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# Current Affairs Quiz



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## 13-03-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which country has completely banned Russian oil, gas, and coal imports?

- a) US                                      b) Canada                                      c) UK                                      d) Germany

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** President Biden will sign an Executive Order to ban the import of Russian oil, liquefied natural gas, and coal to the United States – a significant action with widespread bipartisan support that will further deprive President Putin of the economic resources he uses to continue his needless war of choice.

**Static Points:**

United States Capital - Washington DC  
President - Joe Biden Trending  
Currency - United States Dollar

2) India's 1st women-owned industrial park has opened in which city?

- a) Mumbai                                      b) Hyderabad                                      c) Pune                                      d) Noida

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** India's first fully owned by women industrial park opened its doors in Hyderabad. The park, which is promoted by the FICCI Ladies Organization – FLO in collaboration with the State government, consists of 25 units that represent 16 different sectors of the green category, and all of them are owned and controlled completely by women.

3) RBI has recently stopped Paytm Payments Bank Ltd from onboarding new customers under which RBI Act?

- a) Section 25                                      b) Section 31A                                      c) Section 27A                                      d) Section 35A

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed Paytm Payments Bank Ltd to stop the onboarding of new customers with immediate effect. The bank has also been directed to appoint an IT audit firm to conduct a comprehensive System Audit of its IT system. The RBI took the decision in exercise of its powers under section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

**Static Points:**

Paytm Payments Bank Chairman - Vijay Shekhar Sharma  
MD & CEO - Satish Kumar Gupta | Headquarters - Noida, Uttar Pradesh

4) Who implements the "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)" scheme?

- a) Minister of Minority Affairs                                      b) Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers  
c) Minister of Parliamentary Affairs                                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, released the guidelines for the scheme -- Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry with a total financial outlay of Rs 500 crore for 2021-22 to 2025-26. The scheme will address the rising demand in terms of support required to existing Pharma clusters and MSMEs across the country to improve their productivity, quality, and sustainability.

**Static Points:**

Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers - Mansukh L. Mandaviya  
Constituency - Gujarat

5) How many airports have found a place among the 'Best Airport by Size and Region from India by the ACI?

- a) 3                                      b) 6                                      c) 9                                      d) 12

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** From India, six airports have found a place among the 'Best Airport by Size and Region', by the Airports Council International (ACI), in its Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey for the year 2021. The airports have been adjudged among the Asia Pacific region in different categories based on annual passenger traffic.

**6) How many women were awarded Nari Shakti Puraskar 2020-2021?**

- a) 29                                      b) 27                                      c) 24                                      d) 21

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has conferred the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for the years 2020 and 2021, on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 08, 2022, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Overall 29 women have been conferred the award for the years 2020 and 2021 in recognition of their outstanding and exceptional work towards the empowerment of women.

**Static Points:**

Ram Nath Kovind - Serving as 14th President of India  
Indian Navy Commander-in-Chief - President Ram Nath Kovind

**7) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)?**

- a) Hasmukh Adhia                                      b) T. V. Somanathan  
c) Ajay Bhushan Pandey                                      d) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed former Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the Chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), the country's sole independent audit regulator. It has also appointed Praveen Kumar Tiwari, a retired Indian Audit and Accounts Service official.

**8) India has taken \_\_\_ place in the medal standings at the ISSF World Cup 2022?**

- a) First                                      b) Second                                      c) Third                                      d) Fourth

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** India has taken first place in the medal standings at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Cairo, organized by the International Shooting Sport Federation. By winning a total of seven medals, the Indian team took first place in the medals tally, with four gold, two silver, and one bronze.

**9) Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IRDAI in 2022?**

- a) Anubrata Biswas                                      b) Debasish Panda                                      c) Amitabh Chaudhry                                      d) Venkat Prabhakar

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The appointment of Debasish Panda as the chief of the industry's regulatory authority as they feel the former bureaucrat has a sound understanding of insurance. Most of the past chairmen, barring T S Vijayan who came from LIC, were bureaucrats and had to undergo a steep learning curve upon taking charge.

**10) What is the name of the new payments service launched by RBI?**

- a) Pay123                                      b) UP123                                      c) 123Pay                                      d) UPPay

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Reserve Bank has launched two key initiatives, UPI123Pay Option to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments for feature phone users, and DigiSaathi - a 24x7 Helpline to address the queries of digital payment users across products.

**Static Points:**

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

**11) Home Minister Amit Shah Addressed \_\_\_ edition Foundation day Celebration of NCRB.**

- a) 23<sup>rd</sup>                                      b) 42<sup>nd</sup>                                      c) 26<sup>th</sup>                                      d) 37<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs addressed the 37th Foundation Day (Raising Day) celebrations of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) as the chief guest in New Delhi, Delhi. He is the first Union Home Minister to attend a Foundation Day function of the NCRB.

**Static Points:**

NCRB Director - Vivek Gogia  
Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

**12) What is the rank of India in the Liberal Democratic Index released by V-Dem Institute?**

- a) 93                                      b) 67                                      c) 82                                      d) 72

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The latest edition of Democracy Report was released recently by the V-Dem Institute at Sweden's University of Gothenburg. It classifies India as an electoral autocracy ranking it 93rd on the LDI, out of 179 countries. India is part of a broader global trend of an anti-plural political party driving a country's Autocratisation.

