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1) India & which country announced new programme 'Technology-based Energy Solutions: Innovation for Net Zero'?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: India and the United States (US) announced a new programme 'Technology-based Energy Solutions: Innovations for Net Zero' to support innovations to tackle climate and clean energy challenges. To support India-US Science & Technology-based entrepreneurial initiatives and address the development and implementation of clean and renewable energy, energy storage, and carbon sequestration.

Static Points: US Capital - Washington DC President - Joe Biden Currency - US Dollar

2) How many medals did India win in the 2021 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship?

- a) 10 b) 7 c) 11 d) 16

Answer: D

Explanation: India concluded the Commonwealth meet with 16 medals, including four golds. Bindyarani Devi was India's only medallist at the world championships. Indian weightlifter Purnima Pandey won the gold medal in the +87kg women's category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Static Points: International Weightlifting Federation Interim President - Dr Michael SheriarIrani
Headquarters - Lausanne, Switzerland

3) ___ & ___ launched Project AMBER to Empower Youth with Industry Relevant Skills.

- a) SDC & GIF b) ASMACS & NSDC
c) NSDC and GIF d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Generation India Foundation (GIF) launched 'Project AMBER' (Accelerated Mission for Better Employment and Retention) at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi to bridge the gap between skilling and employment. To develop and implement a scalable, and sustainable model of skill development to empower India's youth with industry-relevant skills and employment opportunities.

Static Points: NSDC Chairman - A M Naik Headquarters - New Delhi

4) When was International Migrants Day is observed?

- a) 22nd December b) 16th December c) 18th December d) 19th December

Answer: C

Explanation: The United Nations (UN)'s International Migrants Day is annually observed across the world on December 18th to increase the interest of the international community on effective and full protection of human rights of the migrants. The day also aims to ensure that migrants' rights are not violated and are protected equally.

5) PM Modi lays a Foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in which state?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the longest highway in India, the Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh to offer fast-paced connectivity in India. The six-lane 594 km long expressway will be built at a cost of about Rs 36200 crore will connect the western and eastern regions of UP.

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

6) Who launched the new book titled "India's Ancient Legacy of Wellness"?

- a) Vikram Seth b) Arundhati Roy c) RekhaChaudhari d) Ruskin Bond

Answer: C

Explanation: A book titled "India's Ancient Legacy of Wellness" authored by DrRekhaChaudhari was launched in the presence of the Governor of Maharashtra, Bhagat Singh Koshyari. It was launched on the occasion of the World Digital Day (WDD) celebration. DrRekha has also published many of her research works in the World Health Organization (WHO). She was invited by John Hopkins, Harvard and Oxford University to publish her research.

7) Which bank allows payments banks, SFBs as agency banks to conduct govt business?

- a) Bank of Baroda b) SBI c) RBI d) Canara Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: In consultation with the Department of Financial Services (DFS), the Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to make the Scheduled payments banks and scheduled small finance banks (SFBs) eligible to conduct Government (govt) agency business.

Static Points: RBI Headquarters – Mumbai Governor – Shaktikanta Das
RBI Deputy Governor – Mahesh Kumar Jain, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

8) When was Goa's Liberation Day is observed?

- a) 22nd December b) 16th December c) 18th December d) 19th December

Answer: D

Explanation: Goa's Liberation Day is observed annually on 19th December. Modi was speaking at an event to celebrate Goa Liberation Day, observed every year to mark the day Indian armed forces freed the coastal state from Portuguese rule in 1961.

9) Series of MoUs Signed at the National Conference on Investment Opportunities in Highway, Transport and Logistics in ____.

- a) Nashik b) Nagpur c) Pune d) Mumbai

Answer: D

Explanation: The Series of Memorandum of Understanding was signed during the conference on Investment Opportunities in Highway, Transport and Logistics in Mumbai, Maharashtra in the presence of NitinGadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India. The MoU has been signed between Maharashtra Government and Cooperative Energy Recycling and Organics (CERO), India's first organized vehicle recycler, for setting up additional Vehicle Scrapping Facilities in Maharashtra.

Static Points: Maharashtra Capital – Mumbai CM - Uddhav Thackeray Governor - Bhagat Singh Koshyari

10) ____ motor appointed Unsoo Kim as MD of HMIL.

- a) Kia b) Suzuki c) Toyota d) Hyundai

Answer: D

Explanation: Hyundai Motor Company has appointed Unsoo Kim as the Managing Director(MD) of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), starting from **1st January 2022**. He will replace SeonSeob Kim (SS Kim), who will lead the Global Operations Division in Hyundai headquarters in Seoul, South Korea.

Static Points: Hyundai Motor Company CEO - Jae Hoon Chang Headquarters - Seoul, South Korea

11) Former Union Minister R. L. Jalappa Passes Away at the age of ____.

- a) 97 b) 87 c) 99 d) 89

Answer: A

Explanation: L. Jalappa, a veteran leader of the Indian National Congress (INC) and the former Union Minister of Textiles has passed away at the age of 97 in Kolar, Karnataka. He was born on 19th October 1925 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He was founder and Chairman of DevarajUrs Medical College in Kolar and RL Jalappa Institute of Technology, Doddaballapur. The Government of Karnataka honoured him with the D DevarajUrs Award in 2015 for his contribution to the field of education and development.

12) GoI& KfW sign Euro ___ million loan for Surat Metro Rail Project.

- a) 142.27 b) 112.62 c) 442.26 d) 400.77

Answer: C

Explanation:The Government of India (GoI) and the Germany Development Bank- KfW (Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau) signed Euro 442.26 million loan for the 40.35 km Surat Metro Rail project in Gujarat. The total cost of the project is Euro 1.50 billion, out of which KfW is financing Euro 442.26 million. The project is co-financed by French Development Agency, AFD (Agence Française de Développement) with Euro 250 million. The agreement for the same was signed on January 28, 2021.

Static Points: KfW - is a German state-owned investment and development bank.

Headquarters - Frankfurt, Germany

CEO: Gunther Braunig

13) Who was sworn as a new Chancellor of Austria?

- a) Karl Nehammer b) Vladimir Putin c) Emmanuel Macron d) Ebrahim Raisi

Answer: A

Explanation:Karl Nehammer was sworn in as Austria's chancellor by Alexander Van der Bellen, President of Austria in a ceremony in Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria. He is succeeding the career diplomat Alexander Schallenberg who took charge as chancellor in October 2021. He is the 3rd person to hold the role of Austria's Chancellor in the last two months.

Static Points: Austria **Capital** – Vienna

Currency - Euro

14) Which general insurance company launches 'Health Prime' Rider?

- a) Bajaj Allianz b) ICICI Prudential c) Tata AIA d) Bharti AXA

Answer: A

Explanation:Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launched the 'Health Prime' wellness rider, which can be availed by its Customers who are registered with the health insurance & personal accident policies of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance. This rider plan can be availed along with health insurance and personal accident policies of Bajaj Allianz General. Existing customers can also avail of it upon renewal.

