



Bi-Weekly Current Affairs 2022 for All Exams (16-30 Apr) (English PDF)

Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates **16-30th April 2022**

Dear readers,

Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-30th) of **April 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway, & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. What is the Retail inflation in India in March 2022 _____ **6.95%**.

Note:

- Retail inflation in India in February month was 6.07%. Inflation is based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased sharply due to rising food and oil prices.
- As per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data, the inflation in the food basket was 7.68% in March which is up from 5.85% in February 2022.

2. Which payment bank has approved a minority strategic investment in fintech Paysprint Pvt Ltd of up to 12.19% _____
Fino Payments Bank.

Note:

- Paysprint is a rapidly growing financial technology company which is offering next-generation APIs in the areas of insurance, investment, banking, payments, and more.
- The partnership will transform the digital banking space in coming days.

3. Which bank has celebrated its 128th Foundation Day on April 12, 2022 _____ **Punjab National Bank.**

Note:

- On the occasion of foundation day, MD & CEO of PNB, Atul Kumar Goel has launched a cardless cash withdrawal service and a virtual debit card for its customers.
- Bank also launched various services on its mobile app named PNB One for safe banking transactions.
- The bank was founded by eminent freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai.

4. What would be India's GDP forecast for the fiscal year 2022-23 by World Bank _____ **8%**.

Note:

- Worsening supply bottlenecks and rising inflation risks which were caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine
- World Bank also cut a full percentage point of the growth outlook for South Asia to 6.6% (excluding Afghanistan).

5. Up to which percent the government has amended the rules of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) to open the way for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) _____ **up to 20%**.

Note:

- The government is also planning to dilute its stake in LIC through the Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- SEBI has also given approval to the draft papers and the insurer is in the process of filing a request for a proposal with changes.

6. How much amount has been invested by the government in NICL, OICL, UICL insurance companies _____ **₹5,000 crores.**

Note:

- ₹3,700 crores in NICL, ₹1,200 crores in OICL, and Rs 100 crores in UICL.
- This authorized capital will be used to subscribe to the share capital of the respective public sector general insurance companies and issuance of shares to the Centre against the subscription.
- The three state-owned general insurers that cover 20% market share have been unprofitable.

7. Which payment app has come up in a partnership with internet exchange point, Extreme IX to enable faster digital payments _____ **PhonePe**.

Note:

- This partnership helps PhonePe to decrease the latency for its users irrespective of their location or ISP in India.
- PhonePe has become the first digital payments platform to participate in an Internet Exchange in India.

8. Which Cryptocurrency lender has joined hands with global payments company Mastercard to launch the world's first "crypto-backed" payment card _____ **Nexo**.

Note:

- Electronic money firm DiPocket is Nexo's card issuer. Interest remains at 0% for customers who maintain a loan-to-value ratio of 20% or below.
- This move by crypto and incumbent financial networks forces digital assets to become more mainstream. Initially, The card will be available in selected European countries.

9. Which bank has raised 3-year funds of \$500 million through a syndicated loan facility at "very fine pricing" through its IFSC Gift City branch _____ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Note:

- This is the first offshore USD Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) linked syndicated loan raised by SBI through its Gift City branch.
- MUFG, Bank of America, and JP Morgan were the Joint lenders for this offering.

10. According to the World Bank, what would be the global growth forecast for 2022 _____ **3.2%**.

Note:

- Due to the impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- The reason for lowering the projection is that people are facing reduced commercial activity and trade, and the debt crisis and currency depreciations have placed a heavy burden on the poor.
- The world is also facing reversals in development in education, health, and gender equality.

11. What is the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation in India for the month of March 2022 _____ **14.55%**.

Note:

- In February, WPI inflation was 13.11% on the hardening of prices of crude oil and non-food items.
- The WPI food index has increased from 8.47% in February to 8.71% in March.
- The food index includes food articles from the primary group and food products from the manufactured products group.

12. What is the Large exposure lending limit set by the Reserve bank of India(RBI) for the Upper layer of NBFC _____ **must not exceed 20% of its capital base**.

Note:

- Board can allow an additional 5%.
- NBFCs that are into infrastructure finance can have exposure of 25%, with an option of an additional 5% of Tier I capital to a single counterparty. Norms will come into effect from October 1, 2022.

13. How much percent stakes will be sold by the HDFC in HDFC Capital Advisors to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) to raise funds of Rs 184 crore _____ **10% stake**.

Note:

- ADIA is an important investor in the alternative investment funds managed by HDFC Capital.
- HDFC Capital was set up in 2016 as the investment manager for HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate Funds 1, 2 and 3.

14. Who is the head of the advisory committee on enhancing the regulator's technology capacity and on exploring appropriate technological solutions for early detection of market anomalies by SEBI _____ **Sunil Bajpai**.

Note:

- The seven-member committee was set up in December 2021 and was earlier chaired by Madhabi Puri Buch.

15. What are the total enrolments (subscribers) under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Scheme as of March 2022 _____ **Over 4.01 crore.**

Note:

- Around 71% of the enrolments are done by PSBs, 19% by RRBs, 6% by Private Sector Banks, and 3% by Payment and Small Finance Banks.
- Banks like State Bank of India, Indian Bank, Bank of India, BoB, and Central Bank of India have achieved their annual targets in the Public-sector Bank category.

16. Which payment bank has launched a joint initiative named Fincluvation to collaborate with the Fintech Startup community _____ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).**

Note:

- To co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion.
- Start-ups will develop solutions and tailored products and services for customers.

17. According to the 2022 edition of the Chiratae-Zinnov India SaaS report titled, "India SaaS - Punching Through the Global Pecking Order, by which year the Indian SaaS (Software As A Service) industry is set to clock in \$100 billion in revenues _____ **2026.**

Note:

- The industry in India is witnessing a 'coming-of-age' moment, "with an incredible bull run that has firmly anchored its position on the global stage
- Indian SaaS witnessed massive growth at approx 55 per cent CAGR in 2021.

18. In which country BHIM UPI has been activated by NPCI International Payments Ltd at NEOPAY terminals _____ **UAE.**

Note:

- This initiative will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI across NEOPAY-enabled shops and merchant stores.
- NEOPAY is the payment subsidiary of Mashreq Bank.

19. The Reserve Bank of India has issued new guidelines for the Credit card and debit cards company, these guidelines will come into effect from _____ **July 1, 2022.**

Note:

- The RBI has asked card companies not to issue unsolicited credit cards or upgrade existing cards without the explicit consent of the customer/
- Failing which they would be liable to pay double the amount billed as a penalty.

20. For which type of banks, the RBI has extended the guidelines on Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) to large borrowers _____ **NBFCs and Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs).**

Note:

- The RBI further advised that non-individual borrowers enjoying aggregate exposure of ₹5 crores and above from banks and financial institutions (FIs) shall be required to obtain LEI codes as per the given timeline.
- The Legal Entity Identifier is a 20-digit number used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions globally.

21. Who is the head of the advisory committee on market data that recommends policy measures pertaining to areas like securities market data access and privacy _____ **M S Sahoo.**

Note:

- The panel will now have 21 members.
- Nithin Kamath; Ranjit Pawar; Sreekanth Nadella; Suhas Tuljapurkar are also included in the committee.

22. Which bank has signed a pact with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for tax collection _____ **Dhanlaxmi Bank.**

Note:

- The bank has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) based on recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts for collection of various taxes.
- This MoU will help customers to pay their direct taxes and GST payments and other indirect taxes through the branch network and digital platforms of the bank.

23. Which payment bank has partnered with IndusInd Bank to offer fixed deposit (FD) facilities to its customers _____ **Airtel Payments Bank.**

Note:

- A customer can open FD of Rs 500 up to Rs 190,000 on the Airtel Thanks app.
- With this partnership, customers of Airtel Payments Bank savings account will get an interest rate of up to 6.5 %p.a. and senior citizens will get an additional 0.5% on all fixed deposits.

24. Which IT company has expanded its strategic partnership with SBI Cards to power digital transformation _____ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

Note:

- TCS had helped the SBI cards to transform its core cards sourcing platform and digitized a significant portion of the process.
- TCS will digitalize and transform the online onboarding processes to enable a faster turnaround and frictionless experience.

25. Which fintech company has collaborated with Bajaj Finance to introduce a fixed deposit feature on its platform by adding a new icon for an improved customer experience _____ **FinMapp.**

Note:

- The fintech firm is offering an interest rate of 7.35% on the fixed deposit of app users.
- FinMapp offers multiple tenures to choose from for their fixed deposits of 15, 18, 22, 30, 33, and 44 months, or opt for one, three, and five years, respectively.