**13) On which day Mauritius Day is observed?**

- a) 10th March                              b) 11th March                              c) 12th March                              d) 13th March

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** National Day in Mauritius celebrates the date when the country gained independence from Britain which is observed on March 12, 1968. The country became a British colony in 1810. In addition, the holiday celebrates the creation of the Republic of Mauritius in 1992. Mauritius is a subtropical island country in the Indian Ocean.

**14) Who launched a book titled "Role of Labour in India's Development"?**

- a) Bhupender Yadav                                      b) Amitava Kumar  
c) Both A & B                                      d) None of the above

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Minister of Labour and Employment, Bhupender Yadav has launched a book titled "Role of Labour in India's Development". V V Giri National Labour Institute has published the book. The publishing of the book is part of the 'Iconic Week' celebrations of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

**15) Which State Govt. has announced a special scheme 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa' for tea workers?**

- a) Karnataka                              b) Tamil Nadu                              c) Assam                              d) Tripura

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Tripura Government has announced a special scheme 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa' for tea workers. A special scheme, allotting Rs. 85 crores for its implementation, as a step towards bringing the 7000 tea garden workers of Tripura under the social security net.

**Static Points:**

Tripura Capital - Agartala  
Tripura CM - Biplab Kumar Deb  
Tripura Governor - Satyadev Narayan Arya

**14-03-2022 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) Which state tops in full immunization with 90.5% coverage in India under Indradhanush?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, Odisha became the top state in the list of full immunization in India with 90.5 percent coverage under Mission Indradhanush. Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 (IMI) was rolled out on 7 March 2022, in Odisha to provide preventive health care for mothers and children and for boosting full immunization coverage.

**Static Points:**

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

**2) Which bank has Paytm Payments Bank from Onboarding New Customers?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The Reserve Bank of India in the exercise of its powers under section 35A of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949 bars Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) from onboarding new customers with immediate effect due to material supervisory concerns. PPBL was also directed by the apex bank to appoint an IT audit firm to conduct a comprehensive audit of its IT (Information Technology) system.

**3) Investment in care services can generate 234 million jobs for women by which year?**

- a) 2027                      b) 2030                      c) 2026                      d) 2035

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The International Labour Organization (ILO) report "Care at Work-Investing in Care Leave and Services for a More Gender Equal World of Work" was released on March 7, 2022, ahead of International Women's Day, and was based on an ILO legal survey of 185 countries.

**4) RailTel Ranks \_\_\_\_ in 2022 Fortune India The Next 500 list.**

- a) 67                                      b) 97                                      c) 124                                      d) 113

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), owned by the Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways, has ranked 124th in the 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500 (2022 edition) of top midsize companies operating in India. It is the only Telecom Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) of the Government of India on the list.

**5) Which state govt. & NABARD signed a pact to increase fish production?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The government of Odisha and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed an agreement for the creation of fisheries infrastructure to boost fish production. The agreement was signed between Principal Secretary, Finance, Vishal Dev, and NABARD chief general manager C Udayabhaskar.

**Static Points:**

NABARD Chairperson - Harsh Kumar Bhanwala  
Headquarters - Mumbai

**6) EPFO has set the interest rate on Provident Fund Deposits for 2021-22 at \_\_\_\_ percent.**

- a) 8.9                                      b) 8.6                                      c) 8.1                                      d) 7.9

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has set the interest rate on Provident Fund Deposits for 2021-22 at 8.1%, up from 8.5% in the previous fiscal year 2020-21. This decision was taken by the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), the apex decision-making body of the EPFO, and will be sent to the Ministry of Finance for consensus.

**7) Govt Introduced \_\_\_\_\_ Platforms Led By Industry For Design And Development In Defence Sector.**

- a) 7                                      b) 18                                      c) 12                                      d) 16

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Government of India has introduced 18 major platforms led by the industry for design and development in the defence sector. The project focuses on 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'. It has allocated 25% of the union budget 2022-23 for Defence Research and Development. And it aims to display the design capabilities of the domestic defense industry.

**8) On which day Pi Day is celebrated around the world?**

- a) 14th March                              b) 12th March                              c) 11th March                              d) 13th March

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Every year March 14 is celebrated as Pi Day to commemorate the mathematical constant Pi. It is also the birthday of Einstein, one of the greatest physicists of all time. Pi Day is held every year on March 14 to celebrate the mathematical constant, Pi ( $\pi$ ). The date, when written in the format of month/ day (3/ 14), matches the first three digits of the mathematical constant.

**9) Who became the chairperson of the High Powered Committee on the Chardham project?**

- a) Vikram Sarabhai                              b) AK Sikri                              c) S. Somanath                              d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Justice AK Sikri, former judge of the Supreme Court was appointed as the Chairman of the high-powered committee which constituted to consider the cumulative and independent impact of the Char Dham Mahamarg Vikas Pariyojana (Char Dham Highway Development Project). He succeeded Professor Ravi Chopra who resigned recently from this post.

**10) \_\_\_\_\_ becomes 1st PPI issuer to Achieve RBI PPI Interoperability Guidelines.**

- a) Baysquare                              b) LivQuik                              c) Datavail                              d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** LivQuik becomes the first Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer to have achieved full interoperability as mandated by the RBI for their PPIs. RBI, in the exercise of the powers conferred under Section 18 read with Section 10(2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act) mandated all PPI Issuers to facilitate interoperability for full-KYC wallets by March 31, 2022.

