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16-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) WEF Released ____ Edition of Global Risks Report 2022.

- a) 12th b) 14th c) 17th d) 18th

Answer: C

Explanation: World Economic Forum (WEF) released the report titled "The Global Risks Report 2022, 17th Edition" prepared in partnership with Marsh McLennan, SK Group and Zurich Insurance Group. The 2022 report draws on the views of the 12,000 country-level leaders who identified critical short-term risks to their 124 countries gathered by the WEF's Executive Opinion Survey(EOS), conducted between May and September 2021.

Static Points:

World Economic Forum Founder and Executive Chairman - Klaus Schwab
Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

2) Who Appointed Chef de Mission for CWG & Bhupender Singh Bajwa for Asian Games 2022?

- a) Rakesh Anand b) Rajeev Mehta c) Gopichand d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced the appointment of Rakesh Anand as India's Chef de Mission for Commonwealth Games 2022 (CWG 2022) and Bhupender Singh Bajwa was appointed as India's Chef de Mission for Asian Games 2022.

Static Points:

Indian Olympic Association President - Narinder Batra
Secretary-General - Rajeev Mehta
Headquarters - New Delhi.

3) RIL signs MoU with which state for investing Rs 5.95 lakh crore in Green Projects?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Gujarat of investment Rs 5.955 lakh crore in various projects as part of the Investment Promotion Activity (IPA) for Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2022.

Static Points:

RIL CEO - Mukesh Ambani
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Gujarat CM - Bhupendrabhai Patel
Gujarat Capital - Gandhinagar
Gujarat Governor - Acharya Devvrat

4) Who Receives 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022?

- a) Moinuddin Bin b) Harshaali Malhotra c) Vijay Kedia d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Hindi actress Harshaali Malhotra has been honoured with the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022 for her performance as Munni, a mute girl from Pakistan, in 2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan starring Salman Khan.

5) Who Releases India State of Forest Report 2021 Prepared by FSI?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Virendra Kumar c) Bhupender Yadav d) Amit Shah

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, the biennial report of the Forest Survey of India (FSI) which showed that the forest and tree cover in India has risen by 2,261 square Kilometers (sq km) in 2 years (compared to 2019).

Static Points:

Bhupender Yadav - Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Labour and Employment
Constituency - Rajasthan, Rajya Sabha

6) Marwadi Financial Services partnered with ____ Payments Bank to offer a 3-in-1 Savings Account to Customers.

- a) CAMS b) EPFO c) CDSL d) NSDL

Answer: D

Explanation: Marwadi Financial Services has joined hands with NSDL Payments Bank to offer 3-in-1 savings bank account with features of savings, Demat (Dematerialised Account) and trading accounts to boost its customer experience. This partnership will also allow NSDL Payments Bank to access Marwadi's clients and expand its customer base.

Static Points:

NSDL MD & CEO - Padmaja Chunduru
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

7) ____ Startups announced winners of the National Startup Awards 2021 along with 1 incubator and 1 accelerator

- a) 30 b) 45 c) 50 d) 46

Answer: D

Explanation: During the ceremony, the Results of the National Startup Awards (NSA) 2021 were declared. A total of 46 Startups have been recognized as winners of the National Startup Awards 2021 along with 1 incubator and 1 accelerator. The 2021 edition of the awards also recognized exceptional Startups innovating solutions to promote Indic languages and to complement national efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

8) Which country Launched 1st Indigenously developed Satellite Constellation-MDASat?

- a) China b) South Korea c) Germany d) South Africa

Answer: D

Explanation: South Africa launched its first indigenously developed constellation of satellites called Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation from Cape Canaveral in the United States (US) as part of SpaceX's Transporter-3 mission.

Static Points:

President - Cyril Ramaphosa
Capitals - Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein
Currency - South African Rand

9) The UK launches Free Trade Agreement negotiations with which country?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: The government of the United Kingdom launched free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with India. This negotiation was described as a "golden opportunity" to put British businesses at the "front of the queue" of the Indian economy. Under the negotiations, the UK wants an agreement to remove barriers and to cut tariffs on exports of British-made cars and Scotch whisky. The first round of negotiations was agreed to begin on 17 January 2022.

Static Points:

UK Prime minister - Boris Johnson
Capital - London
Currency - Pound Sterling

10) On which day National Start-up Day is being observed?

- a) 17th January b) 15th January c) 16th January d) 12th January

Answer: C

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that January 16 would now be celebrated as National Start-Up Day in order to spread the culture of start-ups in every corner of the country. While in the pre-2014 era, only big businesses in the metros were prospering, there is at least one start-up in 625 districts of the country.

11) Former Japanese PM Toshiki Kaifu passed away at the age of ____.

- a) 81 b) 61 c) 91 d) 71

Answer: D

Explanation: The former Prime Minister of Japan, Toshiki Kaifu passed away at the age of 91 years in Japan. He served as the PM from 1989 to 1991. Toshiki Kaifu was a politician, born on 2 January 1931 in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan. He is known for sending the Maritime Self-Defense Force to the Persian Gulf in 1991

Static Points:

Japan PM - Fumio Kishida
Capital - Tokyo
Currency - Japanese Yen

12) 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day observed on which day?

- a) 12th January b) 14th January c) 13th January d) 15th January

Answer: B

Explanation: The 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day was observed to recognize the sacrifice of our veterans in serving the nation. It was called Armistice Day when initiated in 2017. The day honours the services rendered by Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa OBE, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the Indian Armed Forces.

13) UN-DESA Report lowered Global Economic Growth at ____ for 2022.

- a) 7% b) 12% c) 8% d) 4%

Answer: D

Explanation: The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) released the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report was released which has lowered the global economic growth projections to 4% in 2022 and 3.5% in 2023 due to new waves of coronavirus infections, persistent labour market challenges, lingering supply chain issues, and rising inflationary pressures.

Static Points:

United Nations Secretary-General - Antonio Guterres
Headquarters - New York, USA

14) Which country withdraw from Asian Under-22 Boxing Championship Amid Pandemic Threat?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) pulled out of the Asian Under-22 Championships for men and women that is scheduled to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, citing the COVID-19 pandemic. The championship will be held from January 20 to 30, 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan organised by Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC).

Static Points:

Boxing Federation of India President - Ajay Singh
Headquarters - Gurgaon, Haryana

Asian Boxing Confederation President - Anas Alotaiba

15) Which country railways launched 'Operation Mission Amanat' for Passengers to track & Get Back Lost Luggage?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Indian Railways launched a new 'Operation Mission Amanat' initiative to track the lost luggage of the passengers. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Western Railway will help in getting back the lost luggage. It will ensure more safety and security of luggage and belongings of the passengers.

Static Points:

Indian Railways Headquarters - New Delhi
Administered - Under Ministry of Railways
Western Railway Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

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1) India grants USD of ____ mn loan to Sri Lanka to tackle the forex crisis.

