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26-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) SIDBI signs MoU to develop the MSME ecosystem in which state?

- a) West Bengal b) Uttar Pradesh c) Tamil Nadu d) Rajasthan

Answer: A

Explanation: The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of West Bengal to develop the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in the state. According to the MoU, a project management unit (PMU) of SIDBI will work with the state government.

Static Points: West Bengal **Capital** – Kolkata; **CM** - Mamata Banerjee; **Governor** - Jagdeep Dhankhar

SIDBI **Chairman & MD** - Sivasubramanian Ramann; **Headquarters** - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Tagline - Aaayiye Ganga Nahaiye Aur Udyami Banker Jaayiye

2) HOP Electric Signs Pact with which state to Set up EV Manufacturing Unit?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Hop Electric has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to lay the foundation of a large-scale electric vehicle manufacturing unit in Jaipur. It is expected to build a unit that can produce approximately 1.8 lakh vehicles.

Static Points: HOP Electric **Founder & CEO** - Ketan Mehta **Headquarters** - Jaipur, Rajasthan

3) CII Dx award for 'Most Innovative Best Practice' 2021 received by which bank?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: HDFC Bank, an Indian banking and financial service company has been selected under 'Most Innovative Best Practice' at the coveted Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Digital Transformation Award 2021 or CII DX Award 2021. It will be recognized for the HDFC's efforts in world-class financial inclusion in Village Level Executive centres along with the Government of India's Common Service Centres.

Static Points: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) **President** - T. V. Narendran (also MD of Tata Steel)
Director-General - Mr Chandrajit Banerjee; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

4) ___ 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

5) How many sub-committees did the centre has appoints to lower crop insurance premiums under PMFBY?

- a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4

Answer: B

Explanation: The Centre has appointed two separate groups of experts to suggest suitable working models with a cost-benefit analysis that will lower crop insurance premium and technology in crop yield estimation under the flagship Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

Static Points: **1st Committee** - is a 10-member committee under scientist KR Manjunath of ISRO
2nd Committee - headed by Saurabh Mishra

6) Which bank entered into the 4th co-lending arrangement with Lendingkart to improve credit flow to unserved?

- a) Bank of Baroda b) Punjab National Bank c) Canara Bank d) Yes Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: Punjab National Bank (PNB) has entered into a co-lending arrangement with Lendingkart Finance Limited as part of its efforts to improve the flow of credit to the unserved and underserved sector of the economy. This arrangement, fourth for PNB, will focus on digital underwriting and cash flow based lending.

Static Points: Punjab National Bank **CEO** - SS Mallikarjuna Rao; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Tagline - The Name You Can Bank Upon

7) Indian Skier, Aanchal Thakur wins ___ medal at FIS Alpine Skiing Competition.

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian skier Aanchal Thakur has won a Bronze medal at the FIS Alpine Skiing Competition in Montenegro. She becomes the first Indian Ski athlete to win two medals at the international level. She is also the 1st Indian to win a medal in the International Ski competition when she won the Bronze in 2018. Aanchal finished 3rd with an overall timing of 1:54:30 with Georgia Epiphaniou winning the Silver medal.

Static Points: International Ski Federation **Headquarters** - Oberhofen, Switzerland;
President - Johan Eliasch

8) ___ 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.

9) Who launches 'Intelligent Transport System' on Delhi Expressway?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Amit Shah c) Ashwini Kumar d) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: D

Explanation: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched the first Intelligent Transport System (ITS) on the six-lane Eastern Peripheral Expressway at Dasna, Ghaziabad. The Union Minister also laid the foundation stone of National Highway projects of 240 km worth Rs 9,119 crore in Meerut and Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh.

Static Points: Ministry of Road Transport & Highways - **Nitin Jairam Gadkari**;
Constituency - Nagpur, Maharashtra

10) When was Good Governance Day is observed?

- a) 23rd December b) 21st December c) 25th December d) 22nd December

Answer: C

Explanation: The Good Governance Day is annually observed across India on 25th December to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the 10th Prime Minister of India, who was born on 25th December 1924 in Madhya Pradesh. 25th December 2021, the '8th Good Governance Day' marks the 97th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

11) ___ restores accreditation to India's National Dope Testing Laboratory.

- a) WADA b) USADA c) UKAD d) RADA

Answer: A

Explanation: The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) restored the accreditation of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL), which had been suspended since August 2019. This reinstatement allows NDTL to resume its anti-doping activities, including the analyses of urine and blood samples.

Static Points: WADA **President** - Craig Reddie; **Headquarters** - Montreal, Canada

12) Who is the author of "The Modi Gambit: Decoding Modi 2.0"?

- a) Ramachandra Guha b) Sanju Verma c) Kaushik Basu d) Jagdish Bhagwati

Answer: B

Explanation: Sanju Verma, an economist and the BJP National Spokesperson, has authored a new book titled "The Modi Gambit: Decoding Modi 2.0". The book features the various achievement in the last 2 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2nd term as PM of India. The book is published by Gaurav Book Centre Pvt Ltd.

Static Points: Sanju Verma's Other Books - Truth & Dare – The Modi Dynamic (2019)

13) GOI declares ___ Meal as an Essential Commodity up to June 2022 with Stock Limit.

- a) Soya Meal b) Cottonseed Meal c) Seed cake Meal d) Vegetable Meal

Answer: A

Explanation: The Central Government has notified the order under the Essential Commodities Act to declare 'Soya Meal' as an Essential Commodities up to 30th June 2022 by amending the Schedule of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, to cool down the domestic prices of Soya Meal.

14) ___ wins the 11th National Billiards Title for the year 2021.

- a) Dhruv Sitwala b) Geet Sethi c) Pankaj Advani d) Aditya Mehta

Answer: C

Explanation: Pankaj Advani wins the 11th National Billiards Title for the year 2021 after defeating his PSPB teammate Dhruv Sitwala in a 5-2 game final that was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He represented the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) team in the National Billiards Championship. The 88th National Billiards and Snooker Championships 2021, organised by Cue Sports India at Bhopal, MP.

15) Coal Demand Forecasted to Grow by ___ per cent in 2021.

- a) 8% b) 7% c) 4% d) 6%

Answer: D

Explanation: As per the report of the International Energy Agency (IEA) titled Coal 2021 Analysis and forecast to 2024, overall global coal demand is expected to grow by 6 per cent in 2021 with coal consumption to 7,906 million tonnes (Mt) and is set to rise to 8,025 Mt in 2022, the highest level ever.

Static Points: IEA **Headquarters** - Paris, France; **Executive Director** - Fatih Birol

27-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which multinational company announces annual prize for social enterprise?

- a) Aditya Birla Group b) Adani Group c) Bajaj Group d) L & T Group

Answer: B

Explanation: The Adani Group will institute the Adani Prize for Social Enterprise, announced by Gautam Adani. Starting from 2022, the prize will be awarded to five outstanding social entrepreneurs in India and other developing nations. The company will provide Rs 5 Crores in funding for the chosen enterprises.

