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30-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) who Virtually Launched the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The birth anniversary of legendary classical vocalist late Pandit Jasraj, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation. The foundation aims to preserve India's rich heritage of arts and culture. PM Modi highlighted that similar to yoga, Indian music has the capacity to stir the depth of the human mind. Padma Awardee Pandit Jasraj was a legendary classical vocalist, who belonged to the Mewati Gharana (musical apprenticeship lineage).

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

2) Which Tiger Reserve won TX2 Award 2022 for Doubling Tiger Population Since 2010?

- a) Mundanthurai b) Sathyamangalam c) Srivilliputtur d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: India's Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) in Erode, Tamil Nadu, and Nepal's Bardiya National Park has jointly won the TX2 award 2022 for doubling their tiger populations since 2010. The awards are presented by the Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards, Fauna and Flora International, Global Tiger Forum, IUCN's Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme, Panthera, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), The Lion's Share, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) Tigers Alive Initiative.

Static Points:

Other Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu - Kalakad Mundanthurai, Anamalai, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and others
Famous Tiger Reserves in India - Bandipur, Jim Corbett, Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem, Bandhavgarh, and others

3) SBI lists USD ___ million in Taiwan Formosa Bonds on India INX.

- a) 300 b) 350 c) 400 d) 450

Answer: A

Explanation: The State Bank of India listed its 1st USD 300 million Formosa bonds on India International Exchange IFSC (India INX). SBI became the first Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bond. Through the issuance, India INX became the first Exchange in IFSC (International Financial Services Centre) to list Formosa Bonds issued by SBI.

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

4) Reliance Jio & BP Opens Electronic Vehicle Charging Hubs at ____.

- a) Kerala b) Uttar Pradesh c) Assam d) Delhi

Answer: D

Explanation: Jio-BP, a joint venture of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and energy supermajor BP, named Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML) has opened one of India's largest Electronic Vehicle charging hubs in Dwarka, Delhi with BluSmart as its primary customer. The RBML aims to become a leading EV charging infrastructure player in India.

5) 150 Indian villages to convert into 'Villages of Excellence' with Technical help from which country?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: The Central Government will convert 150 villages around Centres of Excellence (CoEs) into 'Villages of Excellence' in 12 States with technical assistance from the Israeli government. The information for the same was conveyed by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare during a meeting with the new Israeli Ambassador to India Naor Gilon at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Static Points:

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

6) Which bank Imposes Restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India imposed several restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh including a cap of Rs 1 lakh on withdrawals. RBI issued the directions in the exercise of powers vested in it under subsection (1) of Section 35 A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act (As Applicable to Cooperative Societies), 1949.

Static Points:

Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank CEO - **Vinay Bhutani**

Headquarters - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

RBI Headquarters – Mumbai; **RBI Governor** – Shaktikanta Das

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

7) Which social media platform partners with FICCI to support 5 lakh women-led Small businesses?

- a) Twitter b) Instagram c) Meta d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Meta (formerly Facebook) has joined hands with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) to support five lakh women-led small businesses across India under its #SheMeansBusiness programme. This announcement was made during the Meta's 1st National Women Entrepreneurship Summit 2022 which was held in virtual mode to encourage and support the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises across sectors.

Static Points: FICCI President - Sanjeev Mehta;

Meta CEO - Mark Zuckerberg;

Headquarter - New Delhi

Headquarters - California, United States

8) Which medal did India win in the Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian National Women's Hockey Team captained by Rani Rampal has won the bronze medal in the Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022 defeating China in the bronze match held on 28th January 2022. Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022 hosted by Oman was held at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex, Muscat, Oman from 21st to 28th January 2022.

Static Points: Japan won Gold Medal | South Korea Won Silver Medal

9) INPA signs MoU with ___ Home Finance to Explore Recruitment of Indian Navy's Veterans.

- a) IIFL b) ICBC c) AXA d) Groww

Answer: A

Explanation: A Memorandum of Understanding has been inked between the Indian Naval Placement Agency (INPA) and IIFL (formerly India Infoline Limited) Home Finance Limited (IIFL HFL) to look into the opportunities for the recruitment of naval veterans. Through the MoU, the INPA will identify ex-servicemen/ dependents candidates for relevant roles in IIFL HFL.

Static Points: IIFL (India Infoline) CEO - **Nirmal Jain**; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

Indian Navy's Motto - May the Lord of Water be Auspicious unto us; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Commander-in-Chief - President Ram Nath Kovind

10) Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Launches ___ Research Portal.

- a) CSIR b) ICAR c) NIPER d) ICT

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya launched the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Research Portal in New Delhi. Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba and Niti Aayog member, Health, Dr V. K Paul were present on the occasion. It aims to spread information about all the NIPERs research activities, patents filed and Publication information in one place.

Static Points: Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers - **Mansukh Mandaviya**; **Constituency** - Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

11) NCC Directorate Won PM's Banner at the Republic Day Camp, he is from which state?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured the Maharashtra Directorate of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) with the Prime Minister's Banner at the Republic Day Camp. Major General Y P Khanduri, Additional Director General, NCC Directorate, Maharashtra received the PM Banner from PM Modi. The 2022 Republic Day Camp for NCC culminated with a rally at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi.

Static Points:

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

12) Who won Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2021?

- a) Shaheen Afridi b) Babar Azam c) Ross Taylor d) Virat Kohli

Answer: A

Explanation: The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the winners of the 2021 ICC Awards, which recognise and celebrate the achievement of players and teams over the year 2021. Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2021.

Static Points: Captain of Pakistan's cricket team - **Mohammad Babar Azam**

13) ___ sets up New Bank Note Printing Lines at CNP, Nashik & BNP, Dewas.

- a) IRDA b) SPMCI c) IWAI d) Both a & b

Answer: B

Explanation: The Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) has set up new Bank Note Printing Lines at Currency Note Press (CNP), Nashik in Maharashtra; and Bank Note Press (BNP), Dewas in Madhya Pradesh as a part of its modernization initiatives. The banknote printing line at CNP Nashik was virtually inaugurated by Meera Swarup, Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Finance.

Static Points: SPMCIL **Chairman & Managing Director** - Tripti Patra Ghosh; **Headquarter** - New Delhi

14) Govt appoints ___ as Chief Economic Advisor of India.

- a) Ajay Tyagi b) Anantha Nageswaran c) Ajit Doval d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Union government appointed Dr V Anantha Nageswaran as the Chief Economic Advisor for the Ministry of Finance. He will succeed K V Subramanian, who left the office of CEA vacant in December 2021 after completing his 3 years term. His appointment as CEA comes days ahead of the release of the 2022 Economic Survey on 31st January. This year the economic survey will be presented as a single part, instead of the normal 2 part report.