- a) 750 b) 700 c) 900 d) 650

Answer: C

Explanation: India grants over \$ 900 million to Sri Lanka to overcome the forex crisis. In the face of a shortage of practically all critical commodities in Sri Lanka, India has pledged a US\$ 900 million loan to help the island nation replenish its depleted foreign reserves and import food.

Static Points:

Sri Lanka Capitals - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive and Judicial)

Currency - Sri Lankan rupee.

Sri Lanka Prime Minister - Mahinda Rajapaksa

2) What is the edition of the Army day in India that will mark in 2022?

- a) 76th b) 75th c) 73rd d) 74th

Answer: D

Explanation: This year marks the 74th Army Day of the nation and leaders from across the political spectrum took to social media to convey their greetings. Indian Army unveils new combat uniform with a digital disruptive pattern. The World's largest national flag made of 'khadi' was displayed along the India- Pakistan border in Jaisalmer to celebrate Indian Army Day. The flag was 225 feet long and 150 feet wide.

Static Points:

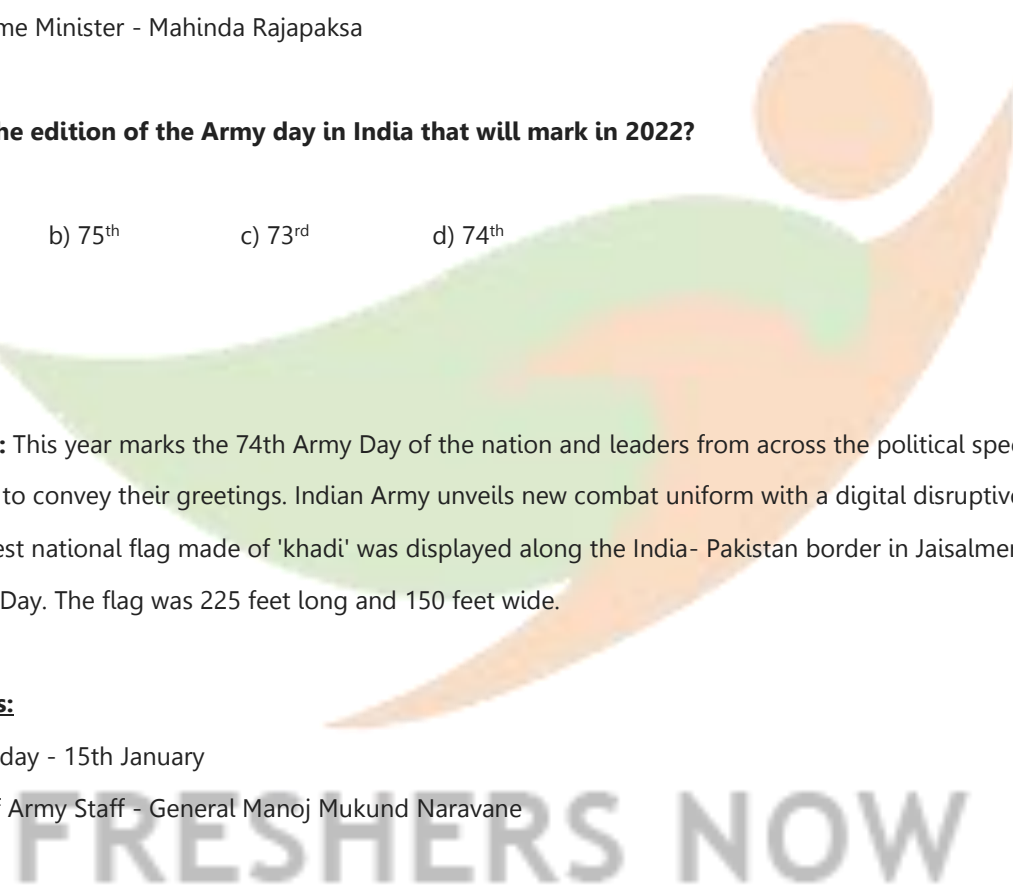
Indian Army day - 15th January

28th Chief of Army Staff - General Manoj Mukund Naravane

3) Which start-up has received the World Bank Group and Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards?

- a) InnAccel Technologies b) NIRAMAI Health Analytix
c) Both a & b d) None of the above

Answer: C



Explanation: DBT-BIRAC supported start-ups, NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt Ltd, and InnAccel Technologies Pvt Ltd have received World Bank Group and Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards. The award recognizes innovative startups that leverage tech to improve women's health and safety. NIRAMAI Health Analytix was selected for early-stage breast cancer medical device. InnAccel was selected for Fetal Lite, an AI-powered fetal heart rate (FHR) monitor.

4) Which country has built an artificial moon on Earth that can make gravity disappear?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: China's space programme has been growing by leaps and bounds, with 2021 as one of the most successful years for Beijing in the 21st Century. The country has now built an artificial moon facility that will simulate lunar conditions and the environment for scientists to test new tech and future missions. The facility can replicate low gravity environments for as long as one wants, making China less dependent on zero-gravity planes to train astronauts, and environments to test new rovers and technologies.

Static Points:

China **Capital** - Beijing

President - Xi Jinping

Currency - Renminbi

5) Which country has placed an order for the purchase of the BrahMos Shore-Based cruise Missile System for its navy?

- a) Israel b) Philippine c) China d) India

Answer: B

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Explanation: The Philippines has become the first foreign country to place an order for the purchase of the BrahMos Shore-Based cruise Missile System for its navy. This agreement will give a big boost to India's defence manufacturing system. The estimated deal cost is worth \$374,9 million.

Static Points:

Philippines Capital - Manila

Currency - Philippine Peso

President - Rodrigo Duterte

6) Who stepped down as the Test Captain of the Indian cricket team?

- a) Virat Kohli b) Rohit Sharma c) KL Rahul d) Shikhar Dhawan

Answer: A

Explanation: Virat Kohli led the team for 68 matches and won 40 of them, making him India's most successful Test captain. Virat Kohli has stepped down as captain of India's Test team after seven years in the position. He announced the decision in the wake of India losing a Test series in South Africa 1-2.

Static Points:

BCCI President - Sourav Ganguly

Headquarters – Mumbai.

7) Who launched 'North East on Wheels Expedition' to promote the Culture of Northeastern States?

- a) Narendra Modi b) Meenakshi Lekhi c) Amit Shah d) Piyush Goyal

Answer: B

Explanation: Minister of State for Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi has launched the 'North East on Wheels Expedition' in New Delhi to promote the Culture of Northeastern States. The Bike Expedition is scheduled between 8th to 16th April 2022 to mark the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Static Points:

Meenakshi Lekhi - Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture

Minister of External Affairs - Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

8) Who won the men's singles final at India Open 2022?

a) Loh Kean Yew

b) Lakshya Sen

c) Kidambi Srikanth

d) B Sai Praneeth

Answer: B

Explanation: Lakshya Sen wins men's singles crown, Satwik-Chirag pair claims the maiden title. The 20-year-old Sen produced a fine performance to outshine the fifth-seeded shuttler 24-22 21-17 in the summit clash that lasted 54 minutes. India's Lakshya Sen secured his maiden Super 500 title by winning the Yonex-Sunrise India Open with a stunning straight-game victory over reigning world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the men's singles final.