**11) Which bank to acquire a 5% stake in National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** ICICI Bank is set to acquire a 5% stake in National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) for a total cash consideration of up to Rs 137.5 crore in tranches. The equity investment will be in tranches with the 1st tranche of equity investment of Rs 70.45 crore. This is expected to be completed by 31st March 2022. On 10th March 2022, ICICI Bank has signed an agreement for the investment in NARCL.

**Static Points:**

ICICI Bank MD & CEO - Sandeep Bakhshi  
Headquarters - Vadodara  
Tagline - Hum hai na, Khayal Apka

**12) Buggana Rajendranath Presented Rs 2.56 lakh cr State Budget for 2022-23 to which state?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Finance Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Buggana Rajendranath, presented AP's Budget for 2022-23 with a proposed expenditure of Rs 2.56 lakh crore and a projected revenue deficit of Rs 17,036 crore. After that, Kurasala Kannababu, AP's Agriculture Minister presented the State's Agriculture Budget for 2022-23 with an outlay of Rs 43,052.78 crore.

**Static Points:**

Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh - Nagarjunsagar-Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve  
Andhra Pradesh Governor - Biswabhusan Harichandan

**13) Who presented the Swachhta Pakhwada Awards to the winners and launched 'Indian Petroleum & Natural Gas Statistics 2020-21'?**

- a) Narendra Modi  
c) Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Hardeep Singh Puri  
d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) presented the MoPNG Swachhta Pakhwada Awards to the winners and launched 'Indian Petroleum & Natural Gas Statistics 2020-21'. The Swachhta Pakhwada was organized by Oil & Gas Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and attached offices of MoPNG during 1st-15th July 2021.

**Static Points:**

Hardeep Singh Puri - Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs  
Constituency - Uttar Pradesh

**14) When was the International Day of Action for Rivers is observed?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The International Day of Action for Rivers is marked on 14th March every year to highlight the importance of rivers in our lives. The day also aims to raise awareness about equitable access to clean and flowing water. This year marks the 25th edition of the International Day of Action for Rivers. The day also creates awareness about how freshwater ecosystems like rivers are increasingly being polluted due to human activities.

**15) Instagram is No Longer Accessible in Which of the following country?**

- a) Canada  
b) Russia  
c) Norway  
d) Germany

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Russian communications agency Roskomnadzor announced, Instagram became inaccessible in Russia after Moscow accused its parent company Meta of allowing calls for violence against Russians, including the military, on its platforms, according to an Agence France-Press report.

**Static Points:**

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

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**15-03-2022 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) Indrayani Medicity is planned to be set up as the country's first medical city, in which city from India?**

- a) Pune  
b) Guwahati  
c) Hyderabad  
d) Mumbai

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The state government of Maharashtra has announced to set up the country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' in Pune, to provide all kinds of specialized treatment under one roof. It will come up in 300-acre of land area in Khed taluka of Pune. The project is estimated to attract investment worth over Rs. 10,000 crore.

**Static Points:**

Pune - City in Maharashtra  
Maharashtra Capital - Mumbai

Maharashtra CM - Uddhav Thackeray  
Maharashtra Governor - Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**2) Which bank has won "National Award for Outstanding Performance for FY 2020-21?"**

- a) Punjab National Bank  
b) Jammu & Kashmir Bank  
c) South Indian Bank  
d) Bank of Maharashtra

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Union Minister of Rural Development, Giriraj Singh honored the Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) with the "National Award for Outstanding Performance for FY 2020-21" in recognition of its best performance in Self-Help Group Bank Linkage. Kirti Sharma, Zonal Head, Delhi, J & K Bank, accepted the award on the bank's behalf from Union Minister Giriraj Singh.

**3) Morgan Stanley trims India's GDP growth forecast to \_\_\_ percent for fiscal 2022-23.**

- a) 6.7%                      b) 7.9%                      c) 9.1%                      d) 8.9%

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The US investment bank and financial services company, Morgan Stanley has trimmed India's economic growth forecast by 50 basis points to 7.9% for the fiscal year 2022-23. Furthermore, Stanley raised the country's retail inflation estimate to 6%, meanwhile, current account deficits are seen to widen by 3% of GDP.

**4) Khel Mahakumbh is a Sports Event that is held in which Indian state?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Prime Minister digitally unveiled Gujarat Sports Policy- 2022-27. The new policy is aimed to make Gujarat the sports hub of the nation. According to Modi, the seed of Khel Mahakumbh sown by him in 2010 has grown into a huge tree and the number of participants has increased from 13 lakhs in 2010 to 55 lakhs in 2022.

**Static Points:**

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

**5) Gabriel Boric Font has been appointed as the youngest President of which country?**

- a) Iran                      b) Canada                      c) Chile                      d) France

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Gabriel Boric Font, who was sworn in as the new President of Chile, has become the youngest president of Chile so far. Boric is a left-leaning former student leader who says that he is determined to improve the lives of all Chileans and attack deep that inequality that has sparked massive protests.

**Static Points:**

Chile Capital - Santiago  
Currency - Chilean Peso

**6) The Museum of the Future, which is situated in which country?**

- a) UAE                      b) US                      c) Iran                      d) Chile

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The Museum of the Future is an exhibition space for innovative and futuristic ideologies, services, and products. Located in the Financial District of Dubai, UAE, the Museum of the Future has three main elements - green hill, building, and void. It was set to open in 2021, but as of December of that year had yet to fully do so. The Government of the United Arab Emirates has later opened the museum on 22nd February of 2022.