Static Points: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company **MD & CEO** – TapanSinghel

Headquarters - Pune, Maharashtra

15) Which bank partners with home first finance to offer home loans?

- a) Union Bank b) ICICI Bank c) HDFC Bank d) Yes Bank

Answer: A

Explanation:Union Bank of India (UBI) has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with Home First Finance Company India Ltd (HomeFirst) to offer home loans to customers at competitive interest rates. The housing finance company will act as a servicing agent for the loan accounts throughout the loan period. It aims to provide a seamless experience to retail home loan customers in the priority sector and to strengthen both companies.

Static Points: Union Bank **CEO** - Rajkiran Rai. G

Headquarters – Mumbai

Tagline - Good People to Bank with

20-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who inaugurated India's 1st International Arbitration and Mediation Centre(IAMC) in Telangana?

- a) SharadArvindBobde b) NV Ramana c) HimaKohli d) BV Nagarathna

Answer: B

Explanation: Justice NV Ramana, Chief Justice of India(CJI) and K Chandrasekhar Rao, Chief Minister(CM) of Telangana has inaugurated India's First International Arbitration and Mediation Centre(IAMC) at Phoenix VK Tower at Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, Telangana. IAMC has been established to quickly resolve the issues that arise due to the Lack of sufficient judges.

Static Points: **NV Ramana** - 48th and current Chief Justice of India

2) New generation ballistic missile 'Agni P' successfully test-fired by DRDO in which state?

- a) Rajasthan b) Andhra Pradesh c) Odisha d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: C

Explanation: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired its new generation Agni Prime (Agni-P) missile. The test was done from a defence base at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast in Balasore. The Agni-P is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles. The missile was designed and developed completely by the DRDO.

Static Points: DRDO Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman - **Dr G Satheesh Reddy**
Headquarters - DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi

3) Which bank authorised RBL bank to collect indirect taxes?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The bank has been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India, to collect indirect taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). RBL Bank has already got permission from RBI in November 2021 to collect direct taxes. Thus the current announcement enables the bank to collect both direct and indirect taxes.

Static Points: **RBI Established** 1 April 1935 **RBI was nationalised** on 1 January 1949.

4) ___ has signed a memorandum of understanding with NCC to reuse plastic waste.

- a) NHPC b) NHAI c) SRDC d) RITES

Answer: B

Explanation: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Cadet Corps (NCC) to reuse plastic waste, collected by the cadets during its latest campaign, for the construction of roads across the country.

Static Points: **NHAI Chairperson** - Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
National Cadet Corps (NCC) Motto - Unity and Discipline

Headquarters - New Delhi
Headquarters - New Delhi

5) Rajasthan Art and Culture Minister BD Kalla inaugurated _____ edition of Lokrang-2021 in Jaipur.

- a) 17th b) 24th c) 27th d) 14th

Answer: B

Explanation: For the first time in two years amid COVID-19, Rajasthan's Art and Culture Minister Dr Bulaki Das Kalla inaugurated 11-day long 24th 'Lokrang-2021', an annual festival of folk artists, at Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK) in Jaipur, Rajasthan. It is organized by JKK, Art and Culture Department and RUDA (Rural Non-Agriculture Development Agency) under AzadiKaAmritMahotsav.

Static Points: Rajasthan **Capital** – Jaipur

CM - Ashok Gehlot

Governor - Kalraj Mishra

6) Assam govt. inks loan agreement with which bank for setting up the Assam Skill University project?

- a) Asian Development Bank b) Axis Bank c) Kotak Mahindra Bank d) Punjab National Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement with Assam Skill Development Mission for the establishment of a university at Mangaldoi. The estimated cost of the project is US\$140 million. The state government has allotted 250 bighas of land and the construction work is expected to commence by early next year. The project is likely to be completed by 2027.

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

7) GACL and GAIL signed MoU for setting up 500 KLD Bioethanol plant in which state?

- a) Gujarat b) Assam c) Odisha d) Manipur

Answer: A

Explanation: The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited (formerly Gas Authority of India Ltd.) for setting up of 500 Kilo Litre Per Day (KLD) capacity Bioethanol plant in Gujarat and for cooperation in other business areas of mutual interest. The estimated project cost is Rs.1,000 crores and it is expected to generate annual revenue of approximately Rs.1500 crores.

Static Points: Gujarat **CM** - Bhupendrabhai Patel **Capital** – Gandhinagar **Governor** - Acharya Devvrat
Bhupendrabhai Patel **Constituency** - Ghatlodia

8) When was the UN World Arabic Language Day is observed?

- a) 22nd December b) 16th December c) 18th December d) 20th December

Answer: C

Explanation: The annual United Nations (UN) World Arabic Language Day was observed on the theme 'Arabic Language, a bridge between civilisations'. This day honours the Arabic language, which is spoken by over **400 million** people globally and celebrates the cultural diversity of the Middle Eastern region

9) ____ Launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform Hackathon named LogiXtics.

- a) NITI Aayog b) DPIIT c) Both a & b d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) has launched the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Hackathon – 'LogiXtics' with an aim to crowdsource ideas to benefit the logistics industry in India. The hackathon was launched by Amitabh Kant, **CEO of NITI Aayog**.

10) DRDE to set up an advanced biological defence lab in which state?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: A new laboratory to study viruses dangerous to humans will be set up at the Defence Research Development Establishment (DRDE) in Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. The proposed Advanced Biological Defence Research Centre (ABDRC) will focus on dangerous viruses, effects on humans and come up with safeguards and develop equipment to fight them.

Static Points: DRDE **Director** - DrDevendra Kumar Dubey

11) When was International Human Solidarity Day is observed?

- a) 22nd December b) 16th December c) 18th December d) 20th December

Answer: D

Explanation: International Human Solidarity Day is observed on 20th December annually to highlight the importance of unity in diversity. This day also reminds people to work together in fighting against poverty, hunger, and disease. It will, thus, be built on a foundation of global cooperation and solidarity.

12) 3rd India-Central Asia Dialogue of foreign ministers being held in which city?

- a) Jaipur b) Guwahati c) Pune d) Delhi

Answer: D

Explanation: The 3rd meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 19th December 2021 under the chairmanship of the External Affairs Minister of India. There has been an active engagement between India and the five Central Asian countries over the last few years. India considers Central Asia as part of its 'extended neighbourhood'.

Static Points: External Affairs Minister of India - **Dr S. Jaishankar**

Five Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan

13) ___ sets up a panel for creating the framework for the transfer of the stressed loan.

- a) NSE b) IFSCA c) FMCG d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) set up a committee for creating a framework for the transfer of stressed loans from domestic lenders to financial institutions. Former executive director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) G Padmanabhan will chair the committee along with expertise in banking and legal firms.