Static Points:

List of Winners of 2022 India Open (Badminton)

Women's Single - Busanan Ongbamrunphan (Thailand)

Men's Double - Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (India)

Women's Double - Benyapa Aimsaard and Nuntakarn Aimsaard (Thailand)

9) Which Payments Bank became the largest and fastest-growing UPI beneficiary bank in India?

a) Paytm Payments Bank

b) Fino Payments Bank

c) India Post Payments Bank

d) NSDL Payments Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) became the largest and fastest-growing UPI beneficiary bank in India. It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over 926 million UPI transactions in a single month.

Static Points:

Paytm Payments Bank Founder - Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Headquarter- Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Tagline - Simplifying Payments For India

10) Which country is hosting the ICC U19 World Cup 2022?

- a) Australia b) England c) West Indies d) South Africa

Answer: C

Explanation: The ICC Under 19 World Cup is all set to kick off on 14 January 2022, with hosts West Indies facing off against Australia in the tournament opener. The 14th edition of the tournament will feature the rising stars of 16 countries battling it out in 48 matches, with Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, St Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago hosting the matches across 10 venues.

Static Points:

13th Edition of ICC U19 World Cup Host - South Africa

Held on - 17th January to 9th February 2020

Champions - Bangladesh

11) Which zone received the maximum share of complaints under Ombudsman schemes, as per a recent RBI Report?

- a) South Zone b) North Zone c) East Zone d) West Zone

Answer: B

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India witnessed a 22.27 per cent rise in the volume of complaints under various ombudsman schemes during April 2020-March 2021, at 4,04,143. Chandigarh, Kanpur and Delhi got the maximum number of complaints and the North Zone accounted for the maximum share of complaints (43.10 per cent) in 2020-21. It was followed by the West Zone and the South Zone. East Zone continued to have the least share of complaints.

Static Points:

North Zone of India - Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh

12) Which digital platform has Indifi Technologies collaborated to offer instant digital credit to small merchants?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Small businesses-focused online lending platform Indifi Technologies has collaborated with Google Pay to provide instant loans to eligible MSMEs merchants through the Google Pay platform.

Static Points:

Minister of MSME - Giriraj Singh

Headquarters - New Delhi

Google Pay Founders - Sujith Narayanan and Sumit Gwalani

13) Jose Daniel Ortega Saavedra has been sworn for 5th term as the president of which country?

- a) Nicaragua b) Guatemala c) Mexico d) Honduras

Answer: A

Explanation: Nicaraguan President José Daniel Ortega Saavedra, leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), was sworn in for a new presidential term. This marks his 5th term and 4th consecutive term as the President of Nicaragua. He will remain in the office until January 2027.

Static Points:

Nicaragua Capital - Managua

Nicaragua Currency - Nicaraguan cordoba

14) Which edition of the Dhaka International Film Festival takes place in January 2022?

a) 17

b) 19

c) 20

d) 22

Answer: C

Explanation: The 20th Dhaka International Film Festival begins in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The festival will showcase 225 films from 70 countries under 10 categories will be screened across various venues in Dhaka between 15th January to 23rd January 2022.

Static Points:

Bangladesh Capital - Dhaka

Currency - Bangladeshi Taka

PM - Sheikh Hasina

15) As per the weekly RBI data, the foreign exchange reserves of India declined by \$878 million to USD _____ billion.

a) 632.73

b) 431.77

c) 772.63

d) 732.63

Answer: A

Explanation: As per the weekly Reserve Bank of India data, the foreign exchange reserves of India declined by \$878 million to USD 632.73 billion in the week ended January 7, 2022. In the previous week ended December 31, India's reserves dropped by \$1.466 billion to \$633.614 billion. The decline was mainly due to a fall in gold reserves and foreign currency assets (FCA). In the reporting week, FCAs decreased by \$497 million to \$569.392 billion.

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1) Which technology platform launched the 'JagrukVoter' campaign?

- a) Microsoft b) Google c) Twitter d) Facebook

Answer: C

Explanation: Micro-blogging platform Twitter launched the 'JagrukVoter' campaign, which aims to empower citizens with the right knowledge before they vote. The series of initiatives aim to enhance the engagement of the platform with voters. It includes the launch of a customized emoji, with the reminder, to support the conversation around Assembly Elections 2022.

Static Points:

Twitter CEO - Parag Agrawal | Headquarters - California, United States

2) Indian Navy Ship Kochi Undertake PASSEX With _____ Admiral Tributs in the Arabian Sea.

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea. The Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided-missile destroyer, INS Kochi, took part in the exercise. Russian Federation Navy was represented by RFS Admiral Tributs. These exercises are aimed at enhancing interoperability, improving understanding and imbibing best practices between the friendly navies, and this will involve advanced surface and anti-submarine warfare exercises, weapon firings, seamanship exercises and helicopter operations.

Static Points:

Russia Capital – Moscow | Currency - Russian Ruble | President - Vladimir Putin

3) The 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup will be held in which country?

a) China

b) India

c) Russia

d) Italy

Answer: B

Explanation: The 20th edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup trophy holds special significance for India as this is the second time the country will be hosting the tournament after 1979. Slated to be held from 20th January to 6th February in India, the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 will see twelve teams compete for the prestigious trophy.

Static Points:

Asian Football Confederation (ASF) President - Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa

Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

4) _____ Prudential AMC collaborates with First Trust Advisors to launch Global FoF.

a) SBI Mutual Fund

b) UTI Mutual Fund

c) HDFC Mutual Fund

d) ICICI Prudential

Answer: D

Explanation: ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC) signed an agreement with First Trust Advisors, a US-based company to launch a global Fund of Funds (FoF). Under the agreement, the ICICI Prudential AMC will launch a strategic metal & energy equity FoF. It invests in offshore funds of First Trust Advisors.

Static Points:

ICICI Prudential AMC CEO & MD - Nimesh Shah

Headquarters - New Delhi

5) _____ Bank & CRMNEXT win IBSi Innovation Awards 2021 for "Best CRM System Implementation".

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Axis Bank & CRMNEXT Solution won the IBS Intelligence (IBSi) Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the "Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation". It is one of the most prominent awards for global bankers and IT (Information Technology) consultants across the world.

Static Points:

Axis Bank MD & CEO - Amitabh Chaudhry

Axis Bank Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Axis Bank Tagline - Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

6) On which day 1st Ever National Startup Day is being observed?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: India celebrated the first-ever National Startup Day on 16th January 2022, with an aim to support the startup culture spread across India. 16th January 2022 also marks the 6th anniversary of the Startup India initiative. 16th January was chosen to mark the anniversary of the launch of the Startup India initiative. The Startup India initiative was launched on 16th January 2016.

7) Who authors the book titled "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist"?