**Static Points:**

UAE Capital - Abu Dhabi



Currency - United Arab Emirates Dirham  
President - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**7) Which bank has recently stopped Paytm Payments Bank Ltd from onboarding new customers under RBI Section 35A?**

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

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United States Capital - Washington DC  
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Trending  
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**9) PM Narendra Modi recently dedicated a new campus building complex of the RRU to the nation in which city?**

- a) Pune                                      b) Guwahati                                      c) Hyderabad                                      d) Gandhinagar

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation a new campus building complex of the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) at Lavad village near Gandhinagar, Gujarat. PM also addressed the first convocation of RRU Gandhinagar as a Chief Guest. The University, which is an Institution of National Importance, commenced its operations from 1st October 2020.

**Static Points:**

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

**10) Which city becomes 1st South Asian City to Detail Net-Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050?**

- a) Pune                                      b) Hyderabad                                      c) Mumbai                                      d) Noida

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Mumbai, Maharashtra announced its detailed framework to 'zero out carbon emissions by 2050' and became the first city in South Asia to set such a target. Mumbai's target is 20 years ahead of India's target to reach net zero emissions by 2070. Targets also include a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 44 percent reduction by 2040.

**11) The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed every year on which day?**

- a) 14th March                                      b) 11th March                                      c) 12th March                                      d) 13th March

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed globally on the 14th of March every year. It is also known as the Pi Day because the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi) can be rounded down to 3.14. It aims to educate people about the essential role of mathematics in science and technology, improve quality of life, empower women and girls, and contribute to sustainable development.



**Explanation:** Government head-hunter PESB has picked a non-upstream executive, Ranjit Rath to head India's second-largest state oil and gas producer, Oil India Ltd. He was selected for the post of chairman and managing director ahead of two directors on the Oil India board and another executive director of the company. Oil India's current chairman and managing director Sushil Chandra Mishra will superannuate on June 30, 2022.

**2) The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) was recently launched for which state?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) conceptualized under the MMP - Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme of the Department of Land Resources, was launched for Assam. The program was launched virtually in presence of Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh.

**Static Points:**

Assam CM - Himanta Biswa Sarma

Assam Capital - Dispur

Assam Governor - Jagdish Mukhi

**3) Which state has topped in the list of full immunization coverage under Mission Indradhanush?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Odisha tops the list of full immunization with 90.5% coverage. Odisha has become the only state in the country to achieve 90.5% of immunization apart from the successful vaccination against Covid-19 infection under Mission Indradhanush 4.0.

**Static Points:**

Odisha Capital - Bhubaneswar

Odisha CM - Naveen Patnaik

Odisha Governor - Ganeshi Lal

**4) United States to provide USD of 13.6 billion funding to Which of the following countries.**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The White House approved a massive spending bill that would rush USD 13.6 billion in US aid to battered Ukraine and its European allies after top Democrats were forced to abruptly drop their plan to include fresh funds to battle COVID-19. Passage of the Ukraine aid and the USD 1.5 trillion government-wide legislation that carried it let both parties lay claim to election-year victories for their priorities.

**Static Points:**

Ukraine Capital - Kyiv

President - Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Currency - Ukrainian Hryvnia

**5) When was World Consumer Rights Day is observed?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The consumer movement marks 15th March with World Consumer Rights Day every year, as a means of raising global awareness about consumer rights and needs. Celebrating the day is a chance to demand that the rights of all consumers are respected and protected, and to protest against market abuses and social injustices which undermine those rights.

**6) What is the rank of RailTel Corporation of India Limited in the 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500?**

- a) 124                      b) 150                      c) 125                      d) 144

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), owned by the Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways, has ranked 124th in the 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500 (2022 edition) of top midsize companies operating in India. It is the only Telecom Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) of the Government of India (GoI) on the list.

**Static Points:**

RailTel Founded - September 2000

RailTel Headquarters - Gurgaon, Haryana

**7) Who has been appointed as the chairman of Air India?**

- a) Vijay Tiwari    b) Chandrasekaran    c) Somiya Verma d) None

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran has been appointed the Chairman of Air India at a board meeting of the airline conducted, a source in the know of the matter. A Tata Sons spokesperson confirmed the development. Currently, three executive directors who were appointed by the government when the airline was in its control are still serving on the board of Air India.

**8) Which film has won the "Best Film" category award at the 75th BAFTA Awards 2022?**

- a) King Richard    b) Belfast              c) West Side Story    d) None of the above

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The 75th edition of the British Academy Film Awards, also known as the BAFTA Award, was held at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The awards, presented by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), honor the best national and foreign films of 2021. The ceremony was hosted by actress and comedian Rebel Wilson.

**9) Which country has topped the list of largest importers of arms between 2017-21?**

- a) India      b) Egypt      c) Australia      d) China

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released its latest report on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021. As per the report, India and Saudi Arabia emerged as the largest importers of arms between 2017-21. Both two countries accounted for 11% of all global arms sales. Egypt (5.7%), Australia (5.4%), and China (4.8%) were the next three largest importers respectively in the top 5.

**10) Which Indian city released a 'Climate Action Plan' and laid down a 30-year Roadmap to tackle challenges of Climate Change?**

- a) Pune      b) Guwahati      c) Hyderabad      d) Mumbai

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP) released Sunday has laid down a 30-year roadmap for the city to tackle the challenges of climate change by adopting inclusive and robust mitigation and adaptation strategies. The action plan has set short-, medium- and long-term climate goals aimed towards zero emission of greenhouse gas or a net-zero target for 2050.

