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1. Which railway station has been renamed as Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station?

- A. Jhansi Railway Station
- B. Indore Railway Station
- C. Bhopal Railway Station
- D. Itarsi Railway Station
- E. Gwalior Railway Station

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Uttar Pradesh government has renamed Jhansi Railway Station as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station' after Rani Laxmibai.
- Earlier the Mughalsarai Railway station was renamed as Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction and the Faizabad Railway station as Ayodhya Cantt.
- Since coming to power, Mr Adityanath government has changed names of several establishments including those of Faizabad and Allahabad districts, which were renamed as Ayodhya and Prayagraj, respectively.

2. Who has been awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club?

- A. Raghunath Rai Chowdhry
- B. Danish Siddiqui
- C. Atul Kasbekar
- D. Dayanita Singh
- E. Prabuddha Dasgupta

Ans. B

Sol.

- Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan, has been posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club.
- Danish Siddiqui's wife Frederike Siddiqui received the award.
- Senior journalist Prem Shankar Jha, 83, was bestowed with the lifetime achievement award "for his long and distinguished career of incisive and analytical writing".

3. Jawaharlal Nehru Road in which state has been renamed as 'Narendra Modi Marg'?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura
- D. Goa
- E. Manipur

Ans. A

Sol.

- A second road linking Tsomgo lake and Nathula border pass with Gangtok -- christened as 'Narendra Modi Marg' -- was officially inaugurated by Governor Ganga Prasad.
- The older route is called Jawaharlal Nehru Road.
- The alternative double-lane road at 51 Kyongasala gram panchayat unit (GPU) -- spanning 19.51 km -- has been operational for almost a year now.

4. Name the Indian women cricketer who has been nominated for the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year-2021 award?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Mithali Raj
- C. Harmanpreet Kaur
- D. Mansi Joshi
- E. Deepti Sharma

Ans. A

Sol.

- Indian women's team cricketer Smriti Mandhana has been nominated for the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year-2021 award.
- She has scored 855 runs in 22 internationals, at an average of 38.86 with one century and five half-centuries
- Besides her, other three cricketers - England's Tammy Beaumont, Australia's Lizelle Lee and Ireland's Gaby Lewis are also being nominated.

5. India's first state-of-the-art water taxi services will be commissioned in which city of India?

- A. Kochi
- B. Goa
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata
- E. Chennai

Ans. C

Sol.

- The financial capital of Mumbai is set to get a new transportation solution with the commissioning of state-of-the-art water taxi services.
- The services would be formally launched in January by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the exact dates are being finalised.
- The project is a joint initiative of Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT), City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB).
- Infinity Harbour Services LLP and West Coast Marine will be the two service operators.
- From Mumbai, the two points for the services would be the International Cruise Terminal at Ballard Pier and Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT) at Ferry Wharf.
- The government is working on various routes from DCT to Nerul, Belapur, Vashi, Airoli, Rewas, Karanja, Dharamtar, Kanhoji Angre Island and Thane.
- Another route is from ICT to Elephanta Island, which is a tourist spot and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

6. Who will lead the Parliamentary Standing Committee that will examine the bill that seeks to raise the legal age of marriage for women from 18 years to 21 years?

- A. Sushmita Dev
- B. Jaya Bachhan
- C. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe
- D. Smriti Irani
- E. Supriya Sule

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha during the winter session.
- It was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth, and Sports.
- The bill seeks to increase the legal age of marriage of women from 18 to 21.
- The parliamentary standing committee will be led by senior BJP leader Vinay Sahasrabuddhe.
- TMC MP Sushmita Dev is the only woman among the 31 members.

7. Name the person who has won the Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photo Journalism category?

- A. Danish Siddiqui
- B. Zishaan A Latif
- C. Chaitanya Marpakwar
- D. Dayanita Singh
- E. Ravi Choudhary

Ans. B

Sol.

- Zishaan A Latif won Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photo Journalism category.
- He won the award for his photo essay, The arduous struggle for inclusion in the NRC, which was published in The Caravan in October 2019.
- He documented the plight of people who were dropped from the National Register of Citizens (NRC), and put a face to an untold human story.

8. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Chandigarh University
- B. Punjab University
- C. Rohtak University
- D. Delhi University
- E. Kurukshetra University

Ans. A

Sol.

- \* Raksha Mantri has inaugurated Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology at Chandigarh University.
- \* He also launched Scholarship Scheme, worth Rs 10 crore, for the wards of Defence Personnel of the three Services.
- \* It is established with the objective of training students in space science, satellite development and meet future challenges in space research
- \* It would be the Ground Control Station for the Chandigarh University's Student Satellite.

9. Who has been appointed as the chairman-cum-CEO of Railway Board with immediate effect?

- A. Anupam Ray
- B. Baldev Prakash
- C. Vijay Paul Sharma
- D. Vinay Kumar Tripathi
- E. Sanjay Arora

Ans. D

Sol.

\* The Ministry of Railways appointed Vinay Kumar Tripathi as new chairman-cum-CEO of Railway Board with immediate effect after obtaining approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

\* Vinay Kumar Tripathi, prior to be appointed as new chairman of railway board was working as General Manager of North Eastern Railway in Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

\* The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has not only approved the appointment of Tripathi for six month from January 1 but also further granted extension of his tenure till 31 December in 2022.

10. Which country has won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2021 cricket tournament?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Pakistan
- D. India
- E. Afghanistan

Ans. D

Sol.

\* In cricket, India defeated Sri Lanka to win Under-19 Asia Cup 2021.

\* Yash Dhull-led young Indian side defeated Sri Lanka by 9 wickets at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

\* Sri Lanka had scored 106/9 and India were given the target of 99 runs due to the DLS method.

