

- a) Askot Wildlife Sanctuary b) Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary
c) Rajaji Wildlife Sanctuary d) Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: A

Explanation: The picturesque Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh has been finally declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). However, as per the gazette notification issued by the Union Environment Ministry, the Sanctuary area has been reduced to a **stretch of 146 square kilometres** along which over 111 villages are located has been kept out of the ESZ ambit with an aim to make the flagship species habitat safe from human interferences. The Askot Wildlife Sanctuary was established to protect the endangered flagship species Musk Deer and its habitat.

5) Who launched the 2nd edition of Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Hardeep Puri c) Sanjeev Kumar Balyan d) Parshottam Rupala

Answer: D

Explanation: The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, in partnership with Startup India, launched the second edition of 'Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge' at an event celebrating '**National Milk Day**' (26 November) in Anand, Gujarat to commemorate the birth centenary of Dr Varghese Kurien. This challenge will explore innovative and commercially viable solutions to address six problems faced by the animal husbandry and dairy sector.

Static Points:- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying - **Parshottam Rupala**

- Parshottam Rupala **Constituency** - Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)

6) Which company has signed an agreement with SECI to supply 4667 MW of green power?

- a) JSW Energy b) Adani Group c) Tata Power d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), the renewable energy arm of diversified Adani Group, has signed an agreement with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to supply **4,667 MW** of green power. This is the world's largest evergreen power purchase agreement. This agreement is in line with India's objective to accelerate India's renewable energy footprint as well as to promote domestic manufacturing under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat programme.

Static Points:

- Adani Green Energy Ltd. **MD & CEO** - Vneet S. Jaain
- **Headquarters** - Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Ministry of New & Renewable Energy - Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi

7) LIC introduced an individual savings life insurance plan named ____.

- a) Life-Line b) LIC Dhan c) Dhan Rekha d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a new savings insurance policy called Dhan Rekha with effect from December 13, 2021. The Dhan Rekha plan pays a percentage of the basic sum assured as a survival benefit at regular intervals of the premium-paying term. The minimum sum assured under this plan is **Rs 2 lakh** and there is no limit for the maximum sum assured.

Static Points: LIC **Chairperson** - M R Kumar; **Headquarters** - Mumbai

8) Who is the Person of the Year 2021, by Time magazine?

- a) Jeff Bezos b) Elon Musk c) MacKenzie Scott d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tesla & SpaceX, Elon Musk named 'Person of the Year 2021' by Time magazine. He took over the title from US president Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris, who received the title in 2020. In April 2021, NASA granted Elon Musk's rocket company SpaceX an exclusive contract to put United States (US) astronauts on the moon for the first time since 1972.

9) AIM NITI Aayog & Embassy of ____ Launched AIM-ICDK Water Innovation Challenge 2.0 to Address Global Water Distress

- a) Sweden b) Denmark c) Germany d) Netherland

Answer: B

Explanation: AIM NITI Aayog, & Embassy of Denmark launches 2nd edition of water innovation challenges to address global water woes. This is a part of the Indo-Danish Bilateral Green Strategic partnership. The 2nd edition of the water challenge (2022 AIM-ICDK Water Challenge) was launched under the partnership of AIM, NITI Aayog and Innovation Center Denmark (ICDK) under the aegis of the Denmark Embassy in India, and the Denmark Technical University (DTU).

Static Points: Denmark - Country in Europe; **Capital** – Copenhagen; **currency** - Danish krone

10) Which bank ties up with Swift to provide a digital banking solution?

- a) Yes Bank b) Punjab National Bank c) Axis Bank d) Federal Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: Axis Bank is working with new digital services from provider Swift to provide a comprehensive digital solution to clients. The bank is integrating with different digitisation initiatives by government bodies and service providers to extend an end-to-end service to business clients.

Static Points:- Axis Bank **MD & CEO** - Amitabh Chaudhry; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
Axis Bank **Tagline** - Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

11) ____ collaborates with BARC to boost green hydrogen production?

- a) NTPC b) GAIL c) ONGC d) BPCL

Answer: D

Explanation: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) collaborated with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) to boost Alkaline Electrolyser technology for Green Hydrogen production. This is a first of its kind initiative to support India's commitment to achieve renewable energy targets and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Static Points:

- BPCL **Chairman & MD** - Arun Kumar Singh; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- BARC **Director** - Ajit Kumar Mohanty; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

12) When was National Energy Conservation Day is observed?