Static Points: IFSCA Located in - Gujarat

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

- a) IIT Delhi b) IIT Guwahati c) IIT Kanpur d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Researchers at IIT Delhi's Kusuma School of Biological Sciences have developed an RT-PCR based assay for the specific detection of the Omicron (B.1.1.529.1) variant of SARS-CoV-2. The assay is based on detecting specific mutations, which are present in the Omicron variant and absent in other currently circulating variants of SARS-CoV-2. Using synthetic DNA fragments, the assays were optimised to distinguish the wild-type from the Omicron variant in a dynamic range from 107 to less than 100 copies per reaction.

15) Which Motors Signs MoU With Maharashtra Govt to set up vehicle scrapping facility?

- a) TATA Motors b) Mahindra & Mahindra c) Hyundai Motor d) Maruti Suzuki

Answer: A

Explanation: Tata Motors Limited is one of India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturers has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state government of Maharashtra through the Industries, Energy and Labour Department to support the establishment of a Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) in Maharashtra. The carmaker will set up the scrapping centre in association with a partner that will have an annual recycling capacity of 35,000 vehicles.

Static Points: TATA Motors **CEO** - Marc Llistosella **Headquarters** - Mumbai

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1) Who launches development projects worth Rs.650 crore on Goa liberation day?

- a) Sreedharan Pillai b) PramodSawant c) NarendraModi d) AravindKejriwal

Answer: C

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over Rs.650 crore rupees in Goa during the Goa Liberation Day celebrations at Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taleigao, Goa. The Re-development is done at 28 crores which highlights the sacrifices and contributions made by freedom fighters, who fought for the liberation of Goa.

Static Points: Goa **Capital** – Panaji **CM** – Pramod Sawant **Governor** - P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

2) Who becomes 1st Indian Male Shuttle to win Silver Medal at BWF World Championships?

- a) Prakash Padukone b) Kidambi Srikanth c) Srikanth Kidambi d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Kidambi Srikanth made history by becoming the 1st Indian shuttle to win a silver medal in the men's singles at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) world championships. He achieved this feat by winning a silver medal after losing to Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in the finals of Men's Singles in the BWF World Championships 2021 (officially known as the TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2021) held in Huelva, Spain.

Static Points: Badminton World Federation **President** - Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

3) Which country tops the Most Scammed Country in World according to the 2021 Global Spam & Scam Report?

- a) India b) France c) Russia d) Brazil

Answer: D

Explanation: Brazil tops the Most Scammed Country in World according to the 2021 Global Spam & Scam Report. India has moved up in rankings from 9th in 2020 to 4th in 2021 due to a significant increase in sales and telemarketing calls. The report is a detailed, global study on how spam and scam affect all of us. In 2021, more than 202 million spam calls were made by just one spammer in India.

Static Points: Brazil **Capital** – Brasilia **President** – Jair Bolsonaro **Currency** - Brazilian Real

4) Which finance bank became the banking partner of the Government of Maharashtra?

- a) AUSFB b) JSFB c) USFB d) ESFB

Answer: D

Explanation: Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFBL) has empanelled as the banking partner of the state government of Maharashtra with an aim to offer its services to employees of the State Government. The Bandhan Bank, KarurVysya Bank, and the South Indian Bank have been assigned the role of distributing salaries and allowances to the government employees.

Static Points: Equitas Small Finance Bank **MD & CEO** - Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
Headquarters - Chennai, Tamil Nadu **Tagline** - It's Fun Banking

5) 3rd Meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of ____.

- a) V Sadananda Gowda b) S Jaishankar c) Dr Harsh Vardhan d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: B

Explanation: The 3rd meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi from 18th to 20th December 2021 under the chairmanship of Dr S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India. The Foreign Ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan participated in the 3rd Meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue.

Static Points: Ministry of External Affairs - **Dr S Jaishankar (Rajya Sabha, Gujarat)**

6) ____ receives the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2021.

- a) GAIL b) SAIL c) TATA Steel Ltd. d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award (GPEMA) 2021 in the Steel Sector by the Institute of Directors (IOD). SAIL received this award for the 3rd consecutive year. Golden Peacock Environment Management Award is a prestigious award that was instituted by the World Environment Foundation in 1998. It encourages corporate companies to enhance their environmental performances.

Static Points: SAIL Chairperson - Soma Mondal (**1st Woman Chairperson of SAIL**)
Headquarters - New Delhi

7) Who visit Bangladesh from India to attend the 50th Victory Day?

- a) NarendraModi b) NirmalaSitharaman c) Ram NathKovind d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: On the invitation of Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid, on 15th to 17th December 2021, the President of India Ram NathKovind was on a 3-day State visit to Bangladesh to attend the 50th Victory Day (BijayDibos or VjayDiwas) celebrations at the National Parade ground in Dhaka as a guest of honour.

Static Points: Bangladesh **Capital** – Dhaka **Currency** - Bangladeshi Taka

8) Which state Govt creates 3 new districts namely Tseminyu, Nuiland and Chumukedima?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh b) Nagaland c) Manipur d) Assam

Answer: B

Explanation: The State Government of Nagaland has created three new districts namely Tseminyu, Nuiland and Chumukedima, reaching the total district tally of the state to 15. Tseminyu became the 13th district followed by Nuiland and Chumukedima as 14th and 15th Districts respectively. The decision was taken during a state cabinet meeting held under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today at Kohima.

Static Points: Nagaland **Capital** – Kohima **CM** - Neiphiu Rio **Governor** - JagdishMukhi

9) PM Modi virtually inaugurated the All India Mayors' conference in which state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Odisha d) Gujarat

Answer: A

Explanation: PM NarendraModi virtually inaugurated the All India Mayors' Conference held at PtDeendayalUpadhyay Trade Facilitation Centre in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Around 120 mayors from different states attended the conference held in Varanasi (also known as Kashi). The theme of the conference was 'New Urban India'. PM Modi stated that the development of Varanasi can be a roadmap for the entire country.

Static Points: Uttar Pradesh **CM** - Yogi Adityanath **Capital** – Lucknow **Governor** – Anandiben Patel
Cities on river bank :- Agra city (Yamuna river); Ayodhya city (Saryu river)

10) Liberty General ties with CSC e-Governance Services India to expand ___ network.

- a) Rural Network b) Remote Network c) Local Network d) Both a & c

Answer: A

Explanation: Liberty General Insurance signed a partnership agreement with CSC (Common Service Centres) e-Governance Services India under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). To strengthen insurance penetration in rural areas across India by selling insurance products through the CSC network.

Static Points: Liberty General Insurance **Director & CEO** - RoopamAsthana
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

11) Who launched MukhyamantriVayuSwasthyaSeva for remote tribal districts?

- a) Naveen Patnaik b) GaneshiLal c) PemaKhandu d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha has launched the Mukhyamantri Vayu Swasthya Seva (Air Health Services) at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (Bhubaneswar Airport) and flagged off the first flight headed to Malkangiri District with a medical team. Under this scheme, specialist doctors will be flown to remote areas of Odisha to treat the people suffering from serious diseases.

