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NATIONAL NEWS

- 1. The Ministry of Power has launched a five-year procurement scheme for 4500 MW of aggregate power:
 - A program for **the Ministry of Power's SHAKTI Policy** has been initiated to acquire a total of 4500 MW of power over five years.
 - The scheme, according to the Ministry, will aid states that are experiencing a lack of electricity and assist generation facilities in expanding their capacities.

About SHAKTI scheme:

Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India, or SHAKTI, was introduced in 2018 to deliver coal to overworked power plants that are short on coal.

- 2. The NITI Aayog has released a study report titled "Carbon Capture to Achieve Net Zero Emission Target by 2070."
 - 'Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Policy Framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India' is the title of a study report that was published.
 - The importance of carbon capture, use, and storage as a method for reducing emissions and achieving deep decarbonization from challenging industries is examined in the paper.
 - India has updated its NDC targets to achieve 50% of total installed capacity from non-fossil-based energy sources by 2030, a 45% reduction in emission intensity by 2030, and Net Zero by 2070, and the role of Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) becomes important as a reduction strategy to achieve decarbonization from the difficult-to-abate sectors.
 - Suman Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, stated Implementing CCUS technology would undoubtedly be a significant step toward decarbonizing the difficult-to-abate sector.
- 3. Union Minister R.K Singh launched the 'Doctor Apke Dwar' Mobile Health Clinics:



- Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh, launched REC's CSR effort for the procurement, operation, and maintenance of ten 'Doctor Apke Dwar' Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) at Sadar Hospital, Aarah, Bhojpur District, Bihar.
- The goal of 10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) is to deliver primary health care to the poor population in all 14 blocks of Bihar's Bhojpur district.

4. Animal Quarantine Certification Services Launched in Bengaluru:

- The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying held Animal Quarantine Certification Services in Bengaluru as part of the National Milk Day celebrations.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying commemorated National Milk Day.
- As part of the celebrations in Hasserghata Bengaluru, the Department launched Animal Quarantine Certification Services.

5. Yak has been approved as a 'food animal' by the FSSAI:

- The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has recognized the Himalayan Yak as a "food animal".
- According to an official at the National Research Centre (NRC) on Yak in Dirang,
 West Kameng district,
- Arunachal Pradesh, the move is likely to help stem the decrease of the highaltitude bovine animal population by merging it into the mainstream milk and meat businesses.
- The 'food animal' tag will become official once approved by a competent authority and published in the gazette.

6. India's assumption of the G-20 Presidency was marked by the illumination of 100 National Monuments:

- The G-20 presidency will officially transition to India on December 1, 2022.
- The anniversary will be marked by several activities happening all around the nation, including the illumination of 100 monuments with the G-20 insignia.
- One Earth, One Family, One Future is the focus of India's G-20 Presidency.



• The topic upholds the importance of all life—human, animal, plant, and microorganism—as well as the interdependence of these species both on Earth and in the larger cosmos.

7. New Delhi hosts an international conference on "J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist":

• The government of India's Ministry of Culture and Vijnana Bharati organized an "International conference on the contributions of J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist" at the Inter-University Accelerator Center in New Delhi on the occasion of the 164th anniversary of the birth of eminent Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava

8. Researchers at IIT Madras create the "Sindhuja-I" ocean wave energy converter:

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) have created an "Ocean Wave Energy Converter" that can produce power from waves in the ocean.
- The item is known as "Sindhuja-I," which translates to "produced from the ocean."
- The Device was placed at a depth of 20 meters around 6 kilometers off the coast of Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.

9. Goa hosts the 9th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2022:

- The World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo 2022 will take place in Goa from December 8–11 to give industry leaders, practitioners, traditional healers, educators, students, medicine manufacturers, etc. a global platform for networking and intellectual exchange to strengthen the Ayurveda sector, envision its future, and facilitate interaction between experts and customers to increase Ayurveda commerce.
- This year's 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) has the subject "Ayurveda For One Health."

10. India's First Drone Training Conference Was Launched by Anurag Thakur:

 Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launched India's first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform at the Chennai



manufacturing site of Garuda Aerospace, an Indian business that uses agridrones to empower and mobilize farmers throughout the country.

• The Minister also launched Garuda Aerospace's drone yatra, "Operation 777," which will go to 777 districts in India to raise awareness of and show the value of drones for various agricultural applications.

11. Varanasi will commemorate "Universal Health Coverage (UHAC) Day 2022":

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will hold a two-day convention in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, on December 10 and 11, 2022, with the subject "Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) 2022."
- It's interesting that the United Nations proclaimed December 12 as "International Universal Health Coverage Day" in 2017.
- The theme of UHC Day this year is "Build the World We Want: A Healthy Future for All," emphasizing the value and function of health insurance in creating a healthy future for everyone.

12. The Indian government contributes Rs 5000 crore to the SWAMIH Fund to complete housing projects:

- The government has contributed an extra Rs 5,000 crore to the SWAMIH Invest Fund-I to assist the strained real estate investment platform in reaching its final close of Rs 15,530 crore.
- India's largest social impact fund, the Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing Fund, claims that the government recently invested Rs 5,000 crore in it.

13. Kerala inaugurates the country's first carbon-neutral farm:

- The first carbon-neutral farm in the nation, according to Kerala Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan, is a seed farm in Aluva.
- The seed farm's achievement of carbon neutrality was made possible by a considerable decrease in carbon emissions.
- The Thuruthu farm in Aluva produced 213 tons of carbon in total but only 43 tons of it was emitted over the previous year.



14. Cochin International Airport has received the country's largest business jet terminal:

- At the Cochin International Airport, Kerala Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan opened the country's first chartered gateway and a business jet terminal.
- As a result, Cochin Airport has become the country's fourth airport to operate a private jet terminal.
- Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) now has the country's largest Business Jet Terminal in addition to two magnificent domestic and international passenger terminals.

15. The Chief Justice of India inaugurates Digitization Hubs in ten Odisha districts:

- Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud virtually inaugurated ten district court digitization hubs (DCDH) in Odisha, stating that the judiciary needs to be modernized.
- With this inauguration, the state now has a total of 15 DCDHs, each serving a neighboring district and therefore covering all 30 district courts.
- The digitizing of all 30 districts in the state would be handled by the hubs in Angul, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, and Sonepur.

16. By 2031 India will have 20 new nuclear power plants:

- According to the government, India expects to commission 20 nuclear power stations by 2031, adding roughly 15,000 MW of power generation capacity.
- The first of these 20 nuclear power plants, a 700 MW unit, is scheduled to be completed in 2023 at Kakrapar in Gujarat, which already has three active nuclear power plants.
- According to a written reply by Minister of State in the PMO Jitendra Singh, the 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam is projected to be operational in 2024, followed by two 1,000 MW units at Kudankulam in 2025

17. India will be the first country to auction off satellite spectrum:



- According to telecom regulator Trai chairman PD Vaghela, India will be the first country to auction spectrum for satellite communication, and it should be tailored to promote investments in the field.
- Vaghela stated at a Broadband India Forum summit on Sat Com that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) will soon make recommendations to make permissions required for satellite communication from various ministries — Information and Broadcasting, Space, and Telecom — seamlessly to improve the ease of doing business in the sector.

18. PMKKK Scheme has been renamed the Promotion of Prime Minister's Heritage (PM Vikas) Scheme:

- The Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme has replaced the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK), according to Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Minority Affairs, in response to a question in the Lok Sabha.
- Five former Ministry of Finance programs—Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni, and Nai Manzil—have been combined into one integrated program.

About PM VIKAS:

- Minority Affairs Ministry, Nodal Ministry
- Scheme for the Central Sector
- Using the elements of skill development, education, women's leadership, and entrepreneurship, the goal is to improve the minority' quality of life, especially in the artisan communities.

19. The first green steel brand in the nation, "KALYANI FeRRESTA," was introduced by Jyotiraditya Scindia:

- The first green steel brand in India, "KALYANI FERRESTA," was introduced in New Delhi by Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- The Kalyani Group, a steel manufacturer with headquarters in Pune, created this ground-breaking steel with zero carbon footprints on the environment.



20. Indian Railways inaugurates Kashmir's longest "escape tunnel":

- The 111 km long Banihal-Katra railway line in Jammu and Kashmir, which was under construction, now has India's longest escape tunnel, measuring 12.89 km in length. It was built by the Indian Railways.
- The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project includes the tunnel with the greatest length.
- Following the 12.75 km T-49, the longest tunnel of the Indian Railways, which was finished in January of this year, this is the fourth tunnel on the Banihal-Katra route.

21. Kerala's Dharmadam becomes the first complete library constituency in India:

- Dharmadam, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India.
- Out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. Dharmadam reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too.
- Complete librarianisation was made possible with the support of all sections of the people of the constituency.

22. Oxford Dictionaries names 'goblin mode' word of the year via online vote:

- Oxford Dictionaries declared that goblin mode has been selected by online vote as its word of the year.
- It defines the term as a type of behaviour that is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations.
- The word of the year is intended to reflect the ethos, mood, or preoccupations of the past twelve months.

23. President of India lays foundation stone for PRASHAD project and UNESCO World Heritage Site in Telangana:

• The President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone for the project 'Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of



Temples' today at Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamivari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam in the Bhadradri Kothagudem District of the state of Telangana.

- She also laid the foundation stone for another project called 'Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Infrastructure of UNESCO World Heritage Site at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple' at Mulugu in the state.
- Both these projects have been approved under the PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. China Holds First China-Indian Ocean Region Forum Without India

- China organized the first high-level China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Development Cooperation (IORFDC), with representatives from 19 countries including all countries from South Asia except India attending this event.
- 19 countries, including Indonesia, Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Afghanistan, Iran, Oman, South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mauritius, Djibouti, Australia, and representatives of three international organizations were present at the hybrid forum.

About IORA:

- IORA is an intergovernmental organization that was established in March 1997.
- It was formerly known as the Indian Ocean Rim Initiative and the

2. World's largest active volcano Hawaii's Mauna Loa erupts for the first time in nearly 40 years

- The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's Mauna Loa, erupted for the first time in nearly 40 years.
- It is the volcano's first well-documented historical eruption.
- With the eruption of the volcano, the night sky above Hawaii's largest island glowed a hellish red as bright, hot lava sprang forth at the Volcano's summit.

3. Globally one in eight people are migrants: WHO

 According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Globally one in eight or over one billion people are migrants with 281 million international migrants and many million individuals who are stateless.

• Reason:

Climate change, rising inequality, conflicts, trade, and population growth are accelerating these trends.



Key Highlights:

- To support countries & territories to build professional competence and capacity to adequately address refugee and migrant health issues,
- WHO is organizing the 3rd edition of its annual Global School on Refugee and Migrant Health in Dhaka, Bangladesh with a focus capacity-

4. Germany announces €1 billion funding for energy transition projects in India

- Germany has unveiled a proposal to provide 1 billion euros (Rs 8440 crore) to India for energy transition projects across India under a bilateral partnership for green and sustainable development.
- The announcement comes days ahead of German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock's visit to India in December 2022.

Background:

- In May 2022 after signing the agreement with PM Modi & German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced support of 10 billion Euro to India by 2030.
- The funding of 1 billion euros for the projects in India is part of this pledge. Key Highlights:
- India & Germany agreed on funding for more than 20 development projects over the next 8 years.

5. Tech Mahindra to Establish its First Global Delivery Center in Egypt

- Tech Mahindra, a leading provider of digital transformation, consulting, and business re-engineering services and solutions, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the InformationTechnology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) to establish global delivery center in Cairo, Egypt.
- Tech Mahindra aims to hire more than 1000 employees over the next three years to serve both global and local customers from its newly inaugurated center in Cairo.
- 6. Number of people forcibly displaced crossed 100 million in 2022: UNDP



- According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report "Turning the tide on internal displacement: A development approach to solutions", for the first time, more than 100 million people were forcibly displaced in 2022, most of them within their own countries
- This was the highest global figure and more than double the number recorded 10 years ago, the analysis by UNDP and the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) showed.

7. UNGA Resolution on International Tax Cooperation Framework

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has unanimously adopted a resolution to develop an international tax cooperation framework or instrument based on a UN intergovernmental process.
- Nigeria submitted this resolution on behalf of a consortium of 54 African countries.

About UNGA resolution:

- With this mechanism, emerging countries in Africa and Asia are expected to have a greater say in the formulation of global tax regulations.
- The proposed UN framework on global tax cooperation will put an end to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development's 60-year

8. Italy, Japan, UK to jointly launch 6th-generation fighter jet by 2035

- The United Kingdom, Japan, and Italy have announced a partnership to build a sixth-generation warplane scheduled to be ready for deployment by 2035.
- It will be called the "Tempest".
- The Tempest is expected to replace Britain's Typhoon, a fighter that served British air defense for two decades.

9. G7 nations establish an international climate club to fight global warming

- The Group of Seven (G7) leading economies have created an open, international climate club for countries that want to cooperate in the fight against global warming.
- This was announced by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.



• Germany holds the presidency of the G-7 until the end of 2022 and then passes it on to Japan in 2023.

Key Highlights:

- According to the German government, the climate club aims to support the rapid and ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement, which seeks to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit).
- The club will work to help accelerate the industrial transition to cleaner forms of energy and to further develop emission-reduction measures.

10. FAO Opening Ceremony of International Year of Millets 2023 held in Rome, Italy

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.
- An Indian delegation led by Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare along with Smt. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary (Crops), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW).

Key Highlights:

- Spearheaded by the Prime Minister, the Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- In March 2021, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets
- The declaration has been instrumental for the Government of India to be at the forefront of celebrating the IYM.

11. EU agrees to grant Bosnia & Herzegovina membership candidate status

• European Union (EU) countries have agreed to offer Bosnia-Herzegovina candidate status to join the 27-member bloc, during the ongoing meeting in Brussels, Belgium.



