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Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates **16-31st May 2022**

Dear readers,

Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-31st) of **May 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which industry of India has climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide _____ **Reliance Industries**.

Note:

- Followed by **State Bank of India** (105), **HDFC Bank** (153) and **ICICI Bank** (204).
- Other Indian Firms: **ONGC** at 228 ranks, **HDFC** at 268, **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** at 357, **TCS** at 384, **Tata Steel** at 407 and **Axis Bank** at 431.
- The Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world on the basis of four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value.

2. With which airlines Axis Bank has partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card which is powered by Visa that will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers _____ **SpiceJet**.

Note:

- The card comes in two variants: **SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage** and **Voyage Black**
- Aim: Facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through **SpiceClub**.
- The special credit card livery has been unveiled on **SpiceJet's Boeing 737 MAX** aircraft.

3. The government of India has made PAN or Aadhar mandatory from May 26 in case cash deposits and withdrawals in a financial year exceed _____ **₹20 lakh**.

Note:

- A notification was issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- PAN and Aadhar are also mandatory for the opening of a current account or cash credit account by a person with a banking company.
- There is also a requirement for quoting PAN on bank deposits of over ₹50,000 made in one day.

4. What is the wholesale price-based inflation in April 2022 _____ **15.08%**.

Note:

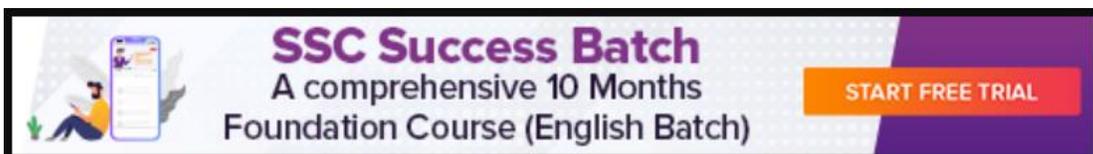
- On rising prices across segments from food to commodities.
- The WPI-based inflation was 14.55% in March 2022 and 10.74% in April 2021.
- The WPI inflation has remained double-digit for the 13th consecutive month since April 2021.

5. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 59 lakh on KEB Hana Bank for non-compliance with certain norms related to the interest rates on deposits. Where is the headquarters of KEB Hana Bank _____ **Seoul, South Korea**.

Note:

- The bank has been penalised under the "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016".
- The RBI has conducted a statutory inspection for supervisory evaluation of KEB Hana Bank with reference to its financial position as of March 31, 2020.

6. Which country has surpassed Germany to become the 4th largest vehicles market _____ **India**.



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Note:

- According to the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), India has sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany. This shows a difference of almost 26%.
- The most number of vehicles were sold in China (sales remained almost stagnant), followed by the US (reported growth of 4%) and Japan (market shrunk compared to both 2020 and 2019).

7. What amount of fraud has been recorded by the Public sector banks during the financial year ended March 2022 _____ **Rs 40,295.25 crore.**

Note:

- The 12 PSBs had reported frauds worth Rs 81,921.54 crore in the preceding fiscal 2020-21.
- But, the number of fraud cases has fallen slightly as a total of 7,940 frauds were reported by the PSBs in 2021-22, against 9,933 incidents reported in FY21.

8. For which project of Gujarat, the World Bank has approved the USD 350 million as financial aid _____ **Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat -SRESTHA-G project.**

Note:

- The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.
- Focus area: Improve the quality, equity, and comprehensiveness of primary healthcare, services for adolescent girls and the capacity of disease surveillance systems.

9. Which Insurance Company has launched a dental health insurance plan _____ **PNB MetLife India.**

Note:

- A dental health insurance plan is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.
- PNB MetLife has tied up with more than 340 dental clinics to help customers to manage their dental health.

10. What minimum investors have been mandated by the SEBI Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) _____ **20.**

Note:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has enhanced the net worth criteria and track record requirements with an aim to strengthen the regulatory framework for collective investment schemes.
- A subscription amount of at least Rs 20 crore for each Collective Investment Scheme (CIS).
- SEBI has put a cap on cross-shareholding in Collective Investment Management Company (CIMC) to 10% to avoid conflict of interest.

11. What would be India's GDP projection for the current fiscal FY23 by the S&P Global Ratings _____ **7.3%.**

Note:

- On rising inflation and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- S&P Global Ratings suggestions: Central banks to raise rates more than what was currently priced in, risking a harder landing which includes a larger hit to output and employment.

12. Which government agency will facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration with all banks and ATM networks _____ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).**

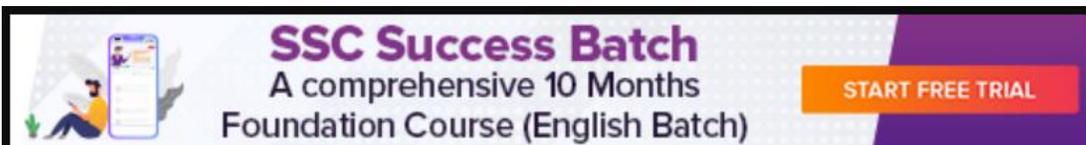
Note:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks and ATM operators to provide cardless cash withdrawal facilities at all ATMs.
- All banks, automated teller machine (ATM) networks, and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) may provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs.

13. The NEFT and RTGS facility will be available for which type of account holder _____ **Post Office Savings Accounts holders.**

Note:

- NEFT facility has been made available for Post Office Savings Accounts holders from May 18, 2022, and RTGS facility will be available from May 31, 2022.



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- This facility enables POSB customers to transfer funds to and from other bank accounts to POSB Accounts in DoP-CBS (DoP-CBS stands for Department of Posts - Core Banking Solutions).

14. How many special courts will be constituted for the expeditious disposal of cheque bounce cases ____ **25**.

Note:

- The special courts under the Negotiable Instruments Act will be set up in Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in view of a large number of pending cases.
- The special courts shall follow the same procedure with respect to trial as mandated by the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.