Static Points: Odisha **Capital** – Bhubaneswar **CM** - Naveen Patnaik **Governor** - Ganeshi Lal

12) ___ inks MoU with NCC to Reuse Plastic Waste collected by cadets in Building Roads.

- a) NHAI b) RDHC c) NHIDCL d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to reuse plastic wastes collected by NCC cadets during Puneet Sagar Abhiyan and other cleanliness activities in country-wide road construction by NHAI.

Static Points: NHAI **Chairperson** - Alka Upadhyaya **Headquarter** - New Delhi

13) Edelweiss General Insurance and ___ Partners to Offers Digital Motor Insurance.

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has partnered with PhonePe, a fintech firm in the digital payments space, to offer quick and easy, digital motor insurance products to all its customers. The partnership offers PhonePe customers simple, end to end digital solutions in the motor insurance segment.

Static Points: Edelweiss General Insurance Executive **director & CEO** - Shanai Ghosh

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

PhonePe **CEO** - Sameer Nigam

Headquarters - Bangalore, Karnataka

14) Which state CM declares Krishan Balram Rath Yatra as State Festival?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Uttarakhand c) Rajasthan d) Punjab

Answer: D

Explanation: The Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjit Singh Channi declared Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra as an annual state festival. The announcement for the same was made during flagging off the 25th Shri Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra. He also announced a grant of **Rs 2.51 crore** for the Iskcon Temple in Ludhiana, Punjab.

Static Points: Punjab **Capital** – Chandigarh Punjab **Governor** - Banwarilal Purohit

15) Who visit India from Vietnam to celebrate 50 years of diplomatic ties in 2022?

- a) Nguyen Van Hung b) Xuan Phuc c) Phu Trong d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: H.E. Nguyen Van Hung, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MoCST) of Vietnam paid a 5-day official visit to India from December 15 to 19, 2021. India and Vietnam are celebrating 50 years of diplomatic ties in 2022 and the 5th anniversary of the Indo-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2021.

Static Points: Vietnam **Capital** – Hanoi **Currency** - Vietnamese dong **President** - Nguyen Xuan Phuc

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1) Who launched the GIS-based 'Automatic Water Supply System' in India?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence has launched India's first of its kind Geographic Information System (GIS) Based 'Automatic Water Supply System' for citizens of Cantonment Boards under the eChhawani project. It is an easy and fast application with a 100% automatic process. The module for this system has been developed by the Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) under the guidance of the Defence Secretary and Director General of Defence Estates (DGDE), Delhi.

2) Mastercard Partners with which digital platform on Tokenisation for Card-Based Payments?

- a) Google Pay b) Phonepe c) Paytm d) Both a & b

Answer: A

Explanation: Mastercard and Google announced a tokenization method that enables Google Pay users to safely transact using their Mastercard credit cards and debit cards. Android users of Google Pay can scan and pay across all Bharat QR-enabled merchants, tap-and-pay, and make in-app transactions through their Mastercard debit and credit card.

Static Points: Google **CEO** - SundarPichai **Headquarters** - California, United States

3) ___ Acquires Minority Stake in JSW Cement for INR 100 crore via CCPS.

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The State Bank of India (SBI) acquired a minority stake (less than 50 per cent) in JSW Cement Limited for an investment of INR 100 crore through Compulsory Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS). The SBI is working as a strategic investor at JSW Cement and has invested in the company through CCPS. The conversion of CCPS into common equity will link with the JSW Group to provide valuation determined at the time of initial public offering (IPO).

Static Points: State Bank of India **Chairperson** - Dinesh Kumar Khara **Headquarters** - Mumbai

Tagline - The Nation banks on us; Pure Banking Nothing Else; With you all the way

JSW Cement **Chairman** - Nirmal Kumar Jain **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

4) Which bank achieves a top position in Digital Payments for 2020-21

- a) Axis Bank b) HDFC Bank c) Bank of Baroda d) Canara Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: Bank of Baroda achieves the top spot in overall digital transactions among large banks for FY20-21. It was felicitated by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) at the Digital Payments Utsav which was held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Independence of India.

Static Points: Bank of Baroda **CEO** - Sanjiv Chadha **Headquarters** - Vadodara, Gujarat

Tagline - India's International Bank

5) 3rd edition of multinational exercise PANEX-21 inaugurated at which state?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharastra c) Odisha d) Gujarat

Answer: B

Explanation: The 3rd edition of the multi-national – multi-agency exercise, PANEX-21, was organized at Pune (Maharashtra) to develop capabilities in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations among BIMSTEC nations. BIMSTEC is an acronym for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation. It is an international organisation of seven South Asian and Southeast Asian nations comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand.

Static Points: BIMSTEC **Secretary General** - Tenzin Lekphell **Headquarters** - Dhaka, Bangladesh

6) Which insurance company ties up with Clove Dental to offer OPD, Dental Insurance?

- a) ICICI Lombard b) HDFC ERGO c) IFFCO Tokio d) Bajaj Allianz

Answer: A

Explanation: ICICI Lombard ties up with Clove Dental to offer OPD, dental insurance. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, one of India's leading private general insurance companies, has collaborated with Clove Dental, India's largest network of oral clinics to offer dental insurance. This partnership will provide oral health support to Clove Dental's consumers that will encompass all necessary dental treatment expenses under the OPD benefit of ICICI Lombard.

Static Points: ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd. **MD & CEO** - Bhargav Dasgupta
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

7) ___ re-elected as member of BWF athletes' commission for 2nd term till 2025.

- a) Bajarang Punia b) PV Sindhu c) Neeraj Chopra d) Lovlina Borgohain

Answer: B

Explanation: Former World Champion and India's 2-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu (Pusarla Venkata Sindhu) was re-elected as a member of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)'s Athletes' Commission for a 2nd term till 2025. She is among the 6 appointed members of the Commission. PV Sindhu was first elected as a member of the BWF's Athletes' Commission in 2017. She is the only member who stood for re-election.

Static Points: Member of BWF Athletes Commission 2021-2025 - P V Sindhu (India), Kim So-Yeong (South Korea), Iris Wang (USA), Robin Tabeling (Netherlands), Greysia Polii (Indonesia), Zheng Siwei (China)
BWF President - Poul-Erik Hoyer
Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

8) Which corporation acquires a 4.93 Per cent Stake in Indian Gas Exchange?

- a) GAIL b) ONGC c) IOCL d) NHPC

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) acquired a 4.93 per cent equity share in Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) Limited, the country's first automated national level gas exchange. It was approved by the Board of Directors of Indian Oil in the meeting held on 20th December 2021. IGX is a subsidiary of the Indian Energy Exchange.

Static Points: IOCL **Chairman** - Shrikant Madhav Vaidya **Headquarters** - New Delhi

9) ___ and UN-WFP Signed Sol to Mainstream Millets & Support India in Knowledge Exchange.