\* India suffered an early jolt as Harnoor Singh was plumed in front of the stumps in the fifth over.

\* Raghuvanshi and Rasheed stitched an unbeaten 96-run stand to take India home in the summit clash.

11. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)?

- A. Anupam Ray
- B. Baldev Prakash
- C. Vijay Paul Sharma
- D. Vinod Kannan
- E. Sanjay Arora

Ans. C

Sol.

\* The Centre has again appointed Vijay Paul Sharma as the chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after he relinquished the post in May last year following completion of the five-year tenure.

\* The role of CACP chairman will be crucial in the proposed committee on the minimum support price (MSP) and other reforms.

\* Currently, he is a Professor at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

12. 'Gram Ujala programme' is a flagship scheme of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- E. Ministry of Social Justice

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Gram Ujala Programme is a flagship scheme of Ministry of Power.

\* It was launched by the Union minister of power and new and renewable energy RK Singh in March 2021.

\* State-owned CESL has achieved a milestone of 50 lakh LED bulb distribution under the flagship Gram Ujala programme.

\* Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL), has achieved a remarkable milestone of distributing 50 lakh LED bulbs under the Project Crore of their Gram Ujala programme.

\* Gram Ujala's scheme is being implemented in rural households in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana.

13. Who becomes the first women chairman and managing director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)?

- A. Alka Mittal
- B. Vini Mahajan
- C. Soma Mondal
- D. Radhika Jha
- E. Leena Nair

Ans. A

Sol.

- \* Alka Mittal has been appointed as the interim chairman and managing director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) with effect from January 1, 2022, or until further orders.
- \* She is the first woman to head the country's largest oil and gas producer.
- \* She replaced Subhash Kumar, who retired on December 31.
- \* She has been appointed for a period of six months.
- \* She was also the first woman to join ONGC's board on November 27, 2018.

14. What is the tagline of the 25th National Youth Festival 2022 to be held in Puducherry from 12th to 16th January 2022?

- A. Swasthya Yuva Shashakth Yuva
- B. Shaksham Yuva Shashakth Yuva
- C. Swasthya Yuva Shaksham Yuva
- D. Shaksham Yuva Atmanirbhar Yuva
- E. Atmanirbhar Yuva Atmanirbhar Bharat

Ans. B

Sol.

- Union Minister, Anurag Thakur and Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Tamilisai Soundararajan has unveiled Logo and Mascot of the 25th National Youth Festival to be held in Puducherry from 12th to 16th January 2022.
- He also unveiled the tagline of National Youth Festival, Shaksham Yuva Shashakth Yuva meaning Capable Youth- Forceful Youth, Able Youth- Strong Youth.
- National Youth Festival is organized by Government of India every year in collaboration with one of the States.



15. Which state will host the 'Khelo India Youth Games' in 2022-23?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Karnataka
- E. Jharkhand

Ans. B

Sol.

- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan in a meeting with cabinet ministers approved to host the 'Khelo India Youth Games' in 2022-23.
- The approval has been given to host the games to be held in Bhopal city.
- The Government of Madhya Pradesh allocated Rs 176.59 crores for the first phase. Rs 15.56 crores is to be spent on operation and maintenance of International Sports Complex. Separate Funds are to be allocated for second and third phases.

16. Who has authored the book titled "Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India"?

- A. Jayanta Ghosal
- B. Joyojeet Pal
- C. Barkha Dutt
- D. Shekhar Gupta
- E. Dharendra K. Jha

Ans. E

Sol.

- Dharendra K. Jha, a Delhi based journalist, has authored a new book titled "Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India".
- The book is published by Vintage Books.
- The book explores Godse's relationship with the organizations that influenced his view and gave him a sense of purpose and draws out the gradual hardening of Godse's resolve that led to Mahatma Gandhi's assassination.

17. Who has been appointed as the president of the US-India Business Council (USIBC)?

- A. Ajay Kumar Chaudhary
- B. Atul Keshap
- C. Ashok Elluswamy
- D. Vinod Kannan
- E. VS Pathania

Ans. B

Sol.

- Atul Keshap, a former US diplomat who headed the US embassy in New Delhi as Chargé d’Affaires , was named the president of the US-India Business Council (USIBC).
- He will replace Nisha Biswal, who has been appointed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Senior Vice President of International Strategy and Global Initiatives and South Asia.
- Mr. Kehsap was also previously the U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives. He was posted to India in the 2005-2008 period and more recently in 2021 as Chargé d’Affaires.

18. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Web Portal for PM's Excellence Award, that is being awarded for which sector?

- A. Entrepreneurship
- B. Sports
- C. Public Administration
- D. Education
- E. Technological Innovation

Ans. C

Sol.

- Government of India has instituted “The Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in 2006.
- The award is being awarded for excellence in Public Administration” - to acknowledge, recognize and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by Districts/ Organizations of the Central and State Governments.
- Recently, Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh today launched the Web Portal for PM's Excellence Award.
- PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration portal for the year 2021-2022 is [www.pmawards.gov.in](http://www.pmawards.gov.in).

19. Which ministry has released draft National Air Sports Policy (NASP) for public feedback?

- A. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- B. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- C. Ministry of Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- E. Ministry of Culture

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has released draft National Air Sports Policy (NASP) for public feedback.
- As per an official release issued by the ministry the policy seeks to leverage India's potential for air sports and places a strong focus on ensuring international best practices in safety.
- The vision of the policy is to make India one of the top air sports nations by 2030.

20. What is full form of CSTO which was seen in news recently?

- A. Collective Security Treaty Organization
- B. Combined Security Treaty Organization
- C. Comprehensive Security Treaty Organization
- D. Caspian Sea Treaty Organization
- E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) is a Russia-led military alliance.
- It is a Moscow-based alliance of six former Soviet countries, for assistance.
- The CSTO has said that it will dispatch peacekeeping forces to Kazakhstan after the country's President asked for help in controlling protests that escalated into violence, including the seizure and setting afire of government buildings.
- Protesters in Kazakhstan's largest city stormed the presidential residence and the mayor's office and set both on fire.