- a) 14th December b) 13th December c) 15th December d) 16th December

Answer: A

Explanation: National Energy Conservation Day is annually observed across India on 14th December to create awareness about the importance of energy conservation and the benefits of replacing non-renewable resources with renewable energy. The day is annually organised by the Ministry of Power. The first-ever National Energy Conservation Day was celebrated on 14th December 1991.

13) Which bank launched the first-of-its-kind fitness & wellness-focused credit card?

- a) Canara Bank b) RBI c) HDFC Bank d) SBI

Answer: D

Explanation: SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, launched the first-of-its-kind fitness & wellness-focused credit card – '**SBI Card PULSE**'. The Card is designed with unique features and benefits to complement cardholders with benefits towards health and wellness. SBI Card PULSE credit card provides Noise ColorFit Pulse Smartwatch **worth Rs.4,999** as a welcome gift on payment of the joining fee.

Static Points:- State Bank of India **Chairperson** - Dinesh Kumar Khara; **Headquarters** - Mumbai
SBI Tagline - The Nation banks on us; Pure Banking Nothing Else; With you all the way

14) Which state government approves Atmanirbhar Krishak Development Scheme to boost Agri Sector?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Uttar Pradesh c) Odisha d) Assam

Answer: B

Explanation: The Uttar Pradesh (UP) Cabinet has approved the implementation of the Atmanirbhar Krishak Integrated Development Scheme in the state from 2021-22 to 2031-32 to boost the agriculture sector. The expected outlay for its implementation is Rs 1,220.92 crore for a period of 10 years.

15) ___ partnered with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance to launch Chola Sarva Shakti.

- a) Equitas SFB b) South Indian Bank c) City Union Bank d) Axis Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) partnered with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance to launch Chola Sarva Shakti, a women-centric health insurance policy to secure women against health conditions. It aims to empower Indian women with good health and finances. The policy includes insurance for personal accidents or any health crisis, health indemnity and maternity cover, support for a child's education.

Static Points:- Equitas SFB **CEO & Managing Director** - Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
Equitas SFB **Headquarters** - Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Equitas SFB **Tagline** - It's Fun Banking

16-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which state tops the list of states with a Maximum Number of Beneficiaries assisted under ABRY?

- a) Maharashtra b) Tamil Nadu c) Gujarat d) Assam

Answer: A

Explanation: Maharashtra has topped the list of states with a maximum number of beneficiaries under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY), **followed by Tamil Nadu and Gujarat**. The list has been topped by Maharashtra with 6,49,560 new employees in 17,524 Beneficiary Establishments (Estts.). The beneficiaries have been provided with a total of Rs 4,09,72,34,366.

Static Points:- **National parks** in Maharashtra : tadoba national park; chandoli national park; gugal national park ; Sanjay Gandhi National Park

2) India's 1st Green Hydrogen Microgrid Projects to be set up by NTPC at which state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana c) Odisha d) Kerala

Answer: A

Explanation: National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has awarded a project of "Standalone Fuel-Cell based Micro-grid with hydrogen production using electrolyser in Simhadri, near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh (AP). **It is India's 1st Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project** and one of the largest in the world. India targets to become carbon neutral by 2070.

Static Points:

- Andhra Pradesh **Governor** - Biswabhusan Harichandan
- YS Jagan Mohan Reddy (**CM**) Constituency - Pulivendla
- NTPC **Chairman & MD** - Gurdeep Singh; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

3) Who handed over 5 DRDO Products to Armed Forces & 6 LAToT?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Rajnath Singh c) Narendra Modi d) Aravind Kejriwal

Answer: B

Explanation: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over five products developed by DRDO to the Armed Forces and other security agencies at an event at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. He also handed over six Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LAToT) to seven public and private sector companies.

Static Points:

- DRDO **Chairman** - Dr G. Satheesh Reddy; **Headquarter** - New Delhi
- DRDO work's under the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India
- The Ministry of Defence -Rajnath Singh

4) Which social media platform expand partnership with CBSE to Enable 1 Crore Students to Embrace Immersive Tech?

- a) Meta b) Instagram c) Twitter d) YouTube

Answer: A

Explanation: Meta (formerly Facebook) is set to expand its partnership with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to provide a curriculum on digital safety and online well-being and Augmented Reality (AR) for around 1 crore college students and 10 lakh educators across India over the next 3 years. This is in line with the vision of the Indian government to Universalize Education.