**Static Points:**

Mumbai - City in Maharashtra

Maharashtra Capital - Mumbai

Maharashtra CM - Uddhav Thackeray

Maharashtra Governor - Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**11) Who has won the silver medal at German Open 2022 for Badminton?**

- a) PV Sindhu      b) Prannoy HS      c) Lakshya Sen      d) Srikanth Kidambi

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Indian Shuttler Lakshya Sen has settled for silver after losing to Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand, 18-21, 15-21, in the men's singles final at the German Open 2022. The Thai player dominated from start to end, winning the match and the championship in just 57 minutes. German Open is an annual badminton tournament classified as BWF World Tour Super 300 event.

**12) Govt extends Rs 20,000-Crore CGSSD for MSMEs till \_\_\_\_.**

- a) March 2025      b) May 2025      c) December 2022      d) March 2023

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has extended the 'Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD)' worth Rs 20,000 crore for stressed MSMEs for 1 year till March 31, 2023. Initially, the scheme was up to March 31, 2021. The government later extended this scheme up to March 31, 2022.

**Static Points:**

Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Narayan Tatu Rane

**13) Which company has launched 'OneUp', India's first primary markets investment platform?**

- a) India Infoline   b) Angel One   c) Zerodha   d) IIFL Securities Limited

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** IIFL Securities Limited launched 'OneUp', India's first primary markets investment platform. Through this platform, investment can be made in initial public offerings, non-convertible debentures, and sovereign gold bonds, among others. On the OneUp platform, the IPO applications are accepted 24x7 and up to three days before the IPO bidding opens.

**14) On which day International Day of Action for Rivers is observed?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The International Day of Action for Rivers is celebrated every year on the 14th of March. The day aims to raise awareness about the value and importance of rivers as well as bring together people from across the world to discuss and spread awareness about conserving rivers, river management, pollution, and equitable access to clean and flowing water. The theme in 2022 is "The Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity".

**15) Which state has adopted Integrated Hospital Facility Management Services?**

- a) Pune   b) Guwahati   c) Hyderabad   d) Mumbai

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Hyderabad has adopted Integrated Hospital Facility Management Services (IHFMS). To improve overall healthcare services including bedside care for patients, sanitation, and ensure the availability of manpower in government healthcare facilities, the Telangana government has decided to adopt Integrated Hospital Facility Management Services (IHFMS) by incurring an expenditure of Rs. 7,500 per hospital bed in a month.

**17-03-2022 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) Which state has launched an online 'My EV' portal for the purchase and registration of electric autos?**

- a) Bihar   b) Assam   c) Gujarat   d) Delhi

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The Delhi government has launched an online 'My EV' (My Electric Vehicle) portal for the purchase and registration of electric autos in Delhi. It is accessible to all users on the website of the transport department of Delhi. Under the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy, a 5% interest rate subvention will be provided on the purchase of e-autos on loans and become the first state to provide such a facility.

**Static Points:**

Delhi Chief Minister - Arvind Kejriwal  
Delhi Lieutenant Governor - Anil Baijal

**2) \_\_\_ allies to revoke "Most Favoured Nation" Status For Russia.**

- a) US   b) Ukraine   c) UAE   d) Brazil

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** US President Joe Biden will announce that, along with the European Union and the Group of Seven countries, the US will move to revoke the "most favored nation" trade status for Russia over its invasion of Ukraine. That's according to a source familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to preview the announcement. The person said each country would have to follow its own national processes.

**Static Points:**

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

**3) Which state has the lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio in India?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The maternal mortality ratio of India has declined by 10 points. Among the states, Kerala topped the charts by recording the lowest MMR of 30/ lakh live births. The state also showed a more than 15 percent decline in maternal mortality ratio (MMR) compared to the 2017-19 period.

**Static Points:**

Kerala CM - Pinarayi Vijayan  
Kerala Capital - Thiruvananthapuram  
Kerala Governor - Arif Mohammad Khan

**4) Which player has been awarded the ICC 'Men's Player of the Month' February 2022?**

- a) Ravindra Jadeja              b) Yuzvendra Chahal              c) Shreyas Iyer              d) KL Rahul

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Attacking India batter Shreyas Iyer and star New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr have been voted ICC Players of the Month for February 2022. Shreyas Iyer enjoyed a remarkable month for his country, with the 27-year-old shining during white-ball series against West Indies and Sri Lanka to edge out UAE batter Vriitya Aravind and Nepal all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee for the monthly award.

**Static Points:**

International Cricket Council (ICC) CEO - Geoff Allardice  
Headquarters - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**5) India's first 'World Peace Center' will be established in which city?**

- a) Pune                      b) Gurugram                      c) Hyderabad                      d) Mumbai

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti organization established by Ambassador of Peace, Eminent Jainacharya Dr. Lokeshji will establish India's first World Peace Center in Gurugram, Haryana. For this, the Haryana Government has allotted a plot to the organization in Sector 39 of Gurugram opposite Medanta Hospital and adjacent to Delhi-Jaipur Highway.

**6) India's first Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM' has been launched in which city?**

- a) Noida                      b) Bangalore                      c) Chennai                      d) Mumbai

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Country's first Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM' launched in Bengaluru aims to provide clean drinking water & sanitation. It is formed by Aqua Kraft Group Ventures, next-generation sustainability, and impact enterprise focused on providing clean drinking water & sanitation.

**Static Points:**

Bangalore - Karnataka Capital  
Karnataka Governor - Thawar Chand Gehlot  
Karnataka Chief minister - Basavaraj Bommai

7) Former Andhra Pradesh Governor 'Ms. Kumudben Joshi has passed away at the age of \_\_\_\_.