- The step is to be formally approved by EU leaders at a summit in Brussels on December 15, 2022.
- Bosnia will join 7 other nations with candidate status: Turkey, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Moldova, and Ukraine.

12. Iran removed from the UN Commission on the Status of Women

 The 54-member United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted a resolution to remove Iran from the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for the remainder of its four-year term from 2022 to 2026.

Key Highlights:

- The United States introduced the resolution, which received 29 votes in favour and 8 against, with 16 countries abstaining.
- The document expressed serious concern over the Iranian Government's actions since September 2022"to continuously undermine and increasingly suppress the human rights of women and girls", and "often with the use of excessive force.

13. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the next major meeting of the World Trade Organization set to take place by March 2024.

- The UAE and Cameroon were both vying to host the event known as MC13 (Ministerial Conference 13), a high-level event scheduled every few years where trade ministers aim to fix new global trade rules.
- The two countries reached an "amicable agreement" for the UAE to host the next meeting, known as MC13.

14. India hosts the 1st G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting under the G20 India Presidency in Bengaluru, Karnataka

• The First Group Twenty (G20) Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting, under the Indian Presidency, was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka, from 23-25 February 2023 under the co-chairship of Secretary, Economic Affairs, Shri Ajay Seth and Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Dr. Michael Patra.

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• The theme of India's G20 Presidency, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam or "One Earth, One Family, One Future, will guide the G20 Finance Track discussions.

15. Quadrilateral agreement inked on Black Sea submarine electric cable

- Romania, Hungary, Azerbaijan, and Georgia signed an agreement on the Black Sea submarine cable for the transport of electricity from the Caspian area to Romania.
- The 500 kV submarine cable between Georgia and Romania would be 1,100 km long and have a capacity of 1 GW.

16. India announces candidature for UNSC membership for the 2028-29 term

- External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar announced the candidature of India for non-permanent membership at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2028-29 term.
- On 1 December 2022 India got the presidency of the UNSC for December 2022, which rotates monthly.
- India will have this presidency till 31 December.

Key Highlights:

- This is the second time India got the Presidency after holding the top spot in August 2021, during which the government focused on maritime security, UN peacekeeping, and counter-terrorism.
- India has become a member of the Security Council for the 8th time.
- India's previous seven terms on the council were from 1950–1951, 1967–1968, 1972–1973, 1977–1978, 1984–1985, 1991–1992, and 2011–2012.

17. Urban-20 (U20) event being organised under G20 presidency of India

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is organising the Urban 20 (U20) event during India's G20 presidency from December 01, 2022 to November 30, 2023.
- In the process to organise the Urban 20 event, Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendra Patel unveiled the logo, website, and social media handles of Urban-20.



What is Urban 20 (U20)?

- Urban-20 (U20) is one of the Engagement Groups of G20.
- Hosted: Ahmedabad, a UNESCO World Heritage city will host the U20 event.
- Participants Besides G20 countries, the Mayors and representatives of C40 (Climate 40), UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) member cities, and Observer Cities.
- Purpose: It provides a platform for cities from G20 countries to facilitate discussions on various important issues of urban development including climate change, social inclusion, sustainable mobility, affordable housing and financing of urban infrastructure

18. India hands over 720 MW Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project to Bhutan

- The India-assisted 720 Megawatts (MW) Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project (HEPP) has been handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in Bhutan.
- The handover was held in Thimphu, in a ceremony that was witnessed by Bhutan's Minister of Economic Affairs Lyonpo Loknath Sharma, and India's Ambassador to Bhutan, Sudhakar Dalela.



ECONOMICS NEWS

1. RBI working with ICRIER to develop a food inflation projection framework

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is working with the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) to develop a food inflation projection framework as the central bank looks to depend more on a consultative approach to collect first-hand data and improve policy responses.
- Combining high-frequency information on prices with market intelligence on highimpact food items helps nowcast food inflation and generate near-term inflation forecasts.
- Three key vegetables viz tomatoes, onions, and potatoes (TOP), with a combined weight of 2.2% in the consumer price index (CPI) basket in India.

2. Indore plans India's first retail municipal bond for solar plant

• The Indore Municipal Corporation, Madhya Pradesh (MP) is planning to issue the nation's first local government bond targeting individual investors, with proceeds used to fund a solar power project.

3. Interest subvention on KCC crop loan to continue in FY23, FY24 - RBI

• The government has approved the continuation of the interest subvention scheme (ISS) with modification for the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

• Key Highlights:

An additional interest subvention of 3% per annum will be provided to such of those farmers repaying in time, i.e., from the date of disbursement of the loan/s up to the actual date of repayment or up to the due date fixed by the banks for repayment of such loan/s, whichever is earlier, subject to a maximum period of one year from the date of disbursement.

 To provide short-term loans for allied activities including animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, beekeeping, etc. up to an overall limit of ₹3 lakh to farmers through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) at a concessional interest rate during the years 2022-23 and 2023-24.



About KCC Scheme:

- KCC scheme is a credit scheme introduced in August 1998 by Indian public sector banks to issue Kisan credit cards to the farmers of India.
- This model scheme was prepared by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on the recommendations of the R. V. Gupta Committee.

4. YES BANK partners with Turtlefin to launch 'EasyNsure'

- TurtleFin, India's leading insurtech platform, has partnered with YES BANK, to create a first-of-its-kind comprehensive technology platform EasyNsure.
- Its distinctive API will power the platform and help it offer a slew of insurance solutions in a single place.

About EasyNsure:

- EasyNsure will bring multiple insurance partners onto a common platform, providing a host of benefits such as –
- A seamless single-point online insurance service,
- Ability to compare and select a suitable insurance cover basis the customer's need,

5. RBI To Launch First Pilot Of Retail Digital Rupee

- The Reserve Bank of India's first pilot for a retail e-rupee, its version of the central bank digital currency (CBDC), will be launched.
- The pilot will cover select locations in a closed user group comprising participating customers and merchants.



Key Highlights:

The first phase will begin with 4 banks i.e. State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank, and IDFC First Bank in 4 cities including Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, and Bhubaneswar, and later extend to Ahmedabad, Gangtok, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna, and Shimla.

Payments to merchants can be made using QR codes displayed at merchant locations.

The pilot will test the robustness of the entire process of digital rupee creation, distribution, and retail usage in real-time.

6. BoB launches Foreign Currency Loan against INR Deposits for Corporates

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched "Foreign Currency Loan against INR Deposits of Indian Companies for their Overseas Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures" at its branch in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- BoB is the first bank to offer this facility at GIFT City.

7. ICICI Bank launches STACK for companies in the real estate sector

- ICICI Bank has launched a STACK for companies in the real estate sector to offer solutions to their banking requirements on one platform.
- ICICI Bank is the first bank in the industry to offer real estate-specific STACK to provide unparalleled convenience to players in this sector.

About STACK:

- The STACK, which is a combination of digital and physical solutions, enables participants of the real estate sector namely builders, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), and Alternate Investment Funds (AIFs) to undertake banking transactions efficiently.
- 8. BookMyForex launches "Interbank Rate Forex Card" India's first true zero markup travel card



- India's first online foreign exchange marketplace, BookMyForex.com has launched the Interbank Rate Multi-Currency Forex Card, which is India's first true zero markup travel card.
- The card has been developed in association with Yes Bank, and M2P, and is powered by Visa.

9. Razorpay Becomes India's First Payment Gateway to Support Credit Cards on UPI

- Razorpay, India's Leading Full-Stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses announced the platform's readiness to support Credit Card Transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- With this launch, Razorpay becomes India's First PG to support Credit Cards on UPI.

10. RBI Releases "Handbook of Statistics on Indian States, 2021-22"

- Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22 seeks to provide comprehensive data about the regional economies of India.
- It covers sub-national statistics on socio-demographics, state domestic product, agriculture, price and wages, industry, infrastructure, banking, and fiscal indicators across the states during various periods ranging from 1951 to 2021-22.

Key findings of the report:

Karnataka has the highest total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power among all states.

It had a total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (MW).

It is followed by Tamil Nadu (15,225 MW), Gujarat (13,153 MW), and Maharashtra (10,267 MW)

11. World Bank upwards India's GDP growth forecast to 6.9% for FY23

- The World Bank in its latest India development update titled 'Navigating the Storm' revised upwards its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.9% for 2022-23 from 6.5% in its Oct 2022 Update.
- In October,2022 it cut India's GDP growth forecast to 6.5% from 7.5% earlier.



- The World Bank's India Development Update announced that India is affected by spillovers from the US, Euro area and China.
- It however saw the government meeting the fiscal deficit target of 6.4% of the GDP in 2022-23.
- The World Bank expects inflation at 7.1% in the current fiscal year.

12. Paisabazaar & RBL Bank launch 'Duet Credit Card'

 Digital marketplace for consumer credit and free credit score platform Paisabazaar and RBL Bank launched a created credit card 'Duet'.

About the Card:

- Duet is a 2-in-1 product that meets two distinct consumer needs seamlessly.
- It is a credit card that offers cashback on purchases and also a lineof-credit from RBL Bank that enables instant transfer of money into the bank account.
- It will be part of Paisabazaar's neo-lending product suite and will replace Paisa On Demand (PoD) credit cards on the platform.

13. Edelweiss Mutual Fund launches the fourth tranche of 'BHARAT Bond ETF'

 Edelweiss Mutual Fund has launched the fourth tranche of BHARAT Bond ETF – India's first corporate bond ETF (exchange-traded fund).

About BHARAT Bond ETF:

- Bharat Bond ETF is an initiative of the Government of India, from the Department of Investment and Public AsManagement.
- It will provide retail investors with an option to explore the 'safe' debt mutual fund category, which was earlier dominated by institutional investors.

It will also help deepen India's debt market penetration.

14. RGICL launches 'Reliance Health Infinity Policy'



Reliance General Insurance Company Limited (RGICL) has launched the first-of-its-kind premium health insurance product – 'Reliance Health Infinity Policy' that offers limitless benefits.

About 'Reliance Health Infinity Policy':

- The policy is available in individual and family floater, covering up to 8 members, and categories and offers sum-insured options starting from ₹5 lakh to ₹5 crores.
- It has features like MoreGlobal Cover, Maternity Cover, OPD Cover, unlimited restoration of the sum insured, and 15-plus useful add-on benefits

15. IDFC FIRST Bank announces zero-fee banking on savings accounts

• On the occasion of its foundation day, IDFC FIRST Bank has announced zero-fee banking on savings accounts.

• Key Highlights:

The bank mentioned that it had waived fees on 25 commonly used banking services related to savings accounts such as cash deposit and withdrawal at branches, third-party cash transactions, demand drafts, immediate payment service (IMPS), National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS), cheque book, SMS alerts, interest certificates, insufficient balance for ATM transactions, international ATM usage.

16. Indian Bank launches 'MSME Prerana' flagship program in Rajasthan

- Indian Bank, one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has launched its flagship business mentoring program for Micro Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) entrepreneurs - 'MSME Prerana' in Rajasthan.
- "MSME Prerana", is a first-of-its-kind initiative for the MSME sector in the country by any bank.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT NEWS

1. Agnikul inaugurates India's first private space vehicle launch pad & Mission Control Centre in SDSC

- Chennai-based space tech startup AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited has inaugurated its first-ever launchpad designed and operated by a private player at Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath inaugurated the Agnikul Launchpad.
- The startup, incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, also plans to launch its customizable Agnibaan rocket from the launchpad before the end of Dec 2022.

About agnibaan:

- Agnibaan is a highly customizable two-stage launch vehicle capable of taking up to 100 kg payload to orbits around 700 km high and enables plug-and-play configuration.
- The Chennai-based start-up has also developed Agnilet, the world's first single-piece 3D printed engine, which was successfully test-fired in 2021.

2. IIT Madras' students launch India's first electric formula racing car - RF23

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) students have launched the first electric formula racing car to have come from the institute.
- The formula vehicle 'RF23' which was entirely constructed by 45 students of Team Raftar, is the result of a year-long process in which the team worked on the design, manufacturing, and testing of the vehicle.

3. Rolls-Royce successfully tests World's first hydrogen-powered jet engine

Airline EasyJet and British aircraft engine maker Rolls-Royce had successfully tested
a hydrogen powered aircraft engine, the world's first modern aircraft engine for the
aviation industry.



• The ground test, using a converted Rolls-Royce AE 2100-A regional aircraft engine, used green hydrogen created by wind and tidal power from the Orkney Islands in Scotland.

4. Hyderabad-based IIL partners with CIFE to develop India's first vaccine for fish

- Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL), a leading vaccine manufacturer, has announced a partnership with the Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institute for the commercial development of India's first fish vaccine.
- The vaccine will be developed to protect freshwater fish against common bacterial diseases.

5. Japan successfully propels steam-powered spacecraft - EQUULEUS

- Japanese Space Agency Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has successfully used steam to propel its CubeSat spacecraft, Equilibrium Lunar-Earth point 6U (EQUULEUS) was launched on its way by NASA's Orion spacecraft.
- JAXA claimed that this is the world's first successful orbit control beyond low-Earth orbit using a water propulsion system.

About EQUULEUS:

- The EQUULEUS spacecraft performed a maneuver that moved it toward its planned orbital path on the second Earth-Moon Lagrange point (EML2), located beyond the Moon.
- It is expected to travel for approximately 1.5 years before reaching the EML2 Lagrange point.
- To attain EML2, it was developed to demonstrate low-energy trajectory control technologies.

6. IIT Madras develops Ocean Wave Energy Converter to generate electricity from sea waves

 Researchers at IIT Madras have developed and deployed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter' to generate electricity from sea waves.



• The device has been named Sindhuja-I (Ocean Wave Energy Converter) which can generate electricity from sea waves.