Static Points: **CEO** of Meta - Mark Zuckerberg; **Headquarters** - Menlo Park, California, United States

5) To commemorate its victory over Pakistan during the 1971 war, India celebrates Vijay Diwas on which day?

- a) 17th December b) 15th December c) 14th December d) 16th December

Answer: D

Explanation: In India, Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 16th December. The country is celebrating the 50th Vijay Diwas in 2021. Vijay Diwas is observed to commemorate the service, valour, and sacrifices of the gallant men of the **Indian Armed Forces' victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war**. The Indo-Pakistan war of 1971 which began on December 3 lasted for 13 days and officially ended on December 16, after which Pakistan surrendered to India.

6) Which bank introduces the PCA framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)?

- a) HDFC Bank b) Reserve Bank of India c) Canara Bank d) State Bank of India

Answer: B

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework for Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) to further strengthen the supervisory tools applicable to NBFCs. The provisions of the PCA framework will be effective from October 2022 based on the financial position of NBFCs on or after March 31, 2022. Capital and Asset Quality would be the key areas for monitoring in PCA Framework.

Static Points:

Top 3 NBFCs in India - Power Finance Corporation Limited, Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, and Bajaj Finance Limited

7) SJFI Honoured Former Indian Cricketer ____ with SJFI Medal 2021.

- a) Sachin Tendulkar b) Sunil Gavaskar c) Sourav Ganguly d) Anil Kumble

Answer: B

Explanation: The Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) has decided to honour former Indian Cricketer and cricket commentator Sunil Manohar Gavaskar with its prestigious 'SJFI Medal 2021' at SJFI Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guwahati, Assam. Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) Medal is the highest honour of SJFI.

8) ____ rolls out 'e-Verification Scheme, 2021' for Taxpayer's info e-verification.

- a) Income Tax Department b) CBDT c) Both a & b d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued new rules namely 'e-Verification Scheme, 2021' for faceless collection of information from taxpayers, where mismatches are detected. The scheme is notified under a provision in **Income Tax Act 135A** that proposes faceless information gathering aimed at imparting efficiency, transparency and accountability. It eliminates the interface between the income-tax authority and the assessee.

9) Who Inaugurated 7th India International Science Festival 2021 at Panaji, Goa?

- a) Harsh Vardhan b) Rajnath Singh c) Dharmendra Pradhan d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Science & Technology(S&T), inaugurated the 7th edition of the India International Science festival, IISF **at Panaji, Goa**. The **theme of** the 4-day science festival is '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' - "Celebrating Creativity, Science, Technology and Innovation for a prosperous India". The Minister exhorted the youth to join the "Vigyan Utsav" and take the lead through Innovative Startups to make India a 5 Trillion Dollar Economy by 2024-25.

Static Points:

Jitendra Singh - Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science, and Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office; **Constituency** - Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir

10) ___ extends USV 112 million loans to establish a skill university in Assam.

- a) Asian Development Bank b) ICICI Bank c) Axis Bank d) HSBC Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$112 million loan to strengthen skills education and training through the establishment of the Assam Skill University (ASU). The project will improve skills and provide greater paying, decent job opportunities for youth and adults (especially women and disadvantaged groups). The Loan will create a path for skill development to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of Assam's economy and industries.

11) FSS, CSB bank launches ___ banking services to boost financial inclusion.

- a) Hyperlocal b) Smartlife c) Both a & B d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Financial Software and Systems (FSS), a globally leading provider of integrated payment products and a payments processor, and CSB Bank, one of the oldest private sector banks in India, have partnered to deliver hyperlocal banking services to financially underserved segments. CSB Bank and FSS plan to open 1,000 Smart Cash franchisees in semi-urban and rural areas across India to expand financial services adoption among underserved segments.

Static Points: CSB Bank Managing Director (MD) & CEO - C.VR.Rajendran; **Headquarters** - Thrissur, Kerala

12) Which state Govt signs MoU with rays power to generate 500 MW from the solar park?

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Maharashtra d) Rajasthan

Answer: D

Explanation: Rajasthan government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rays Power Infra to build an avant-garde PV Photovoltaic (PV) Power Station (commonly called solar power plant) and to generate 500 MW of green electricity. This MoU is an instrumental step towards an eco-friendly future. The MoU was finalized during the ongoing Dubai Expo, to reduce traditional electricity consumption derived from non-renewable sources.

