

23-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) NITI Aayog, RMI & RMI India release report 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in ___?'

- A) Sri Lanka B) China C) India D) Pakistan

Answer: C

Explanation: NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India released a report titled 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India- A Blueprint for Inclusion of EVs in Priority Sector Lending Guidelines'.

Static Points:

NITI Aayog Establishment–2015; **NITI Aayog CEO**– Amitabh Kant; **NITI Aayog Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi.

2) India's Department of Food and Public Distribution (DoF&PD) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution with its principal agency, Food Corporation of India (FCI) has developed a roadmap for the OSM. What is the full form of OSM?

- A) Online Storage Management B) Order Management System
C) order management system D) osmosis

Answer: A

Static Points:

About Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution:

Union Minister – Piyush Goyal (Rajya Sabha Maharashtra)

Minister of State – Ashwini Kumar Choubey (Buxar, Bihar); Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti (Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh)

3) Haryana & HP Government Signs MoU for Construction of _____ to Revive Saraswati River.

- A) Manyuchi dam B) Mazvikadei Dam C) Osborne Dam D) Adi Badri Dam

Answer: D

Explanation: the governments of Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Haryana signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the construction of a Adi Badri dam on 77 acres in HP near the Adi Badri area of Yamunanagar, Haryana for the revival of the Saraswati river.

4) Subhas Bhowmick, who has passed away, belongs to which profession?

- A) Politician B) Footballer C) Filmmaker D) Singer

Answer: B

Explanation: Renowned Indian footballer and coach Subhas Bhowmick, who represented India at the Bronze medal winning 1970 Asian Games, passed away at the age of 71 due to prolonged illness.

5) which team Won the 9th National Women's Ice Hockey Championship 2022?

- A) Ladakh B) Himachal Pradesh C) Chandigarh D) Delhi

Answer: A

Explanation: The Ladakh women's ice hockey team has won the 9th National women's ice hockey championship in 2022. The championship organised by the Ice Hockey Association of India was held in the Kaza in tribal districts Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh from 15th to 21st January 2022.

6) _____ launches 'Yogyata' app to provide skill-based Vocational Education to Rural Youth.

- A. NITI Aayog
B. Common Services Centers (CSC)
C. RBI
D. ayush ministry

Answer: B

Explanation: Common Services Centers (CSC) launched the "Yogyata" mobile application, which will provide vocational education and skill enhancement opportunities to youth and citizens living in rural areas.

Static Points: Common Services Centers (CSC): **Headquarters**-New Delhi, India.

7) Which country Builds an 'Artificial Moon' in Xuzhou for gravity experiment?

- A) Iran
B) India
C) Russia
D) China

Answer: D

Explanation: Chinese scientists have built a research facility, "artificial moon", located in the city of Xuzhou, Jiangsu province, which will enable them to simulate low-gravity environments using magnetism. The research facility will also provide valuable research for the lunar exportation activities of China.

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

8) Ministry of Coal Launches _____ Portal to Share KPIs Related to the Coal Sector.

- A) Koyla Darpan
B) Coal India Limited portal
C) dharani portal
D) Madad Portal

Answer: A

Explanation: Dr Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, has launched the 'Koyla Darpan', a portal to share the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to the Coal Sector. To enable maximum public outreach, the portal can be accessed through the website of the Ministry of coal.

9) Planet _____ spotted by NASA Citizen Scientist; PHA 1994 PC1 flies safely by Earth.

- A) 'TOI-2180 b'
B) 'TOI-2100 b'
C) 'TOI-2180 z'
D) None

Answer: A

Explanation: Citizen scientist Tom Jacobs of Bellevue, Washington (United States-US) has discovered a new gaseous planet called 'TOI-2180 b' from NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, or TESS. The finding was published in the Astronomical Journal.

10) ISRO Successfully Tested Liquid propellant-based Vikas Engine for which mission?

- A) Aditya
B) Chandrayaan
C) Gaganyaan
D) None

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully tested its liquid propellant-based High Thrust Vikas engine which is to be used under the Gaganyaan mission. The test was conducted at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. On 20th January 2022, the high thrust Vikas Engine has successfully undergone a qualification test for a duration of 25 seconds.

Static Points: ISRO **Headquarters**:- Bengaluru, Karnataka, ISRO **Formed on**:- 15 August 1969;

11) India's first virtual platform for spices exports namely 'Spice Xchange India (spicexchangeindia.com)' was launched by Minister of state (MoS) Som Parkash, Ministry of Commerce and Industry during a hybrid event held in _____ ?

- A) Mumbai, Maharashtra
B) Kochi, Kerala.
C) New Delhi
D) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer: B

Static Points: Spices Board India Chairman– AG Thankappan; **Headquarter**– Kochi, Kerala.

12) Jahnvi Dangeti from which state becomes 1st Indian to complete NASA's International Air and Space Program?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Jahnvi Dangeti (19 years old), an Engineering Student, from Palakollu, West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh (AP), has become the first Indian to undergo and complete the International Air and Space Program (IASP) at the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Launch Operations' Kennedy Space Centre in Alabama, in the United States of America (USA).

24-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who named as UNDP India's 1st Youth Climate Champion?

- a) priyanka chopra
b) Prajakta Koli
c) virat kohli
d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India named famous Indian Youtuber and actor Prajakta Koli as India's first ever 'Youth Climate Champion'.

Static Points:

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): **Headquarters**- New York, United States
UNDP **Founded**– 1965; UNDP **Members** – 105 members.

2) AIIB Invests USD _____ million in Development of Data Centres Serving Asia.

- a) 225
b) 160
c) 150
d) 200

Answer: C

Explanation: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral development bank has committed USD 150 million to invest in the development of data centres that mostly serve emerging Asia through the Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II), a closed-end private equity vehicle managed by Alpha Investment Partners Limited (Alpha).

Static Points:

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB): **Establishment** – 2016
AIIB **Headquarters** – Beijing, China
AIIB **President and Chair of the Board of Directors** – Jin Liqun.

3) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) launched 'Platina Fixed Deposit' (FD), offering interest of ____ basis points (bps) higher than the regular term deposit rates provided by Ujjivan SFB.

- a) 12
b) 16
c) 15
d) 20

Answer: C

Static Points: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB): **MD & CEO-** Ittira Davis
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB): **Headquarters-** Bangalore, Karnataka.

4) Who attended 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation?

- a) Union Minister Bhupender Yadav
b) pm modi
c) rajnath singh
d) Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu

Answer: A

Explanation: The 4th Asia Ministerial Conference (AMC) on tiger conservation held in hybrid mode which was organized by the Government of Malaysia and coordinated by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF). India was represented by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The AMC adopted the Kuala Lumpur Joint Statement which listed 14 commitments.