Static Points: Adani Group **Founder** - Gautam Adani; **Headquarters** - Ahmedabad

2) PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Banas Dairy Complex in which state?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh of the Banas Dairy Sankul, a dairy spread across 30 acres with a facility for processing five lakh litres of milk per day. It will be built at a cost of ₹475 crores. It will be a key step towards making the plant energy self-sufficient.

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

3) Which country has decided to close all of its nuclear power plants by 2025

- a) France b) Germany c) Russia d) Belgium

Answer: D

Explanation: The Belgian government has stated that all of the country's existing nuclear energy plants will close by 2025. However, Belgium will invest in future nuclear technology. According to Belgium's government, it would shut all of the country's nuclear power plants over the next three years.

Static Points: Belgium **Capital** – Brussels; **Currency** – Euro; **Prime Minister** - Alexander De Croo

4) Indian Air Force has recently deployed the first squadron of S-400 air defence missile system in which state?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Air Force (IAF) 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 crores and five squadrons would be provided to India for tackling air threats from up to 400 km.

Static Points: Indian Airforce Chief of Air Staff - **Vivek Ram Chaudhari**
Punjab **CM** - Charanjit Singh Channi; **Capital** – Chandigarh; **Governor** - Banwarilal Purohit

5) Which state government launches the 'Meendum Manjapai' scheme to promote the usage of cloth bags?

- a) West Bengal b) Uttar Pradesh c) Tamil Nadu d) Rajasthan

Answer: C

Explanation: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched an environmentally friendly initiative Meendum Manjapai, a cloth bag that was an integral part of daily life in the past. This awareness campaign on using 'yellow' cloth bags or 'manjapai' as it is called in Tamil, is aimed at encouraging the people to return to the use of this eco-friendly bag and discard the plastic bags.

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

6) The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana has been extended till which year?

- a) 2023 b) 2024 c) 2022 d) 2026

Answer: C

Explanation: According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a bid to bring relief to over 80 crore people during the COVID-19 pandemic, the government is running Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana to provide free grains and the scheme has been extended till March 2022. Under the scheme, the government will provide 5 kg foodgrains per person per month.

Static Points: PMGKY under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution - **Piyush Goyal**
Constituency - Maharashtra

7) Which country defeated Japan in the final at Dhaka to win the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament?

- a) China b) South Korea c) India d) Russia

Answer: B

Explanation: South Korea defeated Japan 4-2 to emerge Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, while India defeated Pakistan 4-3 to secure the bronze medal. The five-nation tournament came to an end with two matches being played on the last day of the game.

Static Points: South Korea **Capital** – Seoul; **Currency** - South Korean Won; **President** - Moon Jae-In

8) How many Indian referees have been selected on the FIFA International list?

- a) 7 b) 17 c) 14 d) 18

Answer: D

Explanation: 18 Indian referees have been selected in the FIFA Refereeing International list for 2022, the All India Football Federation has announced. The extensive list includes officials who are qualified to be referees and assistant referees, the All India Football Federation said in a statement on their website.

Static Points: FIFA **President** - Gianni Infantino ; **Headquarters** - Zurich, Switzerland

9) Which bank fines payment system operator One Mobikwik, Spice Money?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs1cr each on two Payment System Operators for committing offences of the nature referred to in Section 26 (6) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act). The two payment system operators are - One Mobikwik System and Spice Money.

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

10) Which country has won the SAFF U19 Women's Championship by defeating India?

- a) Bangladesh b) Nepal c) China d) Japan

Answer: A

Explanation: Bangladesh women team has won the SAFF U 19 Women's Championship by defeating India in the finals. Shaheda Akter Ripa of Bangladesh scored the maximum number of goals in the tournament. They received the most valuable player award. The 2021 SAFF U-19 Women's Championship was the 2nd edition of the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship. The tournament was organized from 11 to 22 December 2021 at BSSS Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Dhaka.

Static Points: Bangladesh **Capital** – Dhaka; **Currency** – Taka; **Prime minister** - Sheikh Hasina

11) Which state has passed the controversial anti-conversion bill

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed The Karnataka Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021, commonly referred to as the anti-conversion Bill, amid Opposition protests. It prohibits conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, fraud, allurement or marriage. The Bill will now go to the Karnataka Legislative Council.

Static Points: Karnataka **Capital** – Bengaluru; **CM** - Basavaraj Bommai; **Governor** - Thawar Chand Gehlot

12) World Sangeet Tansen festival organized in which state?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: World Sangeet Tansen festival to begin in Madhya Pradesh. In Madhya Pradesh, the World Sangeet Tansen festival is going to start from 26th December and the festival will be organised till December 30th in Gwalior. Artists and music lovers from all over the world gather here to pay tribute to the Great Indian Musical Maestro Tansen.

Static Points:

Madhya Pradesh **Capital** – Bhopal; **CM** - Shivraj Singh Chouhan; **Governor** - Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
Popular Festivals of **Madhya Pradesh** - Malwa Utsav, Pachmarhi Utsav, Mandu Utsav, Khajuraho, and Others

13) Which state has adopted a resolution demanding repeal of AFSPA?

- a) Nagaland b) Manipur c) Odisha d) Kerala

Answer: A

Explanation: The Nagaland Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution demanding the repeal of AFSPA, during a special session held in the aftermath of the botched security ambush that claimed 14 lives earlier this month. Massive protest rallies have been held in Nagaland, with the state Cabinet also recommending the law's repeal.

Static Points: Nagaland **Capital** – Kohima; **CM** - Neiphiu Rio; **Governor** - Jagdish Mukhi

14) PM Modi transferred Rs ____ Crore under DAY-NRLM to Bank Accounts of SHGs.

- a) 1000 b) 1250 c) 750 d) 500

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi transferred Rs.1,000 crore to bank accounts of self-help groups to benefit around 16 lakh women. The amount was transferred under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).

15) Indian's GMR Group wins contract to develop Medan Airport in which country?

- a) Indonesia b) Malaysia c) Singapore d) Philippine

Answer: A

Explanation: GMR partners with Angkasa Pura II for Medan Airport in Indonesia. Infrastructure major GMR Group said on Friday it has signed shareholders agreement with Indonesia's Angkasa Pura II for the development of Medan Airport.

Static Points: Indonesia **Capital** – Jakarta; **Currency** - Indonesian Rupiah; **President** - Joko Widodo

28-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which bank in partnership with NPCI to become 1st Indian bank to offer cross-border payments via UPI?

- a) Punjab National Bank b) Kotak Mahindra Bank c) IndusInd Bank d) Canara Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: IndusInd Bank has joined hands with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for offering real-time cross-border remittances to India using UPI IDs, for its Money Transfer Operator (MTO) partners. With this initiative, IndusInd Bank has become the first Indian bank to go live on UPI for Cross Border Payments/ NRI Remittances.

Static Points: IndusInd Bank **CEO** - Sumant Kathpalia; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra;
Tagline - We Make You Feel Richer

2) Who has been appointed as the interim managing director & CEO of the RBL Bank?