Static Points: Union Ministry of Finance - **Nirmala Sitharaman;** **Constituency** - Karnataka

15) What is the edition of ADGMIN Meeting's, that has Approved India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The 2nd ASEAN Digital Ministers (ADGMIN) meeting took place via video conferencing. The meeting was co-chaired by Devusinh Chauhan, Indian Minister of State for Communications and H.E. Admiral Tin Aung San, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar. The India-ASEAN Digital work plan 2022 was approved by the Ministers during the meeting.

Static Points: **ASEAN Headquarters** - Jakarta, Indonesia

Members Countries - 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam)

Motto - 'One Vision, One Identity, One Community'

31-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India's largest Electric Vehicle charging station has been inaugurated at which state?

- a) Assam b) Karnataka c) Punjab d) Haryana

Answer: D

Explanation: Largest electric vehicle charging station in country inaugurated in Gurugram. India's largest 100-point electric vehicle (EV) charging station for four-wheelers was inaugurated in Gurugram, Haryana. The station is bound to attract city residents to switch to electric vehicles in the near future. The charging station in Sector 52 has a mix of fast and slow chargers and will be able to charge 576 vehicles in a single day.

Static Points:

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

2) What is the name of the mobile app of the Parliament of India?

- a) Digital Parliament b) Digital Sansad c) Digital Democracy d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced the launch of a mobile application that will enable the users to watch the live telecast of the House proceedings and view various parliamentary documents, including written questions-answers and reports of various committees. The mobile application has been developed to facilitate users with easy access to the live telecast of Parliament proceedings, various parliamentary papers and other "important" documents.

3) ___ partnered with Bharti Airtel to invest USD 1 billion to accelerate the growth of India's digital ecosystem.

- a) Microsoft b) Amazon c) Apple d) Google

Answer: D

Explanation: Bharti Airtel and Google have announced a long-term partnership agreement, to accelerate the growth of India's digital ecosystem. Under the deal, Google will invest USD 1 billion in Airtel. From the total investment, Google will invest USD 700 million to acquire a 1.28 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel Ltd. The remaining USD 300 million will go toward multi-year commercial agreements with Airtel, including devices built together by the two tech giants.

Static Points: **Google CEO** - Sundar Pichai; **Founders** - Larry Page, Sergey Brin;
Headquarters - California, United States
Bharti Airtel CEO - Gopal Vittal; **Founder** - Sunil Bharti Mittal

4) On which day the Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas Day is observed?

- a) 29th January b) 31st January c) 30th January d) 28th January

Answer: C

Explanation: Martyrs' Day also called Shaheed Diwas, is celebrated in India on January 30 and March 23 every year. 30th January is observed as Shaheed Diwas annually to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. India and 15 other countries in the world celebrate Martyr's Day to give respect to the courageous champions.

5) India delivers 3 tonnes of medical assistance to which country?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: India has supplied three tonnes of essential life-saving medicines to Afghanistan in the fourth batch of medical assistance to the war-torn country and will provide further humanitarian help to the people there in form of medicines and foodgrains in the coming weeks. The same was handed over to the Indira Gandhi Hospital, Kabul.

Static Points: Afghanistan **Capital** – Kabul; **Currency** - Afghan Afghani; **Prime Minister** - Hasan Akhund

6) Which bank imposes restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank to withdrawals capped at Rs 1 lakh?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India has imposed several restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd, Lucknow, including a cap of ₹1 lakh on withdrawals. The restrictions came into force from the closure of business hours on January 28, 2022. In particular, a sum not exceeding Rs 1 lakh of the total balance across all savings bank or current accounts or any other account of a depositor, may be allowed to be withdrawn.

7) Which country won the gold medal in Women's Asia Cup hockey 2022?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Japan wins gold by beating South Korea 4-2 in the final match of Women's Asia Cup hockey in Muscat (Oman). India defeated China in Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022 and secured the bronze medal.

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

8) Which country has agreed to cooperate with the European Union on Energy Security?

- a) Israel b) US c) UK d) Indonesia

Answer: B

Explanation: The European Union and the United States commitments to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, through clean energy, in particular renewables, energy efficiency, and technologies, provide a path to energy security and reduced dependence on fossil fuels.

Static Points: **United States Capital** - Washington DC; **Currency** - United States Dollar; **President** - Joe Biden

9) India celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations with which country?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: India and Israel launched a commemorative logo marking the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between them which were established on January 29th, 1992. The logo was unveiled virtually during an online event in the presence of the Indian envoy to Israel, Sanjeev Singla and Ambassador of Israel to India Naor Gilon.

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

10) 'Great Barrier Reef', the world's largest coral reef system, is located in which country?

- a) Italy b) Germany c) Russia d) Australia

Answer: D

Explanation: Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system, is located in Australia. It is the world's largest coral reef system, comprising more than 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands. The system stretches for over 2,300 kilometres, on an area of 344,400 square kilometres. It is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland in Australia.

Static Points: Australia **Capital** – Canberra; **Currency** - Australian Dollar; **Prime Minister** - Scott Morrison

11) Pandit Jasraj was associated with which field?

- a) Vocal Music b) Painting c) Kathak d) Literature

Answer: A

Explanation: Pandit Jasraj (28th January 1930 – 17 August 2020) was an Indian classical vocalist, belonging to the Mewati Gharana (musical apprenticeship lineage). His musical career spanned 75 years resulting in national and international fame, respect and numerous major awards and accolades.

12) Which short film wins first prize in the Short Film Award Competition organised by NHRC?

- a) Double Trouble b) The Foreigner c) Street Student d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: A Telugu short film depicting the story of a street urchin with a strong message on right to education has bagged the first prize in a competition organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). According to the NHRC, it had received a "record 190 entries" from people from various parts of the country.

Static Points: National Human Rights Commission Chairperson - **Arun Kumar Mishra**
Headquarters - New Delhi.

13) ____ partnered with NPCI to enable Indian customers with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments?

- a) Moneyfast b) Small World c) TerraPay d) Transfast

Answer: C

Explanation: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that its international payments arm, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), had signed a memorandum of understanding with TerraPay, a Netherlands-based global payments infrastructure company, to allow Indians with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments.

Static Points: **TerraPay Headquarters** - Amsterdam, Netherlands

14) The world's largest canal lock has recently been unveiled in which country?

- a) Netherlands b) New Zealand c) Germany d) Switzerland

Answer: A

Explanation: The world's largest canal lock has been inaugurated at IJmuiden, a small port city, in the Port of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The sea lock was inaugurated by Dutch King Willem-Alexander. The IJmuiden sea lock is 500-meter (1,640-feet) long and 70-meter wide. Construction on the massive infrastructure project began in 2016 and was meant to be done by 2019. It also went over the initially planned budget by around €300 million (\$338 million).

Static Points: Netherlands Capital – Amsterdam; Currency – Euro; Prime Minister - Mark Rutte

15) The overall global gold demand in 2021 was recorded at what value as per the data by World Gold Council?