5) The World Economic Forum's (WEF) five-day online Davos Agenda summit 2022 was held from 17 to 21 January 2022. What is the theme of Davos Agenda summit 2022?

- a) The State of the World.
b) Debate & Diplomacy in History.
c) Conflict and Compromise in History.
d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: The WEF has stated 'Davos Agenda 2022' to be the 1st global platform for key world leaders to share their visions for 2022.

Static Points: World Economic Forum (WEF): Establishment – 1971

WEF **Headquarters** – Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland.

WEF **Founder and Executive Chairman** – Klaus Schwab.

6) G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 Report: ____ % of India's Youth consider Climate Change as Global emergency.

- a) 76%
b) 67%
c) 82%
d) 72%

Answer: B

Explanation: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and University of Oxford has released the 'G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 report', which reveals that in India around 67 percent of the young population under the age of 18 years considers climate change a global emergency, compared to about 58 percent adults.

Static Points:

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Establishment – 1966 (by General assembly of United Nations)

UNDP **Headquarters** – New York, United States (US); UNDP **Administrator** – Achim Steiner.

7). Which of the following states/UTs has declared Jerri hamlet as its first 'Milk Village'?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
(b) Ladakh
(c) Haryana
(d) Punjab

Answer: A

Explanation: In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the administration has declared Jerri settlement in Reasi district as the first 'Milk Village' of the J&K and sanctioned 57 more dairy farms under the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) for the hamlet.

Static Points:

Jammu and Kashmir **Capital:** Jammu(winter), Srinagar(summer).

Governor: Manoj Sinha

8. The National War Memorial was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 25, ____.

- (a) 2016 (b) 2017 (c) 2018 (d) 2019

Answer: D

Explanation: The National War Memorial was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 25, 2019. The eternal torch of this memorial burns at the heart of the Smarak Stambh, the main pillar of the memorial, inside the Amar Chakra.

9. The new species of rain frog that was found in the Panama forest has been named after ____.

- (a) Sunita Narain (b) Donald Trump (c) Narendra Modi (d) Greta Thunberg

Answer: D

Explanation: A new species of rainfrog, discovered in the Panama jungle, has been named after Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg. The species has been named as *Pristimantis gretathunbergae*, or popularly known as the Greta Thunberg Rainfrog.

10. Who has been conferred with the International Association of Working Women Award?

- (a) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan (b) Lara Dutta (c) Sushmita Sen (d) Madhuri Dixit

Answer: C

Explanation: Bollywood actress Sushmita Sen has been conferred with the International Association of Working Women Award at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021.

11) Which of the following government has recently launched a one-stop website to promote electric vehicles?

- a) Government of Maharashtra b) Delhi Government.
c) Gujarat government d) Government of Kerala

Answer: B

Explanation: Delhi government has recently launched one-stop website "ev.delhi.gov.in" to promote electric vehicles. Which is open to manufacturers, buyers, charging station searchers. This website provides information on expanding the charging infrastructure and potential EV consumers.

12) Which of these intergovernmental organizations has recently released the 2022 edition of the bi-annual "Electricity Market Report"?

- a) Tribal Organization b) UNESCO
c) International Energy Agency d) NITI Aayog

Answer: C

Explanation: The International Energy Agency has recently released the 2022 edition of the bi-annual "Electricity Market Report". Accordingly, countries are turning to fossil fuels in a big way to meet the increase in electricity demand.

Static Points: International Energy Agency: **Headquarters:** Paris, France.
International Energy Agency: **Membership:** 30 member countries

13) CEO of which of the following company Albert Boerla has been awarded the prestigious Genesis Award 2022 for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

- a) Johnson and Johnson b) Serum Institute c) Pfizer Inc d) India Framist.

Answer: C

Explanation: President and Chief Executive of Pfizer Inc, Albert Boerla has recently been awarded the prestigious Genesis Award 2022 for the COVID-19 Vaccine. The award comes with a cash prize of \$1 million. The prize is now widely known as the "Jewish Nobel Prize".

25-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) ___ and One97 Communications tie up to Provide Lending Products.

- a) Fullerton India b) Tata Capital c) Bajaj Finserv d) India Infoline

Answer: A

Explanation: Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Fullerton India and One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, have joined hands to provide lending products to merchant partners and consumers. Under this partnership, Paytm Postpaid/ buy-now-pay-later or innovative merchant loan products will be offered to consumers on the Paytm platform while utilising Fullerton's risk assessment capabilities, and understanding of the segment.

Static Points: Fullerton India **CEO & MD** - Shantanu Mitra; **Headquarter** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

2) Whose birth anniversary is observed as Parakram Diwas also known as Courage Day?

- a) Vallabhbhai Patel b) Jawaharlal Nehru
c) Subhash Chandra Bose d) Bhagat Singh

Answer: C

Explanation: Parakram Diwas also known as Courage Day is annually observed across India on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to honour and remember the efforts and contribution of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. 23rd January 2022 marks the observance of the 2nd Parakram Diwas.

3) Indipaisa Partners with which Payment company to Develop Fintech Platform for MSMEs.

- a) Panasonic b) Toshiba c) Hitachi d) Sanyo

Answer: C

Explanation: Hitachi Payment Services partnered with Indipaisa to develop a new Fintech platform for India's 63 million Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). It aims to offer a high-quality digital platform for fintech services at affordable prices for the Indian MSME market.

Static Points:

Hitachi Payment Services **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra; **CEO, Digital Business** - Anuj Khosla
Managing Director (MD) - Rustom Irani

4) The National Girl Child Day is being observed on?

- a) 23rd January b) 24th January c) 25th January d) 26th January

Answer: B

Explanation: National Girl Child Day is annually observed across India on 24th January to support and provide opportunities to the girls in India. The day aims towards promoting awareness about the rights of the girl child and to increase awareness on the importance of girls' education, and their health and nutrition.

5) ___ releases India's First 'District Good Governance Index' J&K 1st Indian UT with GGI.

- a) Amit Shah b) Nitin Gadkari c) Piyush Goyal d) Giriraj Singh

Answer: A

Explanation: Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs virtually released India's First 'District Good Governance Index (DGGI)' in Jammu and Kashmir, prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the Government of J&K. It is prepared for the 20 Districts of UT of J&K.

Static Points: **Amit Shah** - Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Co-operation
Constituency - Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat

6) Which Country Prime Minister honoured with Netaji Award 2022?

- a) Indonesia b) Thailand c) China d) Japan

Answer: D

Explanation: On the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Netaji Research Bureau, has honoured Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan, with the Netaji Award 2022. Shinzo Abe has served as the Prime Minister (PM) of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from 2006 to 2007.

Static Points: Japan **Capital** – Tokyo; **Currency** - Japanese Yen; **Prime Minister** - Fumio Kishida

7) World Bank Approves Rs ___ crore Loan to WB for Social Protection Services.