- a) Vishwavir Ahuja b) Rajeev Ahuja c) Vijay Shekhar Sharma d) Mahesh Kumar Jain

Answer: B

Explanation: The RBL Bank board has appointed Rajeev Ahuja, who's currently working as the Executive Director at the bank, as interim Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the bank with immediate effect, subject to the regulatory and other approvals.

Static Points: RBL Bank Limited **MD & CEO** (interim) - Rajeev Ahuja;
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

3) According to NITI Aayog fourth Health Index, which state is the best on health parameters?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Kerala has again emerged as the top performer in terms of overall health performance among larger states, while Uttar Pradesh is the worst, according to the fourth Health Index launched by Niti Aayog. Among the smaller states, Mizoram emerged as the best performer in overall performance as well as incremental performance, while among UTs, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir ranked among the bottom UTs in terms of overall performance but emerged as the leading performer in terms of incremental performance.

Static Points:

Kerala **CM** - Pinarayi Vijayan; **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram; **Governor** - Arif Mohammad Khan

4) PM inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of hydropower projects worth Rs. ___ crores in Himachal Pradesh

- a) 12,000 b) 10,000 c) 14,000 d) 11,000

Answer: D

Explanation: PM Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of hydropower projects worth over Rs 11,000 crore. The Prime Minister reiterated the changed working style of the new India. He talked about the speed with which India is meeting its environment-related goals. In 2016, India had set a target to meet 40 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil energy sources by 2030.

Static Points:

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister - Jai Ram Thakur
Capital(s) - Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
Governor - Rajendra Arlekar

5) Which state tops the GGI 2020-21 index which is held on the occasion of Good Governance Day?

- a) Gujarat b) Maharashtra c) Goa d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A

Explanation: On the occasion of Good Governance Day, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah released the Good Governance Index 2020-21 (GGI 2021) which was a biannual exercise prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). Gujarat has topped the composite ranking in the GGI covering 10 sectors 58 indicator index followed by Maharashtra and Goa.

Static Points: Ministry of Home Affairs - **Amit Shah**; **Constituency** - Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat (Lok sabha)
Good Governance Day - 25th December

6) HDFC Life enters Bancassurance partnership with which bank?

- a) South Indian Bank b) ICICI Bank c) Axis Bank d) Yes Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: HDFC Life announced a bancassurance tie-up with South Indian Bank that will enable customers of the bank to avail themselves a range of life insurance products of the insurer that include solutions for protection, savings and investment, retirement and critical illness.

Static Points:

South Indian Bank **CEO** - Murali Ramakrishnan; **Headquarters** - Thrissur, Kerala
South Indian Bank **Tagline** - Experience Next Generation Banking

HDFC Life **CEO** - Vibha Padalkar; **Headquarters** - Mumbai

7) Which country launches Inmarsat-6 F1 Communications Satellite into Geostationary Orbit?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Japan launches huge Inmarsat-6 F1 communications satellite into orbit. The I-6 pair "is the largest and most sophisticated commercial communications satellite ever launched." Japan's Tanegashima Space Center will enter geostationary orbit, about 22,240 miles (35,790 kilometres) above the earth. It is the world's largest and most sophisticated commercial communications satellite ever launched.

Static Points: Japan **Capital** – Tokyo; **Currency** - Japanese Yen; **Prime minister** - Fumio Kishida
Japan Space Center - Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

8) Who Won the Global Environment And Climate Action Citizen Award 2021

- a) Viral Sudhirbhai Desai b) Ashvini Kumar Sharma
c) Madhu Pandit Dasa d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, an industrialist from Surat, who is popularly known as the Greenman or green man of Gujarat has been honoured with the Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021. Among the 28 personalities from 11 countries (which includes the United Kingdom(UK), the United States(US), New Zealand, France, and Malaysia,) who were honoured with this award, Viral Desai was the only Indian to win the honour for climate change.

9) Who lays the foundation stone for DTTC & BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre of DRDO in Lucknow?

- a) Amith Shah b) Rajnath Singh c) Anurag Thakur d) Piyush Goyal

Answer: B

Explanation: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lays the foundation stone for Defence Technology, Test Centre and BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre of DRDO in Lucknow. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that India has never been an aggressor, but is ready to defend our people against any nation with hostile intentions.

Static Points: **BrahMos** - is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile; **Length** - 8.4 m (28 ft)
DRDO works under the Ministry of Defence of the Gol (Rajnath Singh)
Ministry of Defence Rajnath Singh **Constituency** - Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

10) According to CEBR World Economic League Table 2022, India to become 3rd largest economy by which year?

- a) 2031 b) 2027 c) 2037 d) 2028

Answer: A

Explanation: The Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) from the UK has predicted that the Indian economy will become the world's third-largest by the year 2031. In the year 2022, India is set to regain its sixth position in World Economic League Table (WELT) from France, as per CEBR.

Static Points: Center for Economic and Business Report (CEBR) **Chairman** - Martin Piers
Headquarters - London, United Kingdom

11) When was the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is observed?

- a) 24th December b) 26th December c) 27th December d) 28th December

Answer: C

Explanation: The United Nations's International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is annually observed across the globe on 27th December to create awareness about the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for and partnership against epidemics. The 27th December 2021 marks the observance of the 2nd International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.

Static Points: World Health Organization **Director-General** - Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

12) HDFC Bank Partners with IPPB to Offer Banking Services in ____.

- a) Rural Area b) Urban Area c) Both a & b d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: HDFC Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services to over 4.7 crore customers of IPPB in semi-urban and rural areas. Under the MoU, Out of 4.7 Crore, customers around 90 per cent reside in rural areas. The agreement offers various citizen-centric services with increased digital technologies.

Static Points:

HDFC Bank **Headquarters** – Mumbai; **CEO & MD** - Sashidhar Jagdishan
Tagline - We Understand Your World

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) **MD & CEO** - J Venkataramu; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

13) Nobel Peace Prize Winner Desmond Tutu died at the age of ____.

- a) 87 b) 90 c) 85 d) 95

Answer: B

Explanation: Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and a veteran of South Africa's struggle against white minority rule, died at the age of 90 in Cape Town. He won the Nobel Peace prize in 1984 in recognition of his non-violent opposition to South Africa's brutal apartheid regime. He chaired a Truth and Reconciliation Commission which was set up to unearth atrocities committed.

14) Which country launches new camera satellite 'Ziyuan-1 02E' to find resources?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The China National Space Administration (CNSA) stated about China's launch of a new satellite with a high-resolution camera that can take pictures of the ground with a resolution of 5 meters. China sent a new Earth resources observation satellite into orbit, the latest in a record year of Chinese space launches. Named Ziyuan-1 02E, the satellite was launched by a Long March 4C carrier rocket from the Taiyuan launch site in Shanxi province at about 12 pm.

Static Points:

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

15) GoI Sets up High-Level Committee to Examine the Possibility of Lifting AFSPA in which state?

- a) Telangana b) Odisha c) Meghalaya d) Nagaland

Answer: D

Explanation: GoI Sets up High-Level Committee to Examine the Possibility of Lifting AFSPA in Nagaland. The Centre has decided to constitute a "five-member" panel to look into the demand for withdrawal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act – AFSPA from the states in the North-East region of the country.