15. As per the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, What is the amount of FDI in India in 2021-22 ____ **USD 83.57 billion**.

Note:

- In 2020-21, the inflow stood at USD 81.97 billion.
- FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by 76% in 2021-22 (USD 21.34 bn) compared to 2020-21.
- Top investors: Singapore (27%); USA (18%) and Mauritius (16%)
- Computer software and hardware attracted maximum inflows followed by the services sector and automobile industry

16. How much amount of dividend payment of to the Centre for the fiscal year 2021-22 has been approved by the RBI ____ **Rs. 30,307 crore**.

Note:

- The bank's central board of directors also decided to maintain the contingency risk buffer (CRB) at 5.50%.
- In the 2022 budget, the government had estimated that it would receive Rs. 73,948 crore as dividend from the RBI and state-owned banks for FY22.
- The budgeted dividend is 27% lower than the ₹1.01 trillion the Centre received in FY22.

17. Paytm has announced a Joint Venture with which insurance company ____ **general insurance company**.

Note:

- JV named as Paytm General Insurance Ltd (PGIL).
- Paytm has announced plans to infuse ₹950 crore in PGIL in tranches, over a period of 10 years and to hold upfront equity stake of 74 per cent.
- PGIL will become a subsidiary of the Paytm. PGIL will seek a license for a general insurance business from the insurance regulator IRDAI.

18. Which bank has recently tied up with Amazon Web Services to offer UPI payments ____ **RBL Bank**.

Note:

- The bank has partnered with Amazon Pay to offer peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions.
- With this integration, Amazon Pay will issue NPCI's allocated UPI ID with the handle @rapl to RBL Bank.
- The partnership will allow the bank to tap Amazon Pay's growing customer base and transaction volumes. It will expand the bank's presence in the UPI segment with its payment processing platform hosted on AWS.

19. Which bank has issued an RMB-denominated bond of CNY 7 billion (\$1.04 billion) in China's interbank bond market with a maturity of three years ____ **New Development Bank (NDB)**.

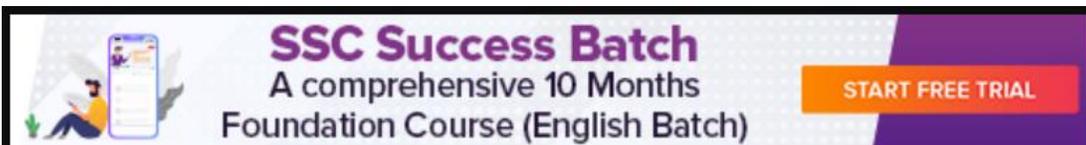
Note:

- The transaction is the largest ever Panda Bond issue by a Multilateral Development Bank (MDB).
- Upon the completion of the issuance, the NDB would have a cumulative total of RMB 30 bln bonds issued under its RMB bond programs in the China Interbank Bond Market.

20. How much amount has been announced by the World Bank as financial aid in response to the ongoing food security crisis in the world ____ **\$30 billion**.

Note:

- Areas: Agriculture, nutrition, social protection, water, and irrigation will be available for implementation to address food insecurity over the next 15 months.



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- The World Bank is working with countries on the preparation of \$12 billion of new projects for the next 15 months.
21. Which bank will open its first regional office in India at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to cater to infrastructure and sustainable development needs of the country ____ **New Development Bank (NDB)**.
- Note:**
- The Indian Regional Office (IRO) will be instrumental in enhancing NDB's engagement with borrowers and stakeholders.
 - IRO expands our on-the-ground presence, contributing to preparing and implementing projects
22. What is the name of the credit card which is recently announced by the State Bank of India (SBI) on its Yono platform which allows eligible customers to get personal loans of up to ₹35 lakh ____ **Real-Time Xpress Credit**.
- Note:**
- It is a flagship personal loan product for salaried customers (Xpress Credit), now has a digital avatar, and customers can now avail of it through Yono.
 - It would be a 100% paperless and digital experience and an end-to-end eight-step journey.
23. Which financial service provider has launched 'Loan Against Shares' an end-to-end integrated digital financial offering ____ **Tata Capital Ltd.**
- Note:**
- Aims: To provide customers with an easy and seamless experience
 - Through this facility, the customers can avail of loans up to ₹5 crores by simply pledging their dematerialized shares online, facilitated by NSDL.
24. Which private bank has joined hands with Retailio to launch of a new range of co-branded credit cards primarily targeted at chemists and pharmacies in the merchant segment ____ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- Retailio is the country's largest B2B pharma marketplace.
 - The co-branded credit card offers cashback on tax payments, reward points, and 5% Cashback on all Business essentials.
 - The card also offers no-cost and low-cost EMI options for all customers on their credit cards.
25. Under the chairmanship of whom, the Reserve Bank of India has set up a committee to review the efficacy, adequacy, and quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other entities regulated by it ____ **Former RBI deputy governor BP Kanungo**.
- Note:**
- The six-member committee will submit a report within three months from the date of its first meeting.
 - It will also review the evolving needs of the customer service landscape (evolving digital/ electronic financial products and distribution landscape).
26. Which start-up of rural NEO bank has signed a partnership with the IndusInd Bank to digitize the nation's payment ecosystem and provide a wider scope to transact for its customers in rural India ____ **Mahagram**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To boost financial inclusion, encourage socio-economic development, mitigate the risks of a shadow economy, and accelerate the growth of a cashless society.
 - Mahagram was founded in 2015 to enable rural women to save money at the local Kirana stores.
27. Which bank has signed a co-lending agreement with NBFC Paisalo Digital Limited for agriculture business to capitalize on the underbanked and under-serviced population ____ **UCO Bank**.
- Note:**
- The tie-up will give a boost to the agriculture advance of the bank and it is a win-win situation for the bank as well as the NBFC.
 - The Government of India aims to help agriculture and other small borrowers who are the backbone of the Indian economy.