• About Sindhuja-I:

- The device targets generating 1 MW of power from ocean waves in the next three years
- This system has a floating buoy, a spar, and an electrical module.
- The buoy has a central hole that allows a long rod called a spar to pass through it.
- This device will help India in undertaking deep water missions and creating a Blue Economy.

7. India's first open-source satellite 'InQube' to be launched

- India's first open-source satellite 'InQube' will be launched in Dec 2022 with the help of the Indian Space Agency- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- InQube was developed by Onkar Batra, a 12th-standard student at BSF Senior Secondary School in Jammu.
- It was prepared under the banner of Paradox Sonic Space Research Agency and will be launched Dec 2022 with the help of ISRO.

About 'InQube':

- It weighs 1 kilogram and has been developed with the help of nanotechnology.
- In India, the cost for its launch is Rs 20-80 lakhs, while in foreign countries this price goes into crores.
- The project has two missions- one is whether such a lightweight satellite can work in space, & the other will look at the temperature there to help researchers know what the weather conditions are like and how hard it is if they want to launch a satellite in space.

8. Japanese startup launches historic Moon mission

 A Japanese startup's spacecraft was launched to the Moon, the country's first-ever lunar mission and the first of its kind by a private company.



- The launch was carried out by Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX) in Cape Canaveral in the United States (US) state of Florida after two postponements for additional pre-flight checks.
- The ispace mission is the first of a program called Hakuto-R, which means "white rabbit" in Japanese.
- So far only the United States, Russia, and China have managed to put a robot on the lunar surface.

9. GODI India manufactures India's first ever 5.2 Ah 21700 Cylindrical lithium-ion Cells

Home-grown cell manufacturer Godi India has produced the country's first ever 5.2
 Ah 21700 cylindrical lithium-ion cells with an energy density of 275 Watt-hours per kilogram (Wh/kg) based on silicon anode technology.

Key Highlights:

GODI India delivered 5.0Ah cells to the top 6 OEMs in India and plans to deliver 5.2Ah cells shortly.

It has firmly planned for a 100 MWh pilot production facility for 5.0 – 5.2 Ah cells followed by a GWh plant to cater to the requirements of the highly demanding electric 2-wheeler's needs, which is more than 50GWh by 2030 exclusive for electric two-wheelers battery segment.

It is also looking to export its lithium-ion cells made using its technology to key international markets like Norway, Germany, Canada, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States (US).

10. ISRO Successfully Tests 160-meter trisonic wind tunnel

• The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the first blowdown test of the newly released 160m Trisonic Wind Tunnel at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The tunnel can be used for testing various space vehicles in 3 flight regimes - below the speed of sound, at the speed of sound, and above the speed of sound: hence the name Trisonic Wind Tunne.



About Trisonic Wind Tunnel:

- The aerodynamic design of rockets and re-entry spacecraft by characterizing a scaled model by evaluating forces, moments, load distribution, unsteady pressures, acoustic levels, etc.
- The tunnel has an overall length of about 160m and a maximum cross-section of 5.4m.

11. India will be the first country to hold a satellite spectrum auction

- The chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), PD Vaghela, announced that India will be the first country in the world to auction spectrum for satellite communications (SatCom) spectrum.
- Key Highlights:
- TRAI is working on a model for the auction of space spectrum to encourage and promote investment in the sector
- TRAI will soon make recommendations to make permissions required for satellite communication from various ministries Information and Broadcasting, Space, and Telecom, seamlessly to enhance the ease of doing business in the sector.

12. US-France satellite SWOT launched to map the world's oceans, rivers, lakes.

 A United States (US). -French satellite that will map almost all of the world's oceans, lakes, and rivers rocketed into orbit.

About the Satellite:

• The Satellite is nicknamed SWOT short for Surface Water and Ocean Topography the satellite is needed more than ever as climate change worsens droughts, flooding, and coastal erosion.



- The satellite will measure the height of water on more than 90% of Earth's surface, allowing scientists to track the flow and identify potential high-risk areas.
- It will also survey millions of lakes as well as 1.3 million miles (2.1 million kilometers) of rivers, from headwater to mouth.

13. North Korea launches test flight for planned 2023 spy satellite

- North Korea fired a test satellite in an important final-stage test for the development
 of its first spy satellite, a key military capability coveted by its leader Kim Jong Un
 along with other high-tech weapons systems.
- The rocket carrying the test satellite was launched to assess the satellite's photography and data transmission systems.

14. ISRO's Long Duration CE-20 Engine Hot Test Successful

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully operated the CE-20 engine, which is a cryogenic rocket engine, with a thrust level of 22t for a long duration of 650 seconds at the Cryogenic main engine & stage test facility at the ISRO propulsion complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu (TN).
- The CE20 engine has been designed and developed by Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) in Valiamala, Kerala.

About the CE-20 engine:

- It was operated with a 20.2t thrust level for the first 40 s, followed by an operation at 20t off-nominal zones before operating it at 22.2 t for a duration of 435 s, by moving the thrust control valve.
- During the test, the engine and the facility performed normally, and the required engine performance parameters were achieved as predicted.

15. SpaceX launches first mission for Starlink Gen2 constellation

 SpaceX launched a Falcon 9 rocket with 54 more Starlink internet satellites to low Earth orbit from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States (US).

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• The mission marked a successful end to SpaceX's 60th launch of SpaceX in 2022, nearly doubling the 31 launches set as a SpaceX record in 2021.





DEFENCE NEWS

- India-Malaysia joint military exercise 'Harimau Shakti-2022' begins in Kluang, Malaysia
 - India-Malaysia annual joint military exercise "Harimau Shakti 2022" commenced at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia.
 - The exercise will culminate on 12th December 2022.
 - Participants:
 - Combat troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and the Royal Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army are taking part in the exercise.
- 2. Annual Joint HADR exercise of Indian Air Force Samanvay 2022
 - Indian Air Force is conducting the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise "Samanvay 2022" at Air Force Station in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Aim:

- To provide a unique platform for the exchange of domain knowledge, experience, and best practices with the participating Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be the chief guest for the capability demonstration events planned during the exercise.
- 3. Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III squadron commissioned in Chennai
 - An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III squadron was commissioned by D G V S Pathania at ICG Air Station, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) in a major boost to further strengthen the Coast Guard Region East, 840 Sqn (CG).
 - It will provide a major fillip to the abilities of the Indian Coast Guard in the security-sensitive waters off Tamil Nadu and Andhra region.



About ALH MK III:

- The ALH MK III helicopters have been indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL).
 - They feature state-of-the-art equipment including advanced RADAR as well as Electro optical sensors, Shakti engines, full glass cockpit, high-intensity searchlight, advanced communication systems, automatic identification system as well as search-and-rescue homer.

4. The 12th edition of Exercise Agni Warrior 2022 concludes in Devlali, Maharashtra

• The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior (XAW) 2022, a bilateral exercise between the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) & Indian Army (IA), concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra).

About XAW:

- Exercise Agni Warrior, involved showcasing joint firepower planning, execution, and use of New Generation Equipment by the Artillery arm of both armies.
- XAW, Initiated in 2004.
- It is conducted as a part of the Army Bilateral Agreement & a testament to the long-standing defense relationship between Singapore & India.

Other exercises between India and Singapore:

- Exercise SITMEX: It is a trilateral annual maritime exercise between India, Singapore, and Thailand
- Exercise SIMBEX: It is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian and Singapore Navy.



5. Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane inaugurates the first Coastal Security Conference in Chennai

- Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane inaugurated the first Coastal Security Conference organized by the Indian Coast Guard under the aegis of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) at Chennai.
- The 2-day conference being held under the theme: "Collaborative Efforts for Coastal Security," saw the participation of 4 member countries viz. India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Mauritius.
- Representatives from Bangladesh and Seychelles, observer countries of CSC, also participated.

6. US & India Navy Conducts 7th edition of Special Forces Exercise In Goa

- The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy Marine Commandos (MARCOs) and United States (US) Navy Sea, Air & Land (SEALs) commenced at Goa.
- It will see personnel from SEAL Team Five based in San Diego, USA, and Indian Navy MARCOs from INS Abhimanyu together.

About the Exercise Sangam:

- The Sangam exercise is a bilateral exercise purely between the United States (US) and Indian Special Forces.
- Exercise Sangam was first conducted in 1994.
- It is an important military and diplomatic initiative between the two nations, reflective of the trust and friendship between them.

7. Indian Navy's P75I submarine program in troubled waters

• The Indian navy's plan to build 6 modern conventional submarines that can stay underwater for a long time is still having trouble and delays.



About Project 75 (I):

- It was approved in 2007and is part of the Indian Navy's 30-year Plan for indigenous submarine construction.
- In 1999, the Cabinet Committee on Security outlined a 30-year plan for submarine manufacturing.
- The plan included designing and building 24 conventional submarines by the end of 2030.
- Of the 24 submarines, 18 will be conventional, while the remaining 6 will be nuclear-powered
- Project 75 and Project-75i are two sister projects under this plan.

8. Kalyani Rafael rolled out its 100th kit of Indo-Israeli MRSAM missiles for supply to Indian forces

- Indo-Israeli joint venture Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS) rolled out the 100th kit of the made in-India Medium Range Surface to Air Missile(MRSAM) kit, for delivery to the Indian Armed Forces (IAF).
- Dr. Narayana Murthy, Director General of Missiles & Strategic Systems handed over the 100th MRSAM Missile kit to senior officers of the Indian Armed Forces.
- The ceremony took place at the KRAS facility in the Indian city of Hyderabad, Telangana.

9. 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise - SURYA KIRAN-XVI begins

• The 14-day long, 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise "SURYA KIRAN-XVI" between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 - 29 December 2022.



About SURYA KIRAN:

- Exercise "SURYA KIRAN" is conducted annually between India and Nepal.
- It occurs alternatively between India and Nepal.

10. Indigenous stealth guided-missile destroyer INS Mormugao commissioned into the Indian Navy

 Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mormugao (D67), a second warship of the P15B class of stealth guided-missile destroyers, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Aim:

• To make India the indigenous ship-building hub

11. INSV Tarini to participate in the 50th edition of Cape Town to Rio Race 2023

- Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini will participate in the 50th edition of the expedition to Cape Town, South Africa for participating in the Cape to Rio Race 2023.
- The ocean sailing race will be flagged off from Cape Town on January 2, 2023, and will culminate at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

Key Highlights:

It is one of the most prestigious Trans-Atlantic ocean races.

During this expedition whilst transiting from Goa to Rio de Janeiro via Cape Town and back, INSV Tarini would be covering a distance of almost 17000nm (approx. 30000 km).



The crew, over 5-6 months in this trans-oceanic voyage is expected to face extreme weather and rough sea conditions in the Indian, Atlantic, and Southern oceans.

INSV Tarini is known for circumnavigating the globe with an all-women officer crew in the historic expedition titled 'Navika Sagar Parikrama' in 2017.

12. Indian Navy gets 5th scorpene-class submarine, Vagir

- The fifth (5th) Scorpène submarine, Vagir of Project 75 Kalvari Class submarines has been delivered to the Indian Navy by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, Maharashtra.
 - About Vagir:
 - Vagir was launched on Nov 12, 2020, and commenced the sea trials on February 1, 2022.
 - It has completed all major trials including the weapon and sensor trials in the shortest time in comparison to the earlier submarines.
 - It can carry out multifarious missions typically undertaken by any modern submarine, which include antisurface warfare, antisubmarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying, and area surveillance.

13. Indian Navy launches the first ship of ASW SWC Project - INS Arnala

• The Indian Navy launched 'Arnala' (Y3029), the first of the eight indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft (ASW-SWC), at the shipbuilding facility of Larsen & Turbo (L&T) in Chennai's Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu (TN).



About 'Arnala':

- Arnala is the first ship of the anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft (ASW SWC) Project.
- The ship has been named Arnala to signify the strategic maritime importance accorded to the island of Arnala located about 13 Km north of Vasai, Maharashtra by the great Maratha warrior, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- Defence Ministry and GRSE, Kolkata had signed a contract for building eight ASW SWC ships in April 2019.
 - These are designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters and low-intensity maritime operations (LIMO), including subsurface surveillance in littoral waters.

14. Govt gives nod to procure Pralay ballistic missiles for armed forces

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has given the nod to procure 120 "Pralay" short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missiles for the armed forces.
- These missiles will carry conventional warheads and will be deployed along the line of actual control (LAC) with China and the international border (IB) and line of control (LoC) with Pakistan.

About Pralay:

- Pralay is capable of striking and destroying targets in the range of 150-500 km.
- It can be used at night to attack enemy targets.
- The missile has a speed of around 2,000 km per hour, and is equipped with an infrared or thermal scanner.
- It would be provided to the Air Force and the Navy.



IMPORTANT AWARDS AND HONOURS

1. Iranian movie "Nargesi" gets the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at IFFI 53

- The ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal, awarded at the 53rd International Film Festival
 of India for a film that best exemplifies Mahatma Gandhi's principles of nonviolence,
 tolerance, and peace, was awarded to the Iranian film Nargesi, directed by Payam
 Eskandari.
- The story of a guy with Down syndrome and the difficulties and effects it has on his life is the subject of the movie.
- In this Oscar-winning movie, two virtues are portrayed: sensitivity and compassion.

2. Lekhara, a Paralympic medalist, has been named Para Sports Person of the Year:

- Sarkar Talwar, a former Ranji cricketer, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement of the Year award at the Turf 2022 and India Sports Awards of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).
- Talwar, the Director-Sports of Manav Rachna Education Institutions, is also the winner of the President of India's Dronacharya Lifetime Award.

3. Mina Sue Choi of South Korea is named Miss Earth 2022:

- During the pageant's coronation at Cove Manila, Okada Hotel, Paraaque City, South Korea's Mina Sue Choi was named Miss Earth 2022.
- Only three queens received the pageant's three element titles out of a total of 86 Ecowarriors.
- Andrea Aguilera of Columbia is Miss Fire 2022, Nadeen Ayoub of Palestine is Miss Water 2022, and Sheridan Mortlock of Australia is Miss Air 2022.