Static Points: Nagaland **Capital** – Kohima; **CM** - Neiphiu Rio; **Governor** - Jagdish Mukhi
Nagaland **Neighbouring States** - Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam, Myanmar.

29-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) RBL Bank Extends Co-branded Credit Cards Partnership with Bajaj Finance for how many years?

- a) 2 b) 4 c) 5 d) 7

Answer: C

Explanation: RBL Bank partnered with Bajaj Finance Ltd (BFL) for the extension of the partnership of co-branded credit cards for 5 years till December 2026. The Bank had entered into a partnership with Bajaj Finance in 2018 launching a series of co-branded credit cards.

2) Which foundation felicitated the 17th Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021?

- a) EdelGive Foundation b) Harmony Foundation
c) Humshakti Foundation d) URU Foundation

Answer: B

Explanation: The Harmony Foundation identifies a theme each year for the Mother Teresa Memorial Awards and felicitates individuals and organisations who work in the realm of augmenting environmental sustainability. The awardees were felicitated by **Dr Abraham Mathai**, the founder chairman of the foundation.

Static Points: Harmony Foundation **Headquarter** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
Mother Teresa Memorial Award - the award presented for Social Justice

3) Who is the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank?

- a) Sashidhar Jagdishan b) Shanti Lal Jain c) Uday Kotak d) Atul Kumar Goel

Answer: D

Explanation: Atul Kumar Goel was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Punjab National Bank (PNB). The appointment comes after the approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Goel will serve as PNB chief until 31st December 2024 from 1st February 2022.

Static Points: UCO Bank **Headquarters** - Kolkata, West Bengal

4) Which bank launches 'Green Fixed Deposits' to support UN-SDG?

- a) Punjab National Bank b) IndusInd Bank c) Kotak Mahindra Bank d) Canara Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: IndusInd Bank launched Green Fixed Deposits where the deposit proceeds will be used to finance projects and firms supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These deposits shall be offered to both retail and corporate customers. With this, the bank has entered the list of a few global banks which offer integrating SDG into a regular FD product.

Static Points:

IndusInd Bank **Headquarters** – Mumbai; **CEO** - Sumant Kathpalia; **Tagline** - We Make You Feel Richer

5) Which state tops the implementation of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)?

- a) Telangana b) Tamil Nadu c) Gujarat d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

Explanation: Telangana has secured 1st place among the 34 states and Union Territories(UTs) that implement the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), Tamil Nadu and Gujarat has secured the 2nd and 3rd place on the list respectively. The ranking was made based on the performance-based indicators as of 28th December 2021.

Static Points:

Telangana **CM** - K. Chandrashekar Rao; **Governor** - Tamilisai Soundararajan
Telangana **Neighbouring States** - Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh

6) Which country won the SAFF U19 Women's Football Championship 2021?

- a) Bangladesh b) Nepal c) Myanmar d) India

Answer: A

Explanation: Bangladesh Under-19 Women's Football team won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) U-19 Women's Football Championship 2021 defeating India (runner ups). Mohammad Zahid Ahsan Russel, State Minister for Youth and Sports, Bangladesh Presented the prizes as the Chief Guest. SAFF U-19 Women's Football Championship 2021 hosted by Bangladesh was held at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Shipahi (BSSS) Mostafa Kamal Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Static Points: South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) **President** - Kazi Md. Salahuddin (Bangladesh)
Headquarters - Dhaka, Bangladesh

7) ___ and MAS Financial Services Signed a Co-lending Partnership for MSME loans.

- a) Odisha Gramya Bank b) Bank of Punjab c) Bank of Karnataka d) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer: D

Explanation: The Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has signed a strategic co-lending partnership with MAS Financial Services Limited, a Non-Banking Financial Company, to offer loans to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) borrowers. The partnership is subject to compliance laws including applicable guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Static Points:

Bank of Maharashtra **CEO** - A S Rajeev; **Headquarters** - Pune, Maharashtra
Tagline - Ek Parivaar, Ek Bank (One Family One Bank)

MAS Financial Services **Chairman & Managing Director** - Kamlesh C Gandhi
Director & CEO - Darshana Pandya; **Headquarters** - Ahmedabad, Gujarat

8) Who among the following has won the 2021 National Billiards Title?

- a) Geet Sethi b) Pankaj Advani c) Vidya Pillai d) Yasin Merchant

Answer: B

Explanation: Pankaj Advani has defended his National Billiards Title by winning his 11th tournament, after defeating his PSPB teammate Dhruv Sitwala in a 5-2 game final that was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He represented the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) team in the National Billiards Championship. The 88th National Billiards and Snooker Championships 2021, organised by Cue Sports India at Bhopal, MP.

9) Which country introduces the world's 1st Dual-Mode Vehicle that can run on Roads and Tracks?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Japan has created the world's first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) that can run on both roads and rail tracks. The railbus is set to make its public debut in the town of Kaiyo in Japan. The vehicle looks like a minibus and runs on normal rubber tyres on the road. It runs on diesel.

10) Who launched the 'Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam' portal?

- a) Manohar Lal Khattar b) Bandaru Dattatreya c) Narendra Modi d) Ram Nath Kovind

Answer: A

Explanation: Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam portal and announced the setting up of Atal Park and Smriti Kendra in Gurugram. The event was organised on the occasion of Good Governance Day – the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee & Madan Mohan Malviya

Static Points: Haryana **Capital** – Chandigarh ; **Governor** - Bandaru Dattatreya
Good Governance Day - **25th December**

11) Which state CM launched the Meendum Manjapai campaign to promote cloth bags?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Gujarat d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

Explanation: MK Stalin Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched the 'Meendum Manjappai' Campaign (Meendum Manjapai Vizhipunarvu Iyakkam), a campaign against single-use plastic bags at the Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The campaign of the Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forest, Government of Tamil Nadu is supported by GIZ(Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH).

Static Points: Tamil Nadu **Capital** – Chennai; **Governor** - RN Ravi
Tamil Nadu **Nuclear Power Stations** - Kudankulam and Chennai (Kalpakkam) Nuclear Power Stations

12) Which state launches portal to monitor benefits of state health schemes?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched a health service management centre (HSMC) for monitoring various national and state-level health schemes. The website of the Gujarat Epidemic Response Management Information System (GERMIS) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Static Points: Gujarat **Capital** – Gandhinagar; **Governor** - Acharya Devvrat
Rivers in Gujarat - Narmada, Sabarmati. Tapi, Mahi, and Others

13) Which state govt partners with NPCI & SBI to implement 'e-RUPI' for Payment of Scholarships?

- a) Karnataka b) Haryana c) Madhya Pradesh d) Odisha

Answer: A

Explanation: The Karnataka government has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) & State Bank of India to enable and implement the 'e-RUPI' payment solution to students under its scholarship programme. For redeeming e-RUPI, the identified institutes will scan the QR code or SMS string displayed by the students using an Application.