21. India's first open rock museum was inaugurated in which city?

- A. Jabalpur
- B. Nagpur
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Ranchi
- E. Bhubaneswar

Ans. C

Sol.

- Union Minister of State, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first unique "Rock" Museum and later addressed the Hyderabad scientists at the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI).
- The Open Rock Museum, set up with the aim to educate and enlighten the masses about several lesser-known facts, displays around 35 different types of rocks from different parts of India with ages ranging from 3.3 billion years to around 55 million years of the Earth's history.
- These rocks also represent the deepest part of the earth up to 175 kilometres of distance from the surface of the earth.

22. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. France
- B. Italy
- C. Germany
- D. Spain
- E. Switzerland

Ans. A

Sol.

- \* Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports in France.
- \* The expedition was conducted in November last year and the team comprising 12 people - eight Army personnel and four youths of Arunachal Pradesh.
- \* Mr Singh interacted with some of the members of the team present in New Delhi.
- \* He distributed appreciation certificates and commended the team for completing the expedition without any injuries to the members.
- \* The expedition team carried out over 250 kilometres of winter trekking in the Alps Mountain Ranges, which included Tour De Mont Blanc trek covering the French, Swiss and Italian Alps.

\* The expedition was organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

23. Which of the following entities has organized the first ever Startup India Innovation Week from 10th to 16th January 2022?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- C. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- D. Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI)
- E. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Ans. B

Sol.

\* The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is organizing the first-ever Startup India Innovation Week from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

\* This virtual week-long innovation celebration aims to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

\* This is designed to showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India.

\* India is emerging as a global innovation hub, boasting the world's third-largest startup ecosystem.

\* DPIIT has recognised more than 61 thousand startups as on date.

24. Cloud Computing is related to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Remote Sensing
- B. Mapping
- C. Management and Processing of data
- D. Data delivery

Ans. C

Sol.

\* Cloud computing is an internet computing technique, that provides facilities like shared computer processing resources and data exchange between cloud and devices. Its main function is to manage data and services on a cloud application.

\* There are two types of cloud computing models namely the deployment model and service model.

\* Where deployment model is further divided into three types public cloud, private cloud, and hybrid cloud.

\* Service models are of three types namely - IaaS infrastructure as a service, PaaS – Platform as a service, SaaS – software as a service.

25. Which railway station has been renamed as Ekta Nagar railway station?

- A. Ahmedabad Railway station
- B. Kevadiya Railway Station
- C. Vadodara Railway Station
- D. Surat Railway Station
- E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

- Ministry of Railways has approved renaming of the Kevadiya railway station in Narmada district of Gujarat, as Ekta Nagar railway station.
- Statue of Unity's Kevadiya railway station falls under the Vadodara division.
- New station code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be EKNR.
- Numerical code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be 08224620.
- According to Western Railways, work has been started to change railway station name on all station boards.

26. Who has authored the book titled 'Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography', the authorized biography of Ratan Tata?

- A. H. S. Chhabra
- B. Sandeep Vaishya
- C. Thomas Matthew
- D. S S Oberoi
- E. Ajay Prakash Sawhney

Ans. C

Sol.

- Retired IAS officer and senior bureaucrat Dr. Thomas Matthew has penned down Ratan Tata's authorized biography titled 'Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography'
- The book is set to hit the stands in November 2022.
- It will be published by HarperCollins.

- The book chronicles Ratan Tata's childhood, college years, and early influences, among other things.
- Ratan Tata is an Indian industrialist and former chairman of Tata Sons and awarded Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan (2000).

27. Who won the best actress in Motion Picture-Drama award at 79th Golden Globe Awards 2022?

- A. Glenn Close
- B. Nicole Kidman
- C. Emma Watson
- D. Natalie Portman
- E. Emma Stone

Ans. B

Sol.

- Hollywood opened its awards season account with a pale version of the Golden Globes held behind closed doors.
- The Power of The Dog won the two biggest awards - Best Motion Picture (Drama) and Jane Campion won the Best Director.
- Will Smith took home his first Golden Globe. He won the Best Film Actor (Drama) for King Richard.
- Nicole Kidman won her fifth Golden Globe for Best Film Actress (Drama) for Being The Ricardos.
- Steven Spielberg's remake of West Side Story won major awards - Best Film (Comedy/Musical), Best Film Actress (Comedy/Musical) for Rachel Zegler and Best Supporting Actress (Film) for Ariana DeBose.
- Andrew Garfield won Best Film Actor (Comedy/Musical) for tick, tick... BOOM!.

28. Who has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022?

- A. Harshaali Malhotra
- B. Riya Sen
- C. Avika Gaur
- D. Aashika Bhatia
- E. Ahsaas Channa

Ans. A

Sol.

- Actress Harshaali Malhotra has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022 for her performance in the 2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan
- She received the award from Bhagat Singh Koshyari (Governor of Maharashtra)
- She played the role of Munni, who was mute young girl from Pakistan in Salman Khan starrer Bajrangi Bhaijaan.
- Govt of Maharashtra organized Bharat Ranta Dr Ambedkar national Awards 2022 ceremony in the memory of Dr Ambedkar
- It was first awarded in 1993.

29. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the three-member inquiry committee by the Supreme Court to look into the alleged security breach of Prime Minister's Punjab visit?