4. NMDC bagged the Champion of Champions Award, sweeping the 16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave 2022:

- The National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) won the Champion of Champions Award and fourteen Corporate Communication Excellence Awards at the 16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave in 2022.
- At the Global Communication Conclave, which the Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) organized in Kolkata, prizes were given out.



5. SS Rajamouli received Best Director at the 2022 New York Film Critics Circle Awards:

- The Best Director Award went to director SS Rajamouli for his work on RRR at the 2022 New York Film Critics Circle.
- This group is among the first critics' organizations to comment on the awards season.

6. India's Greenhouse-in-a-Box startup Kheyti won Earth shot Prize 2022:

- The Prince of Wales, Prince William, unveiled the five winners in Boston, Massachusett s, and one of them was India's Greenhouse-in-a-Box.
- A Telangana-based Indian firm named Kheyti created a sustainable solution for small-scale farmers and earned \$1,2 million for it.

7. The Nadoja Award was given to C.N. Manjunath, Krishnappa G., and S. Shadakshari:

- Author Krishnappa G., social activist S. Shadakshari, and physician and head of the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research C.N. Manjunath have all been chosen to receive the Nadoja Award from Kannada University in Hampi.
- Governor Thawarchand Gehlot, who serves as the university's Chancellor, will present the honorees with the award.

8. Time Magazine's 2022 Person of the Year: Volodymyr Zelensky and the "Spirit of Ukraine":

- Time magazine picked President Volodymyr Zelensky, as well as "the spirit of Ukraine," as the 2022 person of the year for the country's resistance to Russia's invasion.
- Zelensky shares the 2022 title with "the spirit of Ukraine," which Felsenthal described as "countless individuals inside and outside the country" who fought behind the scenes, including ordinary people like chefs and surgeons.

9. The Jamnalal Bajaj Award for 2022 has been announced:

- The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation announced the 44th Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2022 winners in December 2022.
- The Foundation bestows four awards in various categories.



10. Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award:

- Former vice president Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES).
- Other awardees in various categories included the Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan, eminent industrialist Ratan Tata, renowned cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr. Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Ajay Sood and famous Harikatha artiste Vishakha Hari.

11. SS Rajamouli's "RRR" receives two Golden Globe Award nominations:

- The SS Rajamouli-directed period drama 'RRR' has been nominated for two Golden Globe Awards, which will be held in January 2023.
- The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) has nominated 'RRR' for Best Picture: Non-English language and Best Original Song Naatu Naatu.

12. GMR Delhi Airport has named SpiceJet the 'Safety Performer of the Year.'

 SpiceJet was named 'Safety Performer of the Year' by GMR Delhi Airport Awards for being the top performer among self-handling airlines and for dramatically reducing ground safety infractions.

13. Sargam Koushal wins Mrs. World 2022 title after 21 years:

- Sargam Koushal created history as she finally won the Mrs. World 2022 title after 21 years while competing for India in the competition.
- The 32-year-old won the championship in Las Vegas after defeating opponents from 63 other nations.
- To win the championship, Sargam Koushal defeated Mrs. Polynesia.

14. Sonakshi Sinha has been selected "Person of the Year" by PETA India for 2022:

- Sonakshi Sinha, a Bollywood actress, has been named PETA India's Person of the Year for 2022.
- Sonakshi's activities helped save many animals that would have been slaughtered
 for fashion, but she was given the title because of her ardent support for dog and cat
 rights.



15. India's Smart Cities Mission Wins Platinum Icon at the 2022 Digital India Awards:

- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs' initiative "DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data" earned the Platinum Icon award in the Smart Cities Mission category of the Digital India Awards 2022.
- The prize was presented in the area of "Data Sharing and Use for Socio-Economic Development."
- A crucial first step in developing a strong data ecosystem that supports evidencebased decision-making in cities is the DataSmart Cities Initiative.

16. Sudeep and Shobhana were awarded the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for 2021-2022:

• The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize has been shared by Shobhana Kumar and Sudeep Sen for their collections of haibun, A Sky Full of Bucket Lists, and Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, and Consolation, respectively.

17. VinFuture Special Prize 2022 Awarded to Indian Scientist Prof. Thalappil Pradeep:

- The VinFuture Special Prize was presented to Professor Thalappil Pradeep of the India Institute of Technology in Madras in Hanoi.
- For the development of a low-cost filtration device to remove heavy elements like arsenic from groundwater, Prof. Thalappil Pradeep received an award.

18. 3 Indian-Origin Women Scientists Among Australia's "Superstars Of STEM":

- Neelima Kadiala, Dr. Ana Baburamani, and Dr. Indrani Mukherjee will be honoured as STEM superstars in 2022.
- They are all women of Indian descent.
- Three Indian-origin women are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as Australia's Superstars of STEM, an initiative that aims to smash society's gender assumptions about scientists and increase the public visibility of females and non-binary people.



IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1. Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador

- The Uttarakhand government has named Prasoon Joshi, the CEO, and CCO of McCann World group India, the state's brand ambassador.
- The Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman, apart from the Uttarakhand Ratna, is one of the state's two highest civilian awards given for achievements in various fields.

2. India Assumes Presidency Of UN Security Council For December

- India assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in December 2022.
- It is the second time in its two-year tenure as an elected member of the UN Security Council in 2021-22 that India has assumed the Presidency of the Council.
- India's 2021-2022 term on the Council ends December 31, 2022, with Ruchira Kamboj, India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

3. IPS Officer Laxmi Singh becomes UP's first woman Police Commissioner

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has appointed the IPS Officer Laxmi Singh as the new Noida Police Chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in UP.
- Laxmi Singh has replaced previous chief Alok Singh, who has now taken up duties at Police HQ in Lucknow.

4. GroupM South Asia CEO Prasanth Kumar elected as president of AAAI

- Prasanth Kumar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd, has been elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for fiscal 2022-23.
- Rana Barua, Group CEO of Havas Group India was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Association.
- Anupriya Acharya will be the ex-officio member of the AAAI Board for 2022-23.



5. M Paramasivam was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Punjab National Bank

• The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of M Paramasivam as the executive director of the government-owned Punjab National Bank for three years.

6. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar was appointed as chairperson of the National Statistical Commission of India

- Mr. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar who is a Professor Emeritus at the Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI) has been appointed as the part-time chairperson of the National Statistical Commission of India for 3 years.
- He will continue to be a professor while taking up his responsibility as the chairperson.
- The chairperson of the National Statistical Commission has the status equivalent to that of a Minister of State.

7. IAMAI appoints Rohit Jain as Chairman of the Digital Entertainment Committee

- The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has appointed Rohit Jain, managing director, of emerging markets Asia, Lionsgate, as the new chairman of their digital entertainment committee for the period of 2 years from 2022 to 2024.
- Rohit Jain has succeeded Amit Goenka, head of ZEE5 Global
- Amit Doshi, head, of IVM Podcasts has also been appointed co-chair, alongside jain.

8. Vijender Sharma was elected as the President of the Institute of Cost Accounting of India

 The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) has elected Vijender Sharma as the President and Rakesh Bhalla as the Vice-President of the Institute for the year 2022-23

About Vijender Sharma:

- Vijender Sharma is a law graduate and a member of ICAI
- He has been an Insolvency Professional since January 2017.
- He was elected as a member of the Council of the Institute from 2015 to 2019 & re-elected from 2019 to 2023.

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9. India to assume chairmanship of Wassenaar Arrangement on 1 Jan 2023

- India will assume the chairmanship of the Wassenaar Arrangement (WA), a multilateral technology control agreement, on 1 January 2023, for 1 year.
- The chairmanship was handed over to India at the 26th Annual Plenary Meeting of the Wassenaar Arrangement, held in Vienna from 30 November to 1 December 2022.
- Ireland's ambassador Eoin O'Leary handed over the chairmanship to India's ambassador Jaideep Mazumdar.

About Wassenaar Arrangement:

- The WA is a multilateral export control regime (MECR) with 42 participating states including many former Comecon (Warsaw Pact) countries established in 1996.
- The WA is a regional and international security and export control mechanism.
- Its purpose is to control the export of conventional weapons and dualuse goods and technology.

10. Mahua Acharya resigns as MD & CEO of state-owned CESL

- Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of state-owned Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) Mahua Acharya, has resigned from the top post.
- She would also like to resign from the company's board as well and requested for an appropriate resolution to be passed in this regard.

11. Sharath Kamal was named co-chairperson of the ITTF Athletes' Commission

- Two-time Commonwealth Games singles champion Sharath Kamal Achanta and China's Liu Shiwen were named co-chairpersons of the International Table Tennis Federation's (ITTF) Athletes' Commission in Amman, Jordan,
- This is for the first time that the ITTF has chosen two chairpersons, a male and a female & both will be part of the ITTF Executive Committee.
- Both Achanta and Liu will become members of the ITTF Executive Committee.

12. Senior nuclear scientist K V Suresh Kumar takes charge as Chairman and Managing Director of BHAVINI



- Shri K.V. Suresh Kumar, a Distinguished Scientist of the Department of Atomic Energy has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of BharatiyaNabhikiyaVidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- His tenure will be for three years.

About Shri Suresh Kumar:

- He joined the operations of Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) in 1986.
- He was involved in the commissioning of various systems of FBTR such as Sodium heated Steam Generators, Steam & Water system, and Turbo-Generator.
- He has worked as the Director of the Reactor Facilities Group at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) in Kalpakkam.

13. Hansraj Gangaram Ahir assumes charge as NCBC chairperson

• Union Minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

About Hansraj Gangaram Ahir:

- He belongs to District Chandrapur, State of Maharashtra.
- He is an Agriculturist by profession.
- He had been elected four times Member of Parliament from Chandrapur Constituency, Maharashtra.
- He was a Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council.

14. Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran appointed as Chair of B20 India

- N Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Sons, has been appointed as the chair of Business 20 (B20) India to lead the business agenda during India's G20 Presidency.
- India took over the presidency of G-20 from Indonesia on 1 December 2022 and will hold the G-20 Summit meeting on 9-10 September 2023.
- G20 is a group of 19 countries and the European Union.

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• The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is appointed as the B20 India Secretariat by the Centre to lead the B20 India process.

15. Centre appoints Arun Kumar Singh as chairman and MD of ONGC

- Former chairman of oil refining and marketing company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Shri Arun Kumar Singh appointed the Chairman and managing director (MD) of the central public sector undertaking Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) by the Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) of the Government of India.
- He will head the company for a three-year tenure with effect from the date of assumption of charge.
- The SCSC was chaired by Chairperson, PESB with Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas and Shri B Ashok, ex-Chairman, IOCL as members.

16. Meghna Ahlawatwas Elected as the First Women President of TTFI & Legendary Paddler Kamlesh Mehta to be Secretary General

- MeghnaAhlawathas been elected as the first-ever woman president of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).
- She succeeded DushyantChautala.
- While 8-time national champion Kamlesh Mehta will be taking over as the new Secretary General and Patel Nagender Reddy has been elected as the Treasurer of the body.
- The Delhi High Courtsuspended TTFI in February 2022&appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA) to take over its functioning.
- The prime mandate of the new Electoral Committee will be to create an athletecentric federation.

17. KV Shaji appointed as the new chairman of NABARD

• Shaji K V has become the Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

About Shaji K V:

• Shaji KV is a native of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.



- He worked for the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Kerala Gramin Bank, the country's largest regional rural bank.
- From 2013 until 2017, he served as the Chairman of Kerala Grameen Bank
- Before joining NABARD, he spent 26 years in various roles at Canara Bank.
- He served as NABARD's Deputy Managing Director (DMD) till May 21, 2020.

About NABARD:

- Founded: 12 July 1982
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- It was established on the recommendations of the B. Sivaraman Committee (by Act 61, 1981 of Parliament).
- The NABARD is an apex regulatory body for the overall regulation of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India.

18. SushmitaShukla appointed as 1st VP & COO of Federal Reserve Bank of New York

- Indian-origin SushmitaShukla, a veteran of the insurance industry, has been appointed as the First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- She is the second-ranking officer at the institution after the President and CEO, John C Williams
- The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

About SushmitaShukla:

- In 2018, she began working with Chubb, which is based in New York and is the world's largest publicly traded property and casualty insurance company.
- Shukla was the Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for International Accident and Health at Chubb.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World AIDS Day: 1st December

- WORLD AIDS Day 2022 is observed on the 1st of December 2022.
- World AIDS Day 2022 theme set by the WHO this year is "Equalise".
- World AIDS Day was first initiated in 1998 and observed on December 1.
- World AIDS day was the first day celebrated for health awareness.

2. World Computer Literacy Day: 2nd December

- World Computer Literacy Day 2022 is observed on the 2nd of December 2022.
- World Computer Literacy Day was launched in 2001 by an Indian company called N.I.I.T. to celebrate its 20th anniversary.
- The Company was founded in 1981 by Rajendra Singh Pawar and Vijay K. Thadani.
 N.I.I.T stands for National Institute of Information Technology, is a skills and talent development company.

3. National Pollution Control Day: 2nd December

- National Pollution Control Day 2022 is observed on the 2nd of December 2022.
- National Pollution Control Day is observed to create awareness about pollution which is causing harm to our environment and living beings.
- It is nationally observed for the remembrance of an Industrial accident that took place in Bhopal which took thousands of lives in 1984.
- The Bhopal gas tragedy happened on the night of 2nd and 3rd December in the year 1984 because of the unintentional discharge of the poisonous chemical known as Methyl Isocyanate (also called MIC) as well as some other chemicals released from the Union Carbide Chemical Plant positioned in the city.

4. International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3rd December

- International Day of Persons with disabilities 2022 is observed on the 3rd of December 2022.
- The International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022 theme set by the UN this year is "Transformative solutions for inclusive development: The role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world".