28. How much stakes have been acquired by the GIC (sovereign wealth fund) in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL) for Rs 2,195 crore ____ **7.5% equity stake.**

Note:

- The investment will be made by way of preferential equity and warrants. In the first tranche, the GIC will invest Rs 770 crore, while the rest amount of Rs 1,425 crore would be infused within 18 months.
- After the investment, Aditya Birla Group will hold a controlling stake of 51.9% in the company.

29. Which financial digital payment company will acquire wealth management firms WealthDesk for about \$50 million and OpenQ for around \$20 million ____ **PhonePe (Walmart-owned digital payments firm).**

Note:

- PhonePe confirmed the deal related to WealthDesk and OpenQ, but didn't reveal the value of the transaction.
- PhonePe has applied to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) for a mutual fund (MF) license in 2021, joining rivals in the race to set up an asset management company (AMC)

30. Which bank becomes the first Japanese bank to open a branch at Gujarat International Financial Tech City (GIFT City) ____ **MUFG Bank.**

Note:

- MUFG Bank has already taken all necessary approvals from the International Financial Services Centre Authority (India) and the Financial Services Agency (Japan) to set up a branch at GIFT City.
- MUFG had opened its first branch in Mumbai in 1953.

31. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has increased the third-party (TP) motor insurance premium for various categories of vehicles with effect from ____ **June 1.**

Note:

- The premium for new private cars is hiked between 1% and 23%.

32. Which NBFC has announced a joint venture (JV) with Indian Bank, to help both institutions leverage synergies and offer customer-centric financial solutions to borrowers in the retail segment ____ **Northern Arc (NBFC).**

Note:

- This move will help Indian Bank by gaining access to Northern Arc's n-POS platform which helps fintech, NBFCs and investors co-lend to retail loan borrowers.

33. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has relaxed the norms for non-bank entities to set up Bharat Bill Payment operating units (BBPOU) by reducing the net-worth requirement to ____ **Rs 25 crores.**

Note:

- Presently, the minimum net worth of Rs 100 crore is required to obtain authorization for a non-bank BBPOU.
- Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an interoperable platform for bill payments and the scope and coverage of BBPS extend to all categories of billers who raise recurring bills.

34. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has cleared how much percent of stake to sale in Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) to fetch around Rs 38,000 crore to the exchequer ____ **29.5%.**

Note:

- The government has budgeted Rs. 65,000 crore from PSU disinvestment and strategic sale.
- In 2002, the government offloaded a 26% stake in HZL to Sterlite Opportunities and Ventures Ltd (SOVL).

35. Bank of Baroda Financial in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and ____, have launched HPCL BoB co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card ____ **Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL).**

Note:

- This card can be used across merchants and ATMs globally through the JCB network.
- BOB Financial is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank of Baroda (BoB).

36. What is the name of Robo advisory platform launched HDFC Securities ____ **HDFC Money.**

Note:

- This also manages other aspects of finances such as accessing, managing, and tracking portfolios, starting goal planning, insurance planning, and managing/filing taxes.

37. SEBI has withdrawn the recognition of which exchange _____ **Indian Commodity Exchange Limited (ICEX)**.

Note:

- The withdrawal of recognition follows an order passed by SEBI on May 10 after finding the bourse non-compliant on several grounds like net worth and infrastructural requirements.

38. What would be India's growth has been projected by the Moody's Investors Service for the calendar year 2022 (CY22) _____ **8.8%**.

Note:

- It projected inflation to be around 6.8% and 5.2% for 2022 and 2023, respectively.

39. Which organization has issued norms for facilitating the physical import of gold through India International Bullion Exchange IFSC (IIBX) or similar authorised exchange by Qualified Jewellers in India _____ **RBI**.

Note:

- Banks may allow Qualified Jewellers to remit advance payments for 11 days for import of gold through IIBX in compliance to the extant Foreign Trade Policy and regulations issued under IFSC Act.

40. RBI has red-flagged which bank in its annual report, observing that balance sheets of shadow banks expanded even as the asset quality deteriorated _____ **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)**.

Note:

- Some of NBFCs pose potential threat to financial stability as their size increased due to higher risk appetite
- Shadow banking: bank-like activities that take place outside traditional banking sector

41. According to the RBI's Banknote Survey of Consumers findings, which note has revealed as the most preferred banknote _____ **₹100**.

Note:

- ₹2,000 was the least preferred denomination.
- Among coins, ₹5 denomination was the most preferred whereas ₹1 was the least preferred.

42. Ecowrap is a research report of which bank _____ **SBI**.

Note:

- According to the State Bank of India's research report Ecowrap, the growth rate of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to be in the range of 8.2 to 8.5% in the FY22.

Obituaries

1. Andrew Symonds, passed away who was associated with which sports _____ **Cricket, Australia**.

Note:

- He made his first-debut for Queensland in 1994-95 season.
- He was a right-handed batter, who was known for scoring runs at a quick pace and has a career strike rate of 92.44 in 198 ODI matches.
- He was a part of the Ricky Ponting-led side that won the ICC Men's World Cup in 2003 and 2007.

2. Padma Shri awardee, Dr Rama Kant Shukla, passed away who was an eminent scholar of Hindi and _____ **Sanskrit**.

Note:

- He is the founder and general secretary of Devavani Parishad in Delhi, and the founding chairman and editor of "Arvacinasamskrtam" (quarterly journal) in Sanskrit.
- He was conferred the titles of Sanskrit Rashtrakavi, Kaviratna, and Kavi Siromani by literary and Sanskrit organizations.