- a) NDC b) NITI Aayog c) NABARD d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The National Institution for Transforming India, NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent with the United Nations (UN) World Food Program (WFP) for mainstreaming millets and supporting India in taking lead globally in knowledge exchange using the opportunity of 2023 as an International Year of Millets. The Sol focuses on strategic and technical collaboration between NITI Aayog and WFP to strengthen climate-resilient agriculture for enhanced food and nutrition security in India.

Static Points: NITI Aayog **Chairperson** - Narendra Modi **Headquarters** - New Delhi

10) Which corporation ties up with UdeMy Business to upskill its Employees?

- a) DSCI b) NASSCOM c) NPCI d) RAI

Answer: C

Explanation: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced its partnership with UdeMy Business, a leading destination for learning and teaching online, to encourage continuous learning and skill development for its employees. The 3-year partnership with UdeMy Business will offer courses on in-demand skills such as tech, domain, behavioural, and leadership skills to all NPCI employees.

Static Points: NPCI **MD and CEO** - Dilip Asbe **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

11) When was National Mathematics Day is observed?

- a) 23rd December b) 21st December c) 20th December d) 22nd December

Answer: D

Explanation: National Mathematics Day is celebrated on 22nd December annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of the famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. He had made remarkable contributions in various fields of mathematics and its branches. He was born on 22 December 1887 in Erode in the city of Tamil Nadu. To mark the **125th birth anniversary of Ramanujan**, in 2012, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced that the day will be celebrated as the National Mathematics Day and the year as the National Mathematics Year.

12) Which Govt Signs MoU with UCB Dubai for students education?

- a) Chandigarh b) Puducherry c) Jammu & Kashmir d) Lakshadweep

Answer: C

Explanation: The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with University College Birmingham (UCB) at India Global Forum, held in Taj Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). To achieve skill development of students in a variety of different subject areas and levels and to provide opportunities in teaching and research fields.

Static Points:

United Arab Emirates **Capital** - Abu Dubai

Currency - United Arab Emirates Dirham

President - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

13) Which state CM inaugurated the 'T-Setu' longest bridge over the Mahanadi river?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha inaugurated Odisha's longest bridge, 'T-Setu', built over the Mahanadi river at Gopinathpur, Cuttack District, Odisha. The bridge will benefit more than 5 lakh people and contribute to the development of tourism, agriculture and commerce in the region.

Static Points: Odisha **Governor** - Professor Ganeshi Lal

Odisha Neighbouring States - Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh

14) Who wins the UN women award for leadership commitment?

- a) Divya Hegde b) Katrina Rausa Chan c) Durreen Shahnaz d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Divya Hegde, an Indian Climate Action Entrepreneur from Udupi, coastal Karnataka, has won the United Nations (UN) Women's Award for Leadership Commitment at the 2021 Regional Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles (WEP) Awards ceremony. She has been recognised for her sustained efforts in advancing gender equality through climate action efforts. This award is a joint initiative of UN Women and the UN Global Compact aimed at empowering women to participate fully in economic life across all sectors.

15) Which bank signed MoU with Care Health Insurance to offer Health Insurance Products?

- a) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank b) Kerala Gramin Bank
c) Uttarakhand Gramin Bank d) Karnataka Gramin Bank

Answer: D

Explanation: The Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB), sponsored by Canara Bank, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Care Health Insurance Ltd to market health insurance products for customers of the bank across 22 districts of Karnataka. Under the partnership, the bank focuses on its rural customers by covering maximum people, including farmers, artisans and rural population under health insurance.

Static Points:

Karnataka Gramin Bank **Headquarters** - Ballari, Karnataka **Chief Executive Officer** - Nandini K R, IAS

Care Health Insurance **MD & CEO** - Anuj Gulati **Headquarters** - Gurgaon, Haryana

23-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which bank signed a co-lending agreement with U GRO Capital?

- a) Central Bank of India b) World Bank c) Reserve Bank of India d) State bank of India

Answer: A

Explanation: U GRO Capital announced that it has signed a co-lending agreement with the Central Bank of India. Under this partnership, the two entities aim to disburse up to Rs. 1000 crore to UGRO Capital's varied MSME segments under its programs like Pratham, Sanjeevani, Saathi, GRO MSME and Machinery financing, in the next 12 months.

Static Points: Central Bank of India **MD & CEO** - MV Rao **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline - Central to You Since 1911, Build a better life around us

U GRO Capital **Chairman & MD** – ShachindraNath **Headquarters** - Mumbai

2) Which country successfully test-fires enhanced range version Babur Cruise Missile 1B?

- a) Pakistan b) Iran c) Afghanistan d) China

Answer: A

Explanation: Pakistan successfully test-fired an enhanced range version of its indigenously-built surface-to-surface Babur cruise missile namely 'Babur Cruise Missile 1B' that can strike targets **up to 900 kilometres from 450 km** of the former missile. The Babur missile is capable of engaging targets at land and sea with high precision.

Static Points: Pakistan **Capital** – Islamabad **Currency** - Pakistani rupee **Prime minister** - Imran Khan

India and Pakistan border:- The Radcliffe Line

3) Oriental Insurance categorised as Public Shareholder in which bank?

- a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank c) Yes Bank d) Axis Bank

Answer: D

Explanation: The Oriental Insurance Company has been categorised to the public category from promoter category shareholder in the Axis Bank. In October, applications were made to BSE and NSE for reclassification of The New Oriental Insurance Co to the public category from the promoter category. At present, OICL held a 0.17 per cent stake in Axis Bank.

Static Points: Axis Bank **MD & CEO** - Amitabh Chaudhry **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline - BadhtiKaNaamZindagi

OICL **Chairman** - AnjanDey **Headquarters** - New Delhi, India

4) Which state launches Chalo mobile app & smart card for convenient bus travel?

- a) Kerala b) Gujarat c) Odisha d) Maharashtra

Answer: D

Explanation: Maharashtra Tourism and Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray launched the Chalo mobile application (app) and Chalo smart cards to facilitate digital and advance purchase of Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) bus tickets. Chalo mobile app will allow passengers to buy online bus tickets and have access to bus passes through an e-wallet.

Static Points: Maharashtra **CM** - Uddhav Thackeray **Governor** - Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Wildlife Sanctuaries in Maharashtra - Malvan (marine) Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves in Maharashtra - Sahyadri tiger reserve, Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba-Andhari, Navegaon-Nagzira

5) Atal Innovation Mission launched 1st of a kind vernacular innovation programme to empower entrepreneurs under ____.

- a) NITI Aayog b) NDC c) NABARD d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) has launched the first of its kind Vernacular Innovation Programme (VIP) to empower entrepreneurs and innovators across India. VIP will enable the innovators and entrepreneurs across India to have access to the innovation ecosystem in 22 scheduled languages of India and English.

Static Points: NITI Aayog Chairman - Shri Narendra Modi; CEO - Amitabh Kant; Headquarters: New Delhi

6) ____ to Join Research Project under NASA-ISRO Collaborative Programme.