- A. B . V. Nagarathna
- B. Indu Malhotra
- C. Bela Trivedi
- D. Hima Kohli
- E. Indira Banerjee

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Supreme Court has appointed former Supreme Court Judge Justice Indu Malhotra to head the Committee to enquire into Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security lapse incident in Ferozepur on January 5.
- The Director-General of the National Investigation Agency, Director General of Police of Union Territory of Chandigarh, ADGP (Security) of Punjab and the Registrar General of the Punjab and Haryana High Court (who has seized the records relating to PM's visit) are the other members of the Committee.
- Former Justice Indu Malhotra was the first woman judge to be appointed to the Supreme Court Bench directly from the Bar, joining the ranks of six other women who have been appointed as SC judges in India since Independence.
- She served as judge in SC for close to three years from April 2018 to March 2021.

30. The headquarter of European Parliament is located in which place?

- A. Milan, Italy

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- B. Strasbourg, France
- C. Paris, France
- D. Berlin, Germany
- E. Vienna, Austria

Ans. B

Sol.

- The headquarter of European Parliament is located in Strasbourg, France.
- It represents the 450 million citizens of the European Union and refers to itself as the heart of European democracy.
- It is one of the seven branches of the EU and has more than 700 members directly elected by its member nations.
- Recently its President David Sassoli passed away.

31. In January 2022, who has been appointed as the chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
- B. Geoffrey Okamoto
- C. Bryan S. Graham
- D. Edward Miguel
- E. J. Bradford DeLong

Ans. A

Sol.

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has appointed French-born University of California-Berkeley economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas as the Fund's next chief economist.
- He will replace Gita Gopinath, who is joining the IMF management team this month.
- As Economic Counsellor, he will serve as director of the IMF's Research Department.
- In December, Georgieva appointed Gopinath as the Fund's second-ranking official, putting her in a wide-ranging policy role overseeing IMF surveillance activities, research and flagship publications.
- She replaces Geoffrey Okamoto, a former Trump administration US Treasury official, as first deputy managing director.

32. In January 2022, an 'MSME Technology Centre' was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in which place?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Puducherry
- C. Gurugram
- D. Bengaluru
- E. Hyderabad

Ans. B

Sol.

\* On the occasion of the National Youth Day 2022, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated an 'MSME Technology Centre', which will function under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), in Puducherry.

\* The centre was inaugurated during the inauguration event of the 25th National youth Festival (12th & 13th January 2022) in Puducherry.

\* He also inaugurated the 'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam', a modern auditorium with an open-air theatre in Puducherry.

33. Which two countries passport shares top rank in the Henley Passport Index 2022, released in January 2022?

- A. Japan and Singapore
- B. Finland and New Zealand
- C. Italy and Luxembourg
- D. UK and Germany
- E. Spain and Italy

Ans. A

Sol.

\* In the latest Henley Passport Index 2022 for quarter 1 the passport of Japan and Singapore ranked at top.

\* Germany and South Korea hold onto joint 2nd spot on the latest ranking, with passport holders able to access 190 destinations visa-free, while Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, and Spain share 3rd place, with a score of 189.

\* India's passport power has improved this quarter compared to 2021.



\* It now ranks at 83rd position in the Henley Passport Index, climbing seven places from 90th rank last year.

34. Who has been appointed as the 10th chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- A. Shailesh Nayak
- B. S Somnath
- C. Tirtha Pratim Das
- D. B . N. Suresh
- E. U. R. Rao

Ans. B

Sol.

\* S Somnath, an eminent rocket scientist, has been appointed as the chairperson of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

\* He replaces Kailasavadivoo Sivan.

\* K Sivan, the outgoing chairperson, will be completing his extended term on 14th January 2022.

\* Sivan was appointed as the Isro chief in January 2018 and was given a one-year extension till January 14, 2022.

\* Somanath's appointment as the Space secretary and the Space Commission Chairman is for a combined tenure of three years from the date of joining of the post, inclusive of an extension in tenure beyond the age of superannuation in public interest.

\* Before his appointment as the ISRO chief, he was serving as the director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.

35. According to biennial India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, has the largest forest cover in the country?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Odisha
- E. Maharashtra

Ans. A

Sol.

- According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021 report, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.
- The top five states in terms of increase in forest cover are Andhra Pradesh (647 sq km), Telangana (632 sq km), Odisha (537 sq km), Karnataka (155 sq km) and Jharkhand (110 sq km).
- The report is published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI).
- In the year 2022, 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the report is released by the environment minister Bhupender Yadav.
- This report was first published in the year 1987.

36. Which organization publishes the India State of Forest Report biennially?

- A. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
- B. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
- C. Forest Survey of India (FSI)
- D. Centre for Science and Environment
- E. The World Forest Organization

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change released the biennial "India State of Forest Report (ISFR)".
- The report is published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI).
- In the year 2022, 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the report is released by the environment minister Bhupender Yadav.
- This report was first published in the year 1987.
- According to the report, in 2021, the total forest and tree cover in India is 80.9 million hectares.
- This is over 24.60 percent of the geographical area of the country.

37. What is the theme of the 16th India Digital Summit, 2022?

- A. Digital India Mission – New Pillars of Aatmnirbhar Bharat
- B. Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Start of New Decade
- C. Supercharging Startups

D. Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Enabling the New Normal

E. Digital India- Make for the World Digital

Ans. C

Sol.

\* Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal has virtually addressed 16th India Digital Summit, 2022.

\* It was a two-day virtual event, that was organized by Internet And Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

\* Theme of the summit: "Supercharging Startups".

\* It is the oldest event of the digital industry in India.

\* During the summit, Minister unveiled 'LEAP' as the way forward to further strengthen our Startups ecosystem.

38.9th National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was inaugurated in which state/union territories?

A. Ladakh

B. Himachal Pradesh

C. Jammu and Kashmir

D. Sikkim

E. Arunachal Pradesh

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur has inaugurated 9th women National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 at Ice Skating Rink, Kaza in Lahaul Spiti district.