3. Former parliamentarian Shivaji Patnaik. passed away at 92 who was related to which political party _____ **CPI (M)**.

Note:

- Patnaik joined the undivided Community Party of India (CPI) in 1947 and was the architect of the formation of CPI(M) in Odisha in 1961. He was elected from the Lok Sabha seat (Bhubaneswar) thrice in 1977, 1989 and 1991.
 - He was the CPM secretary of the State Committee from 1972 to 1991 and also a member of the central committee of the CPM for a long period.
4. Lester Piggott passed away and was related to which sports ____ **Jockey**.
- Note:**
- Piggott was partially deaf, and has won the Derby at Epsom for the first time in 1954 and the ninth win came on Teenoso in 1983.
5. Bujar Nishani, has passed away and was related to which field ____ **Politics**.
- Note:**
- He was a former president of Albania.
 - Nishani was elected as president in June 2012 at the age of 45, and becomes the country's youngest-ever president.

Important Days

1. Which state has observed its 47th State Day on 16th May ____ **Sikkim**.
- Note:**
- In 1975 the Sikkim has become a part of India as its 22nd state.
 - On 15 May 1975, then-President of India Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed signed a 36th constitutional amendment and a day later, Sikkim became a complete Indian state
 - The rule of the Chogyal (last dynasty) was abolished.
2. On which date World Hypertension Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the symptoms of hypertension ____ **May 17**.
- Note:**
- The theme of WHD for 2022 is Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.
 - Hypertension or high blood pressure occurs when the blood pressure rises to an unhealthy level of 140/90.
 - Hypertension is a major cause of cardiovascular disease and premature death worldwide.
3. On which date World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the benefit of the Internet and other information and communication technologies to society and economies ____ **May 17**.
- Note:**
- The 2022 theme for World Telecommunication Day is Digital Technologies For Older Persons And Healthy Ageing.
 - The day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on May 17, 1865.
4. On which date International Museum Day is observed annually ____ **May 18**.
- Note:**
- It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums.
 - The 2022 theme of International Museum Day is "Power of Museums".
 - The International Council of Museums has been organizing International Museum Day every year since 1977 for the museum community.
 - The National Gallery of Modern Art has also organised special activities and programs to mark the celebration of Museum Day from May 16-20.
5. On which date National Dengue Day is observed every year in India ____ **16th of May**.
- Note:**
- National Dengue day was an initiative of the Ministry of health and family welfare.

- Aim: To make people aware of dengue and its prevention measures.
 - It also has the people to know how to prepare and control dengue before the transmission season begins.
6. On which date the International Day of Light is celebrated each year to mark the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman ____ **16 May**.

Note:

- This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development.
 - The laser is a perfect example of how a scientific discovery can yield revolutionary benefits to society in communications, healthcare and many other fields.
7. On which date the International Day of Living Together in Peace is held every year ____ **16th May**.

Note:

- Aims: To urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way.
 - Individuals can attain this by listening to each other and respecting one another despite their differences.
8. On which date the International Day of Families is observed every year ____ **15 May**.

Note:

- The United Nations works on topics that are critical to the well-being of families worldwide, such as health, education, children's rights, gender equality, work-family balance, and social inclusion, among others.
 - The theme for this year 'Families and Urbanization'.
9. On which date the World Migratory Bird Day is marked twice a year ____ **14 May and 8 October**.

Note:

- The day is celebrated with an aim to safeguard migratory birds' breeding, non-breeding as well as stopover habitats while preserving a healthy bird population.
 - The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2022 is light pollution.
10. World Bee Day is observed annually on which date across the world with an aim to recognise the importance of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem ____ **May 20**.

Note:

- The theme 2022: "Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems".
 - The United Nations mark May 20 as World Bee Day to celebrate the birth anniversary of beekeeping pioneer Anton Jansa.
11. Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on which date ____ **21st of May**.

Note:

- The day is highly important for the nation as it has been a victim of terror attacks for several years.
 - The day came into being after on May 21, 1991, India's former PM Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during a campaign in Tamil Nadu.
 - He became the victim of a suicide bombing, which also resulted in around 14 other people being killed.
 - Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest PM when he was sworn in at the age of 40.
12. International Tea Day is observed on which date every year by the United Nations ____ **May 21**.

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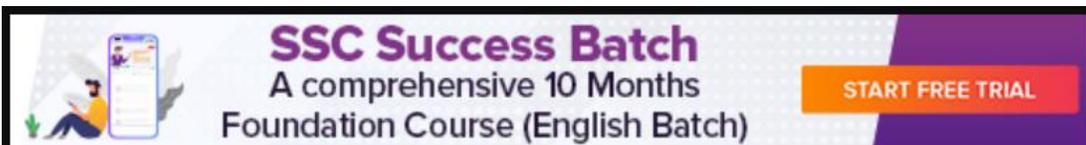
- The day aims to raise awareness of the long history and the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world.
 - The UNGA in the year 2019 marked 21 May as International Tea Day.
 - The theme of the first International Tea Day was 'harnessing benefits for all from field to cup.'
13. The International Day for Biological Diversity commemorates every year on which date ____ **May 22**.

Note:

- The theme for International Day for Biological Diversity 2022 is "Building a shared future for all life".