- a) KUFOS b) KVASU c) KEAM d) Both a & b

Answer: A

Explanation: The Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi, Kerala, is set to join the research project backed by the Space Application Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) under the (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) NASA-ISRO collaborative programme.

Static Points: KUFOS Chancellor - Arif Mohammed Khan (Governor of Kerala); Location - Kochi, Kerala
Kerala chief minister :- Pinarayi Vijayan Kerala capital:- Thiruvananthapuram

7) UAE committed \$ ____ Billion for Investment and Infrastructure creation in India.

- a) 400 b) 200 c) 250 d) 100

Answer: D

Explanation: The Union Minister Piyush Vardhola, Ministry of Commerce and Industry chaired an interaction with the heads of Indian industry and Export Promotion Councils in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was held to discuss global expansion opportunities for Indian businesses through business platforms and infrastructure offered by the United Arab Emirates.

8) When was Kisan Diwas or Farmers' Day is observed?

- a) 23rd December b) 21st December c) 20th December d) 22nd December

Answer: A

Explanation: Kisan Divas or Farmer's Day in India or National Farmer's Day is celebrated on 23rd December across the country to commemorate the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh. On this day various events, seminars, functions, and competitions are organised on agriculture and its importance to educate and provide knowledge to the people.

Static Points: Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:- Narendra Singh Tomar
Constituency :- Morena (M.P)

9) IAF has deployed the first squadron of the ____ air defence missile system in the Punjab sector.

- a) S-200 b) S-400 c) S-300 d) S-500

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indian Air Force has deployed the first squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system in the western Punjab sector which will take care of aerial threats from Pakistan and China. The S-400 air defence system was contracted for by India from Russia in a deal worth around Rs.35,000 crore and five squadrons would be provided to India for tackling air threats.

Static Points: S-400 missile system Manufacturer - Fakel Machine-Building Design Bureau
Operational range - **400 km (40N6E missile)**

10) Which state CM inaugurated the 'T-Setu' longest bridge over the Mahanadi river?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha inaugurated Odisha's longest bridge, 'T-Setu', built over the Mahanadi river at Gopinathpur, Cuttack District, Odisha. The bridge will benefit more than 5 lakh people and contribute to the development of tourism, agriculture and commerce in the region.

Static Points: Odisha **Governor** - Professor Ganeshi Lal
Odisha **Neighbouring States** - Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh

11) Which bank empanelled CSB Bank as Agency Bank to Undertake Government Businesses?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the empanelment of CSB Bank, a private sector lender as an 'Agency Bank' to undertake the general banking business of central and state governments. Through this appointment, the CSB Bank will undertake the general banking business of the central and state governments under the guidelines set by the RBI.

Static Points: CSB bank **Chairman** - Madhavan Aravamudan
Headquarters - Thrissur, Kerala CSB bank **tagline**:- Support all the way

12) India Successfully Tests 'Pralay' missile off the Coast of which coast?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: India successfully test-fired short-range, the surface to surface-guided ballistic missile 'Pralay' from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha. Pralay is the solid-fuel, battlefield missile based on Prithvi Defence Vehicle from the Indian ballistic missile programme.

Static Points: Pralay - **350 to 500 km** short-range **Capacity** - 500 to 1000 kg
DRDO **Chairman** - G. Satheesh Reddy **Headquarters** - New Delhi

13) Which Indian badminton player has re-entered the top 10 in the BWF World ranking?

- a) Kidambi Srikanth b) Lakshya Sen c) Axelsen d) Sameer Verma

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian badminton player Kidambi Srikanth has re-entered the top 10 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) world rankings. He moved up 4 spots and secured the 10th position in the ranking. He won the silver medal (men's single) in the 2021 BWF World Championship and became the first Indian man to achieve the feat.

Static Points: BWF **President** - Poul Erik Hoyer Larsen **Headquarters** - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

14) Which university won 'Digital Innovation of the Year' at THE Asia Awards 2021?

- a) Gokul Global University b) Jindal Global University c) Birla Global University d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) won the 'Digital Innovation of the Year Award' in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Awards 2021 for creating a free, cloud-based application to help schools and universities manage data. JGU was the only Indian University to be shortlisted for the "Digital Innovation of the Year".

Static Points: Times Higher Education (THE) **First issue** - October 1971
Headquarter - London, United Kingdom (UK)

15) India's 1st ABDM integrated health locker launched by ____.

- a) DocGurugram b) Docprime c) PolicyBazaar d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Gurugram, Haryana-based Docprime Technologies Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PB Fintech has launched, free of cost, India's first Health Locker integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) namely 'Docprime Health Locker'. With the Docprime health locker, users can create digital Health IDs for themselves and their family members, activate their ABDM integrated health locker to securely upload, store and manage all their health records electronically.

24-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who unveils indigenous Multi-terrain Artillery Gun 155 - BR?

- a) Hardeep Singh Puri b) Amit Shah c) PiyushGoyal d) Rajnath Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: The Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence unveiled indigenously built Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MARG 155) - BR which is the only 155mm 39 calibre gun system mounted on 4x4 HMV (High Mobility Vehicle) in the world. It was unveiled in the presence of the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), ManojMukundNaravane. It is developed by Pune (Maharashtra)-based Indian MNC (Multinational Company) Bharat Forge Ltd.

Static Points: Union Minister Rajnath Singh **Constituency** - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
The Weight of a fully kitted gun ((MARG) 155 – BR) is - **18 tons**

2) Which digital wallet platform partners with MoneyGram for International Fund Transfer?

- a) Google Pay b) Paytm c) PhonePe d) Both a & b

Answer: B

Explanation: Paytm Payments Bank has partnered with MoneyGram, a peer-to-peer remittance company to enable international fund transfer directly to Paytm Wallet. Under the Partnership, MoneyGram users abroad can now transfer money to any full Know Your Customer (KYC)-compliant Paytm wallet. This is MoneyGram's first mobile wallet partnership in India.

Static Points: Paytm Payments Bank MD & CEO - Satish Kumar Gupta; **Headquarters** - Noida, Uttar Pradesh
MoneyGram International Inc **Chairman and CEO** - Alex Holmes; **Headquarters** - Dallas, Texas, United States

3) India won ____ in Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2021.

- a) Bronze b) Gold c) Silver d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Men's Hockey team under the Captaincy of Manpreet Singh won a bronze medal in the Men's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament 2021 in Dhaka, Bangladesh after defeating Pakistan. Tournament Held at – MawlanaBhashani Hockey Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Men's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Trophy 2021 was won by South Korea and silver for Japan

Static Points: Asian Hockey Federation **President** - Al Sultan Abdullah Ahmad Shah
Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

4) India's new Airline, 'Akasa Air', operated by SNV Aviation Limited, unveiled its tagline named ____.