\* Ice Hockey competition and development camp is being organized at the national level for the first time in Himachal Pradesh

\* Participants: Himachal Pradesh, Telengana, Ladakh, ITBP Ladakh, Chandigarh and Delhi.

\* First Basic Ice Hockey ten days Coaching Camp was organized at Kaza in the year 2019.

39.Zojila project, Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel will connect Ladkah with \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Dharamshala

B. Jammu

C. Srinagar

D. Shimla

E. Kathua

Ans. C

Sol.

- \* Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) has completed 5-km-long tunnelling work as part of the 18-km-long all-weather Zojila Tunnel.
- \* The project of the NHIDCL, being executed by the MEIL, is envisaged to ensure connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh throughout the year.
- \* Zojila project, Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel, is a challenging development project in India for strategic reasons too.

40. In January 2022, the Indian Navy has conducted a passing exercise with which country in the Arabian Sea?

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Russia
- E. Australia

Ans. D

Sol.

- \* The navies of India and Russia conducted a passing exercise in the Arabian Sea.
- \* Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer INS Kochi exercised with Russian Federation Navy's destroyer Admiral Tributs.
- \* The exercise showcased cohesiveness and interoperability between the two navies and included tactical manoeuvres, cross-deck helicopter operations and seamanship activities.
- \* A passing exercise is done to ensure that two navies participating in it are able to smoothly coordinate and communicate in times of any disaster or war.

41. Which became the first country to buy the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system boosting India's efforts to become a major exporter of defence hardware?

- A. Australia
- B. Philippines
- C. Indonesia
- D. Japan
- E. Sri Lanka

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Philippines become the first country to buy the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system boosting India's efforts to become a major exporter of defence hardware.
- The Philippines recently signed the 'notice of award' or the acceptance of India's BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd **\$374.96 million (USD 374,962,800)** proposal for supplying the missile system for the Philippine Navy's shore-based **anti-ship missile acquisition project**.
- As a part of approval, Philippines will acquire **three batteries** of the BrahMos cruise missile; training for operators and maintainers; along with Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) package.

42. 'Infinity Bridge' is an impressive construction in which city of world that was opened to traffic for the first time?

- A. Riyadh  
B. Singapore  
C. Dubai  
D. Abu Dhabi  
E. Tel Aviv

Ans. C

Sol.

- Iconic 'Infinity Bridge' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates has been formally opened to traffic for the first time on 16th January, 2022
- Its design resembles mathematical sign for infinity ( $\infty$ )
- It represents limitless, infinite goals of Dubai.
- It consists of six lanes in each direction and combined 3-metre track for pedestrians and cyclists
- It is 300 mtrs long and 22 mtrs wide
- It is built over Dubai Creek and can accommodate 24,000 vehicles in both directions each hour.

43. Who won the Best National Costume award at the prestigious Mrs World 2022 pageant in Nevada, Las Vegas?

- A. Navdeep Kaur  
B. Debanjali Kamstra  
C. Aditi Govtrikar  
D. Payal Singh



E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- Navdeep Kaur from India has won Best National Costume award at the prestigious Mrs World 2022 pageant in Nevada, Las Vegas
- She is the winner of Mrs India World 2021 and was representing the country at Mrs World 2022.
- She wore a striking gold Avant Garde outfit inspired by Kundalini Chakra and was designed by Eggie Jasmin.
- Mrs America, Shaylyn Ford, was crowned as the 'Mrs World 2022'.
- Mrs Jordan, Jaclyn Stapp, Mrs UAE, Debanjali Kamstra, were declared as the runner ups.

44. Which country has built an "artificial moon" research facility that will enable them to simulate low-gravity environments using magnetism?

- A. Israel
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. China
- E. France

Ans. D

Sol.

- China built an "artificial moon" research facility that will enable them to simulate low-gravity environments using magnetism.
- The gravity of this place can be controlled using powerful magnets by scientists to such low levels that it could successfully simulate the moon's gravity.
- The artificial moon research facility is scheduled for official launch in the year 2022.
- It is first of its kind research facility in the world.

45. Name the Indian navy ship that participated in the PASSEX exercises with Russian navy ships in the Arabian Sea in January 2022?

- A. INS Shivalik
- B. INS Kochi
- C. INS Kolkata
- D. INS Virat
- E. INS Visakhapatnam



Ans. B

Sol.

- \* The navies of India and Russia conducted a passing exercise in the Arabian Sea.
- \* Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer INS Kochi exercised with Russian Federation Navy's destroyer Admiral Tributs.
- \* The exercise showcased cohesiveness and interoperability between the two navies and included tactical manoeuvres, cross-deck helicopter operations and seamanship activities.
- \* A passing exercise is done to ensure that two navies participating in it are able to smoothly coordinate and communicate in times of any disaster or war.

46. Who has won the Best FIFA Men's Player 2021 award?

- A. Robert Lewandowski
- B. Cristiano Ronaldo
- C. Erling Haaland
- D. Mohamed Salah
- E. Kevin De Bruyne

Ans. A

Sol.

- \* Poland/Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski awarded the Best FIFA Players 2021 award.
- \* Lewandowski won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award for the second straight year, after getting the first one in 2020.
- \* Spain midfielder Alexia Putellas Best FIFA Players 2021 award in women's category.
- \* Cristiano Ronaldo has been awarded the FIFA Special Best Men's award.
- \* The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held virtually in Zurich, Switzerland to crown outstanding players for excellent achievement in football.

47. Who has released a book titled 'Prakrtik, Vaidik avem Jaivik Kheti- Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swaroop'?

- A. Narendra Tomar
- B. Manoj Sinha
- C. M Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Satyapal Malik
- E. Amit Shah

Ans. B

Sol.