- a) Chandrachur Ghose
b) Vikram Seth
c) Both a & b
d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: A new biography titled "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" authored by Chandrachur Ghose and published by Penguin Random House India under its Viking imprint will be released in February 2022. The book contains the thoughts and opinions of Subhas Chandra Bose about the development of independent India, communalism, geopolitics and political ideology.

8) Who launches Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal to Resolve Pension-Related Grievances of ESM?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: On the Occasion of the 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day, 14th January 2022, Rajnath Singh has launched an online portal – Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal (Raksha Pension) – to resolve pension-related grievances of ex-servicemen (ESM) and their dependents. The portal will help existing and future military pensioners and enable the ESM to file grievances directly with the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW).

Static Points:

Rajnath Singh - Minister of Defence
Constituency - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

9) India and which country undertakes Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Bay of Bengal?

- a) Israel b) Italy c) China d) Japan

Answer: D

Explanation: A Maritime Partnership Exercise was held between the Indian Navy (IN) and Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) in the Bay of Bengal in a non-contact mode amid COVID-19. The Indian side was represented by Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik and INS Kadmatt while JMSDF Ships Uraga and Hirado participated from the Japanese side.

Static Points:

Japan Capital - Tokyo

Currency - Japanese Yen

Prime Minister - Fumio Kishida

10) Padma Vibhushan Awardee & Kathak Dancer Birju Maharaj, Passed Away at the age of _____.

- a) 77 b) 87 c) 73 d) 83

Answer: D

Explanation: Legendary Kathak dancer Birju Maharaj, popularly known as "Maharaj-Ji" from Handia, Uttar Pradesh, died at the age of 83. Maharaj-Ji was a lifelong Kathak guru as well as a talented Hindustani classical singer and percussionist. Maharaj-Ji was the pioneer for the initial Lucknow Gharana dance styles.

11) Who Released Commemorative Stamp to Mark 1 year of COVID-19 Vaccination Drive?

- a) Mansukh Mandaviya
b) Piyush Goyal
c) Kiren Rijiju
d) Anurag Thakur

Answer: A

Explanation: Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, along with Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State(MoS) for Health & Family Welfare and Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State for Communications has released the Commemorative Postal Stamp on completion of one year of the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination program, which was launched on 16th January 2021.

Static Points:

Mansukh Mandaviya - Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare
Constituency - Palitana, Gujarat

12) Who Won Men's Doubles Title in India Open 2022?

- a) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty
b) Lakshya Sen, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
c) Chirag Shetty, Lakshya Sen
d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat three-time world champions Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan to win the men's doubles title. The world number 10 Indian pair, which had won its first Super 500 tournament in Thailand in 2019, upset the top-seeded Indonesian pair 21-16 26-24 in 43 minutes to make a rampaging start to the new season.

Static Points:

Badminton Association of India President - Himanta Biswa Sarma

Headquarters - New Delhi

Badminton World Federation President - Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

13) India's first Coal-to-Methanol plant launched at BHEL in which city?

- a) Chennai b) Bengaluru c) Hyderabad d) Varanasi

Answer: C

Explanation: The Union Minister for the Ministry of Heavy Industries, Mahendra Nath Pandey dedicated India's first 'Coal to Methanol' (CTM) pilot plant in the Hyderabad unit of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). It is the first-of-its-kind technology demonstration in India, which converts high-ash contain Indian coal to methanol through the gasification route.

Static Points:

BHEL Chairman & MD - Nalin Singhal

Headquarters - New Delhi

14) Which country launches Solid-fuel Satellite Carrier Rocket into Space?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard launched its first solid-fuel satellite carrier rocket into space that is made of a cost-efficient composite material instead of metal. The recent launches coincide with talks in Vienna, which was aimed at reviving Iran's nuclear agreement, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with Western powers.

Static Points:

Iran Capital - Tehran

Currency - Iranian Rial

President - Ebrahim Raisi

15) DPIIT Organized the 1st-ever Startup India Innovation Week from ____.

a) 11th to 17th January

b) 10th to 16th January

c) 9th to 15th January

d) 12th to 18th January

Answer: B

Explanation: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has virtually organised the 1st-ever 'Startup India Innovation Week' from 10th -16th of January 2022, to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal launched the Startup India Innovation Week.

Static Points:

DPIIT Headquarters - NewDelhi

Private Secretary - Ravi Jha

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1) Which bank Partners with Lendingkart to Offer Loans Online for MSMEs?

a) Federal Bank

b) Canara Bank

c) IndusInd Bank

d) South Indian Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: Fintech company Lendingkart announced a co-lending partnership with Canara Bank to provide low-cost business loans of up to Rs. 10 lakh to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). It aims to broaden the support provided to the MSME borrowers for enhancing financial inclusion under the Reserve Bank India's (RBIs) Priority Sector initiative.

Static Points:

Lendingkart Co-founder and CEO - Harshvardhan Lunia
Headquarters - Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Canara Bank CEO & MD - Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
Headquarters - Bangalore, Karnataka
Tagline - Together we can

2) ___ Signs 1st Contract with Anadron Systems Pvt Ltd.

- a) Indian Army b) Indian Navy c) Indian Coast Guard d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: The Indian Army has signed its first contract with Anadron Systems Pvt Ltd under Make-II for Maneuverable Expendable Aerial Target, for Army Air Defence and Indian Air Force. The contract worth Rs 96 crore is the first contract with the private sector aimed at 'Atmanirbhar Defence'. The Indian Army sanctioned the prototype development of MEAT in 2018.

Static Points:

Indian Army Commander in Chief - Ram Nath Kovind (President of India)
Indian Army Motto - Service Before Self
Headquarters - New Delhi.

3) SIDBI sanctions financial assistance of Rs ___ crore to AUSFB and JSFB.

- a) 700 b) 750 c) 560 d) 650

Answer: D

Explanation: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) sanctioned financial assistance of around Rs.650 crore to AU Small Finance Bank (AUSFB) and Jana Small Finance Bank (JSFB). The Small Finance Banks will use this assistance to support small-sized non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) and micro-entrepreneurs.

Static Points:

SIDBI Chairman & MD - Sivasubramanian Ramann
Headquarters - Lucknow, Uttarpradesh
Tagline - Aaayiye Ganga Nahaiye Aur Udyami Banker Jaayiye

4) Newly-built Tu-160M 'White Swan' Strategic Bomber performs Debut Flight, it is from which country?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Russia's first newly-built Tupolev Tu-160M strategic missile-carrying bomber nicknamed 'White Swan' recently performed its debut flight from the aerodrome of the Kazan Aviation Enterprise, a subsidiary of the Tupolev Company (part of the United Aircraft Corporation within Rostec). It performed its flight at an altitude of 600 meters that lasted about 30 minutes. It is the world's heaviest supersonic military aircraft to date.

Static Points:

Russia Capital - Moscow
President - Vladimir Putin
Currency - Russian Ruble

5) ___ and NCGG Signed MoU to Promote Good Governance Across All Programmes and Schemes.