- a) 750 b) 1000 c) 500 d) 800

Answer: B

Explanation: The World Bank has approved a loan of USD 125 million (around Rs 1,000 crore) to the government of West Bengal (WB) to support its effort towards social protection service access to the poor and vulnerable groups. The loan will be sanctioned under the 'WB Building State Capability for Inclusive Social Protection' operation which will strengthen the access to social assistance and targeted service for poor and vulnerable groups.

Static Points: World Bank **President** - David Malpass; **Headquarters** - Washington DC, US
West Bengal **Capital** – Kolkata; West Bengal **CM** - Mamata Banerjee; West Bengal **Governor** - Jagdeep Dhankhar

8) On which day International Day of Education is observed?

- a) 24th January b) 25th January c) 23rd January d) 22nd January

Answer: A

Explanation: The United Nations International Day of Education is annually observed across the globe on 24th January to celebrate the role of education for peace and development. The day highlights the importance of inclusive and equitable education and opportunities for all. 24th January 2022 marks the observance of the 4th International Day of Education.

9) Who Releases Revised Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation Guidelines?

- a) Anurag Thakur b) Giriraj Singh c) Jitendra Singh d) Arjun Munda

Answer: B

Explanation: Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj has released the revised Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines prepared by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. All Panchayat Raj Institutions have a vision for their respective panchayats for the next 25 years up to the Independence Century of India in 2047.

Static Points: **Giriraj Singh** - Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Panchayati Raj
Constituency - Nawada, Bihar

10) Tamil Nadu Archaeologist & Epigraphist R Nagaswamy Passes Away at the age of ____.

- a) 87 b) 88 c) 89 d) 91

Answer: D

Explanation: On 23rd January 2022, an archaeologist, art historian and Padma Bhushan awardee R. Nagaswamy passed away at the age of 91. He was the 1st director of the Tamil Nadu government's Department of Archaeology (1966-1988). He was a great scholar in Tamil and Sanskrit and was known as the 'Father of Tamil Archaeology'.

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

11) Indian Movie ____ Won the Best Film (Asian) Award at 20th Dhaka International Film Festival.

- a) Koozhangal b) 3 Idiots c) Taare Zameen Par d) Jab We Met

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian movie titled Koozhangal (Tamil) directed by P S Vinothraj has won the best film award in the Asian Film Competition category at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF) 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 15th to 23rd January 2022. The 20th DIFF 2022 was organised by the Rainbow Film Society established in 1977. The best film award carries Taka 1 lakh along with a crest and certificate.

Static Points: 20th Dhaka International Film Festival held on - **15th to 23rd January**

12) The 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' was released by the ____.

- a) WWF b) YGL c) WEF d) WRI

Answer: C

Explanation: The annual report titled 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' which was released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) during the virtual Davos Agenda summit 2022 revealed that advances in digitalization and their growth due to the COVID-19 have led to increasingly frequent, costly, and damaging cyber incidents. The WEF's five-day online Davos Agenda summit 2022 was held from 17th to 21st January 2022. The summit is being convened on the theme of 'The State of the World'.

Static Points: World Economic Forum **Headquarters** - Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland
Founder and Executive Chairman - Klaus Schwab

13) Finance Ministry appoints ____ as New Chairperson to PMLA Adjudicating Authority.

- a) Raj Kumar Singh b) Vinodanand Jha c) Kishan Reddy d) Pralhad Joshi

Answer: B

Explanation: The Union Finance Ministry appointed Vinodanand Jha, a 1983-batch retired IRS officer as the chairperson of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi, till the completion of his tenure i.e. up to 22nd June 2023. Vinodanand Jha was appointed as the chairperson after he retired from service as the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax in Pune, Maharashtra.

Static Points:

Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs - Nirmala Sitharaman
Constituency - Rajya Sabha, Karnataka

14) Who Approves Acquisition by GSKCHOL and GSKCHUKTL by GSKAPL?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of a shareholding in GlaxoSmithKline Asia Private Limited (GSKAPL) by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Overseas Limited (GSKCHOL) and GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare UK Trading Limited (GSKCHUKTL) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

Static Points: CCI **Chairperson** - Ashok Kumar Gupta; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

15) India ranks ____ in terms of spending and investments on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

- a) 10th b) 7th c) 8th d) 6th

Answer: D

Explanation: India ranks 6th in terms of spending and investments on AI made by the public, governmental initiatives, as well as private institutions and organisations. India is among the top 10 nations in the world in terms of technological advancements and funding in artificial intelligence (AI), according to findings from a study published by the Brookings Institution.

Static Points: Brookings Institution **Headquarters** - Washington, DC, United States; **President** - John R. Allen

26-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India is celebrating the ____ Republic Day on 26 January 2022?

- a) 73rd b) 74th c) 75th d) 72nd

Answer: A

Explanation: India is celebrating the 73rd Republic Day on 26th January 2022. The celebrations this year are special as India is in the 75th year of Independence – being celebrated as 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Republic Day marks the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26th January 1950. It replaced the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India.

2) Who launches Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for 2021-22?

- a) Darshana Jardosh b) Ashwini Kumar c) L Murugan d) Subhas Sarkar

Answer: D

Explanation: Minister of State for Education, Subhas Sarkar has launched the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) 2021 – 2022 virtually. The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar recognises, inspires and awards schools that have undertaken exemplary work in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene while also providing a benchmark and a roadmap for schools to make further improvements in future. The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar was first distributed by the Department of School Education and Literacy in 2016-17.

Static Points: Union Minister of Education - **Dharmendra Pradhan**

3) Jahnvi Dangeti becomes the first Indian to complete the International Air and Space Program by NASA, she belongs to which state?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Jahnvi Dangeti, a young girl from West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, has just completed NASA's International Air and Space Program (IASP NASA) at the Kennedy Space Centre in Alabama, US, making her the first Indian to accomplish this feat. She is part of a carefully shortlisted group of 20 students from around the world.

Static Points: IASP **Founder** - John Bonica; IASP **Headquarters** - Washington DC, United States
NASA **Founder** - Dwight D Eisenhower; NASA **Headquarters** - Washington DC, United States

4) Who released India's first "District Good Governance Index" for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir?

- a) Giriraj Singh b) Kiren Rijju c) Piyush Goyal d) Amit Shah

Answer: D

Explanation: Shri Amit Shah has virtually released India's First "District Good Governance Index" for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir. The top 5 districts in the District Good Governance Index" are Jammu, Doda, Samba, Pulwama and Srinagar. This index has been prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Static Points: **Amit Shah** - Minister of Home Affairs and Ministry of Co-operation.
Constituency - Gandhinagar, Gujarat

5) Jammu and Kashmir govt approves ___ per cent reservation for women in non-gazetted police posts?