- \* Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has released a book titled 'Prakrtik, Vaidik avem Jaivik Kheti- Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swaroop' at the Raj Bhavan, Jammu.
- \* The book was published by Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Kathua
- \* It was released as a souvenir after the successful conduct of the Annual Festival and foundation day celebrations
- \* In this research-oriented souvenir, scholars of Sanskrit-agricultural science, young researchers have written their research papers.

48. In January 2022, which organization has released a report titled 'Inequality Kills' that reveals that COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic inequalities across the world?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. Oxfam India
- E. Economist Intelligence Unit

Ans. D

Sol.

- \* Oxfam India has released report titled as 'Inequality Kills', which reveals that COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic inequalities across the world.
- \* Key highlights:
  - \* Wealth of world's 10 richest men doubled since COVID began.
  - \* Collective wealth of India's 100 richest people hit a record high of Rs 57.3 lakh crore (\$ 775 billion) in 2021.
  - \* Number of Indian billionaires grew from 102 to 142 during COVID.
  - \* 84% of households suffered a decline in their income in a year.

49. Who has been declared the winner of the Mrs World 2022 beauty pageant?

- A. Navdeep Kaur
- B. Shaylyn Ford
- C. Jaclyn Stapp
- D. Debanjali Kamstra
- E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Meanwhile, Mrs America, Shaylyn Ford, was crowned as 'Mrs World 2022'.

\* Mrs Jordan, Jaclyn Stapp and Mrs UAE, Debanjali Kamstra, were declared as the runner ups, respectively.

50. Who has authored the book titled 'The Legend of Birsa Munda'?

A. Tuhin A Sinha

B. Ankita Verma

C. H. S. Chhabra

D. S S Oberoi

E. Both A and B

Ans. E

Sol.

\* The book titled 'The Legend of Birsa Munda', authored by Tuhin A Sinha and co-authored by Ankita Verma.

\* The book has been released by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

\* The book is the story of a lesser-known tribal hero, Birsa Munda, who courageously fought against the oppressive British Raj for the rights of his tribal community.

51. The Amar Jawan Jyoti was erected to honour thousands of Indian soldiers who martyred during \_\_\_\_\_.

A. World War I

B. World War II

C. Indo-Pak War 1971

D. Kargil War 1999

E. Indo-China War 1962

Ans. C

Sol.

\* According to defence officials, the Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate will be merged with the flame at the newly constructed National War Memorial in the same complex.

\* The Amar Jawan Jyoti was erected as a memorial to fallen soldiers of the 1971 operations that led to the freedom of Bangladesh.

\* It is housed inside the India Gate, a British era memorial to soldiers who lost their lives in pre-independence operations.

52. Which Central Armed Police Forces of India has launched Operation Sard Hawa?

- A. Border Security Force (BSF)
- B. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- C. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- E. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

Ans. A

Sol.

\* Operation Sard Hawa is a regular annual exercise launched by the Border Security Force (BSF).

\* Under the exercise the BSF will increase surveillance along the Pakistan border in Rajasthan.

\* The Operation Sard Hawa is conducted during winters and Operation Garam Hawa is conducted during summers.

\* These operations are held to control the infiltration in the borders.

53. Who has been elected as the chairman of the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO)?

- A. Chanchal Kumar
- B. Narendra Kumar Goenka
- C. Dileep Sanghani
- D. Vikram Dev Dutt
- E. Raghuvendra Tanwar

Ans. C

Sol.

\* Dileep Sanghani has been elected as chairman of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO).

\* Its incumbent Chairman Balvinder Singh Nakai passed away recently.

\* The elected board of directors of IFFCO unanimously elected Dileep Sanghani as the 17th chairman of the Cooperative.

\* He was earlier serving as the IFFCO vice-chairman. Sanghani was elected as the vice-chairman of IFFCO in the year 2019.

\* Dileep Bhai Sanghani is a senior co-operator from Gujarat and he is also the chairman of Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (GUJCOMASOL), a post he has held since 2017.

54. Which city will host the 2024 Summer Paralympics Games?

- A. Rome, Italy
- B. Paris, France
- C. London, UK
- D. Busan, South Korea
- E. New Delhi, India

Ans. B

Sol.

- After the Summer Olympic Games, the French capital city of Paris will host the Paralympics. Paris 2024 will be the largest event ever organised in the country and it promises to be an inclusive, interactive and sustainable celebration of sport.

55. ISRO Propulsion Complex is located in which place?

- A. Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- B. Trivandrum, Kerala
- C. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- E. Hyderabad, Telangana

Ans. A

Sol.

- ISRO successfully fired the high thrust Vikas engine that would power India's first human-carry rocket.

- The Vikas engine for the Gaganyaan human space mission underwent the qualification test for a duration of 25 seconds at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

- Two engines have undergone tests under nominal operating conditions for a total duration of 480 seconds.

- The trial involved stress testing the fuel-oxidiser ratio and chamber pressure.

56. A new species of frog discovered in Panama's tropical rainforest has been named after \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Malala Yousafzai
- B. Great Thunberg
- C. Kallan Benson
- D. Luisa Naubauer
- E. Isra Hirsi

Ans. B

Sol.

- A new species of frog discovered in Panama has been named after Swedish environmental activist Great Thunberg.
- The new species of the frog is named *Pristimantis gretathunburgae*.
- The team, which discovered the new species, was led by Abel Batista from Panama and Konrad Mebert from Switzerland.
- The *Pristimantis gretathunburgae* was found by the team on an island in eastern Panama called Cerro Chucanti.
- The island was surrounded by lowland tropical rainforest.

57. Who has become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion?

- A. Alia Bhatt
- B. Harshaali Malhotra
- C. Prajakta Koli
- D. Anisha Dixit
- E. Aditi Mittal

Ans. C

Sol.