26. Which country has topped in the real-time transactions in 2021 as per the ACI Worldwide Report _____ **India.**

Note:

- India has extended to 48.6 billion in 2021.
- India's transaction volume is seven times greater than the combined volumes of Germany, USA, UK, Canada, and France.
- Top Five countries: India(48.6 billion); China (18.5 billion); Thailand(9.7 billion); Brazil(8.7 billion); South Korea (7.4 billion)

27. What is the name of the contactless keychain which was launched by Pencilton (teen-focused fintech) _____ **PencilKey.**

Note:

- Launched in a partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Transcorp.
- Users can load money, check spends, block/unblock the account, set limits on their card through the Pencilton app, and can buy their PencilKey and PencilCard for ₹150 and ₹100 respectively.

28. What is the new feature launched by the Bank of Baroda on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly _____ **bob World Gold.**

Note:

- It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience.
- This platform has easy navigation, large fonts, sufficient spacing and clear menus.

29. For which programme, the World Bank has approved a USD 47 million financial support to the Government of India _____ **the Mission Karmayog.**

Note:

- The loan of \$47 million provided from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a final maturity of 11 years, including a grace period of 4.5 years.
- Mission Karmayogi was launched by Union Cabinet on 2nd September 2020.

30. What is the additional funding that has been approved by the Union Cabinet for India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) _____ **Rs. 820 crores.**

Note:

- with this grant, the project outlay for setting up of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been revised from Rs.1435 crore to Rs.2255 crore.
 - The Cabinet has also granted in-principle approval for a future fund of Rs.500 crore for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation.
31. What per cent the government offers interest subvention annually to banks on short-term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers at an interest rate of 7%p.a ____ **2%**.

Note:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended norms for banks to claim the amount of interest subvention which is provided to farmers under the short-term crop loan scheme through Kisan Credit Card (KCC).
 - Pending claims for the 2021-22 FY can be submitted by June 30, 2023, by the statutory auditor's certification.
32. Which bank has launched India's first comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, which can also be used by the customers of other banks ____ **ICICI Bank**.

Note:

- Anyone can use the benefits of digital solutions on the InstaBIZ app.
- MSMEs customers of other banks can avail of a host of services by logging in as a 'Guest' in the app.
- It provides sanctions of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'.

Obituaries

1. Manju Singh has passed away, was related to which field ____ **Acting (Television actress)**.

Note:

- She was one of the pioneers in Indian television industry and was fondly remembered as didi
- She was the anchor of children's program, Khel Khilone for 7 years.

2. Prafulla Kar has passed away, was related which field ____ **Singing, Odia singer and music director**.

Note:

- An eminent musician, singer, lyricist, writer and columnist was born on February 16, 1939 in Puri.
- He received Padma Shri award (2015), and Jayadeva award (2004).

3. Vishwa Deenadayalan died in a road accident, was related to which sports ____ **Table Tennis**.

Note:

- He was travelling with three teammates for the 83rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships, which is scheduled to begin.
- Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala offer his condolence on his death and announced Rs 5 lakh as compensation for his family.

4. K Sankaranarayanan passed away, was related to which field ____ **Politics**.

Note:

- He served as governor of Maharashtra, Nagaland, and Jharkhand during his career.
- He had also held additional charges of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Goa as Governor.

5. Mwai Kibaki passed away, was related to which field ____ **Former president of Kenya**.

Note:

- He led the country from 2002 to 2013. During his rule, more than 1,100 people died in bloody ethnic battles after disputed 2007 polls, but to prevent such unrest he adopted a new constitution with reforms.
 - His rule was ruined by uncontrolled corruption and lavish spending on flagship projects which increased the country's debt.
6. Padma Shri awardee Binapani Mohanty has passed away, was related to which field ____ **Noted writer of Odisha**

Note:

- Her many short stories have been translated into various languages (including: Hindi, English, Kannada, Marathi).
- Her collection of short stories 'Pata Dei' has won Sahitya Akademi award. She also received Sarala Samman from the Government of Odisha.

7. James Dringwell Rymbai has passed away, was a former CM of which state ____ **Meghalaya**.

Note:

- He had entered into electoral politics in 1982 and contested elections to the legislative assembly from the Jirang constituency successfully.
- He was elected the speaker of the Meghalaya Assembly in 1993 and became the CM in 2006 till March 2007.

8. Mamannamana Vijayan has passed away, was related to which field ____ **Biology (Structural biologist)**.

Note:

- He was a former president of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) from 2008 to 2010.
- He has been honoured with SS Bhatnagar Award, Ranbaxy Award, OP Bhasin Award, and also the first GN Ramachandran Medal by Indian Science Congress Association and was also awarded Padma Shri in 2004.

9. Elvera Britto has passed away, was related to which sports ____ **Hockey(Former Indian women's hockey team captain)**.

Note:

- Elvera led Karnataka's domestic team to win seven national titles. She ruled the domestic circuit from 1960 to 1967.

She is the second women hockey player to be conferred with the Arjuna Award(1965) after Anne Lumsden.

Important Days

1. World Art Day is observed on which date ____ **April 15**.

Note:

- This day is being celebrated to emphasize the importance of art that nurtures creativity, innovation and cultural diversity for all peoples across the globe.
- The day was declared by the International Association of Art (IAA), an NGO working in official partnership with UNESCO

2. World Voice Day (WVD) is observed every year on which date ____ **April 16**.

Note:

- To demonstrate the enormous importance of the voice in the daily lives of all people.
- Theme of World Voice Day 2022: Lift Your Voice.
- Voice care specialists' group in Brazil started the World Voice Day celebrations.

3. Save the Elephant Day is observed every year on which date ____ **April 16**.

Note:

- To raise awareness about the dangerelephants face and various difficulties they have to overcome to live.
- It is established by Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation

4. World Hemophilia Day is observed every year on which date ____ **April 17**.

Note:

- To raise awareness about the bleeding disorder and bring it to the attention of policymakers
- Theme 2022: Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress
- April 17 was chosen to commemorate the birthday of Frank Schnabel, the founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia.

5. The International Day for Monuments and Sites is observed which date ____ **April 18**.

Note:

- Aim to promote culture and heritage. ICOMOS proposed April 18 as the International Day for Monuments and Sites in 1982.
- The theme for World Heritage Day 2022 is Heritage and Climate.
- 40 Indian sites are designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

6. World Liver Day is observed on which date annually ____ **April 19**.

Note:

- The day is observed is to raise awareness about liver-related disorders and diseases.
- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) report, Every 10th person is dying due to Liver ailments disease in India.
- The liver controls blood sugar, helps blood clot, removes toxic substances from the body, and controls cholesterol levels.

7. UN Chinese Language Day is observed globally on which date ____ **20th April.**

Note:

- The day has been chosen to pay tribute to Cangjie (a mythical figure) who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago.
- The event was established by the UN Department of Public Information in 2010

8. National Civil Services Day is observed on which date ____ **April 21.**

Note:

- To mark the efforts of the civil servants working tirelessly and relentlessly in different departments to ensure that the administrative machinery works smoothly in India.
- The first National Civil Services Day was observed in 2006.
- The Prime Minister's Excellence Award in Public Administration is also presented to the civil servants.
- Father of the Indian Civil Service: Lord Cornwallis

9. World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed on which date ____ **April 21.**

Note:

- The theme of World Creativity and Innovation Day 2022: Collaboration.
- Canadian Marci Segal founded World Creativity and Innovation Day on 25 May 2001 in Toronto, Canada.

10. On which date, World Earth Day is observed every year ____ **April 22.**

Note:

- To spread awareness to protect the environment which is going through rapid changes.
- The theme of Earth Day 2022: 'Invest in our planet'

11. Which date is observed as World Book and Copyright Day, also known as World Book Day ____ **23 April.**

Note:

- The day is celebrated in over a hundred countries around the world. 23 April is also the day legendary writers -Inca Garcilaso de la Vega and William Shakespeare died.
- The theme of World Book Day 2022 is 'Read...So you never feel alone.'

12. Which date is observed as World Malaria Day by the World Health Organisation (WHO) globally ____ **April 25.**

Note:

- Theme 2022: Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives
- Dr. Alphonse Laveran has discovered the Malaria parasite.