- a) 7% b) 11% c) 15% d) 23%

Answer: C

Explanation: The Jammu and Kashmir administration, approved 15 per cent reservation for women in non-gazetted posts of J&K Police. On National Girl Child Day, J & K Govt. approved 15% reservation for women in non-gazetted posts. For women and girls to be agents of change, the J&K government is committed to ensuring Nari Shaktis social and economic empowerment while redressing long-standing inequalities to build a more just and resilient society,

Static Points: Jammu and Kashmir **Capital** - Srinagar (May to October) and Jammu (November to April).
Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant **Governor** - Manoj Sinha; **National Girl Child Day** - 24th January

6) National Tourism Day is observed on which day?

- a) 24th January b) 25th January c) 26th January d) 23rd January

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indian government established 25th January as the National Tourism Day to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy. The day is observed to cultivate awareness among the global community on the importance of tourism and its social, political, financial and cultural worth. The ministry of tourism is the nodal agency in India to form national policies for the promotion and development of tourism.

7) Indian football Subhash Bhowmick has passed away at the age of ___.

- a) 64 b) 72 c) 71 d) 67

Answer: B

Explanation: Former India footballer Subhas Bhowmick passed away at the age of 72 after a prolonged illness. Bhowmick was a striker and played for East Bengal and Mohun Bagan and represented India in several international tournaments.

8) PM Modi has recently honoured how many children with the Prime Minister's National Children's Award?

- a) 30 b) 27 c) 29 d) 26

Answer: C

Explanation: Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) for the year 2022 has been conferred to 29 children. These winners include 15 Boys and 14 Girls, belonging to 21 States and UTs. The PMRBP award is given by the Government of India to children with exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments in 6 categories. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-.

Important Points: Category wise distribution of awards:- Innovation – 7; Social Service – 4; Educational – 1; Sports - 8
Art and Culture – 6; Bravery – 3

9) Indian Army signed a contract for AT4 Anti-Armour Weapon with which country?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The contract for the delivery of these weapons was signed by FFV Ordnance AB, which is the organisation responsible for Saab's from Sweden to offer in India. The AT4 is an 84 mm unguided anti-armour weapon manufactured by Saab Bofors Dynamics. It is designed to be effective against tanks and combat vehicles, landing craft, helicopters, aircraft, and armoured vehicles.

Static Points: Sweden **Capital** – Stockholm; **Currency** - Swedish Krona; **Prime Minister** - Magdalena Andersson
Saab **CEO** - Micael Johansson; Saab **Headquarters** - Stockholm, Sweden

10) Ayesha Malik becomes the first woman judge of the Supreme Court of which country?

- a) Afghanistan b) Pakistan c) Bangladesh d) Kazakhstan

Answer: B

Explanation: Justice Ayesha Malik took oath as the first woman judge of Pakistan's Supreme Court, in what can be described as a watershed moment in the judicial history of the conservative Muslim-majority country. She will now work as a Supreme Court judge until her superannuation in June 2031. Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed administered the oath to 55-year-old Justice Malik in a ceremony.

Static Points: Pakistan - **Capital** – Islamabad; **Currency** - Pakistani Rupee; **Prime Minister** - Imran Khan.

11) Which commission has recently released a report titled "Banking on Electric Vehicles in India" along with RMI India?

- a) NITI Aayog b) NDC c) NGRBA d) NTPC

Answer: A

Explanation: NITI Aayog has released a report titled 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India, which outlines the need and importance of the inclusion of Electric Vehicles in RBI priority-sector lending guidelines. The report has been developed by NITI Aayog in collaboration with US-based non-profit organisations Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India

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

12) Jio tie-up with Finland University of ____ to accelerate 6G research.

- a) University of Helsinki b) University of Oulu
c) University of Turku d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Jio Platforms has signed a pact with the University of Oulu, Finland, to accelerate research and standardization in 6G technology. Jio Platform Ltd. and the University of Oulu will collaborate in Research and Development (R&D) of aerial and space communication, holographic beamforming, 3D-connected intelligence in cybersecurity, microelectronics, and photonics.

Static Points: Finland **Capital** – Helsinki; **Currency** – Euro; **Prime Minister** - Sanna Marin

13) Who has become the first UN Development Program Youth Climate Champion of India?

- a) Prajakta Koli b) Komal Pandey c) Amit Bhadana d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: United Nations Development Programme India today announced their partnership with a leading content creator and actress Prajakta Koli who embraces the moniker MostlySane as their first UNDP India Youth Climate Champion. She will address the need for collective action sharing inspirational stories of how governments, communities and individuals are taking definite steps to make a real difference.

Static Points: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) **Headquarters** - New York, United States
Parent organization - United Nations General Assembly

14) Who bagged the women's singles title at the Syed Modi International Tournament in Lucknow?

- a) Malvika Bansod b) Ashwini Ponnappa c) PV Sindhu d) Rituparna Das

Answer: C

Explanation: Ace Indian shuttler, PV Sindhu has bagged the women's singles title at the Syed Modi International Tournament in Lucknow. Sindhu beat fellow Indian Malvika Bansod 21-13 21-16 to win her second Syed Modi title after 2017. The 2022 Syed Modi International badminton tournament was held at Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

15) President approves ___ Gallantry Awards and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel on Republic Day.

- a) 364 b) 374 c) 354 d) 384

Answer: D

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind approved awards of 384 Gallantry and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others on the eve of 73rd Republic Day celebrations. The President will posthumously award Ashok Chakra to Assistant Sub Inspector Babu Ram of the Jammu and Kashmir Police at the Republic Day parade. Ashok Chakra is the country's highest peace-time gallantry award.

Static Points: Ram Nath Kovind - **14th President of India**
Commander-In-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces - **President Ram Nath Kovind**

27-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India's 1st Graphene Innovation Centre to be established at which state?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Digital University Kerala (DUK) has announced a partnership with the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) in Thrissur, Kerala to establish India's first Graphene Innovation Centre in Kerala. The project will also receive funding of Rs 86.41 crore from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav, to set up India's first-ever Graphene Research and Development (R&D) incubator.

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

2) Which bank conducts Overnight VRR auctions worth Rs. 75,000 crore?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India offered overnight liquidity to the banking system of India with Rs 75,000 crore against banks bid of around Rs 1.37 lakh crore through variable-rate repo (VRR) auction under liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) and 25th January 2022 will be the date of reversal.

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

3) Which country becomes the World's Largest Exporter of 'Cucumber' & 'Gherkins'?

- a) France b) Germany c) India d) Australia

Answer: C

Explanation: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that India has exported \$114 million worth of Cucumber & Gherkins in April-October 2021 to become the World's largest exporter of Cucumber and Gherkins. India crossed the export of worth \$200 million of agricultural processed product, pickling gherkins, cucumber or cornichons. Gherkins are made of younger cucumbers which are smaller than typical cucumbers. India currently exports Gherkins to 20 countries, including the USA, France, Germany, Australia.