- Content creator and actress, Prajakta Koli has become the first UNDP India Youth Climate Champion.
- The title has been conferred to her following her contribution towards mental health, women's rights and girl child education through various global social campaigns

- UNDP aims to eliminate poverty, achieve sustainable growth and scale up human development in countries where it is required the most.

- She is a global ambassador for YouTube's 'Creators For Change' initiative.

58. Who has been bestowed with the highest civilian award of Assam 'Asom Baibhav'?

- A. Gautam Adani
- B. Ratan Naval Tata
- C. Mukesh Ambani
- D. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- E. NR Narayana Murthy

Ans. B

Sol.

- Industrialist Ratan Tata will be bestowed with the highest civilian award of Assam 'Asom Baibhav'.

- Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi will confer the award to the former chairman of Tata sons on 24 January, 2022.

- The Assam government is conferring 'Asom Baibhav' to Ratan Tata for his contribution to setting up cancer treatment facilities in the state.

- Tata Trusts had signed an MoU with the Assam government in 2018, giving a formal share to this project.

59. Which state government has set up India's first Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) Center of Excellence recently?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Telangana
- E. Kerala

Ans. C

Sol.

\* The Karnataka state government has launched a centre of excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comics (AVGC), positioning it as a pioneering high technology digital media hub.

\* Karnataka was the first Indian state to introduce an AVGC policy in 2012.



\* The state is now home to the country's first to set up such a centre, which is also said to be the biggest in Asia, the government said in a release.

60. The Gujarat government has named an under-bridge in Rajkot after \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Atal Bihari Bajpai
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. General Bipin Rawat
- D. Murali Manohar Joshi
- E. Pandit Dindayal Upadhyaya

Ans. C

Sol.

\* The Gujarat government named an under-bridge in Rajkot after General Bipin Rawat to honour the country's first Chief of Defence Staff who passed away in a chopper crash in December.

\* General Rawat died on December 8 when his military helicopter crashed near Coonoor in Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu.

\* All 14 on board, including the general's wife, perished in the incident.

61. Who has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year award 2021?

- A. Babar Azam
- B. Kane Williamson
- C. Joe Root
- D. Mohd Rizwan
- E. Shaheen Afridi

Ans. E

Sol.

\* Pakistan's left-arm seamer Shaheen Afridi has won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year for 2021.

\* Afridi had an unforgettable 2021, claiming a total of 78 wickets in 36 international matches at an average of 22.20.

\* England captain Joe Root, New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson and Pakistan's wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan were the other nominees for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy.



\* The award is given to the best overall performer in men's international cricket in a year.

62. Who has been roped-in as the captain of Lucknow Super Giants IPL team 2022?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Ravi Bishnoi
- D. KL Rahul
- E. Marcus Stoinis

Ans. D

Sol.

- Lucknow team roped-in KL Rahul as their captain and also roped in Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis and leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi.
- Lucknow's IPL franchise has been renamed Lucknow Super Giants ahead of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 mega auction.

63. Which India film has been nominated for best feature film in Oscar 2022?

- A. Jai Bhim
- B. Pebbles
- C. Sardar Udham
- D. Nayattu
- E. Barah x Barah

Ans. A

Sol.

- Suriya's hard-hitting Tamil socio-drama 'Jai Bhim' has been nominated for best feature film in Oscar 2022.
- It is inspired by a real-life incident from the 1990s in Tamil Nadu.
- Jai Bhim is the fourth Indian film to get nominated for Oscars after Mother India, Salaam Bombay, and Lagaan.

64. Joint naval exercises CHIRU-2Q22 was conducted by which countries?

- A. Russia, China and Iran
- B. UAE, US and Japan
- C. India, Mauritius, Sri Lanka
- D. Russia, North Korea, Iran
- E. None of the above

Ans. A



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- The Russian, Chinese and Iranian navies undertook naval exercises CHIRU-2Q22 in the Gulf of Oman from January 18 to 22, 2022.
- The maritime drills conducted in the northern parts of the Indian Ocean aimed at deepening practical cooperation among the navies of the three countries.
- The participants practiced various tactics and operations, such as rescuing ablaze vessels, saving hijacked vessels, shooting at targets, nocturnal shooting at aerial targets, and other tactical maneuvers as a part of the drill.

65. What is India's rank in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 released by the Transparency International?

- A. 55<sup>th</sup>
- B. 67<sup>th</sup>
- C. 77<sup>th</sup>
- D. 78<sup>th</sup>
- E. 85<sup>th</sup>

Ans. E

Sol.

- Transparency International has released the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 in which India has been ranked at 85th spot (Score of 40).
- The ranking has been topped jointly by three countries- Denmark, Finland and New Zealand (Score of 88).
- This ranking measures how corrupt each country's public sector is perceived to be. The results are given on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
- 180 countries are ranked in it.

66. Who has authored the book titled "Last among Equals: Power, Caste, and Politics in Bihar's Villages"?

- A. Tuhin A Sinha
- B. Ankita Verma
- C. Chandrachur Ghose
- D. MR Sharan
- E. Arundhati Bhattacharya

Ans. D

Sol.

- MR Sharan authored the, Last among Equals: Power, Caste, and Politics in Bihar's Villages.
- The book is an account of the author's field study in a group of villages in Bihar.
- The book lays bare how the best of policies, crafted with the best of intentions, get subverted by local village-level power structures.
- The hero of this book is the little-known Sanjay Sahni, an immigrant from Bihar eking out a comfortable living as an electrician in Delhi.

67. Which tiger reserve has been awarded the prestigious international TX2 Award for doubling its tiger population since 2010?