13. Which state government has announced that December 18, every year will be observed as Minorities Rights Day at the state level ____ **Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- The state government promotes the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of schemes and welfare measures.
- The minority girl students in rural areas to pursue their studies would provide education aid of Rs 500 to the students of Classes 3 to 5 and Rs 1,000 to the wards of Class 6.

14. Which date is observed as World Intellectual Property Day annually ____ **April 26.**

Note:

- To raise awareness of the impact of how patents, copyright, trademarks and design affect our daily life.
- The theme for World Intellectual Property Day 2022 is focused on 'IP and Youth innovating for a better future'.

15. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work was observed on which date ____ **28 April.**

Note:

- Aims to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.
- The theme for 2022 is Act together to build a positive safety and health culture.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as a chairman of India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA) _____ **Bimal Kothari.**

Note:

- He replaced Jitu Bheda who stepped down as the current chairman.
- He is the third chairman of the association after Pravin Dongre and Jitu Bheda.
- Kothari joined IPGA as Vice-Chairman in 2011, when it was formed.

2. Who has been appointed as USA Vice President Kamala Harris's Defence Adviser _____ **Indian-American Navy Shanti Sethi.**

Note:

- Shanti Sethi is the first Indian-American commander of a major US Navy combat ship.
- Shanti Sethi commanded the guided-missile destroyer, USS Decatur, from December 2010 to May 2012.

3. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Digit Insurance _____ **Jasleen Kohli.**

Note:

- She succeeds Vijay Kumar who retired from the company on April 19, 2022.
- She served as chief distribution officer (CDO) at Digit, where she was responsible for all of the company's sales and distribution channels.

4. Who has been appointed as a brand ambassador of Lloyd, a consumer durable brand of Havells India for eastern markets of India _____ **Sourav Ganguly.**

Note:

- Sourav will endorse Lloyd range of consumer durables, through promotion, advertising and marketing.
- Ganguly is currently the president of BCCI.

5. Who has been appointed as the 29th Chief of Army Staff _____ **Lieutenant General Manoj Pande.**

Note:

- The appointment will come into effect on April 30, 2022.
- He will succeed General M MNaravane on May 1.
- He will be the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the COAS.

6. Who has been appointed as chairman of Atomic Energy Commission _____ **Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas.**

Note:

- The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has granted one-year extension to Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas.
- The extension in service to Vyas for a period of one year beyond May 3, 2022 or "until further orders".
- This is the second extension for Vyas, he was first appointed to the post in September 2018.

7. Who has been appointed as IT giant Wipro country head for India _____ **Satya Easwaran.**

Note:

- Strengthening Wipro business in India across important industry sectors through strategic consulting, transformation, and modernization engagements.
- He will help clients leverage Wipro's capabilities and investments in engineering R&D, data/analytics, cloud, digital, and cybersecurity.

8. Who has been reappointed as Prime Minister of Ivory Coast by President Alassane Ouattara _____ **PM Patrick Achi.**

Note:

- He was appointed prime minister in March 2021. On April 13, 2022, President has accepted Achi resigned ahead of a government reshuffle.

- He was the third prime minister in the West African state (Ivory Coast) in the last three years after Amadou Gon Coulibaly (who died in 2020) and Hamed Bakayoko (who died in 2021).

9. Who has been appointed as the next Director-General of Military Operations with effect from May 1 ____ **Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar**

Note:

- He worked as the General Officer Commanding of 1 Corps, a strike formation that is responsible for operations against both Pakistan and China.
- He has also worked as Director-General Staff Duties at Army Headquarters.

10. Who has been appointed as Procter & Gamble (P&G) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its Indian operations from July 1, 2022 ____ **L V Vaidyanathan.**

Note:

- He will replace Madhusudan Gopalan, who takes charge as Senior Vice President of Grooming & Oral Care, P&G Japan, and Korea.
- Presently, Vaidyanathan is responsible for industry-leading growth and value creation for the company in Indonesia.

11. Who has been appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the govt of India for a period of 3 years ____ **Ajay Kumar Sood.**

Note:

- Presently he is a member of the Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council to the PM. He succeeded renowned biologist K Vijay Raghavan.
- The PSA's office aims to provide pragmatic and objective advice to the PM and cabinet on matters related to science, technology, and innovation with a focus on the application of science and tech.

12. Who has been appointed as Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman with effect from May 1, 2022, ____ **Economist, Suman Bery.**

Note:

- He was appointed after Rajiv Kumar stepped down from the post.
- The Government accepted his resignation.

13. Who has been appointed as Aditya Birla Capital Chief Executive Officer ____ **Vishakha Mulye.**

Note:

- Mulye is currently the executive director in charge of corporate banking, proprietary trading, markets and transaction banking.
- Mulye replaces Ajay Srinivasan who will now take up another role within the Aditya Birla Group.

14. Who has been appointed as UNICEF's YuWaah(Generation Unlimited) as co-chair ____ **Ashwin Yardi (CEO of Capgemini in India).**

Note:

- He will be a co-chair along with Yasumasa Kimura (the UNICEF Representative).
- YuWaah aims to work on improve skilling, community development and economic opportunity for young people.

15. Who has defeated three-time prime minister Janez Janša in the Slovenia PM election ____ **Robert Golob.**

Note:

- State election authorities have confirmed that the Freedom Movement won nearly 34% of the votes as compared to around 24% for the governing conservative Slovenian Democratic Party.
- The New Slovenia party with 7%, followed by the Social Democrats with more than 6% and the Left party with just 4%.

16. Who has won a second term as president of France with 58.2% of the vote ____ **Emmanuel Macron.**

Note:

- He set to become the first president after Chirac who secured a second term in office.
- He defeated Marine Le Pen (Party: Rassemblement national) who secured 41.8% of the vote in an election.

17. Who has been elected as the chairperson of the Haj Committee of India ____ **A P Abdullahkutty.**

Note:

- He is the national vice president of the BJP and a former Member of Parliament.
- The committee also includes two women named Munnawari Begum from Tamil Nadu and Mafuja Khatun from West Bengal who have been selected as its vice-chairpersons.

18. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance (FGILI) _____ **Bruce de Broize.**

Note:

- He takes over from Miranjit Mukherjee who served as interim CEO since September 2021.
- He was the Regional Head of Distribution for Generali Asia based in Hong Kong for over five years.

19. Who has been appointed as a chairperson of National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) for 2022-23 _____ **Krishnan Ramanujam.**

Note:

- He is a Senior Executive at TCS. He was the Vice-Chairperson of the body.
- He succeeds Rekha M Menon (Accenture's Senior Managing Director in India), who served as the Chairperson for 2021-22.

20. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a second time _____ **Vijay Sampla.**

Note:

- He resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested elections.
- He is an eminent Dalit politician from Punjab, who began his political career in 1998 as the Sarpanch of Sofipind village in Jalandhar Cantonment.

21. Who has been appointed as an advisor of Online lending platform, Indifi Technologies _____ **Former chairman of SBI, Rajnish Kumar.**

Note:

- Presently, he sits on the boards of HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, Hero MotoCorp and BharatPe.
- As an advisor, he will engage with the management on the company's growth strategy and provide guidance in the financial services sector.

22. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff from May 1 _____ Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

Note:

- He was an alumnus of Sainik School Bijapur and National Defence Academy and commissioned in the Jat Regiment on December 15, 1984.
- He had commanded a battalion during Operation Parakram in the Western Theatre and J&K.

Important News - India

1. Which ministry has organised 'Sabka Vikas Mahaquiz' _____ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).**

Note:

- To create awareness among the citizens about the schemes and initiatives of the government.
- The first quiz was on Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution.

2. Which ministry has developed 'e-DAR' (e-Detailed Accident Report) portal _____ **Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MoRTH).**

Note:

- Digitalized DAR will be uploaded on the portal for easy access.
- It is designed by the government in consultation with insurance companies

- It will provide instant information on road accidents with a few clicks and help accelerate accident compensation claims, bringing relief to victims' families.

3. At which place PM Narendra Modi has unveiled 108-feet statue of Lord Hanuman ____ **Morbi, Gujarat.**

Note:

- The statue is the second of the four statues being set up in the four directions across the country, as part of 'Hanumanji Char dham project.
- First statue of this series was set up at the Jakhu hills in the north in Shimla in 2010 and has been sculpted by a Rajasthan sculptor.
- The work on the statue in the south at Rameswaram has been started.