- a) TSIPARD b) NIRDPR c) BIREDB d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), New Delhi to promote inclusive good governance, strengthen local institutions and effective implementation of government programmes.

Static Points:

NIRDPR - under the Union Ministry of Rural Development
Headquarters - Hyderabad

Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj - Giriraj Singh
Constituency - Nawada, Bihar

6) Global Unemployment to reach ___ million in 2022 according to ILO WESO Trends 2022.

- a) 107 b) 720 c) 270 d) 207

Answer: D

Explanation: The International Labour Organisation (ILO) released a report namely 'World Employment and Social Outlook (WESO) Trends 2022' projecting global unemployment at 207 million in 2022, surpassing its 2019 level (186 million) by 21 million. This rise is due to slow economic recovery and the spread of new COVID-19 variants viz. Delta and Omicron.

Static Points:

ILO Director-General - Guy Ryder
Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland
Member Nations - 187

7) Who Confirms India's position to Achieve USD 650 Billion Exports in FY 2021-22?

- a) Kiren Rijiju b) Amit Shah c) Piyush Goyal d) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Minister of Commerce & Industries, Piyush Goyal chaired the review meeting of all major Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), where he informed that India is set to achieve the targeted Export level of USD 650 Billion in the current financial year (FY) 2021-22. At present, Indian Merchandise exports have reached \$300 billion in the first nine months of FY 2021-22, out of the total targeted USD 400 billion.

Static Points:

Piyush Goyal - Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Minister of Textiles Constituency - Maharashtra

8) MobiKwik & Bharat BillPay launch ___ Services for Bill Payments.

- a) ClcikPay b) StartPaying c) EasyPay d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: MobiKwik, a mobile wallet Fintech company, partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL) to launch a 'ClickPay' service to its customers. With this, the customers of MobiKwik can pay recurring online bills, such as mobile, gas, water, electricity, DTH, insurance and loan EMIs using their mobile phone.

Static Points:

MobiKwik CEO - Bipin Preet Singh
Headquarters - Gurugram

NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd CEO - Noopur Chaturvedi
Headquarters - New Delhi.

9) Who Inaugurates 'Madhavbaug Power MAP' India's 1st Intelligent Chronic Disease Patients Habit Tracking System?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Amit Shah c) Nitin Gadkari d) Kiren Rijiju

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Madhavbaug's (Vaidya Sane Ayurved Labs Ltd), Power MAP, during a virtual ceremony. It is India's first Intelligent Chronic Disease Patients Habit Tracking System. It is a cost-effective medical analytics application for doctors which provides patients' clinical parameters to reverse their chronic diseases effectively.

Static Points:

Nitin Gadkari - Minister of Road Transport and Highways
Constituency - Nagpur, Maharashtra

10) Israel and ____ tested Arrow-3 Ballistic Missile System in Israel.

- a) UK b) Italy c) India d) US

Answer: D

Explanation: Israel & the United States successfully conducted the flight test of the Arrow-3 ballistic missile interceptor outside the Earth's atmosphere. It was developed in a joint project between Israel's Missile Defense Organization and the American Missile Defense Agency.

Static Points:

Israel Prime Minister - Naftali Bennett
Capital - Jerusalem
Currency - Israeli Shekel

United States President - Joe Biden
Capital - Washington, D.C.
Currency - United States Dollar.

11) Who took charge as the Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council?

- a) Narendra Kumar Goenka b) L.B. Singhal c) A Sakthivel d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: Narendra Kumar Goenka, Founder and Managing Director(MD) of Texport Industries Pvt Ltd took charge as the Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), under the aegis of the Ministry of Textile, during its Executive Committee meeting held on 17th January 2022. AEPC is the official body of apparel exporters in India.

Static Points:

AEPC Chairman - Narendra Kumar Goenka
Secretary-General - Dr L.B. Singhal
Head Office - Gurugram, Haryana

12) BOB Financial & NPCI launches contactless RuPay Credit Card along with which e-commerce company?

- a) Amazon b) Flipkart c) Snapdeal d) Nykaa

Answer: C

Explanation: E-commerce platform Snapdeal has partnered with Bank of Baroda (BOB) Financial Solutions Limited, a subsidiary of BoB, and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a co-branded contactless RuPay credit card. It aims to popularise the adoption and usage of credit cards among online buyers from India's smaller cities and towns.

Static Points:

Snapdeal CEO - Kunal Bahl
President - Himanshu Chakrawarti
Headquarters - New Delhi

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

NPCI CEO & MD - Dilip Asbe
Headquarters - Mumbai

13) Which state Partners with WFP to Improve Food Security, Farmers' Resilience?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The Government of Odisha and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have partnered to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers of India by enhancing their resilience to climate change. This will support the farmers to make informed decisions to transform towards a productive and resilient agriculture system.

Static Points:

Odisha Capital - Bhubaneswar
Odisha CM - Naveen Patnaik
Odisha Governor - Ganeshi Lal

14) FIFA Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held as a virtual TV show from the Home of which country?

- a) France b) Switzerland c) Germany d) Spain

Answer: B

Explanation: The Best Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held as a virtual TV show from the Home of FIFA in Zurich, Switzerland. It has crowned Bayern Munich's Polish striker Robert Lewandowski as Best FIFA Men's Player 2021 and Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Alexia Putellas as Best FIFA Women's Player 2021.

Static Points:

FIFA President - Giovanni Vincenzo Infantino
Headquarters - Zurich, Switzerland
Founded - 21st May 1904.

15) NeGD organizes ___ edition of CISO Deep Dive Training Program under Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is organizing a 6-day long 26th edition of the CISO Deep Dive Training program under Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative from 17th to 22nd January 2022. It aims to provide a better understanding of the emerging cyber threat, and best practices in cyber security. It envisages training 1200 CISOs and frontline IT officials across all government departments.

Static Points:

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology - Rajeev Chandrasekhar
Constituency - Karnataka

20-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India offers USD ___ mn LOC to Sri Lanka for the Purchase of Petroleum Products.

- a) 500 b) 450 c) 550 d) 400

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Government offered a USD 500 million Line of Credit (LOC) to help Sri Lanka purchase petroleum products as it is struggling with fuel and energy crisis. This support is extended through a letter by Union Minister Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, Prof. Gamini Lakshman Peiris.

Static Points:

Sri Lanka Capitals - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive and Judicial)
Currency - Sri Lankan rupee.
Sri Lanka Prime Minister - Mahinda Rajapaksa

2) Equirus Wealth in collaboration with SCUBE Capital along with which bank to jointly launch USD Offshore Fund?

- a) Axis Bank b) ICICI Bank c) Federal Bank d) Canara Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: Federal Bank and Equirus Wealth in collaboration with SCUBE Capital, a global fund management company based out of Singapore, have launched a 'US dollar offshore fund' for their customers. The portfolio is managed by a highly skilled team with a cumulative experience of over 70 years in managing investments of over USD 50 billion.