- A. Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve
- B. Satpura Tiger Reserve
- C. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- D. Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- E. Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu was Tuesday awarded the prestigious international TX2 Award for doubling its tiger population since 2010.
- Nepal's Bardia National Park was also jointly conferred the award, for doubling its population of wild tigers.
- It is presented by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) along with Conservation Assured Tiger Standards, Fauna and Flora International, Global Tiger Forum, IUCN's Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme, Panthera, United Nations Development Programme, The Lion's Share, and Wildlife Conservation Society.
- The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in Erode district, and now houses 80 tigers in its 1408 sq. km campus.

68. How many people have been conferred with the Padma Awards in 2022?

- A. 128
- B. 174
- C. 275
- D. 328
- E. 350

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian awards of India which are given in various disciplines -- literature and education, arts, science and engineering, trade and industry, civil services, public affairs, sports, and medicine.
- This year, the President has approved conferment of 128 Padma Awards -- 4 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri Awards.
- Of them, 34 are women, 13 awards are posthumous, and 10 awards are for persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI.

69. Shivangi Singh held from which state who became the first woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale as part of the Indian Air Force tableau at the Republic Day parade?

- A. Bihar
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Rajasthan

Ans. C

Sol.

- India's first woman pilot to fly a Rafale fighter jet, Shivangi Singh, was part of the Indian Air Force tableau at the Republic Day parade.
- Shivangi is from Varanasi and is part of the IAF's Golden Arrows squadron based out of Ambala in Punjab.
- Shivangi Singh joined the Indian Air Force in 2017 and was commissioned in the IAF's second batch of women fighter pilots.
- The theme of this year's IAF tableau was Indian Air Force, transforming for the future.
- She is only the second woman pilot to take part in the Tableau of the Indian Air Force. Bhawna Kanth, a fighter jet pilot, was the first woman to take part in the IAF tableau.

70. In association with Amar Chitra Katha, which ministry has prepared the comic book titled 'India's Women Unsung Heroes'?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Welfare
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

- The comic book titled 'India's Women Unsung Heroes' was launched by Union Minister for Culture and author Meenakshi Lekhi at IGNCA, New Delhi.
- The unique book has been prepared by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in partnership with Amar Chitra Katha.
- It beautifully portrays the tales of valor of our forgotten women freedom fighters.
- The book is launched as a part of the Ministry of Culture's ongoing Amrit Mahotsav.

71. Sandhya Mukherji who has refused to accept Padma Shri award is a noted\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Social worker
- B. Singer
- C. Folk Dancer
- D. Politician
- E. Educationist

Ans. B

Sol.

- Sandhya Mukherjee is a legendary singer.
- A classical and semi-classical singer, Ms Mukherjee has sung for numerous Bengali movies and for a number of Hindi movies and has worked with leading music directors including SD Burman, Madan Mohan, Naushad, Anil Biswas and Salil Chaudhury.
- On the eve of India's Republic Day this year, Mukherjee, now 90, was conferred with Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honour in the country, for her contribution to music.
- She, though, has refused to accept the honour, calling it "insulting and demeaning".

72. Who has been appointed as Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) to the government of India?

- A. MR Kumar
- B. Raj Kumar
- C. Ajay Tyagi
- D. V Anantha Nageswaran
- E. Subhash Chandra Garg

Ans. D

Sol.

- The central government has appointed Dr V Anantha Nageswaran as its Chief Economic Advisor (CEA).
- Prior to his appointment, Nageswaran has also been a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021.
- He has replaced Krishnamurthy Subramanian, who returned to academia in December after a three-year tenure as CEA.
- CEA in the finance ministry is a key contributor to the govt's overall strategy in managing the economy.

73. With which intergovernmental organization, India has recently approved a Digital Work Plan 2022?

- A. BRICS
- B. G20
- C. SAARC
- D. G7
- E. ASEAN

Ans. E

Sol.

- India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022 has been approved during 2nd ASEAN Digital Ministers meeting.
- It includes a system for combating the use of stolen and counterfeit mobile handsets and WiFi Access network interface for nationwide public internet.
- It also includes capacity building and knowledge sharing in emerging areas in Information and Communication Technologies such as Internet of Things, 5G, Advanced Satellite Communication and Cyber Forensics.

74. Who has authored the book titled 'Fearless Governance'?

- A. Kiran Bedi
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- E. Anupriya Patel

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Book titled 'Fearless Governance' authored by Dr Kiran Bedi has been released.
- Dr. Kiran Bedi is the former Lt Governor of Puducherry and IPS (retd).
- This book is based on the ground realities of nearly five years of service of Dr. Bedi as Lt. Governor of Puducherry and her vast experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service.

75. In which state Social activists have built a temple for Mahatma Gandhi and freedom fighters?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Chhattisgarh
- E. Rajasthan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Social activists have built a temple for Mahatma Gandhi and freedom fighters' Smrithi Vanam at the Municipal Park in Srikakulam, AP.
- Aim: to inculcate patriotism among the youth by remembering the sacrifices of freedom fighters.
- Statues of freedom fighters and social activists were erected in the park with the help of donors.
- Arrangements have been made to unveil the Gandhi temple as well as Smrithi Vanam on the eve of Gandhiji's death anniversary.

76. Who is the chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation of India?

- A. MR Kumar
- B. Raj Kumar
- C. Ajay Tyagi
- D. Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- E. Subhash Chandra Garg

Ans. A

Sol.

- The govt has extended the tenure of MR Kumar as chairman of IPO-bound LIC by one more year with a view to facilitate smooth listing of the insurance behemoth.
- Besides, the government has also extended the tenure of one of the managing directors, Raj Kumar, for one year.
- With the extension, M R Kumar will continue as chairman of LIC till March 2023.
- This is the second extension for the LIC chairman.
- The government owns a 100 per cent stake in LIC.





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