Static Points:

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) **Chairman** - Dr M Angamuthu | **Headquarters** - New Delhi

4) World Bank has approved a loan of 1000 crore rupees for which state government?

- a) Karnataka b) West Bengal c) Gujarat d) Assam

Answer: B

Explanation: The Bank has approved a loan of around Rs 1,000 crore (\$125 million) for the West Bengal government. The loan is being given mainly for several development projects related to social protection. These programmes focus on women, the elderly, tribals, people with disabilities, those from scheduled castes, and those who reside in disaster-prone coastal regions.

Static Points:

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

5) Along with which country did India has launched Commemorative Logo marking the 30th anniversary of Diplomatic Ties?

- a) China b) Israel c) Russia d) Brazil

Answer: B

Explanation: India and Israel have launched a commemorative logo to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The logo was unveiled virtually at an online event in the presence of Ambassador of Israel to India Naor Gilon and Indian envoy to Israel, Sanjeev Singla.

Static Points: Israel **Capital** – Jerusalem; **Currency** - Israeli Shekel; **Prime Minister** - Naftali Bennett

6) India Pays USD ___ Million in UN Regular Budget Assessments for 2022.

- a) 27.7 b) 32.1 c) 29.9 d) 39.9

Answer: C

Explanation: India has paid USD 29,990,679 million in United Nations regular budget assessments for the year 2022. As of 21st January 2022, 24 Member States of the UN have paid their regular budget assessments in full. India has signed up to the 2022 Honour Roll of 24 Member States out of 193 Member States. India is a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council whose 2-year term is set to end on 31st December 2022.

Static Points: United Nations Secretary-General - **Antonio Guterres**
Member States – **193**; **Headquarters** - New York, United States

7) Which social media platform built World's Fastest AI Supercomputer 'RSC'?

- a) Meta b) Instagram c) Twitter d) Both a & b

Answer: A

Explanation: Meta's (Facebook) CEO Mark Zuckerberg has announced the development of an AI (Artificial Intelligence) supercomputer i.e AI Research SuperCluster (RSC) to train machine learning systems across the company's businesses. It will be the world's fastest supercomputer once it is completed later in 2022.

Static Points: Meta Headquarters - Menlo Park, California, United States

8) Which bank Partners with Lendingkart Technologies to Offer MSME Loans?

- a) Bank of Baroda b) Bank of Karnataka c) Bank of Maharashtra d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Lendingkart Technologies Private Limited, a subsidiary of Lendingkart Finance, partnered with the Bank of Maharashtra to co-lend business loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) at low rates. It aims to make economical credit available to MSME borrowers which are powered by the 'zero touches' technology platform Lendingkart '2gthr'.

Static Points:

Bank of Maharashtra **CEO** - A S Rajeev; **Headquarters** - Pune, Maharashtra | **Tagline** - One Family One Bank

Lendingkart Technologies Private Limited **CEO & Co-founder** - Harshvardhan Lunia

Headquarters - Ahmedabad, Gujarat

9) Who unveils the vision document for USD 300 bn Electronics Production in India?

- a) Kiren Rijiju b) Pralhad Joshi c) Giriraj Singh d) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: D

Explanation: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released a 5-year roadmap and Vision Document 2.0 for the electronics sector namely 'USD 300 billion Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports by 2026'. Its first volume titled 'Increasing India's Electronics Exports and Share in GVCs' was released in November 2021'.

Static Points:

Ashwini Vaishnaw - Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology

Constituency - Odisha

10) Election Commission of India celebrated 12th National Voters' Day on ____.

- a) 24th January b) 25th January c) 26th January d) 27th January

Answer: B

Explanation: The Election Commission of India (ECI) celebrated the 12th edition of National Voters' Day (NVD) across India, to spread awareness about the importance of voting, and participating in the electoral process. The Theme of 2022 NVD is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative. The ECI was founded on January 25, 1950, as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Static Points: Ministry of Law and Justice - **Kiren Rijiju**; Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) - **Sushil Chandra**
Election Commissioner - **Anup Chandra Pandey and Rajiv Kumar**

11) Who has been honoured by the Assam government with the Assam Baibhav Award?

- a) Azim Premji b) Mukesh Ambani c) Ratan Tata d) Gautam Adani

Answer: C

Explanation: The Assam government will confer the state's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' on industrialist, philanthropist Ratan Tata. Ratan Tata will not be able to attend the event personally due to the Covid-19 situation and his representative will receive the award during a programme to be held in Guwahati.

Static Points: **Ratan Tata** - is an Indian industrialist, philanthropist, and a former chairman of Tata Sons
Awards - Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and others

12) Who won Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year?

- a) Mithali Raj b) Smriti Mandhana c) Jhulan Goswami d) Deepti Sharma

Answer: B

Explanation: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the 2021 edition of ICC awards where India's Smriti Mandhana (25) won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year. Pakistan's wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan (29) was named ICC Men's T20I (Twenty 20 International) Cricketer of the Year 2021 while England's Tammy Beaumont (30) was named the ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year.

Static Points: International Cricket Council **Chairman** - Greg Barclay; **Headquarters** - Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
Members - 106

13) When was International Customs Day is observed?

- a) 25th January b) 26th January c) 27th January d) 28th January

Answer: B

Explanation: The International Customs Day (ICD) is observed on 26th January every year. The day is celebrated to recognise the role of customs officials and agencies and focus on the working conditions and challenges that customs officers face in their jobs. This year International Customs Day theme: "Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience".

14) How many districts are newly added in Andhra Pradesh?

- a) 10 b) 13 c) 20 d) 26

Answer: B

Explanation: The Andhra Pradesh government issued draft notifications for carving out 13 new districts out of the existing 13, taking the total to 26. The new districts are Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Manyam, Alluri Sitarama Raju district, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Kona Seema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR district, Guntur, Bapatla, Palnadu, Prakasam, Nellore, Kurnool, Nandyal, Ananthapuram, Sri Satyasai district, Kadapa, Annamayya, Chittoor, and Sri Balaji.

Static Points: **Andhra Pradesh Rivers** - Godavari, Krishna, Penneru, Kundu, Arani, Sileru etc.

15) According to the 2021 edition of the Corruption Perceptions Index, India has ranked ___ in Transparency International.

- a) 85th b) 75th c) 87th d) 77th

Answer: A

Explanation: According to the 2021 edition of the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) released by Berlin-based non-profit organisation Transparency International, India has ranked 85th on the index with a score of 40 and ranks 180 countries & territories based on their perceived levels of public sector corruption on a scale of zero to 100 (where 0 implies highly corrupt and 100 implies very clean).