- a) 74                      b) 88                      c) 62                      d) 81

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The former Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Kumudben Manishankar Joshi has passed away. She was 88. Ms. Joshi served as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from 26 November 1985 to 7 February 1990. She was the second female Governor of the state after Sharda Mukherjee.

8) The National Vaccination Day is observed annually on which day in India?

- a) 14th March              b) 15th March              c) 16th March              d) 13th March

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** In India, the National Vaccination Day (also known as National Immunisation Day (IMD)) is observed on 16 March every year, to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation. The day was first observed in the year 1995. In 2022, the National Immunization Day is important since the Government of India has started the COVID-19 vaccination for children between 15 to 18 years of age and booster dose for senior citizens.

9) \_\_\_\_ released the Directions of 'Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans'.

- a) AFS                      b) ESAF                      c) RBI                      d) BSS

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed microfinance lenders to fix interest rates on loans with a rider that those should not be usurious for the borrowers. A microfinance loan is defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income of up to ₹3 lakh.

10) \_\_\_\_ has begun recording crop diversification patterns in the form of an index.

- a) Kerala                      b) Assam                      c) Telangana                      d) Karnataka

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Telangana has started documenting crop diversification trends in the form of an index for the first time in the country, following the paddy procurement row with the Centre and the state government asking farmers to opt for alternate crops. According to the crop diversification index, the state grows 77 varieties, with roughly 10 crops, predominantly grains, favored for diversification.

11) India's First Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) has been launched at \_\_\_\_.

- a) IISc- Bangalore              b) IIT-Bombay              c) IISc- Pune              d) IIT-Madras

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The country's first Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) was launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka. It is promoted by a not-for-profit foundation set up by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, with a seed capital of Rs. 230 crore from the State and Central governments.

12) Bhagwant Singh Mann, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which state?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Bhagwant Singh Mann, was sworn in as the Punjab Chief Minister. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit to Bhagwant Mann. The swearing-in ceremony took place at Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in Shaheed Bhagat Singh (SBS) Nagar district, Punjab.

13) Which country is the largest importer of arms globally, as per SIPRI Trends?

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

**Answer: C**



**Explanation:** Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released the Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2021 Report. As per the report, India remains the largest importer of arms globally. Most of India's defense imports come from Russia. India has been pushing for indigenous development in defense equipment and allotted 68 percent of the capital budget for 2022-23 for domestic manufacturing industries.

**14) Which Union Ministry implements the 'Credit guarantee scheme for subordinate debt'?**

- a) Minister of Steel
- b) Minister of Coal
- c) Ministry of MSME
- d) Minister of AYUSH

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) is jointly set up by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India, and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to catalyze the flow of institutional credit to Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs).

**Static Points:**

Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Narayan Tatu Rane

**15) Amelia Kerr has won the ICC 'Women's Player of the Month award for February 2022, She plays for which country?**

- a) New Zealand
- b) Germany
- c) Norway
- d) Canada

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Amelia Kerr has been voted ICC Players of the Month for February 2022 from New Zealand. Kerr's exploits during February were just as impressive, with the young all-rounder dominating with bat and ball to claim the monthly gong ahead of India duo Mithali Raj and Deepti Sharma.

**Static Points:**

New Zealand Capital - Wellington  
Prime Minister - Jacinda Ardern

**18-03-2022 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1. When did World Sleep Day Is Celebrated?**

- A.10th March 2022
- B.12th March 2022
- C.18th March 2022
- D.9th March 2022

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** World Sleep Day is a global awareness event held annually and hosted by the World Sleep Society since 2008. World Sleep Day is intended to be a celebration of sleep and a call to action on important issues related to sleep, including medicine, education, social aspects, and driving.

**Static Point:**

**Theme:** The theme and slogan for World Sleep Day 2022 are "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World."

**2. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Punjab?**

- A. Bhagwant Mann
- B. Jaswinder Kaur
- C. Arvind Kejriwal
- D. Navjot Singh Sidhu

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** After the Aam Aadmi Party's stupendous victory in the Punjab Assembly elections, Bhagwant Mann has been sworn as the 17th chief minister of the state. Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the swearing-in ceremony. Mann took oath at Khatkar Kalan village which is the ancestral village of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh.

**Static Point:**

Punjab Chief Secretary: Anirud Tiwari  
Punjab Governor: Banwarilal Purohit

**3. India is the host country for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022. The tournament will be held in which city of the country?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Pune
- D. Indore

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** All India Chess Federation (AICF) has announced that India will be hosting the upcoming 44th World Chess Olympiad 2022 at Chennai. All India Chess Federation (AICF) has announced that India will be hosting the upcoming 44th World Chess Olympiad 2022 in Chennai

**Static Point:**

**4. Which company has acquired fifth payments tech startup IZealiant Technologies?**

- A. Paytm
- B. CCAvenue
- C. PayU
- D. Razorpay

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Fintech unicorn, Razorpay has announced its fifth acquisition with the buyout of a startup, Izealiant Technologies, that provides payments technology solutions for banks.

**Static Point:**

CEO: Harshil Mathur  
Founded: 2013

**5. Which state/ UT government has announced the 'Sushma Swaraj Puraskar' recently?**

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Delhi

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who also holds the finance portfolio, on Tuesday proposed a populist budget of Rs 177,256 crore for 2022-23, an increase of 15.6 percent over this fiscal of Rs 153,384 crore.