Static Points: Karnataka **Capital** – Bengaluru; **CM** - Basavaraj Bommai; **Governor** - Thawar Chand Gehlot
Nuclear Power Station in Karnataka - Kaiga Generating Station

NPCI **MD & CEO** - Dilip Asbe; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

14) ___ & Dr Jitendra Singh Attended 1st ever J&K Real Estate Summit- 2021-Unlocking Opportunities in Jammu.

- a) Nitin Gadkari b) Anurag Thakur c) Hardeep Singh Puri d) Raj Kumar Singh

Answer: C

Explanation: The government of Jammu and Kashmir hosted the first-ever 'J&K Real Estate Summit- 2021-Unlocking Opportunities' at the Convention Centre, Jammu, J&K. Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, and Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Prime Minister's Office and Lieutenant Governor J&K, Manoj Sinha attended and addressed the summit.

Static Points: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development:- **Hardeep Singh Puri**
Constituency - Uttar Pradesh, from Rajya Sabha

Dr Jitendra Singh - Minister of State of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dept. of Atomic Energy & Space, and Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office

Constituency - Udhampur, J&K

15) India's annual wholesale price index (WPI) surged to ___ per cent in November 2021.

- a) 12.27 b) 10.11 c) 14.23 d) 17.12

Answer: C

Explanation: Wholesale prices or WPI inflation surged to 14.23 per cent on the back of higher food prices. It had jumped to a five-month high of 12.54 per cent in October. This is the highest recorded WPI inflation level in the 2011-12 series. Terming the spike in the WPI inflation to a high of 14.23 per cent as a shock, ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said most non-core categories have exhibited an inflation rate much steeper than expected.

30-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) RBI extends direction for which bank till March 2022?

- a) Cosmos Cooperative Bank b) Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank
c) TJSB Cooperative Bank d) Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India extended the restrictions for Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank for another three months from January 1 2022 to March 31 2022. RBI had superseded the board of PMC Bank and placed it under regulatory restrictions, including a cap on withdrawals by its customers, after detection of certain financial irregularities, hiding and misreporting of loans given to real estate developers HDIL.

Static Points: Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank **CEO** - Surinderpal Singh Ram Singh
Headquarters - Mumbai

2) Which board approves Changes to IPOs and Preferential issues?

- a) SEBI b) IRDA c) SEPL d) SIDBI

Answer: A

Explanation: The board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) approved crucial changes to initial public offerings (IPOs). These include restricting the amount that a company can use for unidentified acquisitions, increasing the lock-in period for anchor investors and approving credit rating agencies (CRAs) for monitoring issue proceeds.

Static Points: Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) **Chairperson** - Ajay Tyagi
Headquarter - Mumbai, Maharashtra

3) ___ re-appointed as MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank for 3 years.

- a) Sashidhar Jagdishan b) Arun Ramanathan c) Vasudevan d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The Board of Directors of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFBL) reappointed Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer for three years (from July 23, 2022, to July 22, 2025). Vasudevan PN is currently serving as the MD and CEO of the bank. Earlier he was working as the MD of Equitas Holdings Limited.

Static Points: Equitas Small Finance Bank Part-Time **Chairman** - Arun Ramanathan
Headquarters - Chennai, Tamil Nadu; **Tagline** - It's Fun Banking

4) Who inaugurates Kanpur Metro Rail Project & Bina-Panki Multiproduct Pipeline Project in UP?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Narendra Modi c) Aravind Kejriwal d) Yogi Adithyanath

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the completed section of the Kanpur Metro Rail Project and Bina-Panki Multiproduct Pipeline Project in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. The PM inaugurated the completed 9 km long priority section of Corridor-1 of the project from IIT Kanpur to Moti Jheel (9 elevated stations). All the 9 stations of this have been certified with a platinum rating of Green Building Council because the entire 9Km stretch has been developed in accordance with the green building codes.

Static Points: Uttar Pradesh **Thermal power station** - Singrauli, Feroze Gandhi, Dadri, and Tanda
Rivers in Uttar Pradesh - Ganges, Yamuna, Sarayu, Gomti, and others
Forests & National Park in Uttar Pradesh - Dudhwa NP, Kishanpur WS, Katarniaghat WS, Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary.

5) Which country successfully launched the 3rd & Final demonstration mission of Angara A5 Rocket?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Russia has successfully launched its 3rd and final demonstration flight of the Angara-A5/ Persey rocket from the state test cosmodrome of the Russian Defence Ministry – Site 35/ 1 Plesetsk cosmodrome, Mirny, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Russia. The Angara is being developed and built by the Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Center in Moscow, Russia. This marks the 3rd launch of the rocket after its maiden launch in 2014.

Static Points: Russia **Capital** – Moscow; **Currency** - Russian Ruble; **President** - Vladimir Putin

6) ___ and NPCI Jointly launches RuPay debit cards for corporates.

- a) State Bank of India b) Reserve Bank of India c) Central Bank of India d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Central Bank of India has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch 'RuPay Business Platinum Debit Card' for corporates. The card offers an ATM withdrawal limit of Rs.1 lakh along with a purchase of up to Rs.3 lakh at Point on Sale (POS) or E-Commerce.

Static Points: National Payments Corporation of India **CEO & MD** - Dilip Asbe; **Headquarters** – Mumbai.
Central Bank of India **CEO & MD** - Matam Venkata Rao; **Headquarters** – Mumbai.
Tagline - Central to You Since 1911, Build a better life around us

7) Who is the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank?

- a) Sashidhar Jagdishan b) Shanti Lal Jain c) Uday Kotak d) Atul Kumar Goel

Answer: D

Explanation: Atul Kumar Goel was appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Punjab National Bank. The appointment comes after the approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Goel will serve as PNB chief until 31st December 2024 from 1st February 2022.

Static Points: Punjab National Bank **CEO** - SS Mallikarjuna Rao; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Tagline - The Name You Can Bank Upon

8) Indian Army Established Quantum Lab at MCTE, Mhow in which state?

- a) Karnataka b) Uttar Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: D

Explanation: The Indian Army has established the Quantum Lab at the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), in Military Headquarters Of War (Mhow), Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The Quantum Lab was established with the support of the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) to spearhead research and training in this key developing field. This is a part of the Indian army's development in the field of Emerging Technology domain.

Static Points: **Indian Army Chief** - General Manoj Mukund Naravane
Madhya Pradesh **Thermal Power Plant** - Vindhyachal, Gadawara, Khargone
Rivers in Madhya Pradesh - Narmada, Tapti, Ken, Betwa, Son, and Others
Forests & National Park in Madhya Pradesh - Bandhavgarh NP, Kanha NP, Pench NP, Kheoni WS, etc.

9) India's Green Energy Economy Gets USD ___ Billion FDI since 2014-15.

- a) 4.77 b) 3.95 c) 7.27 d) 12.3

Answer: C

Explanation: India's green energy industry received foreign direct investment (FDI) worth \$7.27 billion from 2014-15 till June 2021. According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), out of \$7.27 billion FDI, \$797.21 million was received during 2020-21. India's renewable energy programme is driven by private sector investment.