28-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) International Monetary Fund cuts India's GDP forecast to ___ per cent in FY22.

- a) 9.4% b) 7% c) 9% d) 7.4%

Answer: C

Explanation: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) of January 2022 has downgraded India's economic growth forecast to 9% for FY22 (ending on March 31, 2022) from 9.5% projected in October 2021. IMF also projected a GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth of India at 7.1% for FY23 (April 2022 to March 2023). Global Growth is expected to moderate from 5.9% in 2021 to 4.4% in 2022.

Static Points:

IMF Managing Director - Kristalina Georgieva; **Member Countries** - 190 Countries (Including India)

Headquarters - Washington DC, United States

2) Who is the author of the book titled A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence?

- a) Sudha Murty b) Ruskin Bond c) Arundhati Roy d) Chetan Bhagat

Answer: B

Explanation: A new book titled "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 Years of Independence" authored by Ruskin Bond and published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) was released on 26th January 2022, marking 75 years of India's Independence. The book is the blend of "physical and spiritual" attributes of India and also highlights the last 75 years of India's progress as a nation.

3) The process for the creation of 13 new districts of Andhra Pradesh will be completed by ____.

- a) August 2022 b) May 2022 c) October 2022 d) April 2022

Answer: D

Explanation: The State Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has given its approval to increase the number of districts in the state to 26 from the existing 13. The process for the creation of 13 new districts will be completed by Telugu New Year in April 2022.

Static Points: Andhra Pradesh **Governor** - Biswabhusan Harichandan

National Parks - Sri Venkateswara National Park, Rajiv Gandhi Park, Papikonda National Park, and others

4) Government Approves ____ Bank Amalgamation scheme with Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd.

- a) Canara Bank b) Federal Bank c) PMC Bank d) Both a & b

Answer: C

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India announced the Government of India's approval for the amalgamation of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank) with Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (USFBL), the 12th SFB of India. The amalgamation came into force on 25th January 2022 and on the same day, all the branches of the PMC Bank were allowed to function as the branches of USFBL.

5) Indian Navy conducts Joint Maritime Exercise ____ 2022 at the Arabian Sea.

- a) Paschim Lehar b) Ekuverin c) Garuda Shakti IV d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: The Indian Navy conducted a 20-day joint intra-theatre maritime exercise Paschim Lehar 2022 aka XPL-22 at the Arabian Sea under the aegis of FOC-in-C (Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief), Western Naval Command (WNC) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh. It was held to validate operational plans of WNC and enhance inter-service synergy among the IN, Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Army and Coast Guard.

Static Points: Indian Navy Commander-in-Chief - **President Ram Nath Kovind**

Headquarters - New Delhi

6) With which country did India sets up \$150-million worth of Venture Capital to boost Start-up Ecosystem?

- a) UAE b) UK c) US d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: Chairman of Startup Committee of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) & HCL founder, Dr Ajai Chowdhry launched the India-United Arab Emirates (UAE) Venture Capital (VC) fund worth \$150 million from the India Pavilion at EXPO2020 Dubai, UAE. The VC aims to promote growth and investment in startups in India & UAE.

Static Points:

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Capital - **Abu Dhabi**; **Currency** - UAE Dirham; **President** - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

7) Which state Launches 'Brain Health Initiative' 1st of its kind in India to Train Doctors in Mental Healthcare?

- a) Punjab b) Gujarat c) Odisha d) Karnataka

Answer: D

Explanation: K Sudhakar, Minister of Medical Education and Health of Karnataka, virtually launched Brain Health Initiative a first-of-its-kind initiative in India, undertaken by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in association with the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog). The initiative aims to help people to cope with mental health issues.

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

8) On which day the birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai is being observed?

- a) 29th January b) 28th January c) 26th January d) 27th January

Answer: B

Explanation: On January 28, 1865, Indian independence activist Lala Lajpat Rai was born. He was one of the three Lal Bal Pal triumvirates. His ideology of nationalism and zealous patriotism earned him the title, 'Punjab Kesari' and 'Lion of Punjab'. On the same date, in the year 1925, nuclear scientist Raja Ramanna was born. Ramanna played a key role in carrying out India's first nuclear device test in Pokhran in 1974.

9) Which state Cabinet Approved the 'Mana Ooru-Mana Badi' Programme to Strengthen Government Schools?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana c) Both a & b d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Telangana government will launch the 'Mana Ooru-Mana Badi' programme soon across Telangana with a focus on improving the existing infrastructure and the quality of education in government schools. The State Cabinet approved the programme during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao at Pragathi Bhavan with ~Rs.7,289 crore budget allocation which benefits 19.84 lakh children of 26065 schools.

Static Points: Telangana **Governor** - Tamilisai Soundararajan

Folk Dances - Gusadi dance, Tribal Dhimsa Dance, Lambadi Dance, and others

10) Veteran Kathakali dancer & Padma awardee Milena Salvini passed away at the age of ____.

- a) 74 b) 87 c) 84 d) 64

Answer: C

Explanation: veteran Kathakali artist and Padma Shri awardee Milena Salvini passed away in Paris at the age of 84 years. She was born in 1938 in Milan in Italy. Later, in 1965 she reached India to learn Classical dance and got trained in Kathakali at Kerala Kalamandalam. She later became an ambassador of Indian dance forms in Europe. Milena later established the Centre Mandapa, a school for learning Indian dance forms, in Paris, France. In 2001, UNESCO recognised 'koodiyattam' as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Conferment Padma Shri award in 2019 in the field of performing arts.

11) International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust 2022 is observed on ____.

- a) 29th January b) 28th January c) 26th January d) 27th January

Answer: D

Explanation: The United Nations International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust is annually observed across the globe on 27th January as a tribute to the victims of the holocaust, also known as the Shoah, which was the genocide of European Jews during World War II. The day also marks the 77th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau, Nazi German concentration and extermination camp.

Theme: Memory, Dignity and Justice

12) Russia's Aslan Karatsev Won the 2022 Tennis Classic, which is held at ____.

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Aslan Karatsev (World Rank: 15), the Russian professional Tennis player, has defeated Andy Murray (runner) and won the Men's Single in the 2022 Sydney Tennis Classic (2022 Sydney International) held in Sydney, Australia, held from 10th to 15th January 2022. This marks Aslan Karatsev's first singles title of the year and the 3rd title of his career.

13) How many Padma Awards has conferment on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day?

- a) 128 b) 107 c) 117 d) 104

Answer: A

Explanation: On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day (on January 26, 2022), President Ram Nath Kovind has approved the conferment of 128 Padma Awards including 2 duo cases (in a duo case, the award is counted as one). The list includes 4 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri Awards. Ministry of Home Affairs has announced the Padma Awards 2022. The Padma Awards, one of the highest civilian Awards of India are conferred under 3 categories namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri.