Static Points: **National Park** in Rajasthan:- Keoladeo National Park and Ranthambore National Park.

13) ___ sets up 7-member ALERTS Committee headed by Madhabi Puri Buch.

- a) SEBI b) MCX c) ICEX d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has set up an Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALERTS) to enhance technological capabilities and explore suitable technology solutions for the early detection of market anomalies. It will also guide SEBI in designing and framing requirements for the different in-house systems.

Static Points:- SEBI Chairperson - Ajay Tyagi; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

14) PM Modi Inaugurated 1st Phase of Kashi-Vishwanath Corridor Project in which state?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Gujarat c) Assam d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st phase of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor project (Kashi Vishwanath Dham project) which connects the Kashi Vishwanath temple and Ganga ghats in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. 23 building spread over around 5 lakh square feet area was inaugurated as a part of the 1st phase of the Rs 339 crore Kashi Vishwanath Corridor project.

Static Points:- Uttar Pradesh **CM** - Yogi Adithyanath; **Capital** – Lucknow; **Governor** Anandiben Patel

15) India & which country Pushes Cooperation to Boost Economic Ties?

- a) Afghanistan b) Tajikistan c) Uzbekistan d) Kazakhstan

Answer: C

Explanation: India and Uzbekistan push state-to-state cooperation to boost economic ties. India and Uzbekistan have decided to encourage interregional cooperation between their respective states to improve the overall economic partnership. The direct interaction for the implementation of joint projects in the investment, trade and cultural-humanitarian spheres will be established between Uzbekistan’s Fergana region and Haryana, the cities of Bukhara and Hyderabad, and also between Tashkent and New Delhi.

Static Points:

Uzbekistan **Capital** – Tashkent; **Currency** - Uzbekistani Som; **President** - Shavkat Mirziyoyev

17-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who signs a pact with the DRDO arm to develop combat vehicle engines?

- a) Ashok Leyland Ltd. b) Bajaj Auto Ltd. c) Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. d) Tata Motors Ltd.

Answer: A

Explanation: Ashok Leyland in pact with DRDO arm to develop combat vehicle engines. He has partnered with Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE), a premier lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), to develop and manufacture 600-HP indigenous engines to power futuristic combat vehicles under the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission.

Static Points:- Ashok Leyland - is an Indian multinational automotive manufacturer

Ashok Leyland **CEO** - Vipin Sondhi; Ashok Leyland **Headquarters** - Chennai

2) Which country hosts the 8th Indian Ocean Dialogue?

- a) Russia b) China c) India d) Japan

Answer: C

Explanation: India hosts the 8th Indian Ocean Dialogue on 15th December. The dialogue was jointly hosted by the External Affairs Ministry and the Indian Council of World Affairs. The dialogue was hosted under the theme- "Leveraging Digital Technologies for Health, Education, Development, and Trade in Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Member States". The Dialogue comprises 4 Sessions that focus on the Health, Education, Development and Trade sectors that ensure digital inclusion and bridging the digital device.

Static Points:

External Affairs Ministry - Subrahmanyam Jaishankar; **Constituency** - Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)

3) ___ launched FinTech hackathon 'Sprint04: Market-Tech' under I-Sprint'21.

- a) IFSCA b) BIFC c) KBFC d) IIBFC

Answer: A

Explanation: To encourage the promotion of financial technologies ('FinTech') initiatives in financial products and financial services across the spectrum of banking, insurance, securities, and fund management in IFSCs, IFSCA has launched a series of Hackathons, cutting across these sectors under the banner of I-Sprint'21. Sprint04: Market-Tech hosted by IFSCA and GIFT city in collaboration with NSE.

4) India and which country Signed Lol to Establish a Partnership in Digital Media?

- a) Indonesia b) China c) South Korea d) Vietnam

Answer: D

Explanation: Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Nguyen Manh Hung, Minister of Information and Communication, Government of Vietnam, to enable collaboration in the field of digital media and strengthen the partnership between India and Vietnam. The year 2021 marks the completion of 5 years of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam and 2022 is set to mark the 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and Vietnam.