- a) 4,021.3 tonnes b) 3,749.2 tonnes c) 5,051.5 tonnes d) 3,658.8 tonnes

Answer: A

Explanation: According to the World Gold Council (WGC), global gold demand rose 10 per cent to 4,021.3 tonnes in 2021 on account of a massive 50 per cent surge in year-on-year demand a 10-quarter high during the December quarter. The overall gold demand during 2020, which was impacted following Covid-19 related disruptions, stood at 3,658.8 tonnes.

Static Points: World Gold Council CEO - David Tait; Headquarters - London, United Kingdom
President - Kelvin Dushnisky

01-02-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Geological Survey of India Approves India's First Geo Park in Which State?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines, approved the setting up of India's 1st geopark at Lamheta village, on the banks of the Narmada river in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The GSI has sanctioned Rs. 1.30 crore for the formation of Geopark in 5 acres of land at the Lamheta village which is located 20 km away from the Jabalpur district headquarters. The estimated cost of this project is Rs 35 crore and any additional funds can be sanctioned if required.

Static Points: Madhya Pradesh Capital - Bhopal

National Park - Sanjay National Park, Kanha national park, Bandhavgarh National Park, and others

Wildlife Sanctuaries - Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary

2) Which brand has retained its title as the World's Most Valuable Brand in 2022?

- a) Apple b) Amazon c) Google d) Both a, b & c

Answer: A

Explanation: According to Brand Finance's annual report titled "Global 500 2022, The annual report on the world's most valuable and strongest brands", Apple has retained its title as the World's Most Valuable Brand in 2022. The valuation of Apple has increased by 35% (USD 355.1 billion) and the report states that Apple has become the first brand to reach a market valuation of USD 3 Trillion. Following Apple, Amazon and Google have been named among the top three most valuable brands. TikTok has become the World's fastest-growing brand with 215% increase in its valuation in 2022.

Static Points: Apple CEO - Tim Cook; Headquarters - California, United States

Founders - Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, Ronald Wayne

3) Who is the author of a New Book Titled "Fearless Governance"?

- a) Rajni Bakshi b) Abhijit Banerjee c) Jagdish Bhagwati d) Kiran Bedi

Answer: D

Explanation: Kiran Bedi, Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry and retired IPS officer, authored a new book titled "Fearless Governance" featuring her memories and ground realities as the Lt Governor of Puducherry from 2016 and 2021 and her experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service (IPS). The book is published by Diamond Books.

Static Points: **Other Books by Kiran Bedi** - Himmat Hai, It's always possible, As I See, Broom & Groom, and others

4) Which country launched the Hwasong-12 mid-range ballistic missile?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: North Korea has confirmed that it fired a Hwasong-12 mid-range ballistic missile. This is the first time it has tested a weapon of that size since 2017. Japan and South Korea detected the launch of the intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), which is the seventh weapons test done by North Korea this month.

Static Points: **North Korea Capital** – Pyongyang; **Currency** - North Korean Won; **President** - Kim Jong-un

5) Who Won Record 21st grand slam Men's Singles Title in 110th Australian Open Tennis 2022?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Rafael Nadal c) Roger Federer d) Alexander Zverev

Answer: B

Explanation: Rafael Nadal claimed his record-breaking 21st Grand Slam Men's Singles Title at the first Grand Slam of 2022 i.e. the 2022 Australian Open was held at Melbourne Park, Melbourne in Australia on January 17-30, 2022. Organized by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), it was the 110th edition of the Australian Open, and the 54th in the Open Era.

Static Points: International Tennis Federation **Headquarters** - London, United Kingdom
Membership - 211 National Associations; **Rafael Nadal** - Spanish Tennis Player

6) Which institution released the 'Death Penalty in India' Report?

- a) National Law University b) National Crime Records Bureau
c) Both A & B d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Death Penalty in India Report was released by the criminal law reforms advocacy group at the National Law University, Delhi- named Project 39A. As per the report, the number of prisoners on death row at the end of 2021 stood at 488, the highest in 17 years. This is an increase of nearly 21% from 2020. This is also the highest the death row population has been since 2004 (563).

7) On which day World Leprosy Day is observed?

- a) 30th January b) Last Sunday of January c) 1st Day of February d) Both A & B

Answer: D

Explanation: The last Sunday of January is celebrated annually as World Leprosy Day (WLD). This year it is observed on January 30, 2022, on the theme 'United for Dignity. It should be noted that in India, WLD is celebrated annually as Anti-Leprosy day on January 30 i.e. on the death anniversary of the Father of Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi aka Mahatma Gandhi.

8) 2022 Padma Shri recipient Baba Iqbal Singh passed away at the age of ____.

- a) 91 b) 102 c) 95 d) 98

Answer: C

Explanation: Renowned Indian socio-spiritual leader of the Sikh Community, Baba Iqbal Singh passed away at the age of 95 years in Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh (HP). Notably, for his Social Works, he was also named in the 2022 list of Padma Shri Awardees selected by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Static Points:

Awards - Sikh Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016, Shiromani Panth Rattan in 2018 by Takht Sri Harmandir Ji, Padma Shri in 2022 for contributions in social work

9) Govt Approves Sale of NINL to Tata Steel Long Products for Rs ____ Crore.

- a) Rs 11,000 crore b) Rs 7,000 crore c) Rs 12,100 crore d) Rs 14,700 crore

Answer: C

Explanation: The government of India approved the sale of a 93.7 per cent stake in Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) to Tata Steel Long Products (TSLP) Limited, at an enterprise value of Rs 12,100 crore. This is the 1st instance of privatisation of a public sector steel manufacturing enterprise in India. The Odisha government has a 32.47 per cent stake in NINL through IPICOL and OMC, whereas the MMTC holds the 49.78 per cent share.

Static Points: TSLP Managing Director - **Ashish Anupam**; **Headquarters** - Keonjhar, Odisha

10) ____ Chief Electoral Officer unveils 'Shera' as its Elections Mascot.

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office of Punjab unveiled its election mascot, "Shera" (Lion). It aims to increase voter awareness, participation and promote ethical voting in the Punjab Assembly polls that is scheduled on 20 February 2022. The mascot "Shera", depicts a lion. It represents the rich cultural heritage of Punjab. Posters, effigies and huge cut-outs of "Shera" will be used to spread awareness and promotion.

Static Points: Punjab **CM** - Charanjit Singh Channi; **Capital** – Chandigarh; **Governor** - Banwarilal Purohit.

11) ____ & Goa Shipyard Ltd Signs MoU for Rooftop Solar Power Projects.

- a) HUDCO b) NTPC c) IREDA d) IRCTC

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) to provide its techno-financial expertise to set up a rooftop solar power project. The MoU was signed by Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), IREDA and Bharat Bhushan Nagpal, CMD, GSL.