**Static Point:**

Capital: Chandigarh  
Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar

**6. Which state/ UT launched the 'Mukhyamantri Cha Shramik Kalyan Prakalpa' scheme?**

- A. Delhi
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura
- D. None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Tripura government has announced a special scheme 'Mukhyamantri Cha Shrami Kalyan Prakalpa' for tea workers.

**Static Point:**

Tripura Chief Minister: Biplab Kumar Deb  
Tripura Governor: Satyadeo Narain Arya

**7. The IT Minister of which of the following state, C.N. Ashwath Narayan has launched India's first digital water data bank "Aquarium"?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Punjab
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** IT Minister of Karnataka, C.N. Ashwath Narayan has recently launched the country's first digital water data bank "Aquarium". Which is a list of water data received from various institutions. It provides reliable information about various aspects of water.

**8. The Ordnance Factories Day is observed annually on which day in India?**

- A. 16th March 2022  
B. 10th March 2022  
C. 6th March 2022  
D. 18th March 2022

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Ordnance Factory Day is observed across India on 18 March to commemorate the foundation of the first ordnance factory at Cossipore near Kolkata in the year 1801

**Static Point:**

**Theme:** The theme for Ordnance Factory Day is "Vinashaya Dushkritam."

**9. Where was the first Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways inaugurated?**

- A. Northeast Frontier Railway  
B. Southern Railway  
C. Eastern Railway  
D. South Eastern Railway

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Indian Railways' first Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal was commissioned in Asansol Division in pursuance of the Prime Minister's vision "Gati Shakti".

**Static Point:**

Founded: 6 May 1836  
Headquarters: New Delhi

**10. Which of the following country has topped in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies?**

- A. Bangladesh  
B. India  
C. Myanmar  
D. Bangladesh

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Bangladesh is top in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies. Bangladesh tops the list in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies, says a study conducted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

**Static Point:**

President: Abdul Hamid  
Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina

**11. Bureau of Indian Standards signed an MoU with whom to set up 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor'??**

- A. ICAR Jodhpur  
B. IIT Roorkee  
C. AIIMS Raipur  
D. None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Roorkee (IITR) on 10th March 2022 for the establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at IIT Roorkee

**Static Point:**

Motto: Nothing can be achieved without hard work  
Established: 1847; 175 years ago

**12. Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle' has been unveiled in \_\_\_\_\_ to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.**

- A. Madagascar  
B. Mozambique  
C. Comoros  
D. Mauritius

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle' has been unveiled in Madagascar to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Ambassador of India to Madagascar, Abhay Kumar celebrated the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by inaugurating a Green Triangle, along with Mayor of Antananarivo Naina Andriantsitohaina.

**13. Which of the following ministry has announced a project for the rejuvenation of 13 major rivers of the country?**

- A. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change  
B. Ministry of Railways  
C. Ministry of Education  
D. Ministry of Transport

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has recently announced the project for the rejuvenation of 13 major rivers of the country. Including the Himalayan rivers Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Yamuna, and the Brahmaputra and the Deccan or peninsular rivers, Narmada, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna, and Kaveri while Luni river.

**Static Point:**

Officeholder: Bhupender Yadav (Union Minister)  
Founded: 1947

**14. Which of the following bank was adjudged as the Asian Bank of The Year 2021 and India Bond House at the IFR Asia Awards 2021?**

- A. RBL Bank  
B. ICICI Bank  
C. State Bank of India  
D. Axis Bank

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, was adjudged as the Asian Bank of The Year 2021 and India Bond House at the IFR Asia Awards 2021.

**Static Point:**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India  
Key people: Amitabh Chaudhry (MD & CEO), Shri Rakesh Makhija (Chairperson)

**15. Which country's Carolina Bilawska has won the coveted Miss World 2021 title?**

- A. Jamaica  
B. Germany  
C. China  
D. Poland

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Karolina Bielawska from Poland was honored with the Miss World 2021 crown on Wednesday night at the 70th edition of the event at the Coca-Cola Music Hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**19-03-2022 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) Which Indian state will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 tournament?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The government of Tamil Nadu along with the All India Chess Federation president Dr. Sanjay Kapoor. The dates are not finalized but should be held during July and August. After FIDE declared that it was pulling the Chess Olympiad 2022 out of Russia due to the ongoing war situation the chess world scrambled to find an able host.

**Static Points:**

FIDE President - Arkady Dvorkovich  
Headquarters - Lausanne, Switzerland

**2) Which Bank has won 'Asian Bank of the Year' at IFR Asia Awards 2021?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** India's third-largest private sector bank, Axis Bank has been awarded IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year, for its breadth of coverage and depth of expertise in the Asian investment banking space. The award acknowledges the bank's outstanding performance in equity and debt issuance, across all major products and segments.

**Static Points:**

Axis Bank MD & CEO - Amitabh Chaudhry  
Axis Bank Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra  
Axis Bank Tagline - Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

**3) Which city has announced its detailed framework to zero out carbon emissions by 2050?**

- a) Pune                      b) Gurgaon                      c) Hyderabad                      d) Mumbai

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Mumbai has announced a detailed plan to zero out carbon emissions by 2050, a target that puts it two decades ahead of India's national goal and makes it the first city in South Asia to set such a timeline, reported news agency Bloomberg.