Static Points: Ministry of Home Affairs - **Amit Shah**; **Constituency** - Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat

14) Max Life has partnered with which company to offer Insurance cover for Homemakers?

- a) Bajaj Allianz b) HDFC Life c) Reliance Life d) Policybazaar

Answer: D

Explanation: Max Life Insurance Company Limited (Max Life) has partnered with Policybazaar.com to offer its 'Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan' on the Policybazaar platform as an independent Insurance cover to homemakers. At present homemakers in India are allowed for term insurance cover only as an add-on to their earning spouse's cover.

Static Points:

Max Life Insurance Company Limited **MD & CEO** - Prashant Tripathy; **Headquarters** - Gurugram, Haryana
Policybazaar **CEO** - Sarbvir Singh; **Head (Term Life Insurance)** - Sajja Praveen Chowdary;
Headquarters - Gurugram, Haryana

15) ___ & Institut Pasteur Signs MoU towards Advancement in Human Health.

- a) SRID b) CSIR c) ICAR d) CRR

Answer: B

Explanation: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) (India) and Institut Pasteur (France) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) towards advancement in Global Human Health. It aims to develop scientific & technological (S&T) cooperation and networking in advanced and emerging areas of Human Health between scientists and institutes/ laboratories of CSIR and Institut Pasteur and its international network.

Static Points:

CSIR **President** - Prime Minister of India (Narendra Modi); **Director-General** - Shekhar C. Mande
Founder - Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar.

29-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) NHEV Inaugurates India's largest Electric Vehicle charging station in which state?

- a) Odisha b) Punjab c) Gujarat d) Haryana

Answer: D

Explanation: National Highway for Electric Vehicle (NHEV) inaugurated India's largest Electric Vehicle charging station in Sector 52 of Gurgaon, Haryana, which has 100 charging points for four-wheelers. The station has been installed and operated by Alekrify Private Limited. Out of the 100 points, 72 units are AC slow chargers while 24 units consist of DC fast chargers.

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

2) Which online payment platform launches Intelligent Messenger 'Pops' to invest and track markets?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Paytm Money, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the digital finance platform 'Paytm', has launched India's first intelligent messenger named 'Pop' to provide instant updates to track users' investments in the stock market. 'Pop' provides specific information related to their stock, portfolio analysis, market news, and important market movements all in one place and easily available to its users. It will also serve as a market for providing stock recommendations, news insights, and other services.

Static Points: Paytm Money **CEO** - Varun Sridhar; **Headquarters** - Bengaluru, Karnataka

3) Who hosted 1st India-Central Asia Summit 2022 with Nations?

- a) Narendra Modi b) Ram Nath Kovind c) Arvind Kejriwal d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the 1st India-Central Asia Summit 2022 in a virtual format with the Presidents of 5 Central Asian Nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. This summit, also the first engagement of its kind between both sides at the level of leaders, coincided with the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between them.

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

4) Google to Invest Up to USD ____ Billion in Airtel to Develop India's Digital Ecosystem.

- a) 2 b) 1 c) 3.1 d) 1.7

Answer: B

Explanation: Bharti Airtel (Airtel) signed a long term, multi-year agreement with Google to enhance the growth of the digital ecosystem of India. Under this agreement, Google is set to invest up to USD 1 billion in Airtel. The agreement also includes an investment of USD 700 million to acquire 1.28% in Bharti Airtel at a price per share of Rs.734.

Static Points:

Bharti Airtel **CEO** - Gopal Vittal; **Founder** - Sunil Bharti Mittal; **Headquartered** - New Delhi

5) India Signs USD 374.9 Million Deal for BrahMos missiles with which country?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Philippines signed a USD 374.96 Million deal with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (India) for the supply of shore-based anti-ship variants of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, a joint product between India and Russia and it will be the 1st export order for the missile. The contract was signed by Defence Secretary of National Defence of Philippines Delfin Lorenzana and Director General of BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited, Atul Dinkar Rane in a virtual ceremony.

Static Points: Philippines **Capital** – Manila; **Currency** - Philippine Peso; **President** - Rodrigo Duterte

6) Who launches 'India's Women Unsung Heroes', a pictorial comic book?

- a) Meenakshi Lekhi b) Nirmala Sitharaman
c) Anupriya Patel d) Shobha Karandlaje

Answer: A

Explanation: Meenakshi Lekhi has launched the pictorial comic book titled 'India's Women Unsung Heroes' in New Delhi. The book was prepared by the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with Amar Chitra Katha. It highlights the tales of valour of forgotten Indian women who fought against colonial rule and immensely contributed to the freedom struggle of India.

Static Points: Meenakshi Lekhi - Minister of State for External Affairs. **Constituency** - New Delhi

7) FAARMS Partners with which insurance company to Offer Insurance to Farmers?

- a) Bajaj Allianz b) RGICL c) TATA AIG d) Policybazaar

Answer: B

Explanation: FAARMS, the Agri-tech start-up, partners with Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. (RGICL) and introduced customised digital insurance solutions for the rural population especially the farmers. The partnership will enable the farmers and any individual from rural areas to easily access and choose from a range of health and cattle insurance on the FAARMS app through their smartphones.

Static Points: RGICL Executive **Director & CEO** - Rakesh Jain; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

8) Who is the new Chairman & Managing Director of HPCL?

- a) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya b) Pushp Kumar Joshi
c) Alka Mittal d) Gurdeep Singh

Answer: B

Explanation: Pushp Kumar Joshi was recommended by the PESB (Public Enterprises Selection Board) as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), the third-largest oil refining and fuel marketing company. He will succeed Mukesh Kumar Surana, who superannuates on April 30 2022.

Static Points: HPCL **Chairman** - Mukesh Kumar Surana; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

9) Malaysia's AirAsia Renamed its Listed Holding Company to ____.

- a) Capital A b) Capital Asia c) Capital AA d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: AirAsia Group Berhad based in Malaysia has renamed its listed holding company as, Capital A Berhad (Capital A), to highlight the diversity of AirAsia's business portfolio and its aim to grow in the non-airline revenue. The new name "Capital A" reflects the group's core businesses and its future undertakings as rapid digital transformation takes shape.

Static Points: Capital A **CEO** - Tony Fernandes; **Headquarters** - Sepang, Malaysia
Malaysia **Capital** - Kuala Lumpur; **Currency** - Malaysian Ringgit | Prime Minister - Ismail Sabri Yaakob

10) ____ appoints former SBI Head Arun Kumar Purwar as its Chairman.

- a) LIC Housing Finance b) Bajaj Finance
c) IIFL Finance d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: IIFL Finance, a non-banking finance company (NBFC) backed by Fairfax and Capital Group appointed former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) Arun Kumar Purwar as its new Chairman with effect from April 1, 2022. Arun Kumar Purwar (A. K. Purwar), previously served as the Chairman of SBI from 2002-2006. He also worked as Chairman of the Indian Bank Association (IBA) during 2005-2006.