12) 30th January 2022 marks the ____ Anniversary of the Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi.

- a) 74th b) 75th c) 76th d) 77th

Answer: A

Explanation: 30th January 2022 marks the 74th Anniversary of the Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi. Martyrs Day, also known as Shaheedi Diwas, is annually observed across India on 30th January to pay respect to the martyrs who lost their lives during India's freedom struggle. The day also marks the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

13) Spituk Gustor Festival 2022 Begins in Which Region?

- a) Puducherry b) Ladakh c) Chandigarh d) Lakshadweep

Answer: B

Explanation: Spituk Gustor Festival, a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture and traditional heritage began on 30th January 2022 in Leh and Ladakh Union Territory (UT). The 2022 festival is celebrated on 30th & 31st January. It is a celebration of peace and prosperity that is celebrated at the Spituk Monastery in Leh and Ladakh UT.

Static Points: Ladakh Lieutenant Governor - **R. K. Mathur**

Festival's - Saka Festival, Hemis Festival, Matho Saga Dawa Festival, etc.

Dance - Kathok Chenmo, Kompa Tsum Tsag, Spao Dance, Mentok Stanmo Dance, etc.

14) Who Announced Retirement from International cricket from the Netherlands?

- a) Ahsan Malik b) Ben Cooper c) Mudassar Bukhari d) BD Glover

Answer: B

Explanation: Netherlands cricketer, Benjamin Nicolas Cooper (Ben Cooper) (29 years old), announced his retirement from international cricket. He is one of the Netherlands top run-scorer in Twenty20 (T20) Internationals shortest format of the game. He has represented cricket teams of Australia, Netherlands, and Amsterdam Knights.

Static Points: Netherlands **Capital** – Amsterdam; **Currency** – Euro; **Prime Minister** - Mark Rutte

15) Sergio Mattarella was Re-elected as ___ President for a Second Term.

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Italy's current president Sergio Mattarella, whose 7-year term (from 2015) is ending on 3rd February 2022 has been re-elected for the second term in office. In 2013, Giorgio Napolitano (Mattarella's predecessor) was the 1st to serve a second term since Italy became a republic in 1946, but he resigned after two years in 2015.

Static Points: Italy **Capital** – Rome; **Currency** – Euro; **Prime Minister** - Mario Draghi

02-02-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who Addressed National Commission for Women (NCW) 30th Foundation Day?

- a) Narendra Modi b) Ram Nath Kovind c) Arvind Kejriwal d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the programme organised on the occasion of the 30th Foundation Day of the National Commission for Women (NCW). The theme of the programme was "She – The Change Maker". The First Commission was constituted on 31st January 1992 with Jayanti Patnaik as the Chairperson.

2) Which company signs an agreement with Hyperion Global Group to supply IoT devices in the US market?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a partnership agreement with Hyperion Global Group, to manufacture and supply Internet of Things devices for the US (United States) market. Through the agreement, BEL will manufacture and supply IoT devices worth the US \$73 million to Hyperion during the first year of commencement.

Static Points: **BEL CMD & Director** - Anandi Ramalingam; **Headquarters** - Bangalore, Karnataka
Hyperion Global Group CEO - Nick Studebaker; **Headquarters** - Texas, United States

3) Banks to Transfer 15 NPA Accounts worth Over Rs ___ crore to NARCL in FY22.

- a) Rs 70,000 crore b) Rs 5,000 crore c) Rs 25,000 crore d) Rs 50,000 crore

Answer: D

Explanation: As per the statement of State Bank of India's Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, Banks will be transferring 15 stressed assets (i.e. Non-Performing Asset (NPA) accounts) aggregating worth over Rs 50,000 crore by March 31, 2022 (i.e. within FY22) to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)/bad bank to clean up their books.

4) Who becomes 1st Indian man to win the World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 Award?

- a) Birendra Lakra b) Harmanpreet Singh c) PR Sreejesh d) Amit Rohidas

Answer: C

Explanation: Veteran India hockey goalkeeper Parattu Raveendran (PR) Sreejesh (33) from Kerala won The World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 for his performances in 2021. With this, he became the 1st Indian man & 2nd Indian to receive this accolade after Indian women's hockey captain Rani Rampal who became the first Indian to win this in 2020. He was the only Indian nominated and was recommended by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Static Points: International Hockey Federation CEO - **Thierry Weil**; **Headquarters** - Lausanne, Switzerland
President - Leandro Negre

5) Which country delivers the Initial batch of 70,000 AK 203 rifles to the Indian Armed Forces?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indian Armed Forces received the first batch of 70,000 Ak-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles from Russia, which will be commissioned into the Indian Air Force. The Rs. 5,124 crore worth contract for this procurement was signed on 6 December 2021 between India and Russia, under which Indian Armed Forces placed an order for 670,000 rifles, with 600,000 of them for the Indian Army.

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

6) NPCI observes UPI Safety and Awareness Week ____.

- a) 1st to 7th February b) 2nd to 8th February
c) 3rd to 9th February d) 8th to 14th February

Answer: A

Explanation: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced the observance of 'UPI Safety and Awareness Week' on February 1-7, 2022 and the whole of February as 'UPI Safety and Awareness Month'. UPI stands for Unified Payments Interface. Along with NPCI, it will also be observed by leading banks and fintech.

Static Points: NPCI **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

7) Indian Coast Guard celebrates 46th Raising Day on ____.

- a) 31st January b) 30th January c) 2nd February d) 1st February

Answer: D

Explanation: Indian Coast Guard Day is annually observed across India on 1st February to commemorate its Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), operating under the Ministry of Defence. 1st February 2022 marks the observance of the 46th Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard. Indian Coast Guard is the 4th Largest Coast Guard in the World.

Static Points: Indian Coast Guard Director-General - **VS Pathania, PTM, TM**; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Motto - "Vayam Rakshamah" - We Protect

8) Indian Economy Contracts by ____ per cent in 2020-2021.

- a) 9.9% b) 7.7% c) 6.6% d) 8.8%

Answer: C

Explanation: The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the First Revised Estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation for the financial year 2020-21. The data showed that the Indian economy contracted by 6.6 per cent in 2020-21 as against the earlier estimate of 7.3 per cent in May 2021.

Static Points:

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation - **Rao Inderjit Singh**

Constituency - Gurugram, Haryana (Lok Sabha Member)

9) World's largest canal lock 'Zeesluis IJmuiden' was inaugurated in which country?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: The world's largest canal lock namely 'Zeesluis IJmuiden' has been inaugurated at IJmuiden, a small port city in the Port of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, by the Dutch King Willem-Alexander. This 500-meter (1,640-feet) long and 70-meter wide canal lock & Canal is 18 meters deep & canal has replaced the smaller, nearly 100-year-old Noordersluis (northern lock) at IJmuiden which was built in 1929.