Explanation: As the next phase of e-governance, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) initiated a new project namely 'Digital Government Mission' to speed up citizen services delivery through the help of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

Static Points:

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

6) ___ launches 'Saa ₹thi' Mobile App for Investor Education & Awareness.

- a) IRDA b) SEBI c) NSDL d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched a mobile app "Saa₹thi" based on investor education in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The application aims to create awareness and provide education to investors about the basic concepts of the securities market.

Static Points:

SEBI Chairman - Ajay Tyagi
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

7) ___ from the United States of America was chosen as the winner of Mrs World 2022.

- a) Sharon White b) Sadaf Monajemi c) Virginia Rometty d) Shaylyn Ford

Answer: D

Explanation: Shaylyn Ford from the United States of America (USA) was chosen as the winner of Mrs World 2022. She was crowned by the 2020 Mrs World – Kate Schneider from Ireland. Mrs Jordan – Jaclyn Stapp & Mrs UAE – Debanjali Kamstra were named as the runners up of the competition. The event was organized in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States.

Static Points:

India in Beauty Pageant - Harnaaz Sandhu was named the 2021's Miss Universe.
Reita Faria became the first Asian to be crowned Miss World.

8) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd elects ___ as its 17th Chairman?

- a) Rajkiran Rai b) LV Prabhakar c) Sameer Nigamd) Dileep Sanghani

Answer: D

Explanation: The board of Directors of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) Limited has elected Dileep Sanghani, the former cabinet Minister of Gujarat as the 17th Chairman of IFFCO. He has been serving as the Vice-Chairman of IFFCO since 2019. The elections were held following the demise of incumbent Chairman Balvinder Singh Nakai.

Static Points:

IFFCO Headquarters - New Delhi
MD & CEO - Dr U.S Awasthi
Founded - 3rd November 1967.

9) ___ & Mauritius Government Signed Contract to Supply one ALH Mk-III.

- a) HAL b) BEL c) BHEL d) BEML

Answer: A

Explanation: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a contract with the Mauritius government to export one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH Mk-III), for the Mauritius police force. The contract is in line with the vision of the Indian Government to boost the defence exports to friendly foreign countries.

Static Points:

Mauritius Capital - Port Louis
Currency - Mauritian Rupee
Prime Minister - Pravind Jugnauth

HAL Founder - Walchand Hirachand
Headquarters - Bengaluru

10) On which day the 17th National Disaster Response Force Raising Day is observed?

- a) 19th January b) 18th January c) 17th January d) 20th January

Answer: A

Explanation: National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) annually celebrates the NDRF Raising day on 19th January to mark the formation of NDRF. Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that the NDRF has been at the forefront of several relief and rescue measures.

Static Points:

NDRF Director-General - Atul Karwal
Motto - Implies Sustained Disaster Response Service
Headquarters - New Delhi.

11) Who Elected as the New President of the EU Parliament?

- a) Roberta Metsola b) Vladimir Putin
c) Emmanuel Macron d) Sergio Mattarella

Answer: A

Explanation: Roberta Metsola from Malta was elected as the new President of the European Union (EU) Parliament, she is also the youngest-ever President & only the third woman to head the EU Parliament. Roberta Metsola is a 43-year-old politician from the European Union's smallest nation 'Malta'.

Static Points:

European Union - is a political and economic union

Member States - 27

6 Founding Members - Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg

12) Who Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Air India?

- a) Siddharth Mittal
c) Sivasubramanian Ramann
- b) Vikram Dev Dutt
d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Vikram Dev Dutt, a 1993-batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India. He has been appointed in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary, in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Static Points:

Air India CMD - Vikram Dev Dutt

Headquarter - New Delhi

13) Ministry of Earth Sciences celebrated its ____ edition of Foundation Day on 14th January 2022.

- a) 100th b) 147th c) 85th d) 75th

Answer: B

Explanation: India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences celebrated its 147th Foundation Day on 14th January 2022. On the foundation day, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh, launched India's 1st Climate Hazard & Vulnerability Atlas based on the thirteen most hazardous meteorological events, which cause extensive damages and economic, human and animal losses.

Static Points:

Jitendra Singh - Ministry of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy, Space, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office

14) India's Annual Power Consumption to Grow at ____ in 2022-24.

- a) 6.5% b) 7.2% c) 7.1% d) 6.2%

Answer: A

Explanation: As per the January 2022 'Electricity Market Report' of the International Energy Agency (IEA), power demand in India is expected to grow at an annual rate of 6.5 per cent between 2022 and 2024 backed by rising consumption from residential and industrial segments. India clocked the highest 10 per cent Y-o-Y growth in power demand during the 2021 calendar year (CY).

Static Points:

IEA Executive Director - Fatih Birol
Headquarters - Paris, France.

15) who signs MoU with IGNOU to link Vocational Education & Training with Higher Education?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: D

Explanation: The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a 10-year long Memorandum of Understanding with Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) to further strengthen the vocational and technical training framework. A Project Steering Committee with representatives from both MSDE and IGNOU will monitor and review the progress of the programme.

Static Points:

Dharmendra Pradhan - Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Education
Constituency - Deogarh, Odisha

21-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Along with which country, India initiate Joint Research & Development on Green fuels?

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

Answer: A

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Explanation: India and Denmark agreed to initiate joint research and development on green fuels including green hydrogen during the Joint Science and Technology Committee meeting held virtually. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr S. K. Varshney, Adviser & Head, International Cooperation, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, and Dr Stine Jorgensen, Deputy Director of the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science, Govt. of Denmark.

Static Points:

Denmark Capital - Copenhagen

Currency - Danish Krone

Prime Minister - Mette Frederiksen.

2) Which country change its capital city to Nusantara?

a) Philippine

b) Singapore

c) Malaysia

d) Indonesia

Answer: D

Explanation: The Indonesian Parliament has passed a law to relocate its capital from Jakarta to East Kalimantan, situated to the east of Borneo island. The new capital city of the country will be called Nusantara, which is a symbol of the identity of the nation, and also a new centre of economic gravity. The new state capital law provides a legal framework for President Joko Widodo's ambitious approximately USD 32 billion megaprojects.

Static Points:

Indonesia New Capital - Nusantara

Old Capital - Jakarta

President - Joko Widodo

Currency - Indonesian Rupiah

3) Which country hosts the 15th meeting of the BRICS Science Technology Innovation (STI) Steering Committee?

a) China

b) India

c) Russia

d) Brazil

Answer: B

Explanation: 15th meeting of the BRICS Science Technology Innovation (STI) Steering Committee decides that India will host five events in 2022. During the meeting, India handed over the chairmanship to China. China will be the Chair for 2022. The Theme for BRICS 2022 is "Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development".

Static Points:

BRICS (five major emerging economies) - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

Founded - June 2006

New Development Bank (NDB) - formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank

NDB President - Marcos Prado Troyjo

4) Which online shopping platform signs MoU with NIF to Empower Grassroots Entrepreneurs?

a) Amazon

b) Flipkart

c) Snapdeal

d) Both a & b

Answer: A

Explanation: Amazon India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the NIF Incubation and Entrepreneurship Council (NIFientreC), a technology business incubator hosted by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF), for online distribution of products of grassroots innovations, student creativity based innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge-based ready to market products.