4. Which government organisation will launch National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP) in May to provide government data in a user-friendly format, promoting data-driven decision making and research ____ **NITI Aayog.**

Note:

- Aim to standardize data across govt sources and provide flexible analytics that make it easy for users to analyze information using multiple datasets
- It will have 200 datasets from more than 46 ministries at the launch time. New datasets will be added up to village level in the future

5. In which state PM Narendra Modi has virtually dedicated 200-bed K K Patel Super Speciality Hospital to the nation ____ **Bhuj in Kutch district of Gujarat.**

Note:

- It has been built by Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Samaj, Bhuj and is the first charitable super specialty hospital in Kutch region.
- It will guarantee quality medical treatment for people of Kutch including lakhs of soldiers, par military personnel and traders.
- It is in line with the policy of Central govt to set up at least one medical college.

6. Which edition of HunarHaat has been inaugurated by Anurag Thakur (Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports) ____ **40th edition.**

Note:

- The 40th 'HunarHaat' is a feasible platform to promote 'Swadeshi' products in Mumbai from 16th to 27th April 2022.
- Under the initiative of Tejas skilling programme the skilled manpower will be sent to UAE.

7. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth has arrived in Mumbai on an eight-day visit to India. He is the Prime minister of which country ____ **Prime Minister of Mauritius.**

Note:

- Mauritius PM participated in the Ceremony of the WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar on 19th April and the Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on 20th April.
- Pravind Kumar Jugnauth also visits Varanasi. The visit improves the bilateral relations between the two nations.

8. In which state Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has unveiled a bronze statue of PinnamaneniKoteswara Rao ____ **Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- PinnamaneniKoteswara Rao served as Krishna Zilla Parishad Chairman for over 27 years in Machilipatnam.
- VP will participate in various programmes arranged at Swarna Bharat Trust, Atkuru near Vijayawada.

9. In which state of India, PM Modi has inaugurated WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine ____ **Gujarat.**

Note:

- During his three-day visit to Gujarat, he visit the Command and Control Centre for Schools in Gandhinagar.

- He dedicated the Banas Community Radio Station, to provide farmers key scientific information related to agriculture and animal husbandry.

10. What is the name of India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired ____ **Radio Aksh.**

Note:

- It was launched in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The Blind Relief Association Nagpur and SamdrushtiKshamata Vikas AvamAnusandhan Mandal jointly launched the pioneers of the concept.
- This initiative will help the visually impaired to gain seamless access to audiobooks and education resources.

11. What export (in %) has been recorded of sugar in India from 2013-14 to 2021-22 ____ **291%.**

Note:

- India's sugar export was USD 1,177 million in the financial year 2013-14 to USD 4,600 million in the last financial year.
- The sugar export has jumped 65% in 2021-22 corresponding to the previous year.
- The country had exported sugar worth 1,965 million US dollars in 2019-20, which increased to 2,790 million US dollars in 2020-21.

12. At which pass the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will build the world's highest tunnel at 16,580 feet to connect Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh ____ **Shinku La Pass.**

Note:

- The construction will begin by July this year and be completed by 2025.
- The Centre has already made 'Project Yojak' of BRO to execute this ambitious project.

13. In which state the nation's first portable solar rooftop system has been inaugurated ____ **Gujarat (Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar).**

Note:

- The 10 Photovoltaic Port has been manufactured by Servotech Power Systems Ltd (New Delhi).
- It is designed by the Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

14. What is the export of India's non-basmati rice in FY 2021-22 ____ **USD 6115 million.**

Note:

- Export of non-basmati rice has registered a growth of 27% in 2021-22.
- West African country, Benin is one of the major importers of non-basmati rice from India.
- As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) data, India exported rice to over 150 countries across the globe in 2021-22.

15. Skill India in alliance with the Directorate General of Training (DGT) organized which fair across the country on 21st April 2022 ____ **Apprenticeship Mela.**

Note:

- Aim to support the hiring of more than one lakh apprentices and assist employers in tapping the right talent.
- The National Policy of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was launched by the Prime Minister on July 15, 2015, to recognize apprenticeship to a skilled workforce with adequate compensation.

16. Which institution has signed an MoU with International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to provide skilled talent pool in the insurance sector in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) ____ **National Insurance Academy (NIA).**

Note:

- This MoU undertakes to build the required skilled manpower for the IFSC.
- IFSCA had already executed an MoU with the Insurance Institute of India (III) with the focus to address needs of IFSC Insurance entities.

17. Where will be the First Conference of Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022 held on May 14-15, 2022 ____ **Mumbai.**

Note:

- Event will be organised by the Mumbai Port Authority
 - He also launched the event website www.iiicc2022.in, logo and mascot named 'Captain Cruzo'.
- 18.** Which government agency has collaborated with Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to utilize the residues produced in the sewage treatment plants (STP) of DJB to convert them into green energy _____ **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC).**

Note:

- The torrefied waste sludge was fired from NTPC's unit 4 Boiler at Dadri.
 - This green technological solution helps to convert STP sludge into energy and reduces CO2 emissions.
- 19.** In which state Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 33 National Highway projects worth Rs 9,240 crore _____ **Raipur, Chhattisgarh.**

Note:

- These road projects will ease the connectivity of Chhattisgarh with the states of Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.
 - The road network connects the backward areas with the developed areas of the state and cultural and tourist places.
- 20.** Which government agency has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with UNICEF India on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on children _____ **NITI Aayog.**

Note:

- Both organisations jointly launch a report on the 'State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development'.
 - The joint efforts will contribute to India's commitments to the 2030 Agenda and provide a set of policy recommendations and achieve their holistic development.
- 21.** Which edition of the All India Police Science Congress has been inaugurated by Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister _____ **48th.**

Note:

- The event was held at the Central Police Training Academy, Bhopal. He also attends the conference of forest committees and bonus distribution program to the Tendupatta pluckers at Jamboori Maidan, Bhopal.
 - He will also start the process of transformation from forest village to revenue village.
- 22.** Which government agency has released a draft battery swapping policy _____ **NITI Aayog.**

Note:

- According to the which all metropolitan cities with a population above 40 lakh will be prioritized for the development of battery swapping network under the first phase.
 - All major cities such as state capitals, UT headquarters, and cities with populations above 5 lakh will be covered under the second phase.
- 23.** Which campaign was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare from April 25 to April 30, 2022, under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the association with various other Ministries and Departments _____ **the 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' campaign.**

Note:

- The Department of Agriculture Research and Education will also organise a Krishi Mela at each Krishi Vigyan Kendra and a field exhibition on natural farming.
 - Union Agriculture Minister: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- 24.** Who was the chief guest at the 7th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi which was inaugurated by PM Modi _____ **Ursula Von Der Leyen (President of the European Commission).**

Note:

- Theme - Terranova, impassioned, impatient, imperilled
- There are six broad thematic pillars of the Dialogue which include Rethinking Democracy, End of Multilateralism, Water Caucuses, and Achieving Green Transitions.

25. Which authority in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) has organized Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair AAHAR 2022 in New Delhi ____ **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).**

Note:

- APEDA has also created stalls for exporters from the NorthEast Region, Himalayan states, women entrepreneurs, Start-Ups, and exporters of millets.
- More than 80 exporters will participate in the fair from different segments.

26. How many years have been completed of the SVAMITVA scheme (Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) on 24th April 2022 ____ **2 years.**

Note:

- It is a Central Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with an aim to provide the record of rights to village household owners in rural areas and issue Property Cards.
- Drone technology has been used for the first time to map actual property area of landowners.

27. Which government agency has signed an MoU with the Public Broadcaster of Argentina Radio Television Argentina (RTA) for collaboration in the field of broadcasting ____ **Prasar Bharati.**

Note:

- The MoU encompasses a range of fronts in Media and Broadcasting that is set to exemplify the communication and transmission networking of both nations.
- India and Argentina share cordial relations and developmental partnerships in the areas of political, economic, scientific and technological cooperation.

28. Which Indian Institute of Management has signed an MoU with The Indian Navy's Naval Institute of Educational and Training Technology (NIETT) to build collaboration and exchange of best practices in the field of Educational Psychology, Instructional Leadership, and Management ____ **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K).**

Note:

- NIETT celebrating its 50 years in the service of the nation and this MoU achieves the exchange of expertise in the field of management of education.

29. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)-NRLDC ____ **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.**

Note:

- To encourage research on issues related to India's power sector as well as strengthen academia and industry interaction with the goal of sharing knowledge.
- POSOCO is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Government of India enterprise under the Union Ministry of Power.