Static Points: Netherland **Capital** – Amsterdam; **Currency** – Euro; **Prime Minister** - Mark Rutte

10) Bank's Non-food Credit Growth Increased to ___ per cent in December 2021.

- a) 10% b) 8.7% c) 9% d) 9.3%

Answer: D

Explanation: As per the Reserve Bank of India's data on 'Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit – December 2021' the bank's non-food credit registered a growth of 9.3 per cent (on a year-on-year basis) in December 2021 as compared to 6.6 per cent in December 2020.

11) Who Authored a New book titled 'Last Among Equals'?

- a) M.R. Sharan b) Rabindranath Tagore c) Amrita Pritam d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: M.R. Sharan, Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, has authored a new book titled "Last Among Equals: Power, Caste & Politics in Bihar's Villages". The book is an account of the field study by MR Sharan, in a group of Villages in Bihar that he undertook as a part of this PhD Programme. The book is centred around Sanjay Sahni, an immigrant from Bihar making out a comfortable living as an electrician in Delhi, who heads back to Bihar to organize a group of villagers to fight against corruption and leakages in the MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) Scheme.

12) The 19th edition of Asian Games 2022 to Feature 40 Sports in how many categories?

- a) 58 b) 59 c) 60 d) 61

Answer: D

Explanation: The 19th edition of Asian Games 2022, a multi-sporting event which is set to take place from 10th to 25th September 2022 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China will feature 40 sports with a total of 61 categories including several Olympic Sports. Cricket (in T20 format) is set to be featured in the Asian Games after 11 years.

13) ___ and Tata Power Partners for Financing Solar Projects.

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

Answer: D

Explanation: State Bank of India (SBI) signed an agreement with Tata Power Solar Systems for financing solar projects. SBI has also set up a dedicated centralised processing cell – 'Surya Shakti Cell', at the Ballard Estate in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It aims to provide a new direction to solar projects financing in India.

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

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14) ___ to launch World's first Hydrogen-powered Flying Boat 'The Jet'.

- a) Dubai b) Canada c) Sydney d) Los Angeles

Answer: A

Explanation: The JET ZeroEmission announced the launch of the World's first hydrogen-powered flying boat 'THE JET' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). THE JET will have its inaugural flight during the COP28, which is scheduled to be held in Dubai, UAE in 2023. This announcement comes as a result of the agreement signed between Swiss startup THE JET ZeroEmission, UAE-based Zenith Marine Services and US-based DWYN to manufacture and operate 'The Jet' in Dubai.

Static Points: **Dubai** - City in the United Arab Emirates;
Currency - UAE Dirham;

UAE Capital - Abu Dhabi
President - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

15) ___ **Notifies Phase II of Capital Goods Scheme?**

a) Ministry of Heavy Industries
c) Minister of Finance

b) Minister of Defence
d) Minister of Law and Justice

Answer: A

Explanation: Ministry of Heavy Industries has notified "Scheme on Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector- Phase-II" for providing assistance to Common Technology Development and Services Infrastructure with the financial outlay of Rs. 1207 crores. Out of the total financial outlay, the budgetary support will be Rs 975 crore and the remaining Rs 232 crore would be the contribution from the industry.

Static Points:

Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises - **Mahendra Nath Pandey**; **Constituency** - Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh

Minister of State of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises - **Krishan Pal Gurjar**; **Constituency** - Faridabad, Haryana

03-02-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) **Who is the winner of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2021?**

a) Ajaz Patel b) Devon Conway c) Daryl Mitchell d) Martin Guptill

Answer: C

Explanation: New Zealand cricketer, Daryl Mitchell, has been named the winner of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021 for his gesture of refusing to take a single in the high-pressure 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Semi-Finals against England at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi. He has become the 4th New Zealand player to win the award after Daniel Vettori, Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson.

Static Points: New Zealand Capital – **Wellington**; **Prime Minister** - Jacinda Ardern

2) **Who secured Second Rank in ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings?**

a) Mithali Raj b) Lizelle Lee c) Alyssa Healy/Batter d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian cricketer Mithali Raj has reached the second rank in the Women's ODI Batting Rankings released by ICC (International Cricket Council), ahead of the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022. Alyssa Healy (Australia) secured the first position and Lizelle Lee (South Africa) secured the third position in the ranking. Mithali Raj scored a total of 738 points to her credit, only behind Alyssa Healy with 750 points.

Static Points:

ICC Women ODI Ranking

1. Alyssa Healy (Australia)
2. Mithali Raj (India)
3. Lizelle Lee (South Africa)

International Cricket Council Chairman - **Greg Barclay (New Zealand)**

Headquarters - Dubai, United Arab Emirates; **Members Countries** - 106

3) ___ Enables Small Entrepreneurs to Tap Insurance Companies for Surety Bonds.

- a) SEBI b) IRDAI c) PRDA d) Both A & B

Answer: B

Explanation: While presenting Union Budget 2022-23 in Parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has encouraged the use of surety bonds as a substitute for bank guarantees in case of government procurement and also for gold imports to reduce indirect costs for suppliers and work contractors. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) approved a new product and issued norms under IRDAI (Surety Insurance Contracts) Guidelines 2022 for the issue of surety bonds by insurance companies.

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

4) A book titled, 'India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' authored by ___

- a) Vikram Sampath b) J Sai Deepak c) Sanjeev Sanyal d) Sanjay Dixit

Answer: B

Explanation: A Trilogy book series titled, 'India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' authored by J Sai Deepak and published by Bloomsbury India, whose 1st part was released on 15th August 2021, is set to launch the 2nd part in June 2022. Whereas, the 3rd and last parts will be released in June 2023. It is the first part of a comprehensive trilogy, which examines the impact of European 'colonial consciousness' (or 'coloniality'), on Bharat (India).

5) Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy Launched at ___.

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The one of its kind Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE) was virtually launched at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad (IITDh), Karnataka. The centre was launched in the presence of Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India. It aims to boost research in affordable and clean energy.

Static Points: IIT Dharwad Location - **Karnataka**

6) Games24x7 appoints ___ as the Brand Ambassador of 'RummyCircle'.

- a) Hrithik Roshan b) Salman Khan c) Shah Rukh Khan d) Akshay Kumar

Answer: A

Explanation: Games24x7 has appointed renowned Bollywood actor, Hrithik Roshan as the brand ambassador for 'RummyCircle', an online skill gaming platform. Under the partnership, Hrithik Roshan will promote multimedia campaigns of RummyCircle on different platforms such as TV, digital and social media. The brand will also start its new campaign #RahoEkKadamAge starring Hrithik Roshan via a television commercial starting from January 29.