Static Points:- Vietnam **Prime Minister** - Pham Minh Chinh; Vietnam **President** - Nguyen Xuan Phuc
Vietnam **Capital** – Hanoi; Vietnam **Currency** - Vietnamese dong

5) Ministry of ___ and Financial Intelligence Unit-India signs MoU for Data Exchange.

- a) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
c) Ministry of External Affairs d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: D

Explanation: Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Financial Intelligence Unit-India sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for data exchange on an automatic and regular basis. It is on the line with the vision of MCA and FIU-INDIA to harness data capabilities to ensure effective enforcement. This MoU will also fulfil the Government's vision of minimum government, maximum governance.

Static Points:

The current Minister of State for Corporate Affairs is – Rao Inderjit Singh

6) Power Finance Corporation will Finance 350 Electric Buses in which state?

- a) Maharashtra b) Uttar Pradesh c) Tamil Nadu d) Gujarat

Answer: B

Explanation: Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a Maharatna company signed an agreement with GreenCell Mobility, to lend INR 275 crore for the deployment of 350 electric buses across nine cities of Uttar Pradesh. The initiative is part of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME)-II scheme.

7) Which state minister launches SAHAY Scheme for Maoist-hit areas?

- a) Kerala b) Jharkhand c) Madhya Pradesh d) Manipur

Answer: B

Explanation: The Chief Minister (CM) of Jharkhand Hemant Soren has launched Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth (SAHAY) scheme aimed at nurturing young sporting talents in Maoist-hit districts of the state. This scheme has been launched to curb the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) which affected 19 of the state's 24 districts.

Static Points:- Jharkhand **Capital** – Ranchi; Jharkhand **Governor** - Ramesh Bais

8) Which payment portal launches a tokenization solution named SafeCard?

- a) PhonePe b) Paytm c) Google Pay d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Digital Payment firm, PhonePe has launched a tokenization solution named 'SafeCard' for online debit and credit card transactions. Through this launch, PhonePe has become the 1st payments platform to tokenize cards on Visa, Mastercard and Rupay card networks. PhonePe SafeCard supports all major card networks such as Mastercard, Rupay and Visa.

Static Points:- PhonePe **CEO** - Sameer Nigam; **Headquarters** - Bengaluru, Karnataka

9) NMCG and c-Ganga organized India Water Impact Summit 2021 in Hybrid mode of which edition?

- a) 2nd b) 6th c) 4th d) 7th

Answer: B

Explanation: The 6th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit concluded on 14th December. The valedictory session was conducted in a hybrid mode by NMCG, New Delhi and cGanga, Kanpur. Physically it was held at the NMCG office, New Delhi and IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. This 5-day event was themed at 'River Resources Allocation "Planning and Management at the Regional Level'.

10) ____ extends US\$ 112 million loans to establish a skill university in Assam.

- a) Asian Development Bank b) ICICI Bank c) Axis Bank d) HSBC Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$112 million loan to strengthen skills education and training through the establishment of the Assam Skill University (ASU). The project will improve skills and provide greater paying, decent job opportunities for youth and adults (especially women and disadvantaged groups). The Loan will create a path for skill development to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of Assam's economy and industries.

Static Points:- Asian Development Bank (ADB) **President** - Masatsugu Asakawa
ADB **Headquarters** - Manila, Philippines

11) Which bank renews MoU with the Indian Army to Offer Benefits to Veterans and Families?

- a) ICICI Bank b) RBI c) HDFC Bank d) SBI

Answer: D

Explanation: The State Bank of India (SBI) has renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army to offer benefits to all serving as well as retired army personnel and their families through its Defence Salary Package (DSP) Scheme. The MoU was signed in the presence of AG Lt. Gen. Harsha Gupta in New Delhi.

12) Which company signed MoU with Western Union to enable Real-time Cross-Border Transactions?

- a) BSPL b) NIPL c) LGCL d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international payments arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Western Union to enable real-time bank account payout in India. It will benefit millions of Indian citizens to seamlessly receive money from across the world.

Static Points:-

- **NIPL** - NPCI International Payments Limited; NIPL **CEO** - Ritesh Shukla
NPCI **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Western Union **CEO** - Hikmet Ersek; **Headquarters** - Denver, Colorado, US

13) Who released the Telugu Book Titled 'Gandhi Topi Governor' by Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad?