Static Points: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy - **Raj Kumar Singh**
Constituency - Arrah, Bihar

10) ___ appointed actors Vijay Raaz & Varun Sharma as Brand Ambassadors.

- a) MakeMyTrip b) EaseMyTrip c) Yatra d) redBus

Answer: B

Explanation: EaseMyTrip (Easy Trip Planners Ltd), an online travel company in India has appointed Bollywood actors Vijay Raaz and Varun Sharma as its brand ambassadors. This is the first time for EaseMyTrip to appoint any brand ambassador. Vijay Raaz is an Indian actor, director, film narrator and comedian from Delhi. Varun Sharma is an Indian actor from Punjab.

Static Points: EaseMyTrip **CEO** - Nishant Pitti; **Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi

11) Which country launched 1st Versatile Nuclear Powered Icebreaker 'Sibir' to Boost India's Arctic Plans via NSR?

- a) Italy b) France c) Russia d) China

Answer: C

Explanation: Russia has launched its first in the series Project 22220 versatile nuclear-powered icebreaker known as 'Sibir', which will support the growing fleet of icebreakers to keep the Northern Sea Route open year-round shipping through the Arctic and enable a wider presence of India in the arctic region. Project 22220 nuclear-powered icebreakers are the most powerful and the largest in the world.

Static Points: Arctic Council Current Chair – Russia; **Headquarters** - Tromso, Norway

12) Scientist E.O. Wilson, dubbed modern-day Darwin passed away at the age of ____.

- a) 87 b) 95 c) 90 d) 92

Answer: D

Explanation: The US scientist, professor and author Edward O. Wilson, also known as "modern-day Darwin" passed away at the age of 92 in Massachusetts, US. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama, U.S. E.O. Wilson, whose study of insects and clarion call to protect earth earned him the nickname "Darwin's natural heir". He was the author of hundreds of scientific papers named 'Sociobiology: the New Synthesis', 'Half Earth' etc.

13) PETA India has named which actress as "Person of the Year 2021"?

- a) Alia Bhatt b) Priyanka Chopra c) Aishwarya Rai d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India has named Indian Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt as the 'Person of the Year' 2021 to celebrate her work in supporting the animal-friendly fashion industry and her advocacy for dogs and cats in need. Alia Bhatt has invested in Phool. co, an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur-backed biomaterial startup, that develops 'fleather' - bio-degradable vegan leather. PETA has recognised actors Akshay Kumar and Bhumi Pednekar as the 'Most Beautiful Vegetarian celebrity' of 2021.

Static Points: PETA India Launched in – 2000; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

14) Which bank released the 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2020-21'?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India released the 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2020-21', which presents the performance of the banking sector, including co-operative banks, and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) during FY21 and FY22. The gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio of SCBs (Scheduled Commercial Banks) declined from 8.2% at end of March 2020 to 6.9% at the end-September 2021.

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

15) ICRA Projected India's real GDP growth to ____ per cent in FY22 & FY23?

- a) 14 b) 10 c) 7 d) 9

Answer: D

Explanation: The Information and Credit Rating Agency (ICRA) projected India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 9 per cent each in FY22 & FY23 despite the uncertainty developed by the Omicron variant of Covid-19. The Agency is expecting the Cost Price Inflation (CPI) to an average of 4.5-5.0 Percent in FY23 from 5.5 Percent in FY22. The current account deficit is also projected to increase in Q3 FY22.

Static Points: ICRA **CEO & MD** - N. Sivaraman; **Headquarters** - Gurgaon, Haryana

31-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India Welcomes ____ country as Member of New Development Bank of BRICS.

- a) Israel b) Egypt c) Indonesia d) France

Answer: B

Explanation: India welcomed Egypt as the fourth new member of the New Development Bank (NDB) that was established by BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South-Africa) in 2015. To mobilise resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies. The NDB has approved about 80 projects worth USD 30 billion in member countries in areas such as transport, water and sanitation, clean energy, digital infrastructure, social infrastructure and urban development.

Static Points: Latest BRIC Summit (in 2021) Held by - India (13th annual summit)
Egypt President - Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi; **Capital** – Cairo; **Currency** - Egyptian Pound (EGP)
New Development Bank (NDB) **President** - Marcos Prado Troyjo.
Headquarters – Shanghai, China

2) ____ relaxes current account criteria for insurance intermediaries.

- a) SEBI b) PRDA c) IRDAI d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) announced that insurance intermediaries and their entities can maintain current accounts in various banks to meet regulatory requirements and reinsurance business. Later, RBI permitted banks to open particular accounts which are under various directions of different regulatory departments, without any restrictions.

Static Points: IRDAI **Chairman** - Subash Chandra Khuntia; **Headquarters** - Hyderabad, Telangana

3) Which state launched Digital Life Certificate for Pensioners?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners virtually while attending the orientation programme for newly recruited 153 officers of Odisha Civil Services. Odisha is the first state in the country to implement such a digital service for pensioners.

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

4) Which country has developed the world's first 'AI Prosecutor'?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: China develops AI 'prosecutor' that can press charges with '97% accuracy' The artificial intelligence 'prosecutor' received training for five years – from 2015 to 2020 – during which it went through 17,000 cases. The Chinese researchers claimed that it was able to identify and press charges for common crimes.

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

5) Which institute tops for 3rd consecutive year as Most Innovative Educational Institute?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) ranked 1st & recognized as the Most Innovative Educational Institute in India in the 3rd edition of Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021. It is for the 3rd consecutive year that IIT Madras has been recognized. IIT Madras won in the 'CFTIs (Centrally Funded Technical Institutions)/ Central University/ Institute of National Importance (Technical)' category.

Static Points: Ministry of Education - Dharmendra Pradhan; **Constituency** - Rajya Sabha, Madhya Pradesh.

6) Gross Non-Performing Assets may Rise to ___ per cent by September 2022.

- a) 8.1 b) 6.7 c) 7.1 d) 9.4

Answer: A

Explanation: Reserve Bank of India released the 24th issue of its bi-annual Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021. It estimated the Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPAs) to rise from 6.9 per cent in September 2021 to 8.1 per cent of total assets by September 2022 (under a baseline scenario) and to 9.5 per cent (under severe stress scenario).

7) Who was appointed as India's Permanent Representative at UN Conference?

- a) Anupam Ray b) Asoke Kumar Mukerji c) Syed Akbaruddin d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Senior diplomat Dr Anupam Ray, a 1994 batch of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as India's next permanent representative (PR), Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Switzerland. He is currently serving as the joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Static Points: **United Nations** - is an Intergovernmental organization; **Headquarters** - New York, United States **Secretary-General** - Antonio Guterres.

8) Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is to be implemented by which state, to tackle Covid-19?

- a) Madhya Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu c) Uttar Pradesh d) Delhi

Answer: D

Explanation: Delhi is set to implement the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), to tackle Covid-19. It is a colour-coded action plan with yellow at the lowest level of alert and red at the highest level. Under the plan, the level of restrictions in markets, industries, offices and public transport will be determined based on factors like Covid-19 test positivity rate, new cases, and occupancy of oxygen beds in hospitals.