Static Points:

National Innovation Foundation Chairperson - P. S. Goel

Headquarters - Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Director - Vipin Kumar.

5) ____ inks MOU with Insurance Institute of India for Capacity Building of Insurance Professionals.

a) BIFC

b) GIFT

c) IFSCA

d) None

Answer: B

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Explanation: The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Insurance Institute of India (III) for capacity building of insurance professionals in International Financial Services Centres.

Static Points:

Insurance Institute of India President - Devesh Srivastava

Parent Ministry - Ministry of Finance

Headquarter - Mumbai, Maharashtra.

6) Who announced the retirement at the End of the 2022 Season?

a) Novak Djokovic

b) Sania Mirza

c) Rafael Nadal

d) Serena Williams

Answer: B

Explanation: Padma Awardee Sania Mirza 35-year-old, Indian professional tennis player, has announced that she will retire at the end of the 2022 season. She made the announcement following her defeat in the Australian Open Women's double first round with partner Nadiia Kichenok (Ukraine). Sania Mirza, currently ranked 68th (Doubles) in the world is a former World's No. 1 in Doubles and had a career-best ranking of 27 in Singles.

Static Points:

Sania Mirza Awards and Honours - 2004 Arjuna Award for Tennis, 2006 Padma Shri for sports, 2016 Padma Bhushan for sports, and others

7) ___ based Rhapsody Music Foundation won QS-Wharton Reimagine Education Awards 2021?

a) Pune

b) Lucknow

c) Bangalore

d) Chennai

Answer: D

Explanation: Chennai-based Rhapsody Music Foundation has won the QS-Wharton Reimagine Education Award 2021 (gold) under the Arts and Humanities. Reimagine Education Award is considered as the Oscar in the Education space. which is ranked number 1 in Asia and in the world. Rhapsody - Creative Intelligence Delivered receives two Gold Awards. It has won the Regional Award - Asia and the Discipline Award for Arts & Humanities.

Static Points:

Chennai - Capital of Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu CM - MK Stalin

Governor - RN Ravi

8) Who was named in 2021 ICC T20I women's Team of the Year?

a) Smriti Mandhana

b) Mithali Raj

c) Shafali Verma

d) Deepti Sharma

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana was named in 2021 ICC (International Cricket Council) Women's T20I team of the year. Smriti Mandhana is India's highest scorer who scored 255 runs at an average of 31.87 in 2021. She scored two fifties in the nine matches with a strike rate of 131.44.

Static Points:

International Cricket Council Chairman - Greg Barclay

Headquarters - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded - 1909

9) Who sanctions the remaining Rs.973.74 crore under Scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment?

a) Rajnath Singh

b) Narendra Modi

c) Anurag Thakur

d) Arvind Kejriwal

Answer: B

Explanation: The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the payment of ex-gratia amount of Rs. 973.74 crore pertaining to remaining claims submitted by Lending Institutions (LIs) under Scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment of the difference between compound interest and simple interest for six months to borrowers in specified loan accounts.

Static Points:

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

Constituency - Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

10) According to UNCTAD Investment Trends Monitor, the FDI Flows to India Slips ___ per cent in 2021.

- a) 26% b) 62% c) 54% d) 47%

Answer: A

Explanation: The United Nation Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) 'Investment Trends Monitor' published on January 19, 2022, the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to India in 2021 had decreased by 26 per cent mainly because of large Mergers & Acquisition (M&A) offers recorded in 2020 was not repeated.

Static Points:

UNCTAD Secretary-General - Rebeca Grynspan (1st women & central American to serve as Secretary-General)
Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

11) ___ Remains World's Largest Derivatives Market for 3rd Straight Year.

- a) NSE b) BSE c) FSE d) CSE

Answer: A

Explanation: The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange for the third consecutive year in 2021 in terms of the number of contracts traded, based on the statistics maintained by the Futures Industry Association (FIA). As per the statistics maintained by the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) for 2021, the NSE exchange was ranked 4th by the number of trades in cash equities.

Static Points:

National Stock Exchange of India MD & CEO - Vikram Limaye

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

12) Who won the Genesis Prize in 2022?

- a) Albert Bourla b) Sally Susman c) Noubar Afeyan d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: The Genesis Prize Foundation has named Dr Albert Bourla, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairman of Pfizer as the 2022 Genesis Prize Laureate for his efforts in leading the development of the COVID-19 vaccine. The Genesis Prize, dubbed the "Jewish Nobel", carries a cash prize of USD 1 Million.

Static Points:

Genesis Prize 2021 - Rabbi Lord Johnathan Sacks from the UK

13) RBI released the RBI-DPI for September 2021, as per the index the digital payments grew by ___ per cent.

- a) 64.93% b) 69.34% c) 93.46% d) 39.64%

Answer: D

Explanation: the Reserve Bank of India released the RBI – Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) for September 2021, as per the index the digital payments increased by 39.64% to 304.06 as against 217.74 in September 2020. It is the index launched by RBI in January 2021 with March 2018 as the base period (ie. DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100) to identify the extent of digitisation of payments across the country.

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Static Points:

RBI Governor - Shaktikanta Das

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Deputy Governors - Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, and M Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar

RBI-DPI Index

September 2021 - 304.06

March 2021 - 270.59 | September 2020 - 217.74.

14) India successfully Test-Fires New Version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile in ____.

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

Answer: A

Explanation: India successfully test-fired a new version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile at Chandipur, off Odisha coast. The missile is equipped with new technological developments and precision. The launch was conducted by Brahmos Aerospace in close coordination with the teams of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Static Points:

Odisha Capital - Bhubaneswar

Odisha CM - Naveen Patnaik

Odisha Governor - Ganeshi Lal

15) Who Becomes the 1st Black Woman to Appear on US Coin?

- a) Guy Johnson b) Paul du Feu c) Maya Angelou d) Cicely Tyson

Answer: C

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Explanation: The United States Mints has started rolling out quarters featuring American poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou. She has become the first black woman to be featured on the US Currency. This is a part of the US's American Women Quarters Programme. Maya Angelou is known for her autobiography titled "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings".

Static Points:

Maya Angelou - American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist

Maya Angelou Famous books - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, And Still I Rise, etc.

22-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India extend existing S&T Cooperation for 3 more years along with which country?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: India-Sri Lanka 5th Joint Committee on S&T (Science & Technology) Cooperation held virtually which was co-chaired by Sanjeev K Varshney, Advisor, and Head, International Cooperation, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, India; and Mrs Deepa Liyange, Secretary, State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovations, Sri Lanka.

Static Points:

Sri Lanka Capitals - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive and Judicial)

Currency - Sri Lankan rupee.

Sri Lanka Prime Minister - Mahinda Rajapaksa

2) PM Modi and ____ virtually inaugurated the India-assisted social housing units project.