- a) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy b) Venkaiah Naidu
c) K Chandrashekar Rao d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President (VP) of India released the Telugu book titled 'Gandhi Topi Governor' by Padma Awardee Dr Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad, Chairman, Official Language Commission, Andhra Pradesh (AP), at Upa Rashtrapati Nivas, New Delhi. The book is published by Emesco Books. The book chronicles the life of Barrister Idpuganti Raghavendra Rao.

Static Points:- Venkaiah Naidu - 13th and current vice president of India

- **Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad** - Indian writer (Hindi & Telugu)
Some of his books - Doctor Karan Singh (biography), Attadugu nundi Agrasthanam varaku, Harivamsrai Bachchan (biography)

14) Which company partners with AU Small Finance Bank for EMI Offerings?

- a) PINE Lab b) Pace Enterprise c) Payoneer Ltd. d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Pine Labs, a merchant commerce platform, has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank, to enable the bank's credit cardholders to avail equated monthly instalments (EMI) offers. The Partnership offers EMI at the point of sale (PoS) and converts their customer's regular purchases into interest-free EMIs across the over 2 lakh merchant base of Pine Labs, pan India.

Static Points:- Pine Labs CEO - Amrith Rau; **Headquarters** - Noida, Uttar Pradesh
AU Small Finance Bank **Headquarter:-** Jaipur; **Tagline:-**Chalo Aage Badhe; **CEO:-** Sanjay Aggarwal

15) HAL signs the biggest order of Rs _____ cr with BEL for LCA fighters.

- a) Rs.1,230/- b) Rs.2,400/- c) Rs.7,346/- d) Rs.1,100/-

Answer: B

Explanation: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited awarded a Rs 2,400 crore contract to Bharat Electronics Limited for the manufacture and supply of 20 types of airborne electronic systems for the LCA Tejas Mk1A fighter aircraft programme. The duration of the contract is 5 years i.e. from 2023 to 2028. Notably, this is HAL's biggest order on any Indian company thus boosting the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign.

Static Points:

HAL **Chairman and Managing Director** - R Madhavan; **Headquarters** - Bengaluru
Founder - Walchand Hirachand

18-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which organisation published the report titled "State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture (SOLAW 2021)"?

- a) WEF b) World Bank c) FAO d) IMF

Answer: C

Explanation: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) released the report State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture (SOLAW 2021). (FAO). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will hold the Land and Water Days from December 8 to 9, 2021. (FAO). "**Systems at Breaking Point**" is the core theme of SOLAW 2021.

Static Points:

FAO **Headquarters** - Rome, Italy; **Founded** - 6 October 1945, Quebec City, Canada
Parent organization - United Nations United Nations Economic and Social Council

2) "bob World Wave", launched by Bank of Baroda (BoB) is a ____.

- a) Wearable Device b) Investment Platform c) AI Chatbot d) Global Debit Card

Answer: A

Explanation: The major public sector bank in India, "bob World Wave," has created a digital banking payment service called bob World Wave. Customers can monitor their SpO2, body temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure with the bob World Wave, which is a wearable device. The wearable payment solution is being offered by BoB in collaboration with NPCI.

3) Central Government Grant 'In-Principle' Approval for 6 ____ at Jaitapur, Maharashtra.

- a) Laws b) Funds c) Rights d) Nuclear Reactors

Answer: D

Explanation: The approval is for setting up 6 nuclear power reactors of 1650 MW each, making Jaitapur India's largest nuclear power generating site with a total capacity of 9900 MW. The government provides strength to promote the use of nuclear energy in health services and agricultural programmes for indigenous development, import substitutes for cost-effective treatment. Technologies for large-scale production of these radiopharmaceuticals are transferred to the Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology (BRIT).

4) ____ bags DRDO supply order for ABHYAS target platform.

- a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited b) Bharat Electronics Ltd
c) Boeing India Pvt Ltd d) BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd

Answer: A

Explanation: HAL will be the Development-cum-Production Partner (DcPP) for the supply of this target system along with private firms (50 per cent of the volume). The vehicle is a fully programmed autonomous flight.

Static Points:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) **Chairman & MD** – R. Madhavan
HAL **Headquarters** – Bengaluru, Karnataka

5) CSB Bank, Clear ties up to Launch ITR e-filing Facility for which customers?