- a) It's Your Sky b) It's Good to Fly c) Touch the Sky d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: India's new Airline, 'Akasa Air', operated by SNV Aviation Private Limited and backed by billionaire RakeshJhunjhunwala, has unveiled its logo "The Rising A" and its aircraft livery. The airline also unveiled its tagline "It's Your Sky", which highlights the brand's promise to embrace everyone and to create an inclusive environment for all Indians. The symbol and tagline were crafted by 26FIVE India Lab, a Mumbai-based brand engagement firm.

Static Points: Akasa **Air Founder** – RakeshJhunjhunwala; **Headquarters** – Mumbai

5) PM Modi Launches Multiple Development Initiatives in which state?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated or laid the foundation stones of 27 development projects worth Rs 2,095 crore in his Varanasi parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh. This is Modi's second visit to the holy city within 10 days. PM reviewed the development projects along with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Static Points: Uttar Pradesh **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

National Parks - Dudhwa National Park and others

Wild Life Sanctuaries - Hastinapur WLS, Ranipur WLS, Sohagibarwa WLS and others.

6) GoI & European Investment Bank sign a finance contract for the first tranche loan of Euro ___ million for the Agra Metro Rail project.

- a) 400 b) 770 c) 350 d) 250

Answer: D

Explanation: The Government of India (GoI) signed an agreement with European Investment Bank (EIB) for a Finance Contract for the first tranche loan of Euro 250 million for the Agra Metro Rail Project, Uttar Pradesh. The Project is working under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. is the implementing agency. To provide a safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally friendly and sustainable public Mass Rapid Transit System for Agra.

Static Points: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs - **Hardeep Singh Puri**; **Constituency** - Uttar Pradesh

7) Which minister released the book titled 'Spices Statistics at a Glance 2021'?

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman b) Narendra Singh Tomar c) Nitin Jairam Gadkari d) Narayan Tatu Rane

Answer: B

Explanation: Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has released the book titled "Spices Statistics at a Glance 2021". The book is a compilation of all the spices statistics such as area, production, productivity, export, import, price and value of the output of various spices produced in the country.

Static Points: Narendra Singh Tomar; **Constituency** - Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

8) Vayana Network & ___ bank bags the 'Most Effective Bank-Fintech Partnership' award.

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Vayana Network, one of India's largest trade finance platforms, and Federal Bank, a leading Private Sector Bank have been awarded the 'Most Effective Bank-Fintech Partnership: Agile and Adaptable' at the IBSi-Global Fintech Innovation Awards 2021. The award was conferred in recognition of Vayana Network's partnership with Federal Bank making Supply Chain Finance at ease.

Static Points: Federal Bank **CEO** - Shyam Srinivasan **Headquarters** - Aluva, Kerala

Tagline - Your Perfect Banking Partner

9) Security of Offshore Assets in Visakhapatnam, AP reviewed during exercise ____.

- a) IndraX21 b) Varuna 2021 c) Prasthan d) SITMEX 2020

Answer: C

Explanation: The security of the Offshore Development Area (ODA) in Krishna Godavari Basin on the East Coast of India in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP) was reviewed during exercise Prasthan, conducted on December 21-22, 2021 for a duration of 24 hours. This biannual exercise was coordinated and controlled by NOIC- Naval Officer-in-Charge (APD) from Joint Operations Centre (JOC) Visakhapatnam under the aegis of the Indian Navy.

Static Points: Prasthan - Conducted every 6 months; It was held in - Mumbai
Under the Aegis of Headquarters - Western Naval Command

10) Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra was appointed as acting Chief Justice of ____ high court.

- a) Uttarakhand b) Chandigarh c) Puducherry d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: In the exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India 1949, the President of India has appointed Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, the senior-most judge of Uttarakhand High Court(HC), has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice(CJ) of the Uttarakhand HC with effect from 24th December 2021.

11) When was National Consumer Rights Day is observed?

- a) 23rd December b) 21st December c) 24th December d) 22nd December

Answer: C

Explanation: National Consumer Rights Day is observed on 24th December annually with a particular theme across the country. The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 had received the assent of the president on this day. It is considered a historic milestone in the consumer movement in the country. This day also provides awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities.

12) ____ named as BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2021.

- a) Emma Raducanu b) Leylah Fernandez c) Maria Sakkari d) Cameron Norrie

Answer: A

Explanation: Emma Raducanu is named as BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2021. US Open Women's Singles Champion 2021, Emma Raducanu, World Rank 19, a British professional tennis player has been voted as the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2021. The award ceremony was broadcasted from MediaCityUK, Salford, England.

13) Indian Army Launches in-House Messaging Application

- a) My IA b) SAI c) ASIGMA d) Hamraaz

Answer: C

Explanation: The Indian Army, launched a contemporary messaging application named 'ASIGMA' (Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application). It is a new generation web-based application developed entirely in-house by a team of officers of the Corps of Signals of the Army. It works as an alternative to Army Wide Area Network messaging application which has been in service for the past 15 years.

Static Points: Indian Army Chief of the Army Staff - ManojMukundNaravane
Indian Army Motto - Service Before Self

14) Which corporation signs an agreement with KfW Development Bank to finance Power Sector & RE Projects?

- a) PFC b) REC c) SCI d) RVEC

Answer: B

Explanation: REC Limited (Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) signed an agreement with KfW Development Bank. The agreement aimed to avail an Official Development Assistance term loan worth **USD 169.5 million** under the Indo-German bilateral partnership. Both organisations will jointly undertake various projects in the Power sector & Renewable Energy (RE) projects.

Static Points: REC Limited Chairman and MD - Sanjay Malhotra Headquarters - New Delhi
KfW Development Bank CEO - Gunther Braunig Headquarters - Frankfurt, Germany

15) What is the rank of India in the Global Unicorn Index 2021?

- a) 1st b) 2nd c) 3rd d) 4th

Answer: C

Explanation: As per the Global Unicorn Index 2021 report released by the Hurun Research Institute, India ranked as third (by adding 33 'unicorns') in 2020 by displacing the United Kingdom (UK) to the 4th spot. In 2020, India ranked at the 4th spot. It is ranked 15th globally. US, China comprise 74% of unicorns: The United States (US) and China still continue to bag the top two ranks in the list by adding 254 and 74 unicorns, respectively. Unicorns are privately held start-up companies having a valuation of more than \$1 billion.

25-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India and which country jointly launches pilot project on Pre-arrival Customs Data Exchange?

- a) China b) Maldives c) Japan d) Sri Lanka

Answer: B

Explanation: India and Maldives signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the customs of two countries for the joint launch of a pilot project on 'pre-arrival customs data exchange' in a virtual ceremony. It was Launched by Vivek Johri, Chairman Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and Abdulla Shareef, Commissioner General, Maldives Customs Service.

Static Points: Maldives **Capital** – Male **Currency** - Maldivian Rufiyaa **President** - Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

2) Which Indian cricketer announced retirement from All Forms of Cricket?