30. Which government agency has organized a National Level Workshop on Innovative Agriculture under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations in New Delhi ____ **NITI Aayog.**

Note:

- The first session was chaired by Dr. Ravi Kumar (Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog).
- Yogi Adityanath (CM of Uttar Pradesh), CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan (MP), CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy (Andhra Pradesh), and CM Pushkar Singh Dhami (Uttarakhand) have joined the first technical session of the workshop virtually.

31. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the construction of the 540 Megawatt Kwar Hydro Electric project in the Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir. This project is located on which river ____ **Chenab.**

Note:

- The committee was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The project will be implemented by Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (JV between NHPC and JKSPDC).
- The committee has approved an investment of over 4,526.12 crore rupees for this project.

32. Which district has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme ____ **Samba district, J&K.**

Note:

- Samba district has a total of 62,641 families with 3,04,510 people eligible for ABPM-JAY SEHAT golden cards.
- This scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme, fully financed by Government.
- Under this scheme, the people with Ayushman Bharat Golden Card get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh.

33. Which district has become the first district in India where all gram panchayats have community libraries ____ **Jamtara district in Jharkhand.**

Note:

- The population of the district is about eight lakh and has a total of 118-gram panchayats under six blocks.
- The library will be open for students from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Career counselling sessions and motivational classes are also provided.

34. Which government agency has signed an MoU with the Himachal Pradesh government for the development of seven ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts ____ **National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML).**

Note:

- The MoU was signed in the presence of road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari and chief minister Jai Ram Thakur in New Delhi.

35. Which OTT platform has joined hands with the I&B ministry to launch some short films on women changemakers named 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya' ____ **Netflix.**

Note:

- The videos are narrated by actor Neena Gupta and produced by Netflix.
- It would be shared on social media and broadcast on Doordarshan.
- Aims: To bring out inspiring stories of Indians which empower more people to achieve their goals

36. Which e-commerce has signed an MoU with the West Bengal government to support and train local artisans, weavers and handicraft makers ____ **Flipkart.**

Note:

- Aim: To leverage its e-commerce platform to scale up small businesses nationally.
- Flipkart Samarth programme will empower artisans/weavers in the state.

37. Which Indian government agency has signed an MoU with Equinor ASA, the Norwegian state-owned multinational energy company for two years ____ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).**

Note:

- Aim: To collaborate in areas of upstream exploration and production, midstream, downstream and Clean energy options.
- Equinor is the leading operator on the Norwegian continental shelf and is present in 30 countries worldwide.

38. PM Modi inaugurates Semicon India Conference 2022 in which city ____ **Bengaluru.**

Note:

- Aim: to visualize as the launchpad to start India's ambition of becoming the global semiconductor hub and nurturing the chip design and manufacturing ecosystem.

39. PM Modi has inaugurated the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) via video conferencing in which city ____ **Surat.**

Note:

- The summit was organised under the 'Mission 2026' to provide momentum for the socio-economic development of the Patidar community.

➤ The theme of GPBS 2022 is "Aatmanirbhar Community to Aatmanirbhar Gujarat and India".

40. Which conglomerate company has signed an agreement with IIT Bombay to jointly pursue their research and development work in the green hydrogen value chain ____ **Larsen & Toubro (L&T).**

Note:

- Both organizations will contribute to the green hydrogen industry and develop next-generation technology.

- Hydrogen is produced through electrolysis process by using renewable energy which is known as green hydrogen, it has no carbon footprint.
41. Which state has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Google to provide benefits of digital economy to the youth and women entrepreneurs ____ **Telangana Government**.

Note:

- The state government has been working with Google since 2017 on improving digital literacy.
 - Google and WE Hub, Govt. of Telangana, will jointly carry out Women Will programme to deliver digital, business, and financial skills to nano, micro, and small women-led businesses.
42. Which airlines has become the first airline in Asia to use the indigenous navigation system GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation (GAGAN) to land its aircraft ____ **IndiGo**.

Note:

- The flight was conducted using an ATR-72 aircraft and landed at the Kishangarh airport, Rajasthan.
 - The system has been developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 - India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.
43. Which minister has inaugurated Enterprise India (Ministry's Mega Event) under the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav ____ **Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Narayan Rane**.

Note:

- "Enterprise India" is a month-long series of commemorative entrepreneurship development events and activities being held from 27.04.2022 up to 27.05.2022.
 - Aim: To promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about the schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of MSME.
44. Which company has signed a pact with the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Maharashtra to install up to 5,000 EV charging points across the properties of NAREDCO's members ____ **Tata Power Limited**.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Aaditya Thackeray (Minister of Tourism & Environment, Government of Maharashtra).
 - This move will give a boost to EV adoption in the State.

Important News – State

1. Which state observed 'Equality Day' on the birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar on April 14 ____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- The government also informed that swift action taken on any representation aimed at the growth of all the Tamils.
 - The DMK government already declared Periyar's birth anniversary on September 17 as social justice day.
2. Name the sea festival which was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan in Puducherry ____ **I Sea PONDY-2022**

Note:

- The four days festival will be celebrated in Puducherry Gandhi Beach, Pondy Marina, and Sandunes of Paradise Beach.
 - Various cultural events and contests organised during the festival.
3. Who has been appointed by the Karnataka government as the brand ambassador for Brain Health Initiative which was started by the Karnataka Health Department ____ **Robin Uthappa**.

Note:

- The KA-BHI was launched in association with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, NITI Aayog, and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, Karnataka.
4. What is the new name of Chindwara oranges ____ **Satpudaoranges**.

Note:

- The authorities have also created a QR code for the fruit which reveal all the information about the variety.

- Chhindwara oranges have a thin cover and are sweet and juicy.
- With these distinct qualities, cultivators can directly sell fruit to multi-national companies.

5. In which district of Gujarat PM Modi has laid the foundation stone and inaugurated the various projects worth 22,000 crore rupees ____ **Dahod in Gujarat.**

Note:

- Dahod District Southern Area Regional Water Supply Scheme, constructed at Narmada River Basin (Rs 840 crore); Dahod Smart City (Rs 335 crore)
- Manufacturing project of 9,000 HP Electric Locomotives at the Railway Production Unit in Dahod, 10,000 tribals of Panchmahal and Dahod districts (provided Rs 120 crore under PMAY)

6. Which UT has launched Jan Nigrani mobile application to help people lodge complaints related to various schemes online ____ **Jammu and Kashmir.**

Note:

- The app was launched by Jammu and Kashmir under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.
- Aim of this app is to report and resolve the grievances of the residents of J&K, against various government schemes launched by the department.

7. Of what amount Small Industries Development Bank of India has provided the first approval under the SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF) to the Maharashtra government ____ **₹600 crores.**

Note:

- The aid has been approved for reviving/ upgrading ITIs/polytechnics run by the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training under the Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.
- SIDBI is the principal financial institution focused on the promotion, financing, and development of MSMEs.

8. Which village of Jammu has become the nation's first panchayat to become carbon neutral, fully powered by solar energy ____ **Palli village in Samba district.**

Note:

- This project (500 KW solar plant) with the help of villagers was completed in a record time of three weeks.
- 1,500 solar panels were placed in a total area of 6,408 sq mt to provide clean electricity to 340 houses in the model panchayat under the central government's 'Gram Urja Swaraj' programme.

9. What are the minimum wages of the daily wagers (including casual labourers) in all Government Departments of Jammu and Kashmir ____ **300 rupees per day.**

Note:

- The Labour department has intimated that the process shall be completed within 3 months.
- The daily wagers are playing a crucial role in the development of UT and the interim measure has been taken to benefit a sizable portion of the workforce.

10. Which state government has inaugurated the city's first completely digital bus with a unique 'Tap-in Tap-out' feature ____ **Maharashtra.**

Note:

- From the Gateway of India to the Churchgate route
- Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) is the nation's first bus service that is completely digital.
- At the initial stage, the 'Tap-in Tap-out' feature will be available in two buses only.

11. Which city has become the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers ____ **Agra (UP).**

Note:

- The corporation has connected vacuums to 240 such houses (near the Taj Mahal) where conventional sewer systems can not be used. The estimated cost for the work of sewer connection is Rs 100 crore.
- The Maintenance and complete care will be done by the Netherlands company for up to five years.

12. In which district of Uttar Pradesh the work of India's first-ever Amrit Sarovar has been completed ____ **Rampur Gram Panchayat Patwai of development block Shahbad, Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- 75 water bodies were picked to develop and rejuvenate in each district as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The construction work on the pond in Gram Panchayat Singan Kheda with the largest area has also begun.