- a) Indian b) Foreign c) NRI d) Local

Answer: C

Explanation: Catholic Syrian Bank Limited (CSB Bank Limited) has tied up with Clear (formerly ClearTax), an online tax filing platform, to launch an online, and free of cost ITR (Income Tax Return) e-filing facility for its NRI (Non-Resident Indian) customers. This collaboration will reduce customers' efforts and time for tax filing. This facility is also available to CSB Bank's resident customers.

Static Points: CSB Bank's **CEO** - C.VR. Rajendran

6) Avani Lekhara wins the 'Best Female Debut' honour at 2021 which Sports Award?

- a) National Sports Award b) Laureus World Sports Award
c) ESPY Award d) Paralympic Sport Awards

Answer: D

Explanation: Avani Lekhara, an Indian shooter who made history by becoming the **first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting** at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, was named "Best Female Debut" at the 2021 Paralympic Sport Awards. The International Paralympic Committee declared the winners.

7) PM Modi is the 1st foreigner to receive _____ award, the 'Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo.'

- a) Bhutan's Highest Civilian Award b) Padma Awards
c) Ashoka Chakra Award d) Order of Zayed Award

Answer: A

Explanation: The Kingdom of Bhutan has honoured Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, with Bhutan's highest civilian award, the Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo, popularly known as the Order of the Dragon King, on the celebration of Bhutan's 114th National Day (17th December 2021). (Druk Gyalpo). PM Modi is the first foreigner to get the prestigious honour.

Static Points:

Bhutan **Capital** – Thimphu; Bhutan **King** - Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck;

Prime minister: Lotay Tshering

8) Who authors the Book on Yogi Adityanath – "The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh"?

- a) B.K.S. Iyengar b) Nischala Devi c) Shantanu Gupta d) Paramahansa Yogananda

Answer: C

Explanation: In December 2021, Shantanu Gupta's book, "The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh: How Yogi Adityanath Changed UP Waala Bhaiya' Abuse to a Badge of Honour," was published by Garuda Prakashan. Yogi Adityanath, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh (UP), was born in Uttarakhand and grew up to become a Nath Panthi saint before becoming the CM of Uttar Pradesh.

9) The Haryana government has launched the Khel Nursery Scheme to promote ____.

- a) Sports b) Indoor Games c) Health d) Funds

Answer: A

Explanation: Sandeep Singh, the Haryana Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, announced the 'Khel Nursery Scheme 2022-23' to encourage sports in the state. The programme encourages the establishment of sports nurseries in government, private educational institutions, and private sports facilities.

Static Points:-Haryana **Governor** – Bandaru Dattatreya; **Capital** – Chandigarh; **CM**- Manohar Lal Khattar

10) _____, the seven-time Formula One World Champion of the United Kingdom, has been awarded the title of Knight Bachelor for services to motorsport.

- a) Max Verstappen b) Lewis Hamilton c) Michael Schumacher d) Sebastian Vettel

Answer: B

Explanation: Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who has won the Formula One Championship seven times, has been awarded Britain's Knight Bachelor for Services to Motorsport. In a ceremony at Windsor Castle in Windsor, Berkshire, England, Lewis Hamilton was knighted by Charles, The Prince of Wales. He is the first and only active racer to be honoured in this way.

Static Points:-UK **Capital** – London; **Currency** - Pound sterling; **Prime minister** - Boris Johnson

11) Which Union Minister has launched the MIS 'Vikas Portal', which rank States/UTs in terms of land acquisition projects?

- a) Raj Kumar Singh b) Jyotiraditya Scindia c) Ramchandra Prasad Singh d) Giriraj Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Union Minister Giriraj Singh of the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) launched the MIS (Management Information System) portal 'Vikas Portal' for rankings of States/Union Territories (UTs) in Land Acquisition Projects **under the RFCTLARR Act, 2013**, in line with the Central Government's Gati Shakti Mission.

12) TiE conferred 2021 'Global Entrepreneur of the Year' award to _____.

- a) Lakshmi Niwas Mittal b) Kumar Mangalam Birla,
c) Dhirubhai Ambani d) Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) conferred the 2021's 'Global Entrepreneur of the Year' Award in Business Transformation on Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman Aditya Birla Group. He was awarded other entrepreneurs during the event that was held in Dubai, UAE. He was conferred with the award for his extraordinary leadership during the pandemic period. **KM Birla is the 1st Indian industrialist to receive this prestigious award.**

Static Points:-Aditya Birla Group **Founder** - Seth Shiv Narayan Birla; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

13) Innoterra & NABFOUNDATION signed MoU to Provide Services to 1 lakh Small ____.