- Purpose: To raise awareness about the environment and all species that live on this planet. The United Nations General Assembly has designated May 22 as International Day for Biological Diversity in December 2000.
14. International Missing Children's Day is observed every year on which date ____ **25th of May**.
- Note:**
- Aims of the day are to place a spotlight on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children and also honour those who have never been found and celebrate those who have.
15. World Thyroid Day is observed on which date to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention, and treatments ____ **May 25**.
- Note:**
- Thyroid Federation international has announced the theme, "It's not you. It's your thyroid."
16. Which day is observed by the United Nations from May 25 to 31 ____ **International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories**.
- Note:**
- On December 06, 1999, the UN General Assembly called for the annual observance of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
17. Which date is observed as World Turtle Day by American Tortoise Rescue, a nonprofit organization ____ **May 23**.
- Note:**
- This year's theme for World Turtle Day is "Shellebrate". The theme asks "everyone to Love and Save Turtles".
18. Which date is observed as a Commonwealth Day ____ **Second Monday of March**.
- Note:**
- However, India and a few other countries celebrate it on May 24. The theme for Commonwealth Day 2022 is 'Delivering a Common Future'
19. United Nations (UN) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is marked on which date to promote action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula ____ **23rd May**.
- Note:**
- In 2003 the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula, a collaborative initiative to prevent fistula and restore the health of those affected by the condition. The day was officially recognized in 2012.
20. World Metrology Day(WMD) is annually observed across the globe on which date ____ **20th May**.
- Note:**
- To create awareness about the Metrology, the science of measurement and its application.
- The theme for World Metrology Day 2022 is Metrology in the Digital Era.
21. What is the theme of International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2022 which is observed annually on May 29 ____ **People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships**.
- Note:**
- Captain Abdelrazakh Hamit Bahar of Chad has received posthumously the highest award in UN peacekeeping, the 'Captain Mbaye Diagne Medal for Exceptional Courage.
22. World No Tobacco Day is observed on which date every year to raise awareness about the destruction caused by consuming tobacco ____ **May 31**.
- Note:**
- The United Nations has adopted sustainable development agenda by 2030 with an aim to reduce tobacco-related deaths by one-third by that time.
- Theme 2022: Tobacco: Threat to our environment.

New Appointments



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1. Who has become the 12th Chief Minister of Tripura after Biplab Kumar Deb resigned from the post ____ **Manik Saha (Tripura BJP chief).**

Note:

- Tripura's governor Satyadev Narayan Arya has administered the oath of office on May 15 at Raj Bhawan in Agartala (Capital city).
- Dr Saha is a dental surgeon by profession and joined BJP in 2016 after quitting Congress.
- Deb had taken oath as the CM of Tripura in 2018, ending the 25-year Communist rule in the state.

2. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) ____ **Nidhi Chibber.**

Note:

- She is from 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre and currently working as an Additional Secretary in Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- Vivek Kumar Dewangen from a 1993 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre has been named Chairman of REC Ltd. (Ministry of Power).
- S Gopalakrishnan has been appointed as Additional Secretary in Department of Health and Family Welfare.

3. Who has been elected as president of the United Arab Emirates after the death of former leader Sheikh Khalifa ____ **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**

Note:

- Sheikh Mohamed was elected by the Federal Supreme Council, becoming the ruler of the oil-rich country which was founded by his father in 1971.

4. Who has been appointed as the company's new Chief People Officer of Pine Labs ____ **Vijayalakshmi Swaminathan.**

Note:

- Before joining Pine Labs, she worked with Amazon India where she was heading the Human Resources function.
- She was one of the founding Partners at CoCoon Consulting, a cross-sectoral boutique HR consulting firm.
- She has also worked with FMCG major Unilever for bolstering the company's employer brand.

5. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France ____ **Elisabeth Borne.**

Note:

- She becomes the second woman to hold this position after Edith Cresson (1991-1992) under President Francois Mitterrand.
- She joined Macron's centrist party in 2017.
- She is a former Transport, Ecology and Labour minister.
- She has succeeded Jean Castex, who had led the French cabinet since July 2020 and resigned recently.

6. Who has been appointed as the new president of Somalia for four years ____ **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.**

Note:

- He defeated the current president, Mohamed Abudallahi Farmajo.
- Out of 328 MPs, Mohamud has received 214 votes and Farmajo won 110 votes only.
- Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, also served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017.

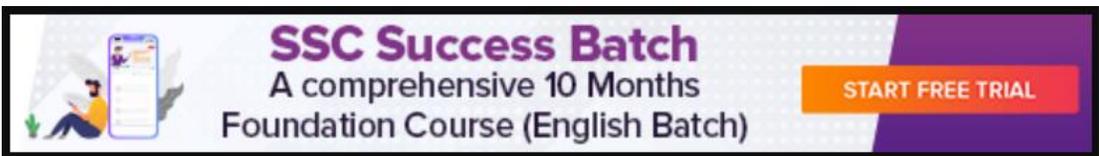
7. Name two executive directors who have been recently appointed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ____ **Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan.**

Note:

- Ranjan will serve as an ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) while Pattanaik will serve as the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR).
- Prior to being promoted, Pattanaik was an Adviser in the DEPR and Ranjan served as Adviser-in-Charge of Monetary Policy Department and Secretary to the MPC.

8. Which company has appointed former chief election commissioner Sunil Arora as the new non-executive chairman of its board ____ **Gram Unnati (Agritech startup).**

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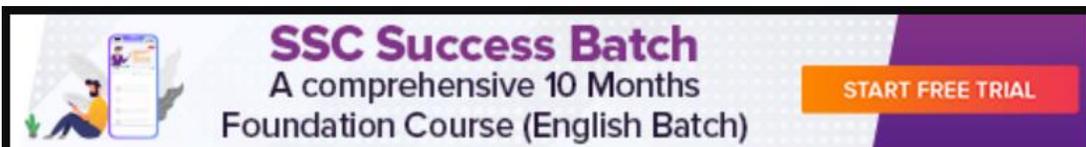