**4) ISRO has successfully completed the ground test of \_\_\_\_.**

- a) SS1                      b) SS2                      c) SSLV                      d) All of the above

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully completed the ground test of the solid-fuel-based booster stage (SS1) of its new Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), completing the ground testing of all three stages of the launch vehicle. The new launch vehicle is now ready for its first development flight, which is scheduled for May this year.

**Static Points:**

Indian Space Research Organisation Founder - Vikram Sarabhai  
Headquarters - Bengaluru

**5) Which coalfield in India is currently the largest coal-producing company of India?**

- a) Central Coalfields Limited                      b) Bharat Coking Coal  
c) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited                      d) South Eastern Coalfields Limited

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), a unit of the CIL, has crossed 157 million tonnes (MT) in coal production in the financial year of 2021-22, to become the leading coal-producing company in the country. The company produced 7.62 lakh tonne of dry fuel which is the highest in a day during the current financial year reaching 157.7 MT with a growth of around 16 percent over the last financial year.

**Static Points:**

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) - Mr. B N Shukla  
Headquarters - Sambalpur

**6) Which country has topped in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Bangladesh tops the list in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies, says a study conducted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). According to the latest figures, there was an increase in the percentage of women who are independent directors on listed companies from five percent in 2020 to six percent.

**Static Points:**

Bangladesh Capital - Dhaka  
Currency - Bangladeshi Taka  
President - Abdul Hamid

**7) Who inaugurated the Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) Toyota Mirai in New Delhi?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the world's most advanced technology-developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) Toyota Mirai at New Delhi. Toyota Mirai is India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), which is completely powered by Hydrogen.

**Static Points:**

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

**8) Which country has been connected to 'Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA)'?**

- a) India                      b) Ukraine                      c) Russia                      d) Afghanistan

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Ukraine has to 'Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA)'. It is an electricity grid spanning much of continental Europe. This step will allow Ukraine to decouple its Power system from hostile Russia. Though this move was planned after Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, the recent Russian invasion has fast-tracked the decision.

**Static Points:**

Ukraine Capital - Kyiv  
President - Volodymyr Zelenskyy  
Currency - Ukrainian hryvnia

**9) Which country has topped the ranking in terms of market capitalization, as per Bloomberg's recent data on Market capitalization?**

- a) UAE                      b) US                      c) France                      d) Brazil

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The US topped the ranking with an overall market cap of USD 47.32 trillion, followed by China (USD 11.52 trillion), Japan (USD 6 trillion), and Hong Kong (USD 5.55 trillion). India is ranked 5th with an overall market capitalization of USD 3.21 trillion. The total world market cap stands at USD 109.22 trillion.

**Static Points:**

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

**10) When was the International Day of Happiness is being observed?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** International Day of Happiness is a global event arranged by the United Nations annually on March 20. The International Day of Happiness aims to make people around the world realize the importance of happiness within their lives. The International Day of Happiness recognizes the relevance of happiness and well-being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world and the importance of their recognition.

**Static Points:**

Theme: Keep Calm, Stay Wise, and Be Kind.

**11) Dishaank is a land digitization application of which Indian state?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Dishaank app leverages Karnataka's decision to digitize all land records (under the Bhoomi project) since 1990. The mobile application has been developed under the Karnataka Geographical Information System program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (KSRSAC).

**Static Points:**

Karnataka Capital – Bengaluru                      Karnataka CM - Basavaraj Bommai  
Karnataka Governor - Thawar Chand Gehlot

12) \_\_\_ is the longest vessel ever to sail on the river Brahmaputra.

- a) Ram Dass Katari  
b) Ram Prasad Bismil  
c) Surendra Nath Kohli  
d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The MV Ram Prasad Bismil has become the longest vessel ever to sail from Ganga to the Brahmaputra. The 90 meters long and 26 meters wide flotilla, loaded with a draft of 2.1 meters, achieved the feat on March 15, 2022, when it successfully completed the pilot run of heavy cargo movement from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Haldia, to Pandu port in Guwahati.

13) Which country recently passed the 'Sunshine Protection Act' making daylight saving time (DST) permanent?

- a) Brazil  
b) Canada  
c) US  
d) Iran

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The United States Senate unanimously passed a law making daylight saving time (DST) permanent. It has scrapped the biannual practice of putting clocks forward and back coinciding with the arrival and departure of winter. After it is signed into law, the practice of turning clocks back by an hour to standard time every November will stop and DST (which starts in March) will be in effect all year round.

14) "Green Triangle" named after Mahatma Gandhi, it was inaugurated in which country?

- a) Singapore  
b) Sri Lanka  
c) Nepal  
d) Madagascar

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** As part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate India's 75th year of independence, a "Green Triangle" named after Mahatma Gandhi was jointly inaugurated in Madagascar's capital Antananarivo. Mayor of Antananarivo Naina Andriantsitohaina and India's Ambassador to Madagascar Abhay Kumar inaugurated the green space at a special ceremony in Madagascar's capital Antananarivo.

**Static Points:**

Madagascar Capital - Antananarivo  
Currency - Malagasy ariary  
President - Andry Rajoelina

15) \_\_\_ has acquired fifth payments tech startup IZealiant Technologies.

- a) Razorpay  
b) Paytm  
c) PayPal  
d) None of the above

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Razorpay has announced its fifth acquisition by bringing into the fold Pune-based IZealiant, which provides payments technology solutions for banks. The value of the deal remains undisclosed. With this acquisition, Razorpay is looking to strengthen its banking solutions arm as financial institutions increasingly look to adopt advanced yet secure solutions to keep pace with fast-evolving consumer needs and increasing regulations for digital payments.

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