 In 1976, UN General Assembly decided that from 1981 International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be celebrated globally.

5. Indian Navy Day: 4th December

- Indian Navy Day 2022 is observed on the 4th of December 2022.
- Indian Navy Day 2022 theme set for this year is "Swarnim Vijay Varsh".
- At the Senior Naval Officer's Conference in May 1972, Indian Navy Day was decided to be celebrated on December 4 to acknowledge the efforts & achievements of the Indian Navy during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

6. Armed Forces Flag Day: 7th December

- Armed Forces Flag Day 2022 is observed on the 7th of December 2022
- .On Armed Forces Flag Day 2022, patriotic events are arranged to encourage public participation and support the cause across the nation.
- The color code for the day is red, light blue, and dark blue.
- It represents three Indian armed forces- Army, Air Force, and Navy.
- The idea of Armed Forces Flag Day observation every year was first decided in the year 1949 by the Defence Minister.

7. Human Rights Day: 10th December

- Human Rights Day 2022 is observed on the 10th of December 2022.
- Human Rights Day 2022 theme set by the WHO this year is "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all"
- On Human Rights day 2022, donate to some Human Rights Charity that takes care of people's rights in society.
- Human Rights Day's first observation was started in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

8. Vijay Diwas: 16th December

- 50th Vijay Diwas 2022 is observed on the 16th of December 2022.
- Vijay Diwas is celebrated for the remembrance of the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in 'Operation: Vijay' against the infiltrating Pakistani troops.



9. Good Governance Day: 25th December

- Good Governance Day 2022 is observed on the 25th of December 2022.
- Good Governance Day 2022 is observed for the birth anniversary of Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a former prime minister, and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya were both named as recipients of the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honor, on December 23, 2014.



SPORTS NEWS

1. Man of the Match Award Winners for the FIFA World Cup 2022:

- The FIFA World Cup Man of the Match award has been given out following each game since 2002.
- The Golden Ball and Golden Boot are just two of the additional honours granted at the FIFA World Cup.
- The main distinction between these honours and the FIFA World Cup Man of the Match award is that the former is granted after the tournament, while the latter is presented following each World Cup game.

2. Stephanie Frappart will be the first woman referee at the FIFA World Cup in 2022:

- Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match, according to FIFA.
- She will officiate the Group E match between Germany and Costa Rica on December 2, 2022.
- Frappart is one of three female referees chosen from a field of 36 for the tournament in Qatar, joining Rwandan official Salima Mukansanga and Japanese official Yoshimi Yamashita.

3. NADA India will hold the first-ever Inclusion Conclave to focus on athletes with impairments:

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India) is hosting an Inclusion Conclave for the first time to put a greater emphasis on anti-doping processes and education for athletes with impairments.
- In addition to WADA Asia-Oceania Regional Office Manager Kenny Lee and UN Resident Coordinator Shombi Sharp, Secretary Department of Sports Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi will also speak at the summit.

4. India will host the third edition of the T20 World Cup for Blind Cricket:

• India will host the third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind from December 5–17, 2022.



- Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and India will all compete in the 2022 World Cup.
- The competition will feature about 150 players from all over the world, and there will be a total of 24 matches spread among nine Indian cities.
- The tournament is being held to coincide with World Disability Day events around. the World Cup's opening ceremony on December 5 at Gurugram's Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium.

5. Saurashtra defeated Maharashtra in the Vijay Hazare Trophy final by five wickets:

- At the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Saurashtra defeated Maharashtra by five wickets to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy.
- As captain Ruturaj Gaikwad reached a century, hitting 108 off 131 balls after a sluggish start, they contained Maharashtra at 248/9 in 50 overs.

6. Rudrankksh Patil, a shooter, wins the ISSF President's Cup in Egypt:

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's Cup was won by Indian shooter Rudrankksh Patil in Cairo, Egypt.
- In the 10-meter rifle play-off, he outscored Italy's Danilo Sollazzo 16-8.
- Participants in this competition, which began on November 28, come from 42 different countries and 43 ISSF Member Federations across all continents.
- Rudrankksh Patil, 18, won gold in the men's 10 m air rifle event at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championships 2022 in Cairo, Egypt, which came to an end in October.

7. Indian captain Rohit Sharma has become the country's sixth-highest ODI run scorer:

- Indian captain Rohit Sharma has surpassed former batsman Mohammed Azharuddin to become his country's sixth-highest ODI run-scorer.
- This feat was done by the batter during India's maiden One-Day International (ODI) against Bangladesh in Dhaka.
- His ODI record now stands at 234 matches and 9,403 runs in 227 innings at an average of 48.46.



8. Sukant Kadam, world No. 3, wins gold at the Peru Para Badminton International:

- Sukant Kadam, world No. 3, smashed his way to gold at the recently ended Peru Para-Badminton International, defeating Singapore's Chee Hiong Ang.
- India received 14 medals in total (6 gold, 1 silver, and 7 bronze).

9. McLaughlin-Levrone and Mondo Duplantis were named the 2022 World Athletes of the Year:

- The World Athlete of the Year honors went to Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis and American world champion hurdler Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone.
- McLaughlin-Levrone twice broke the women's 400-meter hurdles world mark, and Duplantis accomplished three new world records this year.

10. Legendary PT Usha was chosen as the first female president of the Indian Olympic Association:

- The legendary athlete Pilavullakandi Thekkeraparambil Usha, also known as PT Usha, was chosen to lead the Indian Olympic Association as its first female president.
- The 58-year-old Ms. Usha, who won three gold medals at the Asian Games and finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles final at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, was proclaimed elected without opposition to the position of president. L Nageswara Rao, a retired SC judge appointed by the Supreme Court, oversaw the elections.

11. Sidra Ameen and Jos Buttler have been announced as the ICC Player of the Month honorees for November 2022:

• Jos Buttler, the captain of England that won the T20 World Cup, received the ICC men's Player of the Month award for the first time for his outstanding performance in November.

12. Ishan Kishan becomes the fourth Indian to score a double century in ODI:

 Ishan Kishan becomes the fourth Indian to score a double century in one-day international cricket.



• He has also become the ninth batter to score a double century in one-day international cricket.



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TRANSLATIONS: HINDI

- 1. बजट, भविष्य के लिये की गई वह योजना है जो, पूरे साल की राजस्व व अन्य आय तथा खर्ची का अनुमान लगा कर बनाई जाती है. जिसमे वित्तीय मंत्री के द्वारा, सरकार के समक्ष अपनी व्यय का अनुमान लगा कर, आने वाले वर्ष के लिये कई योजनायें बना कर, जनता के सामने हर वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान प्रस्तुत करती है. एक आदर्श बजट वह होता है जिसमे, किसी का स्वार्थ ना हो. सरकार द्वारा उस बजट मे लोग, व्यापार, सरकार, देश, बहुराष्ट्रीय संगठन के लिये, एक व्यक्ति, परिवार, समूह के लिये अच्छी से अच्छी योजनायें बनाई गई हो तथा खर्चे व निवेश किये गये हो. प्रत्येक वर्ष के लिये सरकार पूर्व मे ही योजना बना लेती है. जिसमे सरकार की आय के स्त्रोत जैसे- भिन्न-भिन्न करो की वसूली या टैक्स, राजस्व से आय, सरकारी फीस-जुर्मना, लाभांश, दिये गये ऋण पर ब्याज आदि सभी आय और इन आय को वापस जनता के लिये लगाना बजट का मुख्य उद्देश्य होता है. आर्थिक विकास की दर मे वृद्धि करना,गरीबी व बेरोजगारी को दूर करना,असमानताओ को दूर कर आय का सही योजनाओं मे उपयोग करना,बाजार मे मूल्य व आर्थिक स्थिरता बनाये रखना,अन्य सभी क्षेत्रों रेल, बिजली, वित्त, अनाज, खाद्यपदार्थ, बैंकों के लिये भी फण्ड रखना
- 2. प्रदूषण हमारे जीवन के उन प्रमुख मुद्दों में से एक है, जो हमारी पृथ्वी को व्यापक स्तर पर प्रभावित कर रहा है। यह एक ऐसा मुद्दा है जो लंबे समय से चर्चा में रहा है और 21वीं सदी में इसका हानिकारक प्रभाव बड़े पैमाने पर महसूस किया जा रहा है। हालांकि विभिन्न देशों की सरकारों ने इसके प्रभाव को रोकने के लिए कई बड़े कदम उठाए हैं, लेकिन अभी भी इस मुद्दे को लेकर एक लंबा रास्ता तय करना बाकी है। इससे कई प्राकृतिक प्रक्रियाओं में गड़बड़ी आती है। इतना ही नहीं, आज कई वनस्पतियां और जीव-जंतु या तो विलुप्त हो चुके हैं या विलुप्त होने की कगार पर हैं। प्रदूषण की मात्रा में तेजी से वृद्धि के कारण पशु तेजी से न सिर्फ अपना घर खो रहे हैं, बल्कि जीने लायक प्रकृति को भी खो रहे हैं।

प्रदूषण ने दुनिया भर के कई प्रमुख शहरों को प्रभावित किया है। इन प्रदूषित शहरों में से अधिकांश भारत में ही स्थित हैं। दुनिया के कुछ सबसे प्रदूषित शहरों में दिल्ली, कानपुर, बामेंडा, मॉस्को, हेज़, चेरनोबिल, बीजिंग शामिल हैं। हालांकि इन शहरों ने प्रदूषण पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए कई कदम उठाए हैं, फिर भी उन्हें अभी एक लंबा रास्ता तय करना है।

इन स्थानों की वायु गुणवत्ता खराब है और भूमि तथा जल प्रदूषण में भी बढ़ोतरी देखी जा रही है। अब समय आ गया है कि इन शहरों से प्रदूषण के स्तर को कम करने के लिए, यहाँ मौजूद प्रशासन एक ठोस रणनीति तैयार करके उसपर अमल करे।

- 3. गरीबी एक ऐसी दर्दनाक स्थिति है जहाँ मनुष्य हर चीज़ के लिए बेबस और लाचार होता है। वह संसार की तीन ज़रूरी चीज़ो को पाने में असमर्थ है। वह है खाना , वस्त्र और मकान। पूरा दिन मज़दूरी करने के बाद भी भरपेट खाना उन्हें नहीं मिलता है। तेज़ धूप और तेज़ बारिश से बचने के लिए उनके पास एक छत नहीं होती है। सर्दी के दिनों में उन्हें तन ढकने के लिए कपड़े तक नसीब नहीं होते है। गरीबो का परिवार अपने बच्चो को शिक्षा नहीं दिलवा पाता है। शिक्षा की कमी के कारण उनका मानसिक विकास नहीं होता है। उनके सोचने समझने की कोई शक्ति
 - नहीं होती है। पर्याप्त भोजन ना मिलने के कारण उनका शारीरिक विकास नहीं हो पाता है।
 - हर रोज बढ़ती हयी देश की जनसंख्या "गरीबी" बढ़ाने का प्रमुख कारण है। सरकार के पास इतनी योजनाएं नहीं है कि वह देश के सभी लोगों को मकान , खाना और शिक्षा जैसी चीज़ें प्रदान कर सके । जितनी जनसंख्या अधिक होगी , सभी प्रकार की सुविधाओं और संसाधनों में कमी आएगी। जनसंख्या वृद्धि की वजह से जो लोग गरीब या उससे भी निचले स्तर पर जी रहे है , उनके लिए ज़िन्दगी नरक से कम नहीं होती है।
- 4. बेरोजगारी किसी भी देश के विकास में प्रमुख बाधाओं में से एक है। भारत में बेरोजगारी एक गंभीर मुद्दा है।शिक्षा का अभाव, रोजगार के अवसरों की कमी और प्रदर्शन संबंधी समस्याएं कुछ ऐसे कारक हैं जो बेरोज़गारी का कारण बनती हैं।इस समस्या को खत्म करने के लिए भारत सरकार को प्रभावी कदम उठाने की ज़रूरत है।विकासशील देशों के सामने आने वाली मुख्य समस्याओं में से एक बेरोजगारी है।यह केवल देश के आर्थिक विकास में खड़ी प्रमुख बाधाओं में से ही एक नहीं बल्कि व्यक्तिगत और पूरे समाज पर भी एक साथ कई तरह के नकारात्मक प्रभाव डालती है।
 - भारत में बेरोजगारी की बढ़ती समस्या का सबसे बड़ा कारण जनसंख्या वृद्धि है। जिससे रोजगार कम हो रहे हैं और काम करने वाले ज्यादा है।ऐसा व्यक्ति जो योग्य और पढ़ा लिखा होने पर भी उसकी न तो किसी कम्पनी या संस्थान में और ना अपने ही किसी व्यवसाय में कार्य मिलता है तो ऐसा व्यक्ति बेरोजगार की श्रेणी में आता है।बेरोज़गारी बढाने के अन्य कारणों में अशिक्षा, तकनीकी योग्यता, सरकारी नौकरी की चाह, स्वरोज़गार न करने की प्रवृत्ति, उच्च शिक्षा के कारण छोटी नौकरियाँ न करने का संकोच, कंप्यूटर जैसे उपकरणों में वृद्धि, मशीनीकरण, लघु उद्योग-धंधों का नष्ट होना आदि है।
- 5. महिलाओं की सुरक्षा आज किसी भी देश के लिए बहुत बड़ा मुद्दा है. महिलाओं के साथ बलात्कार, छेड़खानी, तेज़ाब फेकना, घरेलु हिंसा, मानसिक उत्पीड़न जैसी कई घटनाएं रोजाना सुनने को मिलती है. ऐसे अपराधों का आंकड़ा तेजी से बढ़ता जा रहा है. महिलाओं के साथ ऐसी घटनाएं शहरों और गाँवों हर जगह देखन को मिल जाती है. भारत जैसे देश में जहाँ हमारे देश की छवि को एक महिला का रूप देकर भारत माता कहा जाता है.