- a) Rohit Sharma b) Virat Kohli c) Harbhajan Singh d) Rahul Dravid

Answer: C

Explanation: The senior Indian off-spinner, Harbhajan Singh announced retirement from all forms of cricket. A major boost in his international career was when he snapped 32 wickets in three Tests, including a hat-trick, against Australia in March 2001. Harbhajan was the 1st Indian Cricketer to take Hat-trick wickets in Test.

3) Govt signs a 140 mn Euro loan Agreement with KfW for Energy Reforms in which state?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Government of India signed agreements with the German-based KfW Development bank a 140 million Euro reduced interest loan & a 2 million Euro grant for an energy reform programme in Madhya Pradesh. The project consists of two components, implementation of Smart Meters & Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders.

Static Points: KfW Development **bank CEO** - Stefan Wintels; **Headquarters** - Frankfurt, Germany
Madhya Pradesh **Capital** – Bhopal **CM** - Shivraj Singh Chouhan **Governor** - Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

4) Who released the book, which is an autobiography of Arup Roy Choudhury?

- a) Venkaiah Naidu b) Naveen Patnaik c) Ramchandra Prasad Singh d) Jyotiraditya Scindia

Answer: A

Explanation: M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India, released the book titled "The Turnover Wizard – Saviour Of Thousands", an autobiography of Arup Roy Choudhury, the former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NTPC Limited and NBCC (India) Limited. The book is published by HP Hamilton Limited.

5) Which minister launched different Projects of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)?

- a) Anurag Thakur b) Kishan Reddy c) Kiren Rijju d) Arjun Munda

Answer: D

Explanation: The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda launched several ambitious projects of TRIFED (Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India) including the launch of the TRIFED VanDhan Chronicle, 14 Honey Farmer Producer Organizations and a Memorandum of Understanding with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to boost Tribal Samvaad Network.

Static Points: Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda **Constituency** - Khunti, Jharkhand

6) Which bank extends the CoF tokenisation deadline till June 2022?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India extended the card-on-file (CoF) tokenisation deadline by 6 months i.e. to June 30, 2022. Earlier the deadline was fixed till December 31, 2021. In March 2020, RBI had issued guidelines for the regulation of payment aggregators and payment gateways, prohibiting payment aggregators and merchants to store customer card credentials within their database or server from 30 June 2021.

7) Which state government Launches CM Dashboard?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Tamil Nadu government launched the Chief Minister (CM) Dashboard monitoring system, "CM Dashboard Tamil Nadu 360" in Chennai. It will enable CM to track all welfare schemes, including the status of their implementation, fund allocation and the number of beneficiaries along with updates on the storage of water in dams and rainfall patterns.

Static Points: Tamil Nadu **CM** - MK Stalin; **Capital** – Chennai; **Governor** - RN Ravi

8) ___ appointed India's 'Chef de Mission' for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

- a) Harjinder Singh b) Rajeev Mehta c) Narayana Ramachandran d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: The Indian Olympic Association of India (IOA) appointed Harjinder Singh as the 'Chef de Mission of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Winter Olympics 2022 that will be held from 4-20th February in Beijing, China. Harjinder Singh currently serves as the General Secretary of the Indian Ice Hockey Association.

Static Points: Indian Olympic Association **President** - Narayana Ramachandran; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

9) PM Modi Transferred Rs ___ Crore under DAT-NRLM to Bank Accounts of SHGs.

- a) 1000 b) 750 c) 1100 d) 800

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the gathering of women beneficiaries of the government scheme at Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh and transferred Rs 1000 crore into the bank accounts of the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in UP. The amount was transferred under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).

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, Uttar Pradesh

10) ___ Signs EMMoU of International Organization of Securities Commissions.

- a) SEBI b) IRDA c) CDSL d) AMFI

Answer: A

Explanation: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has signed the Enhanced Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (EMMoU) of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). To have a suitable cooperation arrangement, the EMMoU was introduced by IOSCO to expand the range of enforcement powers that signatories may use to safeguard the integrity and stability of markets, protect investors and deter misconduct and fraud.

11) ____ asset management acquired LTIM from L&T finance holdings for Rs 3187 crore.

- a) BBVA b) HSBC c) Both a & b d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: HSBC Asset Management(India), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings PLC has acquired L&T Investment Management (LTIM), an investment manager of the L&T Mutual Fund (MF) from L&T Finance Holdings Limited for USD 425 million, about Rs 3187 crore. LTIM is ranked as the 12th largest mutual fund management company in India with assets under management (AUM) of Rs 80,300 crore and over 2.4 million active folios.

Static Points: HSBC **Headquarters** - London, United Kingdom; **CEO** - Noel Quinn; **Founder** - Thomas Sutherland

12) When was BharatiyaGrahakDiwas or National Consumer Day is observed?

- a) 23rd December b) 21st December c) 24th December d) 22nd December

Answer: C

Explanation: BharatiyaGrahakDiwas or National Consumer Day is annually observed across India on 24th December to create awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities.

The day also commemorates the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which received assent from the President of India on 24th December 1986

13) ____ Financial and Indian Navy Launch Co-branded Credit card.

- a) Axis Bank b) Yes Bank c) HSBC Bank d) Bank of Baroda

Answer: D

Explanation: BOB Financial Solutions Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, and the Indian Navy have launched a co-branded credit card for navy personnel. The credit card will be offered on the RuPay platform and will be equipped with contactless features.

Static Points: BOB Financial Solutions Ltd **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra; **MD & CEO** - Shailendra Singh

14) ____ successfully conducts flight-test of indigenous aerial target 'Abhyas'.

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) Abhyas, Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The performance of the system during the entire flight duration has been confirmed from the data captured by various Range instruments deployed.

Static Points: DRDO **Chairman** - G Satheesh Reddy **Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi
DRDO **Parent Ministry** - Ministry of Defence (MoD) **Ministry of Defence** - Rajnath Singh

15) India ranked ____ among dope violators according to WADA Report.

- a) 1st b) 2nd c) 3rd d) 4th

Answer: C

Explanation: World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) has published its latest report titled "2019 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) Report", compiled based on decisions received by WADA before 31 January 2021. India ranked 3rd among dope violators in the world with 152 (17 per cent of the world total) ADRVs.

Static Points: World Anti-Doping Agency **President** - Witold Banka
Headquarters - Montreal, Canada

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7. First Regional Rural Bank (Grameen bank) – Prathama Bank
8. First bank to get ISO Certificate – Canara Bank
9. First bank to introduce talking ATM – Union Bank of India
10. First bank to introduce saving account – Presidency Bank (1806)
11. First bank to introduce cheque system – Bengal bank/ Bank of Calcutta (1806)
12. First bank to issue credit cards – Central Bank of India
13. First bank to give internet banking facility – ICICI Bank
14. First universal bank – ICICI Bank
15. First bank to introduce block chain technology – ICICI Bank
16. First bio-degradable Prepaid card – Axis Bank
17. First bank to sell mutual funds – State Bank of India
18. First bank to issue multi – currency international debit cards in India – State Bank of India
19. First bank to introduce merchant banking in India – Grind lays bank
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