Static Points: IIFL Group **Chairman** - Nirmal Jain; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

11) NPCI International signs MoU with which company to enable real-time, International Payments?

- a) Western Union b) Transfast c) TerraPay d) Small World

Answer: C

Explanation: The NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TerraPay, the Netherlands-based global payments infrastructure company. This partnership will allow Indians with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments into their bank accounts via TerraPay's fully regulated, secure, scalable and efficient channel.

Static Points: NPCI **Chairman** - Shri Biswamohan Mahapatra; **Headquarters** - Mumbai

12) Justice Ayesha Malik Sworn in as 1st female judge of which country Supreme Court?

- a) Afghanistan b) Bangladesh c) Pakistan d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Justice Ayesha Malik has been sworn in as Pakistan's first female Supreme Court judge in Islamabad, Pakistan. Pakistan's Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed administered the oath of office to Ayesha Malik. Justice Ayesha Malik has served as the judge at the Lahore High Court, the second-highest court in the judicial system for around 2 decades.

Static Points: Pakistan **Capital** - Islamabad; **Currency** - Pakistani Rupee; **President** - Arif Alvi

13) ____ Securities Partners with Alphaniti for Stock Market Investors.

- a) Upstox b) MOFS c) Zerodha d) IIFL

Answer: D

Explanation: Alphaniti, a Fintech company, partnered with IIFL Securities (India Infoline Financial services company) to allow investors to invest and trade in stock offerings. It aims to allow direct investments by offering high-quality products at affordable costs through big data, deep domain expertise and technology for both India and the US markets across multiple asset classes. Alphaniti offers unbiased stock selection and unique value-added indicators such as the probability of success and risk-reward score.

14) ___ Aircraft Inducted at INS Utkrosh at Port Blair To Boost Maritime Security.

- a) ALH MK III b) Boeing CH-47 c) Mil Mi-17 d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: The Indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III aircraft was formally inducted at INS Utkrosh by Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) Lieutenant General Ajai Singh at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar to boost maritime security. The ALH MK III aircraft is manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in order to boost the security of Andaman & Nicobar.

Static Points: ALH MK III **Manufacturer** - Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL); **HAL CEO & MD** - R Madhavan
Headquarters - Bangalore, Karnataka

15) Who Announces Subsidy to Popularise Drone in Agriculture?

- a) Kailash Choudhary b) Narendra Singh Tomar c) Shobha Karandlaje d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Narendra Singh Tomar has amended the guidelines of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM) to provide a 100 per cent grant (up to Rs 10 lakh) to Agricultural Institutes for the purchase of drones for Farming and its allied activities. The financial assistance and grants would be available until March 31, 2023. It aims to promote precision farming in India and to make drone technology affordable to the stakeholders of this sector.

Static Points:

Narendra Singh Tomar - Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Constituency - Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare - Shobha Karandlaje (Karnataka), Kailash Choudhary (Rajasthan)

CODES/NUMBERS USED IN BANKING/FINANCIAL INDUSTRY

Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN) :

- ✓ 10 Alpha Numeric code. It will be issued to persons who are requisite to deduct tax (TDS) or collect tax(TCS) on payments made by them under the Indian Income Tax Act, 1961.
- ✓ Without TAN number TDS/TCS returns will not be accepted .
- ✓ Challans for TDS/TCS payments will not be accepted by banks.
- ✓ iTAN is applied through "Form No. 49B" (prescribed under Indian Income Tax Law).
- ✓ **Component of TAN Card:-**
- ✓ First four characters should be alphabetic letters (in this first 3 characters represent – city or state and 4th character is name of the deductor)
- ✓ The next five are numerals; last character is again a alphabetic letter. Example – ABCD12345M

SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)

- ✓ 8 to 11 Alphabetic code
- ✓ It is approved by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). A SWIFT code is an internationally recognized bank code to identify the bank all over the world.
- ✓ SWIFT Codes are used when transferring money between banks, particularly for international wire transfers, and also for the exchange of other messages between banks in a secure standardized and reliable environment.
- ✓ SWIFT Code is required for overseas fund transfer for the particular bank.
- ✓ Head Quarters of SWIFT is in La Hulpe, Belgium.
- ✓ **The components of SWIFT code are:**
- ✓ The first four alphabetic characters representing the bank name,
- ✓ The next two alphabetic characters represent the country name
- ✓ The next two letters or digits represent the location code, and
- ✓ The last 3 letters or digits represent the branch code.
- ✓ Example: SWIFT Code of a branch of State Bank of India, IIM, Ahmadabad Brach is SBININBB412

***Note:** Not all bank branches have individual SWIFT codes, so if it is not available for your branch, you can use the SWIFT code of a nearby branch of same bank. SWIFT code is also known as Bank Identifier Code (BIC).

AADHAR:

- ✓ 12-digit code
- ✓ An Aadhaar card is a 12-digit Unique Identification (UID) number. It is the biometric ID system.
- ✓ It is issued by the government of India to each citizen of the country.
- ✓ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) under the Planning Commission of India, is responsible for managing Aadhaar numbers and Aadhaar identification cards.
- ✓ Example: 2354 5364 2346

Universal Account Number (UAN):

- ✓ 12 digit code
- ✓ A Universal Account Number (UAN) will be generated by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for each of the PF contributing members .
- ✓ The number allows portability of PF accounts to claim or withdrawal of EPF balance. The UAN will act as an umbrella for the multiple Member Ids allotted to an individual by different establishments.

Mobile Money Identifier (MMID):

- ✓ 7-digit code
- ✓ It is issued by the bank to their Mobile Banking registered customers for availing IMPS service as a beneficiary. You will have different MMIDs for different accounts and all these could be linked to a single registered mobile number.
- ✓ First four digits – to identify the bank of the user
- ✓ Next three digits – to identify the account of the user.

MICR (Magnetic Ink Character Recognition):

- ✓ A unique code used to identify the particular branch of a particular bank. It is used mainly by the banking industry to ease the processing and clearance of cheques and other documents. The technology allows MICR readers to scan and read the information directly into a data-collection device. Unlike barcodes and similar technologies, MICR characters can be read easily by humans. It is a 9-digit code.
- ✓ **The components of MICR code are:**
- ✓ The first three digits represent the city code of the bank branch – generally the pin code initials,
- ✓ The next three digits represent the bank code, and
- ✓ The last three digits represent the bank branch.
- ✓ Example: MICR-No of a branch of Punjab National Bank in Delhi is 110024490
- ✓ The MICR encoding, called the MICR line, is at the bottom of cheques and other vouchers

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