यहाँ पर भी आये दिन महिलाओं के साथ कई भयानक आपराधिक घटनाएं सामने आती है जिनके बारे सुनने मात्र से ही हमारा दिल दहल उठता है. ऐसी घटनाएं समाज में बहुत ही नकारात्मक सन्देश पहुँचा रही है जिसके कारण आज माँ बाप अपनी बेटियों को बाहर भेजने में भी भय महसूस करते है. भारत का सबसे ज्यादा जनसंख्या वाला राज्य उत्तर प्रदेश महिलाओं के साथ होने वाले आपराधिक मामलों में सबसे शीर्ष पर है और वहीं असम ऐसा राज्य है. जहां महिलाओं के साथ अपराध की सबसे अधिक दर है. ये आंकड़े समय के साथ तेजी से बढ़ रहे है जो बहुत ही गंभीर मुद्दा है. भारत का कोई भी राज्य या प्रदेश ऐसा नहीं है जिसको महिलाओं के लिए सबसे सुरक्षित माना जा सके.



TRANSLATIONS: ENGLISH

1. Budget is the plan made for the future, which is made by estimating the revenue and other income and expenses of the whole year. In which, by the Finance Minister, estimating its expenditure before the government, making several plans for the coming year, presents it to the public during every financial year. An ideal budget is one in which there is no selfishness.

In that budget, the best plans have been made by the government for people, business, government, country, multinational organization, for an individual, family, group and expenses and investments have been made.

For every year, the government makes a plan in advance. In which the sources of income of the government such as collection of different taxes or taxes, income from revenue, government fees-fines, dividends, interest on loans given, etc. and the main objective of the budget is to put these incomes back to the public. To increase the rate of economic development, Removal of poverty and unemployment, To remove disparities and use the income in the right schemes, Maintaining price and economic stability in the market, Keeping funds for all other sectors like railways, electricity, finance, grains, food, banks.

2. Pollution is one of the major issues in our life, which is affecting our earth in a big way. It is an issue that has been in discussion for a long time and its harmful effects are being felt in a big way in the 21st century. Although the governments of various countries have taken many major steps to curb its effect, but still there is a long way to go regarding this issue. This disturbs many natural processes. Not only this, today many flora and fauna have either become extinct or are on the verge of extinction. Due to the rapid increase in the amount of pollution, animals are fast losing not only their home but also the nature to live in.

Pollution has affected many major cities around the world. Most of these polluted cities are located in India itself. Some of the most polluted cities in the world include Delhi,



Kanpur, Bamenda, Moscow, Heze, Chernobyl, Beijing. Though these cities have taken several steps to curb pollution, they still have a long way to go.

The air quality of these places is poor and land and water pollution is also increasing. Now the time has come for the present administration to prepare a concrete strategy and implement it to reduce the level of pollution from these cities.

3. Poverty is such a painful condition where man is helpless and helpless for everything. He is unable to get the three essential things of the world. That is food, clothing and shelter. Even after working as a laborer for the whole day, they do not get enough food. They do not have a roof to protect them from the hot sun and heavy rain. In winter, they do not even have clothes to cover their bodies. Poor families are unable to provide education to their children.

Due to lack of education, their mental development does not happen. They have no power to think and understand. Due to not getting enough food, their physical development is not possible.

The increasing population of the country everyday is the main reason for increasing poverty. The government does not have so many schemes that it can provide things like house, food and education to all the people of the country. The more the population, the less all kinds of facilities and resources will decrease. Due to the increase in population, for those who are living in poor or even lower level, life is no less than hell.

4. Unemployment is one of the major hindrances in the development of any country. Unemployment is a serious issue in India. Lack of education, lack of employment opportunities and performance problems are some of the factors that lead to unemployment. Government of India needs to take effective steps to eliminate this problem. Unemployment is one of the main problems faced by developing countries. It is not only one of the major obstacles in the economic development of the country, but also has many negative effects on the individual and the whole society at the same time.



Population growth is the biggest reason for the increasing problem of unemployment in India. Due to which the jobs are decreasing and the working people are more. Such a person, who despite being qualified and educated, does not get work in any company or institution or in his own business, then such a person comes under the category of unemployed. Other reasons for increasing unemployment are illiteracy, technical qualification, desire for government job, tendency not to do self-employment, hesitance not to do small jobs due to higher education, increase in equipment like computer, mechanization, destruction of small scale industries etc.

5. Women's safety is a big issue for any country today. Many incidents like rape, molestation, acid throwing, domestic violence, mental harassment of women are heard daily. The number of such crimes is increasing rapidly. Such incidents with women are seen everywhere in cities and villages. In a country like India where the image of our country is given the form of a woman and is called Bharat Mata.

Here too, many horrific criminal incidents with women come to the fore, just hearing about which makes our heart tremble. Such incidents are sending a very negative message to the society, due to which today parents feel afraid to send their daughters abroad. Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, is at the top in crime cases against women and Assam is such a state. Where there is the highest rate of crime against women. These figures are increasing rapidly with time, which is a very serious issue. There is no state or region in India which can be considered the safest for women.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ'S

- 1. Which country has recently (in dec 22) signed MOU with India to enhance the professional practices between the two countries?
- a) Japan
- b) Germany
- c) Chile
- d) Brazil
- 2. Name the Mutual Fund that has recently (in dec. 22) India's first passive tax saver Fund, IN50
- a) HDFC Mutual Fund
- b) Axis Mutual Fund
- c) IIFL Mutual Fund
- d) SBI Mutual Fund
- 3. The _____World Computer Literacy Day observed on 2 nd December 2022?
- a) 24th December
- b) 23rd December
- c) 22nd December
- d) 21st December
- 4. Which country will take over the chairmanship of Wassenaar agreement in 2023?
- a) England
- b) India
- c) USA
- d) Japan
- 5. Which organisation has recently (in dec. 22) signed USD 16 million agreement with AIBS Export India Private Limited (AIBS) on sustainability -linked and blue debt facility?
- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) African Development Bank



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- 6. Which team won the Vijay Hazare Trophy Final 2022-2023 title by defeating Maharashtra in December 2022?
- a) Mumbai
- b) Gujarat
- c) Saurashtra
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- 7. Which Indian city has secured 22 nd rank in the "Prime Global cities Index Q3 2022", published by Knight Frank in December 2023?
- a) New Delhi, Delhi
- b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- c) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- d) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 8. In December 2022,_____ based Goldsikka Pvt Ltd. Set up India's 1 st Gold Automated Teller Machine (ATM).
- a) Hyderabad, Telangana
- b) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- c) New Delhi, Delhi
- d) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 9. In December 2022, Global Ratings reduced India,s real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to_____ for 2023?
- a) 6%
- b) 6.5%
- c) 7%
- d) 8%
- 10. Which state / UT has recently (in Dec.22) inaugurated its 1st FASTag-enabled Parking
- a) Management System
- b) Mizoram



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- a) Iraq
- b) Iran
- c) Israel
- d) Jordan
- 12. In December 2022, the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired the extended range version of Brahmos air missile from _____aircraft?
- a) HAL Tejas
- b) Dassault Mirage 2000
- c) Sukhoi -30 MKI
- d) Mirage 2000D
- 13. In December 2022, Maha Metro Corporation raised a loan of Rs.3586 crore for the second phase of its Metro project in Nagpur from which of the following organisation?
- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) European Investment Bank
- c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- d) Both 1 and 2
- 14. Cricketer 'Farhaan Behardien' announced his retirement from Professional Cricket which country did he represent in International Cricket?
- a) South Africa
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) New Zealand
- d) West Indies
- 15. Who has been recently appointed as Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?
- a) Santosh Kumar Yadav



- b) Rajneesh
- c) Hitesh Kumar S Makwana
- d) Ganji Kamala V Rao
- 16. The 10th edition of the Northeast Festival was celebrated from 23 rd to 26 th December 2022 in which city?
- a) Guwahati, Assam
- b) Imphal, Manipur
- c) New Delhi, Delhi
- d) Aizawl, Mizoram
- 17. Name the personality who has been recently appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairman of the Railway Board?
- a) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- b) D C sharma
- c) Vinay Kumar Tripathi
- d) Sudhanshu Sharma
- 18. Name the personality who has recently (in dec'22) won the "VinFuture Special Prize 2022".
- a) Atish Mathur
- b) Girish Patel
- c) Usha Prakash
- d) Thalappil Pradeep
- 19. What is the name of England 's legendary Footballer who recently (in dec'22) passed away, was a part of England's 1966 Football World winning team.
- a) Gordan Banks
- b) Ray Wilson
- c) George Cohen
- d) Bobby Moore
- 20. Sania Mirza is set to become India's 1st Muslim Female Fighter pilot in the Indian air Force (IAF)and ______'s 1st IAF pilot.



- a) Bihar
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra
- 21. When was Kisan Divas / Farmers Day 2022 observed across India?
- a) 20th December 2022
- b) 23rd December 2022
- c) 22nd December 2022
- d) 21st December 2022
- 22. Name the country that has recently (in dec' 22) Launched a test satellite for development of its 1st Spy Satellite ?
- a) North Korea
- b) South Korea
- c) China
- d) Israel
- 23. Which state increased the monthly aid for Persons with disabilities from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500?
- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Odisha
- d) Karnataka
- 24. Which organisation ruled that search engines must delete search results about people if they can prove that the information is clearly wrong?
- a) European Court of Justice
- b) International Court of Justice
- c) African court on human and peoples' rights
- d) Supreme Court of India
- 25. When is the 'International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide' observed?



- a) December 9
- b) December 10
- c) December 12
- d) December 15
- 26. Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela is an initiative of which Union Ministry?
- a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- b) Ministry of Education
- c) Ministry of MSME
- d) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 27. When is the 'International Migrants Day' celebrated every year?
- a) December 15
- b) December 18
- c) December 21
- d) December 23
- 28. Which Ministry is associated with 'One Rank One Pension (OROP)' scheme?
- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- b) Ministry of Defense
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 29. India has planned to drop use of US dollar, euro in bilateral trade, with which. country?
- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) Japan
- d) UAE
- 30. Which state has set up a Commission to conduct a survey to ensure that OBCs are provided reservation based on 'Triple test'?
- a) Jharkhand



- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- 31. Who is the head of the Supreme Court Collegium, which recently sent its first set of recommendations?
- a) Narendra Modi
- b) DY Chandrachud
- c) Rajiv Kumar
- d) Amitabh Kant
- 32. What is the new name of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre?
- a) India International Arbitration Centre
- b) Bharat International Arbitration Centre
- c) Delhi International Arbitration Centre
- d) Bombay International Arbitration Centre
- 33. Who has been appointed as the first Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara?
- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Amit Shah
- c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- d) Piyush Goyal
- 34. The Embassy of which country organised 'SHE STEM event' in partnership with the Atal Innovation Mission?
- a) Australia
- b) Sweden
- c) USA
- d) New Zealand
- 35. Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?
- a) West Bengal



- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- 36. Who is the Foreign Secretary of India (as of 2022)?
- a) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- b) Ruchira Kamboj
- c) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- d) Manjeev Singh Puri
- 37. The government permitted complete Work From Home (WFH) options to the employees of which entities?
- a) Navratna PSUs
- b) Special Economic Zones
- c) NASSCOM
- d) State-run IT firms
- 38. Which is the first state to launch its dedicated climate change mission?
- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Telangana
- d) Odisha
- 39. Which state/UT has proposed to launch a unique alpha-numeric identification number for all families?
- a) Iharkhand
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Kolkata
- 40. Who was appointed as the new Chief scientist of the World Health Organization in 2022?
- a) Jeremy Farrar
- b) Preeti Sudan



- c) Soumya Swaminathan
- d) Zaliha Mustafa
- 41. Which institution won nine National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2022?
- a) Indian Railways
- b) Indian Army
- c) DRDO
- d) ISRO
- 42. Which institution released a report which stated that curbing air pollution in India needs efforts across South Asia?
- a) UNICEF
- b) WEF
- c) World Bank
- d) UNESCO
- 43. Who is the chair of the Parliamentary Committee Report which laid the report 'Covid-19 Pandemic: Global Response, India's Contributions and the Way Forward'?
- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) PP Chaudhary
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Mansukh Mandaviya
- 44. Which institution launched the 'ATL Marathon 2022-23'-innovation challenge'?
- a) RBI
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) SEBI
- d) ISRO
- 45. Which High Court has banned use of mobile phones inside temples?
- a) Madras High Court
- b) Delhi High Court
- c) Bombay High Court



- d) Calcutta High Court
- 46. Isaac Herzog visited Bahrain for the first time as the Prime Minister of which country?
- a) UAE
- b) Israel
- c) USA
- d) Australia
- 47. Which institution has announced to hold a hackathon, for innovative ideas, for the first time in 2022?
- a) Election Commission of India
- b) Supreme Court of India
- c) Central Bureau of Investigation
- d) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- 48. Which company has developed a new dialogue-based chatbot named 'ChatGPT'?
- a) Google
- b) Microsoft
- c) OpenAI
- d) Meta
- 49. Which cyclone recently formed over Bay of Bengal, crossing the coasts of southern states?
- a) Mandous
- b) Asani
- c) Sitrang
- d) Mocha
- 50. Which institution released the report titled 'Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector'?
- a) NITI Aayog
- b) World Bank



- c) World Economic Forum
- d) International Monetary Fund
- 51. Which is the first state in the country to implement an open-loop ticketing system using National Common Mobility Card?
- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Haryana
- d) Tamil Nadu
- 52. Which institution developed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter' that can generate electricity from sea waves?
- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) NIT Warangal
- 53. Which state/UT has recently granted Industry status to its tourism sector?
- a) Gujarat
- b) Assam
- c) West Bengal
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- 54. What is the aim of 'Jan Vishwas Bill', which was recently tabled in Lok Sabha?
- a) Anti-terrorism
- b) Ease of doing business
- c) Eradication of Mal-nutrition
- d) Police Reforms
- 55. Which company is the title sponsor of Maharashtra Open tennis tournament?
- a) Byjus
- b) Unacademy
- c) Tata Motors
- d) Paytm