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- He is a retired civil servant (IAS) with an experience of over 36 years.
 - He has served as secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
9. Who has been appointed as the next ambassador to Nepal ____ **Naveen Srivastava**.
- Note:**
- He succeeded Vinay Kwatra, who has recently become the foreign secretary.
 - He has played a key role in diplomatic and military talks with China to tackle the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
10. Who has been appointed by the BSE as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company ____ **SS Mundra**.
- Note:**
- He replaced Justice Vikramajit Sen who is the current chairman.
 - Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018.
 - He retired as Deputy Governor of the RBI on July 30, 2017, and also served as Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank of Baroda.
11. Who has been elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences ____ **Dr. Kamal Bawa**.
- Note:**
- He is a conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE).
 - Election to the 170-year-old Academy is a recognition of the significant contributions to science by its members.
 - Dr. Kamal Bawa is also an elected fellow of the Royal Society (London) and the American Philosophical Society.
12. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eicher Motors Limited (EML), the parent company of Royal Enfield ____ **B Govindarajan**.
- Note:**
- He had been serving as the Executive Director of Royal Enfield since August 2021 and prior to that, he was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) at the company since 2013.
 - He will also serve as a Wholetime Director on the Board of EML.
 - He has spent more than 23 years across Royal Enfield and Eicher Motors.
13. Who has been appointed as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of low-cost carrier IndiGo, ____ **Pieter Elbers**.
- Note:**
- He succeeds Ronojoy Dutta, 71, who has decided to retire on September 30, 2022.
 - Since 2014, Mr Elbers, 52, has served as the President and CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Air France – KLM Group.
 - MD of IndiGo: Rahul Bhatia
14. Who has been reappointed as as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm for another 5 yrs term ____ **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**.
- Note:**
- His tenure will be from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027.
 - Madhur Deora has been appointed as the Whole-time Director of Paytm for a tenure of 5 years from May 20, 2022, to May 19, 2027.
 - Deora will also continue to act in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer of Paytm. One 97 Communications is the parent company of Paytm.
15. Who has been appointed as a CEO of Infosys for the period of five years on the recommendation of the Board of Directors from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2027, ____ **Salil Parekh**.
- Note:**

- He will be the only non-founder CEO to have managed to be at the helm of the company for a second term. He has been leading the role at Infosys since January 2018.
 - He took over the role from then-interim CEO and MD and company veteran UB Pravin Rao.
16. Who has been appointed as the new commissioner of the unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi ____ **Gyanesh Bharti**.
- Note:**
- The Centre has appointed 1992 batch IAS officer Ashwani Kumar as the special officer in the unified MCD. He will take over the role of elected councilors and municipal committees till the fresh civic polls are held.
 - The unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi comes into effect on May 22, 2022.
17. Who was sworn in as Australia's 31st Prime Minister ____ **Labour Party leader Anthony Albanese**.
- Note:**
- Four key Cabinet members, including new Foreign Minister Penny Wong, Richard Marles is the new Deputy Prime Minister and Employment Minister, Jim Chalmers is Treasurer, and Katy Gallagher is Attorney General and Finance Minister.
 - It is Australia's first Labour Government in almost a decade.
18. Who was sworn in as president of East Timor ____ **Jose Ramos-Horta (Former independence fighter and Nobel Peace Prize laureate)**.
- Note:**
- He defeated incumbent Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres (his fellow independence fighter) in election. Ramos-Horta was prime minister from 2006 to 2007 and president from 2007 to 2012.
 - East Timor is marking the 20th anniversary of independence for Asia's youngest country.
19. Who has been appointed as the PS to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at joint secretary level ____ **Vivek Kumar**.
- Note:**
- He will take over as PM Modi's private secretary from Sanjeev Kumar Singla. Kumar has joined the PMO as a deputy secretary in 2014.
 - He is a BTech in chemical engineering from IIT Bombay and has served in diplomatic positions in Russia and Australia.
20. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi ____ **Vinai Kumar Saxena**.
- Note:**
- He was appointed as the chairman of KVIC in October 2015. He has worked on various schemes and products: 'Honey Mission', 'Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana', 'Leather Artisans' Empowerment', Khadi Prakritik Paint, and many more.
 - He has replaced former LG Anil Baijal, who headed Delhi's government for five years.
21. Who has been reelected as Director-General of WHO for the second term with effect from 16th August 2022 ____ **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**.
- Note:**
- His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017.
 - Before joining the WHO, Dr Tedros served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.
22. Who becomes the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator after successfully completing her training ____ **Captain Abhilasha Barak**.
- Note:**
- She is from Haryana and was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the DG and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation in Nashik. She was commissioned into the Indian Army from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018.
 - She has been assigned to the second flight of the 2072 Army Aviation Squadron.
23. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the e-commerce venture of the group JSW One Platforms ____ **Gaurav Sachdeva**.



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Note:

- He will be responsible for creating a strong and healthy transparent platform that will ease buying and selling of steel and other products for manufacturing and construction MSMEs in the country.
- Prior to joining JSW Ventures, he worked in leading institutions like Citibank, Bank of America and Infosys.

24. Who has been made the chair of the WTO's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade(TBT) ____ **Anwar Hussain Shaik.**

Note:

- He replaced Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico.

25. Who has been appointed as the acting Chairperson of Lokpal by President Ram Nath Kovind, after Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his tenure as the Lokpal Chief ____ **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty.**

Note:

- His tenure is effective from 28th May, till the appointment of a new Chairperson.

26. Who has been elected as the voting member and chair on the Board of Directors for the Athletes' Committee, the International Boxing Association (IBA) ____ **Lovlina Borgohain.**

Note:

- She has received the highest number of votes at the 2022 Women's World Championships election.

Important News - India

1. Who has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad ____ **Amit Shah.**

Note:

- The premium laboratory was inaugurated at the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory located at Ramanthapur in the city.
- The Cyber and Information Security Division of the Home Ministry has set up the NCFL under Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Child scheme.

2. Name the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India which is recently announced by Bhupender Yadav (Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change) ____ **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.**

Note:

- It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.
- The newly notified tiger reserve includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed Silver Jubilee Celebrations programme of TRAI through video conferencing. What is the full form of TRAI ____ **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.**

Note:

- During the programme, PM Modi also launched a 5G Test Bed, developed as a multi-institutional collaborative project by a total of eight institutes led by IIT Madras.
- TRAI was established in 1997 through the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

4. Who will be the chairperson of the first meeting of the formation of the Cotton Council of India ____ **Suresh Bhai Kotak.**

Note:

- The first meeting of the proposed council has been scheduled for the 28th of May 2022.
- The council will discuss, deliberate, and prepare a robust action plan for bringing out a tangible improvement in this field.
- The import of cotton will be permitted duty-free till the bill of lading is dated September 30, 2022.