Important News – World

1. What is the name of first device which was to detect COVID-19 in breath samples, which has recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States of America (USA) _____ **InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer.**

Note:

- The device was 91.2% accurate at identifying positive test samples and 99.3% accurate at identifying negative test samples.
 - The test can provide results in less than three minutes and the test must be done under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.
2. What is the name of the Bangla new year which was celebrated across Bangladesh on April 14, 2022, with enthusiasm and festivity _____ **PohelaBoisakh.**

Note:

- This festival is also known as Bangla Noboborsho.
 - PohelaBoishakh marks the first day of the initial month of Baishakh of the Bengali solar calendar.
 - PohelaBoishakh celebrates with other regional festivals like Puthandu in Tamil Nadu, Baisakhi in Punjab, Vishu in Kerala, and Bihu in Assam.
3. According to the World Bank report, by what percent the poverty in India has been declined in 2019 as compared to 2011 _____ **12.3%.**

Note:

- The poverty headcount rate has declined from 22.5% in 2011 to 10.2% in 2019.
 - Poverty depletion was higher in rural areas as compared to urban India.
 - Rural poverty declined by 14.7% while the urban poverty rate declined by 7.9% from 2011 to 2019.
4. Which social media site has recently adopted a limited-term shareholder rights plan to prevent anyone from having more than 15% stake in company, the plan is also called a 'poison pill' _____ **Twitter.**

Note:

- This will make it harder for Elon Musk to acquire the social media company.
 - Currently, Elon Musk has around 9% of Twitter's shares and he has offered to acquire all the shares in Twitter he does not own for 54.20 dollar per share, valuing the company at 41.4 billion dollar.
5. According to the International Monetary Fund(IMF) World Economic Outlook report, what would be the global growth for the calendar year 2022 _____ **3.6%.**

Note:

- Reason: Due to commodity price volatility and disruption of supply chains caused by the war.
 - IMF also cut its forecast for India's FY23 GDP growth to 8.2% from 9%.
6. Who is the Prime Minister of United Kingdom _____ **PM Boris Johnson.**

Note:

- He arrived in India for a two-day visit. He visits Gandhi Ashram, Gujarat Biotechnology University, the plant of JCB Company, and the Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar.
- Johnson holds bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The two Prime Ministers will also review the implementation of the 2030 Roadmap and set their vision for further intensifying cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral ties.

7. Who has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022 with a new value of USD 26 billion _____ **Dr Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Chairman of Serum Institute of India(SII).**

Note:

- He is followed by Thomas Frist Jr & Family of HCA Healthcare, Li Xiting and Xu Hang of Mindray (Net value of USD 19 billion).
- China (34) followed by the USA (16), Switzerland (15), Germany (11), and India (9) have the most healthcare industry.

8. Which country has suspended agriculture import from India _____ **Indonesia.**

Note:

- As authorities in New Delhi have failed to register laboratories that test food safety and issue a certificate of analysis (COA).
- Countries like Vietnam and Thailand were able to register their laboratories providing COAs well ahead of time.

9. Which country has been elected to four bodies of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) _____ **India.**

Note:

- The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is one of the six principal organs of the UN System established by the UN Charter in 1945.
- It consists of 54 members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

10. Which is a new laser-based air defence system successfully tested by Israel _____ **Iron Beam.**

Note:

- A new laser missile-defence system can destroy any airborne object.
- Iron Beam is the world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming UAVs, rockets, mortars, long-range missiles, anti-tank missiles etc.

11. Which city has been declared the World Book Capital for the year 2022 on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee _____ **Guadalajara (Mexico).**

Note:

- The declaration was made by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay.
- The city has already been recognised as a UNESCO Creative City since 2017.

12. Which country will host 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) for the first time in 118 years _____ **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), India.**

Note:

- The event will be held from November 18 to 21 after outbidding France. The event will be held at Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- The theme for 2022 would be 'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'.

13. In which amount Elon Musk has acquired Twitter _____ **44 billion dollars.**

Note:

- Under the terms of the deal, shareholders will receive 54.20 dollars in cash for each share of Twitter stock they own.
- The acquisition deal goes through regulatory and other approvals then the social media giant will be taken private.

14. Which country has been designated as Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022 which was organized from 21st to 24th April 2022 _____ **India.**

Note:

- The National Institute of Design (NID) has designed the India Pavilion.
- Digital and physical exhibitions displayed in various Indian languages representing the works of 65 Indian publishers.

15. How many Indian were listed by the WEF 2022 list of Young Global Leaders (Under 40) _____ **7.**

Note:

- Raghav Chadha (AAP leader), Mykhailo Fedorov (Ukrainian Vice PM and Minister of Digital Transformation), and Radhika Gupta (Edelweiss MF CEO) were named by the WEF 2022 list of Young Global Leaders who are under 40.
 - Other Indians: Manasi Joshi (Athlete), Ritesh Malik (founder of Innov8 Coworking), Suhail Sameer (Bharat Pe, CEO), Vineeta Singh (Sugar Cosmetics CEO), and Jaideep Bansal (Global Himalayan Expedition CEO).
16. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), what is the rank of India in military expenditure _____ **Third.**

Note:

- Top Five: The United States, China, India, the United Kingdom, and Russia
 - Military spending in India is amounting to \$76.6 billion in 2021 which grew by 0.9% from 2020.
17. Of what amount the World Bank has approved the financial assistance to Sri Lanka to meet the payment requirements for essential imports _____ **USD 600 dollars.**

Note:

- Sri Lanka has also talked with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for financial assistance, but the country needs 3 to billion dollars in bridge financing to help meet its essential expenses.
 - India has helped Sri Lanka by assisting with USD 1.9 billion.
18. Which Indian personality will attend the 6th edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations _____ **PM Narendra Modi.**

Note:

- PM Narendra Modi will embark on a three-day visit to Germany, Denmark and France from May 2.
- PM will hold bilateral talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and co-chair the 6th edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been awarded the International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 by the Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu _____ **Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh and SahyogKushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat.**

Note:

- The award is instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation.
 - Both Dr. Bhushan Kumar and SahyogKushtha Yagna Trust have been working to raise awareness about leprosy and in providing care to those afflicted with it.
2. Which flagship scheme of Civil Aviation Ministry has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under the category Innovation (General) - Central _____ **UdeDesh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN).**

Note:

- UDAN scheme emphasizes on Good Governance, Qualitative achievements, and last mile connectivity rather than only on achievement of quantitative targets.
 - Award consists of trophy, scroll and an incentive of Rs 10 lakh.
3. Which bank has been awarded with the global 'Celent Model Bank' award under the category of 'Payments System Transformation' for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH) _____ **IndusInd Bank.**

Note:

- The award recognises the Bank's outstanding journey in creating a cloud-based central payments hub.
 - This payment hub is capable of seamlessly processing high transaction loads originating across all forms of payment instructions, and across all originating client touchpoints.
4. Which cricket player has been awarded with the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal at the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) Awards _____ **Tim Southee (New Zealand pace bowler).**

Note:

- Women's Super Smash Player of the Year: Amelia Kerr (Wellington Blaze)
- Men's Super Smash Player of the Year: Michael Bracewell (Wellington Firebirds)

- International Women's ODI Player of the Year: Amelia Kerr (Wellington Blaze)
 - International Men's ODI Player of the Year: Will Young (Central Stags)
 - Winsor Cup for first-class bowling: Tim Southee (Northern Districts)
 - PhylBlackler Cup for women's domestic bowling: Eden Carson (Otago Sparks)
 - New Zealand Umpire of the Year: Chris Gaffaney.
5. Which two districts have conferred the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2021 for Best Performance in the implementation of Promoting excellence in sports and wellness through the Khelo India Scheme _____ **Churu (Rajasthan), and Bishnupur (Manipur).**

Note:

- The award ceremony was held on the occasion of the 15th Civil Services Day (April 21, 2022) function in New Delhi.
6. Who has been awarded the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) _____ **Sir David Attenborough.**

Note:

- Policy Leadership: Mia Mottley (Prime Minister of Barbados)
 - Inspiration And Action: Sea Women of Melanesia (Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands)
 - Entrepreneurial Vision: Maria Kolesnikova (Kyrgyz Republic)
7. Which has been conferred the Public Relations Awards 2022 by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) _____ **National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (NMDC).**

Note:

- Shri Srinivasa Rao, DGM (Corporate Communications) received the awards on behalf of the Navratna PSU.
 - NMDC Chairman: Sumit Deb.
8. Who has been chosen for the Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds _____ **Kishroe Kumar Das(Bangladesh).**