Static Points: Delhi **Neighbouring States**-Haryana & Uttar Pradesh / **Rivers**-Yamuna & others.

9) From which state was the Jhansi Railway Station renamed as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station'?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The Uttar Pradesh government has renamed Jhansi Railway Station as Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station' after Rani Laxmibai the Maharani consort of the Maratha princely state of Jhansi from 1843 to 1853. The announcement was made by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Static Points: Uttar Pradesh **CM** - Yogi Adityanath, **Capital** – Lucknow, **Governor** - Anandiben Patel.

10) RBI Extends Deadline for Periodic KYC Update till _____.

- a) May 31, 2022 b) June 30, 2022 c) April 30, 2022 d) March 31, 2022

Answer: D

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the deadline for periodic Know Your Customer (KYC) updation in bank accounts till March 31, 2022, from the previous deadline of December 31, 2021, due to the Omnicron variant of the COVID-19 in India. The deadline was extended so that no restriction can be placed on bank accounts related to cash deposits, withdrawals etc. due to non-compliance with KYC requirements.

Static Points: RBI Establishment in – 1st April 1935. RBI was **nationalised** in:- 1st January, 1949

11) New Zealand Ross Taylor Confirms Retirement, he is from which sport?

- a) Cricket b) Football c) Hockey d) Basketball.

Answer: A

Explanation: Senior cricket player of New Zealand, Ross Taylor announces to retire from international cricket after playing in the Two-Test series against Bangladesh and his last ODIs (One Day Innings) against Australia and the Netherlands in March 2022. Ross Taylor was the World's 1st player to play 100 international matches in all 3 formats of cricket.

12) PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation of the Rs _____ crore for Renukaji Dam project from Himachal Pradesh.

- a) 7,700 b) 7,000 c) 8,200 d) 6,700

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation of the Rs 6,700/- crores Renukaji Dam project from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi. Once completed, the project on the Giri river is expected to generate 200 million units of energy in a 40 MW surface powerhouse. The storage capacity of the dam would be 498 million cubic meters which would fulfil about 40 per cent of the drinking water requirement of Delhi.

Static Points: Himachal Pradesh **Chief Minister** - Jai Ram Thakur;
Capital(s) - Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter); **Governor** - Rajendra Arlekar.

13) Who becomes the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh?

- a) Vishwas Mehta b) Jishnu Barua c) Durga Shankar Mishra d) Suresh Chandra Mahapatra

Answer: C

Explanation: The Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary of India, Durga Shankar Mishra got approval from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet to take charge as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. He will succeed Rajendra Kumar Tiwari, the present Chief Secretary of UP, who is due to retire in February 2023. Durga Shankar Mishra is an IAS officer of a 1984 batch, UP cadre.

Static Points: Uttar Pradesh **Rivers** - Ganges, Yamuna, Sarayu, Gomti, and others

Neighbouring States - Nepal, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Bihar.

14) Which bank Signed an MoU with Schwing Stetter India to Offer Customised Financial Solutions?

- a) Axis Bank b) Federal Bank c) ICICI Bank d) IndusInd Bank.

Answer: B

Explanation: The Federal Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Schwing Stetter (India) Ltd, a subsidiary of Schwing GMBH, Germany, one of the largest manufacturers of Concrete and Construction equipment in India. The MoU would enable both Federal Bank and Schwing Stetter to offer customised financial solutions to their customers.

Static Points: Federal Bank **CEO** - Shyam Srinivasan;

Headquarters - Aluva, Kerala; **Tagline** - Your Perfect Banking Partner

15) PM Narendra Modi Lays Foundation stone for 23 projects in which state/ UT?

- a) Assam b) Chandigarh c) Puducherry d) Uttarakhand

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 23 projects worth over Rs 17,500 crore in Uttarakhand. Among the 23 projects, the foundation stone is being laid for 17 projects worth over Rs 14,100 crore. Multiple road projects have also been inaugurated across the state under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Static Points: Uttarakhand **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Bhararisen (Summer).

CM - Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor - Gurmit Singh.

01-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who approves acquisition of 96.42% Stake In JPL by World-one Private Limited?

- a) TRA b) CCI c) SEBI d) PRDA

Answer: B

Explanation: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of a 96.42% stake in Jindal Power Limited (JPL), a subsidiary of Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL), by World-one Private Limited. JSPL is a part of the OP Jindal Group that works in steel, power, mining and infrastructure sectors.

Static Points: **JPL Chairman** - Anil Kumar Jha; **Managing Director** - Kamal Kumar Agarwal

JPL Headquarters - New Delhi

CCI **Chairperson** - Ashok Kumar Gupta; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

2) LIC Inaugurated ____ to Enhance its Digital Footprint.

- a) Digi Zone b) Smart Zone c) Cyber Zone d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: LIC of India has inaugurated "Digi Zone", at Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, Maharashtra, as part of its effort to enhance its digital footprint. LIC's Digi Zone can be used by the customers to purchase policies online, pay the premium and avail of other services. LIC plans to undertake the next wave of digital transformation to unlock several benefits of accelerating growth, driving customer satisfaction and improving intermediary productivity.

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

3) Who launched a 100-day Reading Campaign called 'Padhe Bharat'?

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan b) Piyush Goyal c) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar d) Amit Shah

Answer: A

Explanation: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'. The launch of the 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which lays emphasis on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children by ensuring the availability of age-appropriate reading books for children in local/ mother tongue/ regional/ tribal language.

Static Points: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan **Constituency** - Deogarh, Odisha

4) Cricketer Quinton de Kock Announced Retirement, he is from which Country?

- a) Italy b) France c) Russia d) South Africa

Answer: D

Explanation: South African cricketer (wicket-keeper & batsman) Quinton de Kock has announced his retirement from Test Cricket with immediate effect. He has committed to play international limited-overs cricket (white-ball cricket). He has been twice named the South African Cricketer of the Year in 2017 and 2020. He has also played in the Indian Premier League (IPL) representing Sunrisers Hyderabad, Delhi Daredevils, Royal Challengers Bangalore, and Mumbai Indians.

5) ___ signs MoU with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini for Development of Tribal Population.

- a) NCUI b) TRIFED c) APEDA d) NBCFDC

Answer: B

Explanation: Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini - Nation First Policy Research Centre (RMP-NFPRC) to leverage knowledge, expertise and institutional strengths. To assess and review several government schemes like Van Dhan Yojana. The Van Dhan programme is spearheading in 25 States and 307 Districts with the availability of Minor Forest Produces (MFP) and forest-dwelling tribal population.

Static Points:- TRIFED **Chairperson** - Krishnadhan Das; **Managing Director** - Pravir Krishna
Headquarters - New Delhi

6) Amir Subhani named as new Chief Secretary of Which State?