5. Which ministry has signed an MoU with Amazon Seller Services Private Limited to promote products listed by SHGs through the Saheli Storefront ____ **Ministry of Rural Development.**

Note:

- With the help of this MoU SHG entrepreneurs under NRLM can be able to offer their products to buyers across India through AmazonSaheli Storefront.
 - MoRD will conduct workshops for awareness creation and assist the sellers in listing their products with Amazon.
6. As per the report on the State of Inequality in India what is the labour force participation rate in the country in 2019-20 ____ 51.5%.

Note:

- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has proposed the implementation of an urban employment guarantee scheme on the lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).
 - Participation of educated till higher secondary from 2017-18 to 2019-20 was low at 40-43%.
7. Name the newly approved skin test for tuberculosis (TB) diagnosis ____ **c-TB**.

Note:

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has announced to launch of c-TB while addressing the 35th board meeting of the Stop TB Partnership through video-conferencing.
 - This TB Kit will be cost-effective and provide immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
 - He also announced to launch of a new initiative "Adopt people with TB".
8. Which ministry has signed an MoU with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) for the enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector ____ **Ministry of Heavy Industries**.

Note:

- Aim: Evaluation and review of the scheme, management of intellectual property rights, and commercialization support for the products developed under the Capital Goods Scheme.
 - Vision: Make India a global hub for the manufacturing of capital goods.
 - Heavy Industries Minister: Mahendra Nath Pandey
9. Which Government agency has signed an MoU with Vodafone Idea Limited on the occasion of "World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)" ____ **Centre for Development of Telematics(C-DOT)**.

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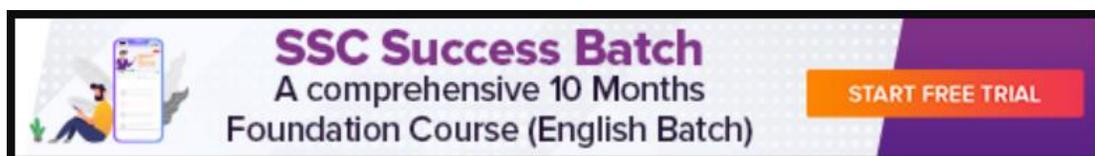
- Aim: To help both the organizations leverage each other's expertise in their respective domains to develop and deploy IoT/M2M solutions in India.
 - C-DOT is a telecom R&D organization under the Ministry of Communications, Government of India.
10. Which branch of the Indian army has inked a Tripartite MoU with Axis Bank and National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO) to establish a Centre of Excellence and Wellness to secure a better future for the youth of Nagaland ____ **Assam Rifles**.

Note:

- The centre named after Late Capt N Kenguruse MVC Centre of Excellence and Wellness will be located at Chieswema in Kohima district.
 - Free residential coaching will be provided to 30 children from economically weaker sections of Nagaland.
11. Which government agency has signed an MoU with Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) for the advocacy, outreach, mobilization and capacity-building of last-mile women-led enterprises ____ **Government eMarketplace (GeM)**.

Note:

- The MoU was signed by the Chief Executive Officer of GeM P. K. Singh and Vice-President of SEWA Rehana Riyawala.
 - GeM will train SEWA members to assist and enable women-led small enterprises with GeM processes related to seller registration and onboarding on the platform.
12. Which platform has signed an MoU with the Centre for Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) to foster innovation in agriculture ____ **The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP)**.



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Note:

- The agreement will initiate a joint effort in nurturing deep-science innovation in agriculture, food technology, and allied areas toward sustainability and food security in India's agriculture sector.
- C-CAMP is India's premier bio-innovation hub.

13. Which edition of the Executive Committee, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved 11 water infrastructure projects worth around Rs 660 crore ____ **42nd**.

Note:

- The meeting was headed by G Asok Kumar (DG, NMCG). During the meeting, a project for sewerage management for cleaning of River Hindon in Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh) was also approved.
- The estimated cost of the project is Rs 577.23 crore including the construction of 135 MLD STP, creation of interception etc.

14. Which gas producer company has become the first Exploration and Production (E&P) company in India to trade domestic gas on Indian Gas Exchange ____ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC)**.

Note:

- The first online trade was made on 23 May 2022 by Anurag Sharma (ONGC Director (Onshore) In-charge Marketing) on India's first automated national level Gas Exchange, IGX.
- The gas traded is from ONGC Krishna Godavari 98/2 block.

15. Which organisation has announced the Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders to supercharge India's climate action and decarbonization efforts ____ **The World Economic Forum (WEF)**.

Note:

- The alliance will continue its efforts to achieve the India vision, 'Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India', on India's low-carbon transition by 2070.
- Aim: To bring together the government, businesses, and other key stakeholders to achieve PM Narendra Modi's ambitious 'Panchamrit' pledge.

16. Which minister has launched Single National Portal for Biotech researchers and Start-ups, named Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP) ____ **Dr Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Science and Technology)**.

Note:

- This will cater to all those seeking regulatory approval for biological research & development activity in the country.
- India will figure among the top 5 countries of the world by 2025 in Global Bio-manufacturing Hub.

17. Who has the head of the Inter-State Council which has been reconstituted recently ____ **PM Narendra Modi**.

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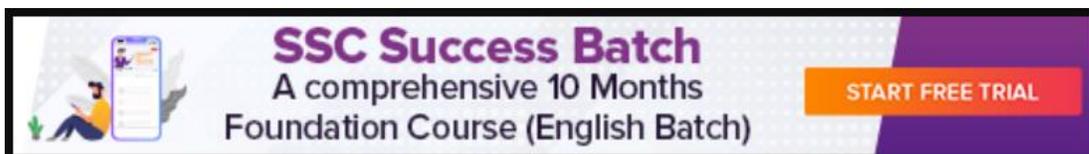
- It works to promote and support cooperative federalism in the country. The council comprises chief ministers of all states and six Union ministers as members. It will also have 10 Union ministers as permanent invitees. The government has also reconstituted the standing committee of the Inter-State Council with Union HM Amit Shah as head.