Note:

- He started an educational charity named Bidyanando in 2013 with just 22 students.
 - He also started a meal programme named Ek takay aahar (Meal for one Taka) which has provided more than 10,000 nutritious meals for vulnerable people (particularly children, homeless).
9. President of which country has selected the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for acting to protect democracy 2022 _____ **Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.**

Note:

- Zelenskyy was selected because he marshaled the spirit, patriotism and untiring sacrifice of the Ukrainian people in a life-or-death fight for their country.
 - Caroline Kennedy and Jack Schlossberg will present the awards on May 22 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.
10. Which state government planning department's key initiative of an e-proposal system has won a coveted UN Award - World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes, 2022 _____ **Meghalaya.**

Note:

- Category of the role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of Information and Communication Technologies for development.
 - The e-proposal system is a part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA) which helped to eliminate 75% physical work of files.
11. Who has been named the 2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year 2022 _____ **F1 champion Max Verstappen.**

Note:

- Olympic sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jamaica) has been named Sportswoman of the Year.
- Breakthrough of the Year prize: Emma Raducanu (British)

- Laureus Sporting Icon Award: Valentino Rossi
- Exceptional Achievement Award: Robert Lewandowski
- World Team of the Year Award: Italy Men's Football Team
- World Comeback of the Year Award: Sky Brown (Skateboard)

12. Which infrastructure has received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award _____ **Atal Tunnel**.

Note:

- It was built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). DG BRO, Lt General Rajeev Chaudhry received the award during the 25th annual Convention of IBC.
- The tunnel was built using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM). Atal Tunnel connects the Solang Valley near Manali to Sissu in Lahaul and Spiti districts.

13. Who has received the Order of "Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru _____ **Ardeshir B.K. Dubash**.

Note:

- Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo has conferred the award to him.
- Dubash was designated as Honorary Consul of Peru in 1973.
- The Order of Merit was instituted in 2004, named after José Gregorio Paz Soldán.

14. Which Pharmaceuticals company has received the 'India Pharma Innovation of the Year' Award as part of the India Pharma & India Medical Device Awards 2022 _____ **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd.**

Note:

- Indian Pharma Leader of the Year: Cipla Ltd.
- Indian Pharma (Formulation): Micro Labs Ltd.
- Indian Pharma CSR of the year: Zydus Lifesciences Ltd
- India Medical Device Leader of the Year: Poly Medicure Ltd.
- India Medical Device Company of the Year: Trivitron Healthcare Pvt Ltd

15. Who has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for the second time _____ **Charudutt Mishra**.

Note:

- He received his first Whitley Gold Award in 2005.
- He has received this award for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.
- Princess Anne has presented the award to Mishra at London's Royal Geographic Society.

Sports News

1. Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Australian men's cricket team _____ **Andrew McDonald**.

Note:

- He has signed an agreement for a four-year contract.
- McDonald has joined the Australian set up as an assistant in 2019.
- McDonald takes over the role of Justin Langer who resigned from messy circumstances in February.

2. In which year India will host the Street Child Cricket World Cup _____ **2023**.

Note:

- It will be hosted by Street Child United and Save the Children India.
- This world cup will be held in September ahead of the ICC World Cup, and street children and young people take part in a mixed-gender cricket tournament.
- In 2019, Team India South has won the cup after beating hosts England.

3. In which category Sajjan Prakash has won gold _____ **Men's 200m butterfly**.

Note:

- Vedaant Madhavan clinched a silver medal in the men's 1500m freestyle event at the Danish Open swimming in Copenhagen, Denmark.
 - Prakash stopped the clock at 1.59.27 to stand atop the podium.
 - He became the first-ever Indian swimmer to achieve the 'A' qualification mark for the Olympics in Italy (2021).
4. Which team has won the men's title in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship after defeating Punjab _____

Tamil Nadu.

Note:

- In the men's summit clash, Tamil Nadu pulled ahead after a slow start when Punjab kept pace.
 - Indian Railways team has won the women's title after beating Telangana.
5. Which player has defeated Alejandro Davidovich Fokina to retain the title of Monte-Carlo Masters _____ **Stefanos Tsitsipas.**

Note:

- It was his eighth ATP title. He became the sixth player to win back-to-back Monte Carlo Masters in the Open era.
 - He became the first repeat champion at the Monte Carlo Masters since Rafael Nadal in 2018.
6. Recently, Hamish Bennett has announced retirement from his 17-year-old cricket career from all forms of cricket, he was associated with which country _____ **New Zealand.**

Note:

- Bennett has represented New Zealand in T20I against Bangladesh in Mirpur, Pakistan in September 2021.
 - Hamish Bennett has made his international debut in October 2010 and represented New Zealand in one Test, 19 ODIs and 11 T20Is.
7. Who has clinched the 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title in Castile-La Mancha, Spain _____

Grandmaster D. Gukesh.

Note:

- He defeated Israel's Victor Mikhalevski in the final round.
 - GM Haik M. Martirosyan from Armenia placed second with 7.5 points.
 - Indian GMs R Praggnanandhaa finished third followed by Raunak Sadhwani (India), Manuel Lopez Martinez Josep (Spain) and Ramon Martinez (Venezuela).
8. Which team has been crowned the champions of the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship after beating Tamil Nadu by 3-1 in the shootout _____ **Haryana.**

Note:

- Haryana has won the trophy for the first time since 2011. The hockey tournament was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from April 6 to 17, 2022.
 - Karnataka has triumphed over Maharashtra by 4-3 in the third/fourth place classification match.
9. In which event Sunil Kumar, Arjun Halakurki, and Neeraj has won bronze in Greco Roman wrestling category _____

Asian Wrestling Championship, Mongolia.

Note:

- Bronze medal winner: Sunil Kumar (87Kg), Arjun Halakurki (55Kg), Neeraj (63Kg)
 - Arjun Halakurki has defeated Davaabandi Munkh Erdene by 10-7 points in the bronze play-off.
 - Neeraj got the better of Uzbekistan's Islomjon Bakhramov 7-4 to win the bronze medal.
10. Harpreet Singh and Sachin Sahrawat have bagged bronze, are related to which sports _____ **Wrestling.**

Note:

- Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers have concluded their campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia.
- Harpreet (82kg) was declared the winner after Jafar Khan from Qatar suffered an injury.
- Sachin Sahrawat (67Kg) won bronze against Uzbekistan's Makhmud Bakhshilloev.

11. Which two Indian cricketers have been named among the "Five Cricketers of the Year" 2022 of the Wisden Almanack _____
- Rohit Sharma (India captain) and Jasprit Bumrah (Pacer).**

Note:

- Other three: Ollie Robinson (England fast bowler), Dane van Niekerk (South African women's player) and Devon Conway (New Zealand opener)
- Leading Cricketer in the World: Former England captain Joe Root

- Leading Woman Cricketer in the World: Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
- Leading T20 Cricketer: Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)

12. In which country the 35th edition of the 2022 Asian Wrestling Championships took place from April 19 to 24 _____ **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**

Note:

- India finished with a total tally of 17 medals, one gold, five silvers and 11 bronze, at Ulaanbaatar.
- **Greco Roman:** Sunil Kumar (87kg) - bronze; Arjun Halakurki (55kg) - bronze; Neeraj (63kg) - bronze; Harpreet Singh (82kg) - bronze; Sachin Sahrawat (67kg) - bronze;
- **Women's freestyle:** Sarita Mor (59kg) - bronze; Sushma Shokeen (55kg) - bronze; Manisha (62kg) - bronze; Anshu Malik (57kg) - silver; Radhika (65kg) - silver
- **Men's freestyle:** Ravi Kumar Dahiya (57kg) - gold; Bajrang Punia (65kg) - silver; Gourav Baliyan (79kg) - silver; Naveen (70kg) - bronze; Satywart Kadian (97kg) - bronze; Deepak Punia (86kg) - silver; Viky (92kg) - bronze

13. Who has won the Serbia Open title 2022 _____ **Andrey Rublev (Russian).**

Note:

- Defeated world No. 1 Novak Djokovic (Serbia), to win his third title in the Serbia Open.
- Andrey Rublev has saved five set points in the second set to force a tie-break, but he was unable to prevent Djokovic from levelling the match.