- a) Small Farmers b) Small Scale Bussiness c) Unemployees d) Government Employees

Answer: A

Explanation: Innoterra, a food and technology platform, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NABFOUNDATION to use its goods and services to build farmer clusters. The National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development's NABFOUNDATION is a non-profit organisation (NABARD). Over the next two years, the services will be given in selected clusters, resulting in an increase in agricultural revenue of 3-5 years.

Static Points:

NABFOUNDATION - It takes on large-scale development projects that are of interest to the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) and rural India.

Nabfoundation **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

14) Which institution Researchers have developed an RT-PCR based kit to detect Omicron variants?

- a) AIIMS b) IIT Guwahati c) IISC d) IIT- Delhi

Answer: D

Explanation: The Omicron (B.1.1.529.1) variant of SARS-CoV-2 has been detected using an RT-PCR-based kit produced by researchers from IIT Delhi's Kusuma School of Biological Sciences. The test is based on detecting certain mutations that are present in the Omicron variation but not in other SARS-CoV-2 variants currently in circulation. The discovery of the Omicron variant takes more than three days on average.

Static Points:- Delhi **Chief Minister** - Arvind Kejriwal

15) The "Tracking Universal Coverage – 2021 Global Monitoring Report" was published by which organisation?

- a) WHO b) FAO c) WEF d) WTO

Answer: A

Explanation: The "Tracking Universal Coverage – 2021 Global Monitoring Report" was recently released by the World Health Organization. The World Bank also released the "Global Monitoring Report on Financial Protection in Health 2021" on Universal Health Coverage Day. The COVID-19 pandemic, according to the research, is on track to reverse two decades of worldwide progress toward Universal Health Coverage.

Static Points:

WHO Full-Form - World Health Organization

Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

Founded on - 7 April 1948

Founders: United States, United Kingdom, Brazil, France, Canada etc

List of International Stadiums in India

| Name of the Stadium | Place and state |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Arun Jaitley stadium or Feroz Shah Kotla cricket stadium | Delhi, New Delhi |
| Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium | Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh |
| Brabourne Cricket Stadium | Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| M Chinnaswamy Stadium | Bangalore, Karnataka |
| Green Park Cricket Stadium | Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh |
| M.A. Chidambaram Stadium | Chennai, Tamil Nadu |
| Wankhede Cricket Stadium | Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| Sawai Mansingh Cricket Stadium | Jaipur, Rajasthan |
| Barabati Cricket Stadium | Cuttack, Odisha |
| Punjab Cricket Association Stadium | Mohali, Punjab |
| Eden Gardens Cricket Stadium | Kolkata, west Bengal |
| Barkatullah Khan Cricket Stadium | Jodhpur, Rajasthan |
| Gandhi Cricket Stadium | Jalandhar, Punjab |
| Indira Gandhi Muncipal Stadium | Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh |
| Rajiv Gandhi Port Silver Jubilee Multi-purpose Stadium | Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh |
| Jawaharlal Nehru Football Stadium | Delhi, New Delhi |
| Lal Bahadur Shastri Multipurpose Stadium | Hyderabad, Telangana |
| Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Ground | Rajkot, Gujarat |
| Moin-ul-Haq Multipurpose Stadium | Patna, Bihar |
| Sardar Patel Cricket Stadium (Motera Stadium) | Ahmadabad, Gujarat |
| Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium | Nagpur, Maharashtra |
| JSCA International Cricket Stadium | Ranchi, Jharkhand |
| Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium | Rajkot, Gujarat |
| Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium | Pune, Maharashtra |
| Holkar Cricket Stadium | Indore, Madhya Pradesh |
| Reliance Cricket Ground or Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd (IPCL) Sports Complex Ground | Vadodara, Gujarat |
| K. D. Singh Babu Multipurpose Stadium | Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh |
| Fatorda Multipurpose Stadium | Margo, Goa |
| Maulana Azad Cricket Stadium | Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir |
| Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium | Raipur, Chhattisgarh |
| KIIT Cricket Stadium | Bhubaneswar, Orissa |
| CB Patel International Cricket Stadium | Surat, Gujarat |
| Guru Gobind Singh Stadium | Nanded, Maharashtra |
| Maharaja Bir Bikram College Stadium | Agartala, Tripura |

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