- a) Bihar b) Uttar Pradesh c) Jharkhand d) West Bengal

Answer: A

Explanation: In accordance with the General Administration Department of Bihar's notification, the 1987 batch IAS (Indian Administrative Service) topper, Amir Subhani, was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar w.e.f. January 1, 2022, succeeding Tripurari Sharan who retires on December 31, 2021. Prior to this, Amir Subhani was serving as Bihar's development commissioner. He will retire in April 2024.

Static Points: Bihar **Capital** – Patna; **Chief Minister** - Nitish Kumar; **Governor** - Phagu Chauhan

7) Reliance New Energy Solar Acquires 100 per cent Stake in which Corporate Company?

- a) Revolectrix b) SYBS Group c) Faradion d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Reliance New Energy Solar Limited (RNESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries, has signed a definitive agreement to acquire 100 per cent shareholding in Faradion Ltd. through secondary transactions for a total value of British Pound Sterling (GBP) 94.42 million based on an enterprise value of Euro 100 million. RNESL has also agreed to subscribe to new equity shares of Faradion for an aggregate of GBP 31.59 million.

Static Points: Reliance **CEO** - Mukesh Ambani; **Headquarters** – Mumbai.

8) DRDO has observed the 64th Foundation Day of its establishment on which day?

- a) 1st January b) 31st December c) 31th December d) 2nd January

Answer: A

Explanation: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has observed the 64th Foundation Day of its establishment on January 01, 2022. DRDO was established in 1958 with just 10 laboratories to enhance the research work in the Defence sector.

Static Points: DRDO **Headquarters** - DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi; **Founded** - 1958
Chairperson - G Satheesh Reddy.

9) LIC, GIC, New India Assurance Continue to be Identified as D-SIIs for year ____.

- a) 2019-20 b) 2020-21 c) 2021-22 d) 2022-23

Answer: C

Explanation: Insurance regulator IRDAI on Thursday said the state-owned LIC, GIC Re and New India continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22. IRDAI annually identifies D-SIIs and publishes the names of these insurers for public information. LIC, GIC, and New India Assurance were the D-SIIs from 2020-21.

Static Points: **IRDAI Chairperson** - Subhash Chandra Khuntia; **Headquarters** - Hyderabad, Telangana.

10) Which State CM launches Free Mobile Tablet Scheme for class 10 and 12 students

- a) Maharashtra b) Uttar Pradesh c) Madhya Pradesh d) Uttarakhand

Answer: D

Explanation: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched a Free Mobile Tablet scheme for students. About 2 lakh 65 thousand students of Class 10 and 12 of degree colleges and state schools will get benefit from this scheme, as per government data. The state government official said that Rs.12,000/- was given by the DBT for buying mobile tablets to class 10 and 12 students of state government schools.

Static Points: **Forests and Wildlife Sanctuaries** - Binsar WLS, Nanda Devi NP, Rajaji WLS, Corbett Tiger Reserve, and Others.

11) Which state Govt Partners with ISB to Boost Forest Economy?

- a) Assam b) Chhattisgarh c) Karnataka d) Jharkhand

Answer: D

Explanation: The Jharkhand Government partners with premier city-based B-school, Indian School of Business (ISB) to empower Jharkhand's forest economy. Under the partnership, an MoU has been signed by the Department of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare, the Department of Forests, Jharkhand, along with Bharti Institute of Public Policy (BIPP) at Indian School of Business (ISB).

Static Points: Jharkhand **CM** - Hemant Soren; **Capital** – Ranchi; **Governor** - Ramesh Bais.

12) Which country agrees to extend the lease of strategic WWII oil tank farm to India for 50 years?

- a) Belgium b) Nepal c) Sri Lanka d) China

Answer: C

Explanation: Sri Lanka has agreed to sign a fresh deal with India to lease out 14 out of the 99 tanks at the strategic World War II-era oil tank farm for 50 years in the eastern port district of Trincomalee. Sri Lanka in 2002 entered the original deal with India on the island's most strategic oil storage complex, which was used as a supply base during World War II.

Static Points: Sri Lanka **Capitals** - Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; **Currency** - Sri Lankan rupee; **President** - Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

13) Government has approved the Issuance of the ___ Tranche of Electoral Bonds.

- a) 11th b) 16th c) 14th d) 19th

Answer: D

Explanation: Ahead of assembly elections in five states such as Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Goa, the government has approved the issuance of the 19th tranche of electoral bonds, which will be open for sale from Jan 1 to 10, 2022. In the 19th tranche of sale, the SBI has been authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 branches.

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.

14) Who has been appointed as new chairman, CEO of Railway Board?

- a) Suneet Sharma b) Vipin Kumar Tripathi c) Ashwani Lohani d) Vinod Kumar Yadav

Answer: B

Explanation: Career railway officer VK Tripathi has been appointed as chairman and CEO of the Railway Board, replacing Suneet Sharma. The Indian Railways has appointed VK Tripathi as chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board. He is currently working as the general manager of North-Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur.

Static Points: Railway Board **Headquarters** - New Delhi. **Founded** - March 1905

15) SBICPSL join hands for Card Tokenization to Protect Cardholders' Data with which Digital Payment Company?

- a) PhonePe b) Rupay c) Paytm d) Google Pay

Answer: C

Explanation: SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBICPSL) has collaborated with Paytm to enable their cardholders to tokenize their cards on devices and make payments through Paytm. Currently, only cards issued in the Indian Territory are enabled on the Paytm network but this partnership enables SBI Cardholders to transact through the Paytm network in international locations.

Static Points: SBICPSL **Managing Director & CEO** - Rama Mohan Rao Amara; **Headquarters** - Gurugram, Haryana **Paytm CEO** - Vijay Shekhar Sharma; **Headquarters** - Noida, Uttar Pradesh

FESTIVALS IN INDIA

State	Festival
Andhra Pradesh	Brahmotsavam, Ugadi or the Telugu New Year, Dasara, Sri Rama Navami, Deccan festival, Durga festival.
Arunachal Pradesh	Solung, Losar Festival, Murung, Reh, Mopin, Boori Boot, Monpa festival, Dree Festival, Khan Festival
Assam	Ambubasi festival, Bohag Bihu, Baishagu festival, Majuli festival, Dehing Patkai festival, Pragjyothi dance festival, Ambubachi Mela
Bihar	Bihula, Chhath Puja, Madhushravani, Rajgir Dance festival, Sonapur Mela
Goa	Fontainhas Festival of Art, sunburn festival, Ladainha, Mando Festival, Ghumot fest, Chikalkalo, Goa Carnival.
Gujarat	Kite Festival, Holi, Modhera Dance Festival, Saptak Music Festival, Chitra Vichitra Fair, Shamlaji Fair
Haryana	Baisakhi festival, Surajkund Crafts Fair
Jammu and Kashmir	Dosmuchey festival, Matho Narang, Gemis Festival, Galdan Namchot.
Jharkhand	Sarhul, Dansi, Karma, Hal Punhya, Rohin, Bandna.
Karnataka	Pattadakal Dance festival, Gudi Padwa.
Kerala	Onam, Nishagandhi festival, Vaikathashtami festival.

Note:- The remaining festivals in Indian states will be continued next week.

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