14. Which team has defeated France by 232-231 in the compound men's team final to win the gold medal in the Archery World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey _____ **India.**

Note:

- The Indian trio of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan, and Aman Saini has defeated has French team of Jean Philippe Boulch, Quentin Baraer and Adrien Gontier.
- The Indian duo of Tarundeep Rai and Ridhi has defeated Alex Wise and Bryony Pitman of Great Britain to win recurve mixed team gold medal.

15. Who has won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix 2022 in Imola, Italy _____ **Max Verstappen (Red Bull, Netherland).**

Note:

- This was his second win this season after Saudi Arabia 2022.
- In Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix 2022, Sergio Perez (Red Bull, Mexico) has finished second and Lando Norris (McLaren, UK) finished third.
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2022: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari, Monaco)
- Australian Grand Prix 2022: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari, Monaco)

16. Who has won the Menorca Open chess tournament 2022 which was held in Spain, followed by Aryan Chopra who finished as runner-up _____ **Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh.**

Note:

- Gukesh defeated fellow Indian B Adhiban (placed at tenth) in the seventh and final round to win the title.
- This is D Gukesh's second title win after the La Roda Open.
- P. Sethuraman (fifth), Raunak Sadhwani (seventh) and Nihal Sarin (eighth) have finished

17. Which state will organise the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 _____ **Haryana.**

Note:

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur have announced the official dates (from 4th to 13th June 2022) of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in a virtual interaction with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal.
- The mascot and logo of the Khelo India Youth Games will be launched on the 8th of May in Panchkula, Haryana.

18. The 2nd Khelo Masters Games 2022 will be held in which place _____ **Delhi.**

Note:

- Anurag Singh Thakur (Youth Affairs and Sports Minister) has inaugurated the 2nd Khelo Masters Games Delhi-2022 at Tyagraj Stadium in New Delhi.

- Under this game, 3000 master players of the age group between 30 to 95 years from all over the country are participating in eight games.

19. Who has won her second Asian bronze medal in the Asia Badminton Championships 2022 _____ **P.V. Sindhu.**

Note:

- She was defeated by Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semifinal in Manila
- She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.
- Sindhu has assured a medal in the championship when she defeated He Big Jiao of China by 21-9,13-21 and 21-19 in the quarterfinal.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of 'Hear Yourself' which has recently released for the Indian subcontinent in Mumbai _____ **Author Prem Rawat.**

Note:

- This is the New York Times bestseller book which is already available in 58 countries and five languages.
- This book assists people to understand their own potential, develop better self-understanding, and help them to find out peace in a noisy world.

2. Who authored the book titled "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution" which was released on the occasion of the 131st birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar _____ **Rajesh Talwar.**

Note:

- The book was published by Ponytale Books.
- The book seeks to inform the challenging boyhood and growing up years of India's first law minister.
- The facts are based largely on Ambedkar's own recollection of his childhood.

3. Who is the author of a book titled "Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping" _____ **authored by French journalist Roger Faligot.**

Note:

- It is translated by writer, editor and translator, Natasha Lehrer.
- The foreword of the book is written by Vikram Sood, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India's foreign intelligence agency.

Science and Defence

1. What is the name a new laser missile-defense system of Israel which was successfully tested recently _____ **Iron Beam.**

Note:

- It can intercept many kinds of aerial objects ranging from missiles, rockets, anti-tank missiles and even drones. Developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems
- It is using directed-energy weapon system and can go a long way in providing aerial defense.
- It is the world's first energy-based weapons system that uses laser to shoot down incoming UAVs, rockets & mortars at \$3.50 per shot

2. Which country has signed an MoU with India to establish a Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing _____ **Finland.**

Note:

- Aim to stimulate innovative research and development projects, demonstrate high industrial relevance, and commercial potential
- India has identified three premier institutes IIT Madras, IISER Pune, and C-DAC Pune for Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing.

3. Which edition Joint Staff talks held between India-France in Paris, France on April 12-13, 2022 _____ **20th edition.**

Note:

- The focus of the discussion was on new initiatives under the ambit of existing bilateral defence cooperation mechanism and strengthening ongoing defence engagements.
- The forum was established to enhance defence cooperation between both nations through regular talks at the strategic and operational levels.

4. In which state the Trishakti Corps has organized EX KRIPAN SHAKTI _____ **Near Siliguri in West Bengal.**

Note:

- Orchestrating and synergizing the capabilities of the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces (CRPF) to fight an integrated battle.
- The units of the Trishakti Corps have demonstrated their abilities to hit hard and swiftly with precision during the exercise.

5. From which fighter aircraft the Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully conducted a test-fire of the live firing of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile _____ **Su30- MKI fighter aircraft.**

Note:

- The missile hit a decommissioned Indian Navy ship under close coordination with the Indian Navy.
- The BrahMos can be fired from submarines, ships, fighter jets and land.
- In 2016, the government decided to integrate the Brahmos into over 40 Sukhoi fighter jets.

6. Which IIT has signed an MoU with Indian Air Force (IAF) for technology development and finding indigenous solutions towards the sustenance of various weapon systems _____ **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.**

Note:

- Aim to accelerate IAF's indigenization efforts for achieving 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.
- Under this, IAF has identified key focus areas involving technology development and finding indigenous solutions towards the sustenance of various weapon systems.

7. In which place the Oil India Limited (OIL) has set up India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen with an installed capacity of 10 kg per day _____ **Jorhat Pump Station in Assam.**

Note:

- The plant produces Green Hydrogen from the electricity generated by the existing 500kW Solar plant using a 100 kW Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) Electrolyser array. The AEM technology is being used for the first time in India.
- The production of plant will increase from 10 kg per day to 30 kg per day in the future.

8. Name the sixth and final Scorpene class submarine of the P75 project of the Indian Navy which was launched at Mazgaon Dock Ltd _____ **Vagsheer (sixth submarine, Yard 11880).**

Note:

- Designed by: French naval defence and energy company DCNS
- Manufacturer: Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai
- Submarines: INS Kalvari(2017), INS Khanderi(2019), INS Karanj(March 2021), INS Vela (November 2021), INS Vagir(November 2020, sea trial).

9. Who has inaugurated the DefConnect 2.0 which is organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence, Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) in New Delhi _____ **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.**

Note:

- The event will be attended by many innovators and investors from the country's leading industries in the defence sector.

- The iDEX was launched by PM Modi in 2018 to provide a unified platform for various stakeholders in the defence and aerospace sectors.

10. Which country has successfully test-fired a Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- The training warheads have reached a given area at the Kura test ground on the Kamchatka Peninsula and the tasks were completed in full.
- This missile system has the highest tactical and technical characteristics and is able to overcome all modern means of anti-missile defense.

11. What are the new timelines in the Make-II procedure has been amended by Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 in defence _____ **101-109 weeks**.

Note:

- To promote Make in India initiative in defence the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 has been amended based on the approvals accorded by Defence Acquisition Council (DAC).
- Import of defence equipment has to be undertaken with specific approval of DAC/Raksha Mantri.
- The defence ministry also cut the waiting time for projects under the iDEX framework.

12. What is the name of the largest and most complex international live-fire cyber defence exercise _____ **Locked Shields 2022**.

Note:

- This real-time network defence exercise was organised by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) in Tallinn, Estonia.
- This drill has been taking place annually since 2010.
- The team from Finland has won the cyber defence exercise Locked Shields 2022 followed by Lithuania-Poland, and the Estonian-Georgian joint team.

13. Which aerospace company has started the Main Airframe Fatigue Test (MAFT) of Light Combat Aircraft Mark 1 (LCA Mk1) airframe in Bengaluru _____ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

Note:

- This test has been conducted to understand how the aircraft structure performs in real conditions.
- The structure of the aircraft is mounted on a test rig to check for any cracks or damage.

14. Which command force has successfully test-fired BrahMos supersonic cruise missile (Anti-ship version) with the Indian Navy _____ **Andaman and Nicobar Command**.

Note:

- A joint venture of India-Russian, BrahMos Aerospace, produces supersonic cruise missiles that can be launched from ships, aircraft, submarines, or land platforms.
- BrahMos missile flies at a speed of 2.8 Mach.
- The range of the advanced version of the missile: 350km.

15. Who has inaugurated the logistics seminar LOGISEM VAYU-2022 in New Delhi _____ **Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal, Vivek Chaudhari**.

Note:

- He emphasized that the present supply chain management should look forward with an aim to improve the logistics capabilities.
- Logistics philosophy document of IAF titled 'Tenets of Logistics' and a book on the history of Logistics in IAF titled 'Footprints in Sands of Time' were released.

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