- 56. 7-year-old Geto Sora, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?
- a) Archery
- b) Squash
- c) Badminton
- d) Chess
- 57. Bar-headed goose, one the world's highest flying birds, visited which Indian state recently?
- a) Goa
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Odisha
- 58. In the Constitution of India, 'water' is a matter included in
- a) State List
- b) Union List
- c) Concurrent List
- d) Reserved List
- 59. Why is Bharat (BH) Series Registration Mark introduced in India?
- a) address the vehicle pollution
- b) prevent car registration theft
- c) to make the re-registration of the vehicles a hassle-free process
- d) increasing the vehicle fitness fees and penalties.
- 60. The Urban 20 (U20) is a city diplomacy initiative launched at the
- a) COP24 of UNFCCC, Katowice
- b) One Planet Summit, Paris
- c) G20 Summit, Rome
- d) COP15 of UNCBD, Kunming
- 61. AYURSWASTHYA Yojana is run by the
- a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- b) National Health Authority



- c) Medical Council of India
- d) none of the above
- 62. Under which Schedule of the Constitution of India can the transfer of tribal land to private parties for mining be declared null and void?
- a) Third Schedule
- b) Fifth Schedule
- c) Sixth Schedule
- d) Twelfth Schedule
- 63. Which of the following is famously known as the 'Angkor Wat of the North-East'?
- a) Kamakhya
- b) Unakoti
- c) Katra
- d) Sualkuchi
- 64. Which one of the following is the best description of 'INS Mormugao', that was in the news recently?
- a) Amphibious warfare submarine
- b) Nuclear-powered submarine
- c) Stealth guided-missile destroyers
- d) Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
- 65. World Economic outlook released by
- a) WEF
- b) IMF
- c) WTO
- d) WB
- 66. In which of the following states is Asola Bhatti sanctuary located?
- a) Rajasthan
- b) Gujarat
- c) Delhi



- d) Bihar
- 67. 'Ashtadhyayi 'was written by
- a) Chanakya
- b) Panini
- c) Kalidas
- d) Kumara Vyasa
- 68. Who has been appointed by Uttarakhand Government as the state's brand ambassador?
- a) Amitabh Bachchan
- b) Prasoon Joshi
- c) Salman Khan
- d) Jeetendra
- 69. Who has been appointed as the prime minister of Israel?
- a) Isaac Herzog
- b) Benjamin Netanyahu
- c) Amir Ohana
- d) Esther Hyatt
- 70. 'Daksh' is the payments fraud reporting module maintained by which institution?
- a) SEBI
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) SBI
- d) RBI
- 71. Which cricketer has been shortlisted for the ICC Mains T20I cricketer of the year 2022?
- a) Suryakumar Yadav
- b) Hardik Pandya
- c) Arshdeep Singh
- d) Ishaan Kishan



- 72. Which missile's extended-range air launch has been tested by the Indian Air Force?
- a) Nag
- b) Brahmos
- c) Trishul
- d) Nirbhay
- 73. Which one of the following institutions has recently developed artificial heart?
- a) IISc Bangalore
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT-BHU
- d) AIIMS
- 74. Which of the following country topped in the FIFA world rankings 2022?
- a) England
- b) Belgium
- c) France
- d) Brazil
- 75. Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud has constituted a committee to audit the "physical and functional accessibility" of the apex court complex to make them disabled-friendly. Who will chair this committee?
- a) S Ravindra Bhat
- b) Sunil Bajpai
- c) Sanjay Agrawal
- d) MS Sahoo
- 76. Which of the following state governments issued a notification making the Aadhaar number mandatory for availing various welfare schemes of the government?
- a) Kerala
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu



77.	Which country has launched 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes
	against peacekeepers?
a)	China
b)	USA
c)	France
d)	India
78.	Karim Benzema has announced his retirement from International football.
a)	Argentina
b)	Italy
c)	Germany
d)	France
79.	International Human Solidarity Day (IHSD) is observed annually on across
	the globe to celebrate the ideal of unity in diversity.
a)	December 18
b)	December 17
c)	December 20
d)	December 19
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80.	International Mountain Day is observed every year on 11 December, the theme for 2022
	isSustainable mountain tourism
a)	Women move mountains
	Mountain minorities and indigenous peoples
	Mountains matter for Youth
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81.	In which airport country's largest business jet terminal commissioned?
	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
	Chennai International Airport
	Cochin International Airport
	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Airport
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82.	Which of the following FMCG company has acquired 51% equity stake in Oziva for
	Rs264 crore and Wellbeing Nutrition?
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- a) Hindustan Unilever Limited
- b) Britannia Industries
- c) Colgate Palmolive
- d) Dabur India
- 83. Which country has printed the first banknotes (currency notes) with two women's signatures?
- a) China
- b) US
- c) India
- d) France
- 84. Who has been appointed as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?
- a) Brajesh Pathak
- b) Om Prakash Rajbhar
- c) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
- d) Keshav Prasad Maurya
- 85. Which of the following mutual funds has been renamed as Bandhan Mutual Fund?
- a) SBI Mutual Fund
- b) Axis Mutual Fund
- c) IDFC Mutual Fund
- d) Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund
- 86. India's first Dark Night Sky Reserve will be set up in which state/UT of India?
- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Ladakh
- c) Uttrarakhand
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- 87. Which of the following has won the World Athlete of the Year 2022 award?
- a) Andre Levrone and Dalilah Muhammad
- b) Femke Bol and Allyson Felix



c)	Athing Mu and Abby Steiner
d)	McLaughlin-Levrone & Duplantis
88.	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has appointed as its Managing Director with effect from November 15.
a)	Soniya Tiwari
b)	Vikram Singh
c)	Rohit Kumar
d)	Meenesh C Shah
89.	Which of the following country will host an International Conference "Standing with
	the Ukrainian People"?
a)	France
b)	Australia
c)	UK
d)	USA
90.	India plans to commission 20 nuclear power plants by
a)	2035
b)	2032
c)	2033
d)	2031
91.	The 6th Edition of Indo – Kazakhstan joint training exercise "KAZIND-22" is conducted at Umroi
a)	Meghalaya
b)	Uttarakhand
c)	Himachal Pradesh
d)	Arunachal Pradesh
92.	Eden Hazard has announced his retirement from international football recently. He is
	from which country?
a)	Spain
b)	Belgium



- c) Italy
- d) Argentina
- 93. Who has released her book 'Miracles of Face Yoga'?
- a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- b) Mansi Gulati
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Chetan Bhagat
- 94. Which of the following company has won the Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai?
- a) National Mineral Development Corporation
- b) TP renewable Microgrid
- c) Steel Authority of India
- d) NTPC Limited
- 95. The National Zoological Park, Delhi Zoo has celebrated International Cheetah Day and Wildlife Conservation Day in New Delhi on _____.
- a) 1st December
- b) 2nd December
- c) 3rd December
- d) 4th December
- 96. Which state has launched the One District One Sport (ODOS) programme for promoting local sporting talent?
- a) Rajasthan
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Kerala
- 97. Which bank recently has crossed the Rs 5-lakh-crore mark in personal banking advances.
- a) Canara Bank
- b) Punjab National Bank



- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) State Bank of India
- 98. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets 2023 in which city?
- a) New Delhi, India
- b) Berlin, Germany
- c) Paris, France
- d) Rome, Italy
- 99. Who has approached the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), a unit of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for developing "Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal?
- a) Chennai
- b) Nainital
- c) Dehradun
- d) Ladakh
- 100. Which Department under the 'Ministry of Finance' notifies changes in rates on small savings schemes?
- a) Department of Expenditure
- b) Department of Economic Affairs
- c) Department of Revenue
- d) Department of Financial Services



ANSWERS

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JUDGMENT ANALYSIS

1. Subramanya v. State of Karnataka 2022

Facts: Boby, along with other accused, were convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 395, 365, 364, 201, 380, 302 and 302 read with Section 34 of the IPC. In appeal, the contention raised on Boby's behalf was that a Memorandum under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 is required in cases of recovery initiated at the instance of an accused person, based on the statements made before the Police. Neither such Memorandum was prepared at the time of the recovery of the body of deceased Vishwanathan, nor were signatures of independent or panch witnesses taken at the time of said recovery, it was contended.

In the present case, there is no statement of accused recorded under Section 27 of the Evidence Act. We are, therefore, of the considered view that the prosecution has failed to prove the circumstance that the dead body of the deceased was recovered at the instance of accused.

Provisions: Indian Evidence Act , 1872 ; Section 27 - Two essential requirements for the application of Section 27 - (1) the person giving information must be an accused of any offence and (2) he must also be in police custody

Held: The Supreme Court observed that the recovery cannot be relied on under Section 27 of the Evidence Act in the absence of record of the statement of accused.

The bench of Justices B R Gavai and M M Sundresh acquitted a murder accused who was concurrently convicted by the Trial Court and the High Court.

The Apex Court bench noted that the trial court has relied on the following circumstances:

- (i) Last seen together with the deceased;
 - (ii) Recovery of the stolen material including jewellery
 - (iii) Recovery of spade from accused (iv) Recovery of the dead body at the instance of accused.



2. Naim Ahamed vs State (NCT of Delhi) 2023

Facts: In this case, it had come on record that

- (i) Prosecutrix was a married woman having three children.
- (ii) Accused was staying in a tenanted premises situated in front of the house of the prosecutrix.
- (iii) Though initially hesitant, the prosecutrix developed liking for the accused, an both started having sexual relationship with each other.
- (iv) A child was born out of the relationship.
- (v) The prosecutrix went to the native place of the accused in 2012 and came to know that he was a married man having children.
- (vi) The prosecutrix still continued to live with the accused in separate premises.
- (vii) The prosecutrix and her husband took divorce by mutual consent in 2014 and thereafter prosecutrix permanently left her three children with her husband.
- (viii) The prosecutrix lodged the complaint on 21st March, 2015 alleging that she had consented for sexual relationship with the accused as the accused had promised her to marry and subsequently did not marry.

Provisions:

Indian Penal Code, 1860; Section 376

Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; Section 277 - The evidence of the witness has to be recorded in the language of the court or in the language of the witness as may be practicable and then get it translated in the language of the court for forming part of the record. However, recording of evidence of the witness in the translated form in English language only, though the witness gives evidence in the language of the court, or in his/her own vernacular language, is not permissible.

Held: Supreme Court observed: The prosecutrix being a married woman and the mother of three children was matured and intelligent enough to understand the significance and the consequences of the moral or immoral quality of act she was consenting to. Even otherwise, if her entire conduct during the course of such relationship with the accused, is closely seen, it appears that she had betrayed her husband and three children by having relationship with the accused, for whom she had developed liking for him. She had gone to stay with him during the subsistence of her marriage with her husband, to live a better life with the accused. Till the time she was



impregnated by the accused in the year 2011, and she gave birth to a male child through the loin of the accused, she did not have any complaint against the accused of he having given false promise to marry her or having cheated her. She also visited the native place of the accused in the year 2012 and came to know that he was a married man having children also, still she continued to live with the accused at another premises without any grievance. She even obtained divorce from her husband by mutual consent in 2014, leaving her three children with her husband. It was only in the year 2015 when some disputes must have taken place between them, that she filed the present complaint. The accused in his further statement recorded under Section 313 of Cr.P.C. had stated that she had filed the complaint as he refused to fulfill her demand to pay her huge amount. Thus, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, it could not be said by any stretch of imagination that the prosecutrix had given her consent for the sexual relationship with the appellant under the misconception of fact, so as to hold the appellant guilty of having committed rape within the meaning of Section 375 of IPC.