Static Points: Games24x7 Co-founder and CEO - **Bhavin Pandya**; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

7) Which State Temples Nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Sites List 2022-2023?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: The Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebid and Somnathapura, the 'Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala', in Karnataka have been finalised as India's nomination for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) World Heritage List for the year 2022-2023.

Static Points: UNESCO Director-General - **Audrey Azoulay**; **Headquarters** - Paris, France

Karnataka **Capital** - Bengaluru

Karnataka **Rivers** - Krishna, Tungabhadra, Kabini, and others

National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries - Bandipur NP, Bannerghatta NP, Dandeli WS, Pushpagiri WS, and others

8) Which country Test Fires Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile "Hwasong-12"?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: North Korea successfully test-fired Intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM), Hwasong-12" from North Korea's Jagang Province toward the East Sea. This is North Korea's seventh test fire in 2022. It purposes to verify the overall accuracy of the missile. The missile flew about 800 km (497 miles) with the maximum altitude reaching 2,000 km (1,243 miles).

Static Points: **North Korea Capital** – Pyongyang; **Currency** - North Korea Won

Supreme leader - Kim Jong-un

9) Which Country to Buy Fuel from Indian Oil to Face Energy Crisis?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Sri Lanka's Ministry of Energy has decided to purchase 40,000 metric tonnes of petrol and 40,000 metric tonnes of diesel from the Indian Oil Corporation (India) as part of the Sri Lankan government's bid to face the current fuel and energy crisis. Sri Lanka is currently facing a severe foreign exchange crisis with falling reserves and the country is struggling with a shortage of almost all essentials, due to the lack of dollars to pay for the imports.

Static Points: **Sri Lanka Capitals** - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive and Judicial)

Currency - Sri Lankan rupee; **Sri Lanka Prime Minister** - Mahinda Rajapaksa

10) ___ Navy Conducts Flight Test of Rafale-M Fighter Jet.

- a) China Navy b) Russia Navy c) Indian Navy d) US Navy

Answer: C

Explanation: The Indian Navy successfully flight tested the marine version of French-made Rafale-Maritime (Rafale-M) fighter jets at Shore Based Test Facility at Indian Navy Ship (INS) Hansa in Goa where conditions similar to that on the indigenously-developed aircraft carrier INS Vikrant were simulated. The Rafale-M is pitted against the US-made Super Hornet, both of which are being evaluated for possible purchase by the Indian Navy for deployment on the 44,000-tonne INS Vikrant.

Static Points:

Indian Navy Chief of Naval Staff - **Admiral R.Hari Kumar**

Integrated headquarters (Ministry of Defence) - **New Delhi**

11) Dukaan and ___ Partners to Provide BNPL Services to its Merchants.

- a) Dotdigital b) Simpl c) Elfsight d) Smarty

Answer: B

Explanation: Dukaan, a platform that supports Small and Medium-sized Businesses (SMB) to set up online stores and sell products digitally, has partnered with Simpl, a buy-now-pay-later (BNPL) platform, to provide BNPL services to merchants of Dukaan. Dukaan is a startup established in 2020 (under COVID-19) to enable D2C (Direct-to-consumer) and SMB merchants to set up online stores and sell products digitally.

Static Points: Simpl **Headquarters** - Bengaluru, Karnataka; **Co-founder and CEO** - Nityanand Sharma

12) Which Country honours PLA Galwan commander Qi Fabao as Winter Olympics Torchbearer.

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The government of China, selected People's Liberation Army (PLA) regiment commander Qi Fabao, who was involved in the Galwan Valley Clash as the Torchbearer of the 2022 Winter Olympics that will be held in Beijing. The 2022 Winter Olympics, officially called the XXIV Olympic Winter Games and commonly known as Beijing 2022, will be organized between 4- 12 February 2022 in Beijing, China.

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

13) On which day the World Wetlands Day is observed?

- a) 31st January b) 1st February c) 2nd February d) 3rd February

Answer: C

Explanation: The United Nations(UN)'s World Wetlands Day is annually observed across the globe on 2nd February to create awareness about the critical importance of Wetlands and their roles in maintaining the natural cycles and supporting a wide range of biodiversity. The theme of World Wetlands Day 2022 is "Wetlands Action for People and Nature".

14) ___ Report-COVID-19 Medical Waste Poses Threat to Environment & Health.

- a) GHC b) AMA c) WHO d) NIH

Answer: C

Explanation: The World Health Organisation (WHO) released the report titled 'Global analysis of health care waste in the context of COVID-19 – Status, impacts and recommendations' stating that the huge amount of medical waste produced as a result of tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, poses a threat to human health and environment. The waste syringes, used test kits and old vaccine bottles have all piled up to create thousands of tons of medical waste causing problems on healthcare waste management systems.

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

15) Which State Celebrates Mandu Festival Annually?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Mandu Festival is annually celebrated in Madhya Pradesh (MP), organised by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board. The festival is also dedicated to the Hindu God Ganesha. Mandu festival is celebrated in Mandu, Ujjain and Indore. Mandu or Mandavgad is an ancient city in the present-day Mandav area of the Dhar district.

Static Points: Madhya Pradesh **Capital** – Bhopal; **Rivers** - Narmada, Tapti, Betwa, Chambal, etc
Wildlife Sanctuary - Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary; Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary, etc
National Parks - Kanha National Park, Panna National Park, Pench National Park, etc

04-02-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Indian Army signs contract with which agency for Supply of Konkurs-M Anti-Tank Missiles?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and the Indian Army have signed a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 crore for the manufacture and supply of Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missiles. The contract, which was signed in New Delhi, will be executed in three years. The order book position of BDL stands at Rs 11,400 crore net including the Konkurs-M contract. The missile has been indigenised up to the maximum extent. BDL is also offering Konkurs-M missiles for export to friendly foreign countries.

Static Points: **BDL Chairman & MD** - Commodore Siddharth Mishra; **Headquarters** - India

2) India's GDP is expected to grow ___ per cent in FY23.

- a) 7.7% b) 6.8% c) 7.8% d) 9.1%

Answer: C

Explanation: The Domestic rating agency CRISIL (formerly Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited) has estimated FY23 real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth at 7.8% as compared to 9.2% in FY22, and 8.5% projected in Economic Survey 2021-22. The agency expects the nominal GDP growth at 12-13% in FY23, higher than the 11.1% Budget Estimate 2022-2023.

3) Who Won the Title of Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022?

- a) Fabiano Caruana b) Magnus Carlsen c) Garry Kasparov d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Norwegian Grandmaster (GM), Magnus Carlsen (world rank: 1), has won the title of Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022, organised by the Tata Steel Chess Tournament. He has won his 8th Tata Steel Title defeating Italian-American GM Fabiano Caruana. Magnus Carlsen holds the record for most wins at the tournament. India's Viswanathan Anand has won the 5 Tata Steel Title, the 2nd most wins in the tournament.