- a) Sergio Mattarella b) Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
c) Emmanuel Macron d) Vladimir Putin

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the PM of Mauritius Pravind Kumar Jugnauth virtually inaugurated the India-assisted social housing units project in Mauritius. The projects are being implemented as part of the development partnership between India and Mauritius.

Static Points:

Mauritius Capital - Port Louis
Currency - Mauritian Rupee

3) Indian Armed Force Selected 'Saab' for Supply of Anti-Armour Weapon ____.

- a) T91 b) AT4 c) TAR-21 d) AK-47

Answer: B

Explanation: Swedish defence company 'Saab' had been selected by the Indian Armed Force through a competitive programme for the supply of single-shot anti-armour weapon AT4. AT4 will be used by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force. AT4 will be operated by a single soldier and its single-shot system has proven efficacy against structures landing craft helicopters armoured vehicles and personnel.

Static Points:

Saab President and CEO - Micael Johansson
Headquarters - Stockholm, Sweden

AT4 In-service - 1987 to Present
Length - 102 cm (40 in)

4) Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft participated in ASW Exercise Sea Dragon-22 at ____.

- a) Guam, US b) Bermuda, UK c) Bir Tawil, Africa d) Eurasia, Europe

Answer: A

Explanation: P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft of the Indian Navy has participated in the multinational Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Exercise Sea Dragon-22 held at Guam is an unincorporated territory of the United States. Sea Dragon is an annual multinational high-end exercise hosted by the US Navy.

Static Points:

Indian Navy Commander-in-Chief - Ram Nath Kovind
Headquarters - Integrated Defence, New Delhi

Guam - is a US island territory in Micronesia
Capital - Hagatna
Continent - Oceania

5) Who Launched the Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory for COVID-19 Testing for Northeast?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Giriraj Singh c) Anurag Thakur d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State Science & Technology launched the first of its kind Mobile Covid-19 testing facility, "Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory (I-LAB)", which is capable of performing both RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription–Polymerase Chain Reaction) and Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for Northeast.

Static Points:

Jitendra Singh - Ministry of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy, Space, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office

6) Which bank holds Overnight VRRR Auction as GST outflow from Banks tightens Liquidity?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India conducted an Overnight variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auction for Rs 50,000 crore under liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) to infuse liquidity, instead of its usual fixed-rate overnight reverse repo window, as Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection tightened liquidity this week.

Static Points:

RBI Headquarters – Mumbai

RBI Governor – Shaktikanta Das

RBI Deputy Governor – Mahesh Kumar Jain, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

7) RBI Approves Ex-CAG Vinod Rai as Independent Chairman of which bank?

- a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank b) Equitas Small Finance Bank
c) Unity Small Finance Bank d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India approved the appointment of former comptroller and auditor general (CAG) of India Vinod Rai as independent chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity SFB).

Static Points:

Unity Small Finance Bank Independent Chairman - Vinod Rai

Established - 1st November 2021

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

8) PM Modi Tops List of Most Popular World Leaders 2021 with ____ per cent rating.

- a) 77% b) 71% c) 61% d) 67%

Answer: B

Explanation: According to the global rating survey released by the Morning Consult Political Intelligence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has topped the list of Most Popular World Leaders. He topped the global rating amongst world leaders with an approval rating of 71%. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, President of Mexico has ranked 2nd with a 66% rating, followed by Mario Draghi Prime Minister of Italy with a 60% rating.

9) Which bank Signs MoU with GIFT SEZ to Boost Financial Services?

- a) South Indian Bank
- b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d) Asian Development Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Gujarat International Finance Tec-city - Special Economic Zone (GIFT SEZ) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GIFT-City, to improve customer's overall financial services offerings. It focuses to ease market access and cross border activities for the fund management community.

Static Points:

Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO - Uday Kotak
Headquarters - Mumbai
Tagline - Let's make money simple

Gujarat International Finance Tec-city (GIFT-City) MD & Group CEO - Tapan Ray
Chairman - Sudhir Mankad
Headquarters - Gandhinagar, Gujarat

10) Mia Amor Mottley was sworn in as PM of ____ for 2nd consecutive term.

- a) Mexico
- b) Chicago
- c) Barbados
- d) Los Angeles

Answer: C

Explanation: The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Amor Mottley, was sworn in for a second term. She became Barbados' eighth and first female Prime Minister elected on May 25, 2018. She is also the first female PM of Barbados to lead a second term as the PM.

Static Points:

Barbados Capital - Bridgetown
Currency - Barbados Dollar
Continent - North America.

11) DAY-NRLM has celebrated the Agri Nutri Garden Week from ____.

- a) 11th to 18th January
b) 8th to 15th January
c) 9th to 16th January
d) 10th to 17th January

Answer: D

Explanation: Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) has celebrated the Agri Nutri Garden Week from 10th to 17th January 2022. The week was observed to encourage the establishment of 'Agri Nutri Gardens' in rural households. The observance of the week is in line with the Prime Minister vision to enhance the strength of the Rural Economy.

12) Raghuvendra Tanwar was Appointed as the Chairman of ____.

- a) ICHR
b) ICPR
c) ICMR
d) ICSSR

Answer: A

Explanation: The government of India has appointed Raghuvendra Tanwar, Professor emeritus of Kurukshetra University(KU), as the chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) for a period of 3 years from the day he assumes office or until further orders.

Static Points:

Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) Founded - 27 March 1972
Headquarters - New Delhi

13) India to Surpass ____ as World's 3rd Largest Ethanol Consumer by 2026.

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

Answer: D

Explanation: As per the statement of the International Energy Agency (IEA), India is on course to surpass China as the world's 3rd largest ethanol consumer by 2026. IEA stated that ethanol demand in India tripled between 2017 and 2021 with consumption expected at 3 crore litres in 2021.

Static Points:

China Capital - Beijing
Currency - Renminbi
President - Xi Jinping

14) ___ to set up a joint venture with Fluence for BESS Solutions in India.

- a) ReNew Power b) Azure Power c) Greenko Group d) Tata Power

Answer: A

Explanation: ReNew Power has signed an agreement with the United States-based Fluence to form a 50:50 joint venture to provide BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) solutions to customers of the Indian market, including engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) and asset management services.

Static Points:

ReNew Power Chairman and CEO - Sumant Sinha
Headquarter - Gurugram, Haryana

15) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Circuit House near ___ Temple in Gujarat.

- a) Kalika Mata Temple b) Dwarkadhish Temple
c) Somnath Temple d) Swaminarayan Temple

Answer: C

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Circuit House near Somnath Temple in Gujarat through video conferencing. The Circuit House has been built at a cost of over Rs 30 crore. PM emphasised Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan, the convenience of the people, facilities and modern thinking to boost India's domestic tourism.

Static Points:

Gujarat CM - Bhupendrabhai Patel
Gujarat Capital - Gandhinagar
Gujarat Governor - Acharya Devvrat

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