GENERAL STUDIES MCQ'S

- 1. The hills of Ramgiri are part of this mountain range
- a) Vindhyachal
- b) Maikal
- c) Sahyadri
- d) None of these
- 2. The Dhupgarh peak is situated in
- a) Satpura Range
- b) Maikal Range
- c) Vindhya Range
- d) None of the above
- 3. Mahadeo mountains are part of
- a) Satpura
- b) Vindhya
- c) Kaimur
- d) None of these
- 4. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?
- a) Garhjat Hills Orissa
- b) Mandav Hills Maharashtra
- c) Nallamalai Hills Andhra Pradesh
- d) Shevaroy Hills Tamil Nadu
- 5. Which one of the following lies at the junction of Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu states?
- a) Anaimalai Hills
- b) Palani Hills
- c) Nandi Hills
- d) Nilgiri Hills



- 6. Nilgiri Mountain Range lies in
- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Orissa
- d) Uttarakhand
- 7. Indian Oceanists discovered a high mountain with a height of 1505 metre at the bottom of Arabian sea about 455 km West-South-West from Bombay, the mountain is called
- a) Kailash II
- b) Raman Sagar mountain
- c) Kanya Sagar Parvat
- d) Bombay Parvat
- 8. Which one of the following statements is not correct?
- a) The Western Ghats are relatively high in their Northern region
- b) The Anamudi is the highest peak in the Western Ghats
- c) Tapti river lies to the South of Satpura
- d) The Narmada and the Tapti river valleys are said to be old rift valleys
- 9. Which one of the following mountain ranges is spread over only one state in India?
- a) Aravalli
- b) Satpura
- c) Ajanta
- d) Sahyadri
- 10. Western Ghats in Maharashtra and Karnataka is known as
- a) Nilgiri mountain
- b) Sahyadri
- c) Deccan plateau
- d) None of the above
- 11. Which one of the following does not lie in Maharashtra?
- a) Balaghat Range
- b) Harishchandra Range



- c) Mandav Hills
- d) Satmala Hills
- 12. Which one of the following pairs of islands is separated from each other by the Ten degree channel?
- a) Andaman and Nicobar
- b) Nicobar and Sumatra
- c) Maldives and Lakshadweep
- d) Sumatra and Java
- 13. The Adam's Bridge begins from
- a) Dhanushkodi
- b) Mandapam
- c) Pamban
- d) Rameshwaram
- 14. Which of the following is geographically closest to Great Nicobar?
- a) Sumatra
- b) Borneo
- c) Java
- d) Sri Lanka
- 15. Barren island is located in
- a) Bay of Bengal
- b) Arabian sea
- c) Mediterranean sea
- d) China sea
- 16. Which one of the following is a volcanic island of India?
- a) Little Andaman
- b) Little Nicobar
- c) Great Nicobar
- d) Barren Island



- 17. The Northern part of the Western Coastal Plain of India is also known as
- a) Karnataka Coast
- b) Malabar
- c) Konkan
- d) Coromandel
- 18. Which of the following islands of India has volcanic origin?
- a) Barren
- b) Car Nicobar
- c) Little Nicobar
- d) North Andaman
- 19. Sriharikota island is located in
- a) Near Chilka lake
- b) Near the mouth of Mahanadi River
- c) Near Pulicat lake
- d) Near the mouth of Godawari River
- 20. Lakshadweep island is situated
- a) In South-West India
- b) In South India
- c) In South-East India
- d) In East India near West Bengal
- 21. Islands group Lakshadweep is.
- a) Accumulation of coral reef
- b) Accumulation of volcano substances
- c) Soil sedimentation
- d) None of the above
- 22. Where is Lakshadweep located?
- a) Indian Ocean
- b) Arabian Sea
- c) Bay of Bengal



- d) Pacific Ocean
- 23. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?
- a) Pneumonia Lungs
- b) Cataract Thyroid gland
- c) Jaundice Eye
- d) Diabetes Liver
- 24. The disease caused by deficiency of protein in children is
- a) Marasmus
- b) Pellagra
- c) Beri-beri
- d) Rickets
- 25. Which of the following pairs is incorrect?
- a) Plague Rat
- b) Rabies Dog
- c) Tapeworm Pig
- d) Polio Monkey
- 26. The disease caused by nematodes
- a) Filaria
- b) Fluorosis
- c) Encephalitis
- d) Leprosy
- 27. Which one of the following sets is correctly matched?
- a) Diphtheria, Pneumonia and Leprosy Sex-linked
- b) AIDS, Syphilis and Gonorrhoea Bacterial
- c) Color blindness, Hemophilia and Sickle cell anemia Hereditary
- d) Polio, Japanese B encephalitis and Plague Viral
- 28. 'Yellow Vein Mosaic' is a serious disease of
- a) Brinjal



- b) Okra
- c) Pea
- d) Cabbage
- 29. Which one of the following pairs matches one another?
- a) Cataract Thyroid gland
- b) Jaundice Liver
- c) Typhoid Lungs
- d) Pneumonia Eyes
- 30. Astigmatism is a disease of the
- a) Ears
- b) Eyes
- c) Nose
- d) Throat
- 31. Myopia is the disorder of which organ?
- a) Heart
- b) Ear
- c) Eye
- d) Kidney
- 32. Myopia or short sightedness is corrected by
- a) Use of convex lens
- b) Use of concave lens
- c) Use of plain concave lens
- d) Use of plain convex lens
- 33. A person with vision defect 'Myopia' can
- a) Nearby objects clearly
- b) Distant objects clearly
- c) Nearby as well as distant objects clearly
- d) Neither nearby nor distant objects clearly



- 34. Indian Satellite series which is being used for telecommunication system is
- a) Rohini
- b) I.R.S.
- c) CARTOSAT
- d) INSAT
- 35. Television transmission is an example of which of the following?
- a) Simplex communication
- b) Half-duplex communication
- c) Full-duplex communication
- d) None of the above
- 36. India's first remote sensing satellite (I.R.S.-IA) was launched from
- a) Baikanour
- b) Cape Kennedy
- c) French Guana
- d) Sriharikota
- 37. The Indian GSAT-7 satellite is exclusively meant for
- a) Weather forecast
- b) Military communication
- c) Mars mission
- d) Special coverage of Moon
- 38. India's advanced communication satellite GSAT-8 was launched on May 21, 2011 from
- a) Hassan
- b) Kourou
- c) Sriharikota
- d) Thiruvananthapuram
- 39. Which one of the following is a spacecraft?
- a) Apophis
- b) Cassini
- c) Spitzer



- d) Tech Sar
- 40. What is the name of the world's first private flight plan to go on the Moon?
- a) Moon Express
- b) Moon Flight
- c) Chandrayaan
- d) Moon Mail
- 41. Apple was launched from
- a) Kourou (French Guiana)
- b) Sriharikota (India)
- c) Baikanoor (Russia)
- d) Cape Canaveral (U.S.A.)
- 42. The first Indian Communication Satellite APPLE was launched on
- a) 27 February, 1982
- b) 18 September, 1981
- c) 19 June, 1981
- d) 25 December, 1981
- 43. When INSAT-1D of India was launched?
- a) 10th June, 1990
- b) 12th June, 1990
- c) 13th June, 1990
- d) 15th June, 1990
- 44. When was 'INSAT-2A' launched?
- a) 4th February, 1975
- b) 18th May, 1974
- c) 10th July, 1992
- d) 19th April, 1975
- 45. Onam is the festival of which State?
- a) Karnataka



- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu
- 46. 'Bihu' is the folk dance of which of the following States?
- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) West Bengal
- d) Maharashtra
- 47. 'Pongal' is the festival of which State?
- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Kerala
- 48. South Indian Festival of 'Onam' is associated with which of the following?
- a) Ram's Victory over Rawan
- b) Durga's Killing of Mahishasur
- c) Shiva Shakti
- d) Mahabali
- 49. 'Athapoo' is associated with which of the following festivals?
- a) Dol Yatra
- b) Onam
- c) Pongal
- d) Vishwakarma Puja
- 50. 'Tamasha' is the famous folk form of musical theatre in
- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Punjab
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Bihar



ANSWERS

1.	В	26.	A
2.	A	27.	С
3.	В	28.	В
4.	В	29.	В
5.	D	30.	В
6.	A	31.	C
7.	В	32.	В
8.	A	33.	A
9.	С	34.	D
10.	В	35.	A
11.	С	36.	A
12.	C	37.	В
13.	D	38.	В
14.	A	39.	В
15.	A	40.	A
16.	D	41.	A
17.	C	42.	С
18.	A	43.	В
19.	С	44.	С
20.	A	45.	С
21.	A	46.	В
22.	В	47.	В
23.	A	48.	D
24.	A	49.	В
25.	D	50.	С





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Female Personality	Role
Avani Chaturvedi	India's first female pilot, to pilot Sukhoi Fighter Jet
Gita Gopinath	First woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former
1	chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
Bhawana Kanth	First Woman Pilot of the Indian Air Force to take part in R-Day
	parade.
Kiran Deoli Uniyal	First Woman to make the most world records in Martial Arts in
	India.
Kavita Devi	First Female Professional Wrestler of Indian Nationality to
	wrestle in WWE.
Mithali Raj	First Woman to play in 200 ODI matches
Nirmala	India's First full-time Woman Finance Minister
Sitharaman	
GS Lakshmi	First ever woman to be appointed to the ICC International Panel
	of Match Referees
Vrinda Rathi	First female national umpire to officiate in the T20 contest.
Arohi Pandit	First Indian woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a light
	sport aircraft
Nirmala	India's First woman Defence Minister
Sitharaman	Y
Gagandeep Kang	First Indian woman to be elected Royal Society Fellow
Hina Jaiswal	First Indian Woman Flight Engineer.
Divya Karnad	First Indian woman to receive Future of Nature award for
	marine conservation.
Harmanpreet Kaur	First women cricketer scored a century in T20
Captain Divya	First female officer to lead a contingent on the Army Day parade
Ajith	
Lieutenant	First female to lead the Indian Army's Service Corps (ASC)
Bhavana Kasturi	contingent, comprising 144 male personnel
Captain Shikha	First female to lead the Army's Daredevils Motorcycle Display
Surabhi	team for the first time, comprising 33 men
Aditi Ashok	First Indian female golfer to win the Ladies European Tour
Diksha Dagar	Youngest Indian woman to win on the Ladies European Tour
	(LET).
Arunima Sinha	First female amputee to climb Mount Vinson, the highest peak of

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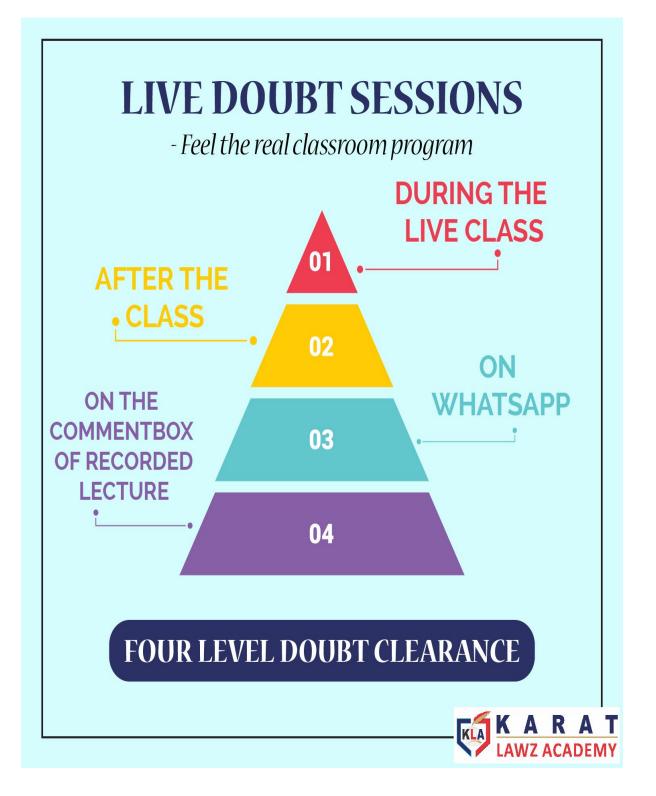


	Antarctica.		
Mary Kom	5-time World Amateur Boxing Champion. she is the only Indian		
	woman boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer		
	Olympics. She became the first Indian female boxer to win		
	a gold medal in the Asian Games in 2014 at Incheon, South		
	Korea and is the first Indian female boxer to win gold at the		
	2018 Commonwealth Games. She became the first woman to		
	win 6 World Championships.		
Garima Arora	First Indian Women Chef to win a Michelin Star		
Hima Das	First Indian woman athlete to win a gold at the world level in		
	the women's 400m final race in the IAAF World Under-20		
	Athletics Championships		
Rahi Sarnobat	First Indian woman to win a shooting gold in the Asian Games		
Usha Kiran	CRPF's First Woman Officer in Maoist-hit Bastar		
Shanti Devi	India's First Female Truck Mechanic		
Deepa Malik	First Indian Woman to win a medal at the Paralympics.		
Annie Besant	First female president of the Indian National Congress.		
Pandita Ramabai	First Indian woman to be awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal by		
	the British Raj.		
Sarojini Naidu	First Indian born female president of the Indian National		
	Congress.		
Sarla Thakral	the first Indian woman to fly an aircraft		
Asima Chatterjee	First Indian woman to be conferred the Doctorate of Science by		
	an Indian university.		
Amrit Kaur	First female Cabinet minister of India in the country's first		
	cabinet.		
Shila Dawre	country's first woman autorickshaw driver when she first		
	stepped into the 'male-dominated' zone		
Reita Faria Powel	Reita Faria Powel is an Indian model, doctor and beauty queen,		
	who won Miss World also the first Asian woman to win the title		
Arati Saha	The first Indian and Asian woman to swim across English		
	Channel. She also became the first female sportsperson to be		
	awarded Padma Shri in 1960.		
Mother Teresa	The first Indian woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize		
	The first woman Prime Minister of India and served from 1966		
Indira Gandhi	to 1977. In 1971, she became the first woman to receive the		
	Bharat Ratna award.		
Pratibha Patil	The first woman President of India and held office from July		



	2007 to July 2012.		
Kalpana Chawla	The first Indian woman who reached in space. As a mission		
	specialist and a primary robotic arm operator, she went into		
	space in 1997.		
Kiran Bedi	Kiran Bedi became the first woman officer in India. Moreover,		
	later in 2003, Kiran Bedi also became the first woman who was		
	appointed as the United Nations Civil Police adviser.		
Anjali Gupt	Anjali Gupta is the first female flying officer in the Indian Air		
	Force to be court-martialled		
Vijaya Lakshmi	The first woman (and first Indian) president of the United		
Pandit	Nations General Assembly		
Anna Chandy	The first Indian woman judge of a High Court (Kerala High		
	Court)		
Sucheta Kriplani	The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, the first woman to hold that		
	position in any Indian state		
Kamaladevi	Ramon Magsaysay award for community leadership		
Chattopadhyay			
Kamaljit Sandhu	The first Indian woman to win a Gold in the Asian Games		
Bachendri Pal	Bachendri Pal became the first Indian woman to climb Mount		
	Everest.		
Surekha Yadav	The first Asian woman loco-pilot or railway driver.		
Justice M. Fathima	The first woman judge of the Supreme Court of India		
Beevi			
Priya Jhingan	The first lady cadet to join the Indian Army (later commissioned		
	on 6 March 1993		
Meira Kumar	The first female Speaker of Lok Sabha.		
Priyanka N.	Drove the inaugural train of the Namma Metro becoming the		
	first female Indian metro pilot.		
Mitali Madhumita	The first woman officer to win a Sena Medal for gallantry.		





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