4) SpaceX Falcon 9 Rocket Launches US Intelligence Satellite named ____.

- a) NROL-87 b) NRO22 c) SLC-4G d) NROL-77

Answer: A

Explanation: An intelligence satellite namely 'NROL-87' for the United States (US) National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) was launched into space through a two-stage SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) in California, US. NROL-87 is described as the 'national security payload' with an outlay of \$50 Million.

5) India Signs MoU with which country to Construct Bridge over Mahakali River?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: India and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of a motorable bridge over the Mahakali River connecting Dharchula (India) with Darchula (Nepal), under Indian grant assistance. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra and Nepal's Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Rabindra Nath Shrestha signed the MoU in presence of Transport Minister Renu Kumari Yadav, according to a statement issued by the Indian Embassy here.

Static Points: Nepal **Capital** – Kathmandu; **Currency** - Nepalese Rupee; **Prime Minister** - Sher Bahadur Deuba

6) To which agency did the Former Sports Secretary Ravi Mittal Appoint as new Chairperson?

- a) PRDA b) IBBI c) AMFI d) TRAI

Answer: B

Explanation: The former secretary, Department of Sports, Ravi Mittal has been appointed as the Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). The appointment is for a period of 5 years or till the age of 65, whichever is early. Ravi Mittal will take over from Navrang Saini after his term ends on 5th March 2022.

Static Points:

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Chairperson - **Navrang Saini**; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

7) Who Felicitates 1st of its Kind 'Beating Retreat' Drone Light Show - StartUps?

- a) Rajnath Singh b) Amit Shah c) Anurag Thakur d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has felicitated the Beating Retreat Drone Light Show - StartUps who had mesmerized the nation by lighting the sky with colourful tricolour at New Delhi. India became the 4th country after China, Russia and the United Kingdom(UK) to carry out a large scale show with 1000 drones.

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

8) EXIM Bank Signed USD 500m LoC Agreement with which country?

- a) Sri Lanka b) Bangladesh c) Afghanistan d) Myanmar

Answer: A

Explanation: The Export-Import Bank (EXIM) of India and the Government of Sri Lanka signed a USD 500 million Line of Credit (LoC) agreement aimed at helping Sri Lanka cope with its current fuel shortages, amid one of the worst economic meltdowns facing the island nation. The Line of Credit will last for 1 year at a 'nominal' interest rate, of under 2 per cent.

Static Points:

EXIM Bank (Export-Import Bank) Managing Director - **Harsha Bangari**; Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

9) Government approves the continuation of the Scheme of Assistance to NSF with an outlay of Rs. ___ crore.

- a) Rs.1575 Cr b) Rs.2575 Cr c) Rs.1230 Cr d) Rs.2504 Cr

Answer: A

Explanation: Strengthening its support for sports in India, the Union Government has approved the continuation of the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) with an outlay of Rs 1575 crore for the XV Finance Commission Cycle of 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Scheme of Assistance to NSFs is the flagship Central Sector Scheme and the main source of funding for the preparation of national teams for all major national and international competitions, including the Olympic Games, Para-Olympics, Asian Games, Para Asian Games, Commonwealth Games (CWG) and other major international tournaments.

Static Points: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports - **Anurag Singh Thakur**

Constituency - Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh

Minister of State of Youth Affairs and Sports - **Nisith Pramanik**

Constituency - Nisith Pramanik, West Bengal

10) ___ approves Additional Equity Acquisition in Escorts Ltd by Kubota Corporation.

- a) NHS b) SALRC c) JSC d) CCI

Answer: D

Explanation: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of certain additional equity shares of Escorts Ltd by Kubota Corporation. The shares of Escorts Ltd will be acquired through preferential allotment and a mandatory tender offer in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers).

Static Points: CCI Chairperson– Ashok Kumar Gupta; Kubota Corporation **Chairman** - Masatoshi Kimata

Headquarters - Osaka, Japan

Escorts limited Chairperson - Nikhil Nanda. **Headquarters** - Faridabad, Haryana

11) ___ Partners with NIIF to Establish India's 1st Research Chair in ESG.

- a) IIM Lucknow b) IIM Indore c) IIM Ahmedabad d) IIM Kolkata

Answer: C

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) will establish a first of its kind research chair in ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) in collaboration with government-run National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd (NIIF), a sovereign linked alternative assets manager. The initiative will engage with industries to create long-term ESG oriented business strategies and practices, conduct research on globally relevant ESG issues, and will be acting as a knowledge partner for government policy formulation.

12) What is the edition of Indian Navy that Scorpene Class Submarine 'Vagir' Commences Sea Trials?

- a) 4th b) 3rd c) 5th d) 7th

Answer: C

Explanation: The Indian Navy's new submarine, Vagir, the fifth of six French-designed Scorpene-class submarines (Kalvari-class), built as part of Project 75 commenced its first sea trial on 01, February 2022. The submarine was launched in November 2020 from the Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Static Points: Indian Navy Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) - **Admiral R. Hari Kumar**
Integrated **Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi

13) ___ Restructures High-Power Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders and Compounding of Offences.

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Capital markets regulator has restructured its four-member high-power advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences. The panel will work as per SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018.

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

14) Which country signs Cooperation Agreement with Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: India inked an interim agreement confirming its commitment to work on the mega-science project — Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO), it was proposed to be the world's largest radio telescope. The agreement will be valid only for one year. The signing of the Cooperation Agreement between India, represented by TIFR – National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), and SKA, was held virtually.

Static Points:

Square Kilometre Array Member Countries - 14 (Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom)

15) A Tripartite MoU signed between NCF, IGNC, and ___ for Development of Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design at Red Fort.

- a) SBI b) RBI c) ADB Bank d) Both A & B

Answer: A

Explanation: A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the State Bank of India, Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts and National Culture Fund for Development of Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design at L1 Barrack, Red Fort, Delhi. NCF approached the State Bank of India to support the project, SBI has agreed to sponsor the project under CSR with a contribution of Rs. 10 crores for the implementation of the ABCD Project.

05-02-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which Company Starts India's First Project of Mixing Hydrogen into Natural Gas?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: GAIL has commissioned India's first-of-its-kind pilot project for mixing hydrogen into the City Gas Distribution network of AGL at Indore, Madhya Pradesh. This project marks the stepping stone of India's journey towards a hydrogen-based and carbon-neutral future. This pilot project would help in the creation of a standard and regulatory framework in India to cover the aspects of injecting hydrogen into natural gas.

Static Points:GAIL Chairman & Managing Director - **Manoj Jain**; **Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi

2) Kotak General Insurance tie-up with which company to provide Motor Insurance for Used Cars?

- a) TOYOTA b) CARS24 c) MARUTI d) HYUNDAI

Answer: B

Explanation: Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited signed an agreement with Cars24 Financial Services Private Limited (CARS24 Financial Services) to provide motor insurance services to used car buyers. Under the partnership, used car buyers from Cars24 will be directly provided with Kotak General Insurance's comprehensive motor insurance plans.

Static Points:Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company **MD & CEO** - Suresh Agarwal
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

3) Which Bank Cancels Licence of Maharashtra-Based Independence Co-operative Bank?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has cancelled the licence of Independence Co-operative Bank Limited in Nashik, Maharashtra and ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from 3rd February 2022, as the bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects to pay its present depositors in full.

4) Which mobile company Surpasses Intel As World's Top Semiconductor Company in 2021?

- a) Apple b) LG Electronics c) Samsung Electronics d) Oppo

Answer: C

Explanation: The Counterpoint Technology Market Research, South Korean electronics manufacturing giant, Samsung Electronics replaced United States (U.S) chipmaker Intel's first position in World's Top Semiconductor Company in 2021. Samsung took the lead for its solid growth momentum in both logic Integrated Circuit (IC) and memory chip segments with a strong dynamic random access memory (DRAM) and NAND flash market performance in 2021.

Static Points: Samsung Electronics **CEO** - Kim Hyun Suk, Kim Ki Nam, Koh Dong-Jin
Headquarters - Suwon-si, South Korea

5) Ministry of Tourism Included Punaura Dham under Which Scheme?

- a) PMNMSF b) PRASBY c) PMSBY d) PRASHAD

Answer: D

Explanation: The Ministry of Tourism has included the destination of Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi in the Ramayana Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The Punaura Dham has been included under the PRASHAD Scheme (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive) of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

6) Government Undergoes Switch Operation of Rs.____ Crore.

- a) Rs.19,701 Cr b) Rs.1,19,701 Cr c) Rs.1,19,70 Cr d) Rs.19,70 Cr

Answer: B

Explanation: The Government of India to smoothen its liability profile has done a conversion transaction with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for an amount of ₹1,19,701 crore (face value). The transaction involved buying back securities maturing in FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 from the Reserve Bank and issuing fresh securities for equivalent market value, to make the transaction cash neutral.

7) Which state Selected As Best State Tableau of 73rd Republic Day parade 2022?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh was selected as best state tableau of 73rd Republic Day parade 2022 on Rajpath along with Maharashtra that won in the popular choice category and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was named as the best marching contingent among Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). The tableau of UP has been selected as the best tableau among the 12 States/ UTs.

Static Points:

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

8) ____ and Policybazaar partners for Digital Distribution of Life Insurance Products.

- a) Bharti AXA b) LIC c) Canara HSBC d) Both A & B

Answer: B

Explanation: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and Policybazaar.com made an alliance to digitally offer a wide range of Life Insurance and investment products to its customers across India. This is LIC's first association with a private insurance aggregator, which has mainly relied on its 1.33 million agents for distributing products.

Static Points: **Policybazaar CEO** - Sarbvir Singh; **Headquarters** - Gurugram, Haryana

Life Insurance Corporation Chairperson - M R Kumar; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

9) Former Greek President Christos Sartzetakis passes away at the age of ____.

- a) 98 b) 92 c) 97 d) 94

Answer: B

Explanation: Former President of Greece Christos Sartzetakis passed away at the age of 92 years due to respiratory failure in Athens, Greece. He was a Greek jurist and a judge of the Supreme Court, who resisted against the militants during the 1967-1974 Rule of the Colonels. He served as the President of Greece for a four-year term (1985 to 1990), after getting nominated by the socialist PASOK party.

10) Who won the Badminton Women Singles title at the Odisha Open 2022?

- a) Unnati Hooda b) PV Sindhu c) Tasnim Mir d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Shuttler Unnati Hooda (14-year-old) from Rohtak, Haryana, won the Badminton Women Singles title at the Odisha Open 2022, a Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 100 tournament held at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha from 25th to 30th January 2022. She has become the youngest Indian to win a BWF Super 100 Tournament. She won the title defeating Smit Toshniwal.

Static Points: Men Singles Winner - **Kiran George (India);**

Runner - Priyanshu Rajawat (India)

Badminton World Federation President - **Poul Erik Hoyer Larsen;**

Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11) On which day World Cancer Day is observed in 2022?

- a) 2nd February b) 3rd February c) 4th February d) 5th February

Answer: C

Explanation: World Cancer Day is annually observed across the globe on 4th February to create awareness about Cancer and prevent the millions of deaths due to cancer. The day also aims to educate the general public about cancer. The Campaign theme of World Cancer Day for 2022 to 2024 is "Close the Care Gap".

Static Points: Union for International Cancer Control **CEO** - Cary Adams
Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

12) PNB, Patanjali launch Contactless Credit Cards in partnership with ____.

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Punjab National Bank (PNB), and Patanjali Ayurved Limited (PAL) has launched two co-branded contactless credit cards in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) viz. PNB RuPay Platinum and PNB RuPay Select. These will be offered on NPCI's RuPay Platform.

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

13) IOC approves inclusion of Surfing, Skateboarding & Sport Climbing in 2028 Olympics at

- a) Sydney b) Rome c) Los Angeles d) Dubai

Answer: C

Explanation: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved a proposal to include Surfing, Skateboarding and Sport Climbing for the 2028 Summer Olympics Games that will be organized in Los Angeles, United States. The 2028 Summer Olympics are officially known as the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad, or Los Angeles 2028 is a forthcoming event scheduled to take place from July 21 – August 6, 2028, in Los Angeles, California, US.

Static Points: International Olympic Committee **President** -Thomas Bach; **Headquarters** - Lausanne, Switzerland

14) The International Day of Human Fraternity in 2022 is observed on ____.

- a) 2nd February b) 3rd February c) 5th February d) 4th February

Answer: D

Explanation: The United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Human Fraternity is annually observed across the globe on 4th February to honour religious and cultural diversity. The day also focuses on interfaith harmony, dialogue, and mutual respect. The day aims to promote dialogue among different religious groups and to increase the understanding of common values shared by all human beings.

15) Tata Sky' Rebrands Itself as ____.

- a) Tata Play b) Tata c) Tata TV d) Tata Stay

Answer: A

Explanation: Tata Sky, one of the largest Direct to Home (DTH) platforms, has rebranded itself as 'Tata Play' to expand its television-cum-OTT (Over-The-Top) offerings in combined packages. Tata Play has added Netflix to 13 OTT services, including Amazon Prime Video and Disney+Hotstar, as part of its 'Binge packs'.

Static Points: Tata Play (Tata Sky) **CEO** - Harit Nagpal; **Headquarters** - Santacruz, Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
Mangalore International Airport	Mangalore	Karnataka
Cochin International Airport	Kochi	Kerala
Calicut International Airport	Kozhikode	Kerala
Trivandrum International Airport	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai	Maharashtra
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Tulihal International Airport	Imphal	Manipur
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