18. What is the theme of the 8th Edition of Swachh Survekshan - 2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 ____ **Waste to Wealth**.

Note:

- The survey would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse. Swachh Survekshan was introduced by MoHUA in 2016 as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation.

19. Which organisation has announced the launch of a revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) mobile application under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) ____ **National Health Authority (NHA)**.



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Note:

- The ABHA mobile application enables an individual to create an ABHA address (username) that can be linked with the 14 digit randomly generated ABHA number.
- Existing ABHA app users can also update their previous app versions to the latest one. CEO of NHA: Dr RS Sharma

20. Who has inaugurated India's biggest drone festival at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi and interact with kisan drone pilots as well as witness open-air drone demonstrations ____ **PM Narendra Modi.**

Note:

- 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022' is a two-day event and being held on May 27 and 28.
- Many government officials, foreign diplomats, armed forces, public sector undertakings, private companies, central armed police forces, and drone startups will participate in the event.

21. Which department has released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report to assesses the health of school education system in the country _____ **Department of School Education and Literacy.**

Note:

- The survey has evaluated the children's learning competencies at classes 3, 5, 8 and 10th with a cycle period of three years.
- The survey conducted in 22 regional language. About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts from both rural and urban areas have participated in NAS 2021.

22. Ashwini Vaishnav (Union Minister of Railways, Communications) has approved Rs 8.34 crore collaborative for which project with the IIT Madras. ____ **Hyperloop Technology (high-speed transportation system).**

Note:

- Hyperloop is the 5th mode of transportation that travels in a near vacuum tube. The reduced air resistance allows the capsule inside the tube to reach speeds of more than 1,000 km/h.
- The model proposed by Team Avishkar can achieve a top speed of over 1,200 Km/hr.

23. Which institute has signed an agreement with the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington D.C., to work on just energy transition globally including in India ____ **Just Transition Research Centre (JTRC), IIT Kanpur.**

Note:

- Among Indian states, IIT- CSIS collaboration will engage with Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana.

24. The Indian cricket board has now decided to examine using NFT. What is the full form of NFT ____ **Non Fungible Token.**

Note:

- The Indian cricket board has unveiled FanCraze (cricket metaverse company) as its official associate partner for the Women's T20 Challenge.
- FanCraze is also the ICC partner alongside being on board with West Indies cricket.
- The women's T20 challenge will feature three team (the Supernovas, Trailblazers and Velocity) and will compete at Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium.

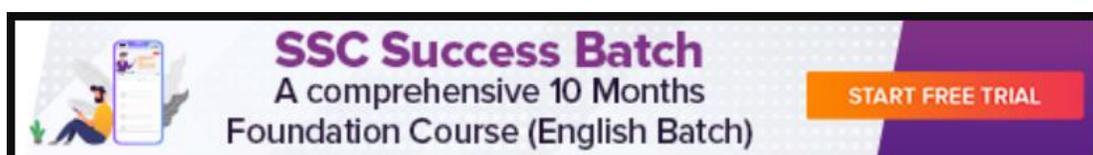
25. Which organisation has signed two quadripartite agreements for the development of sewage infrastructure and management ____ **The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).**

Note:

- First agreement: NMCG, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority, M/s. Maheshtala Waste Water Management Private Limited and Union Bank of India, to stop the flow of sewerage into River Ganga from the town.
- The other agreement is a Substitution Agreement between NMCG, KMDA, MWWMP and Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank.

26. PM Modi has inaugurated World's first Nano Urea (Liquid) Plant constructed at Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) in which state ____ **Kalol, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.**

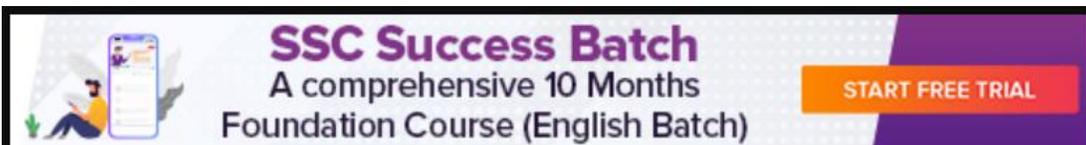
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- Nano Urea Liquid Plant has been built at the cost of around Rs 175 crore to boost productivity and increase farmers' income.
 - It will produce about 1.5 lakh bottles of 500 ml.
27. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog has organized 'National Outreach Meet' for the 2nd edition of Atal New India Challenge (ANIC) in ____ **International Centre Goa.**
- Note:**
- Hosted by: Atal Incubation Centre at Goa Institute of Management (AIC-GIM Foundation)
28. Who has launched Indian Business Portal in New Delhi to serve as an international trade hub for Indian exporters and foreign buyers ____ **Union Minister, Anupriya Patel.**
- Note:**
- Developed by: Federation of Indian Export Organizations
29. President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated a two-day National Women Legislators' Conference-2022 in which state ____ **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.**
- Note:**
- It is being hosted by Kerala Legislative Assembly as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
 - It was attended by 120 delegates from different states across India.
30. Which country has replaced China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22 ____ **US.**
- Note:**
- The bilateral trade between the two countries stood at \$119.42 billion (2021-22) against \$80.51 billion in 2020-21, according to the data of the commerce ministry.
 - Other top trading partner: China (\$115.42 billion), The UAE (\$72.9 billion), Saudi Arabia (\$42,85 billion), Iraq (\$34.33 billion) and Singapore (\$30 billion).
31. Dr. Jitendra Singh (Union Minister) has inaugurated the nation's first Lavender Festival in ____ **Jammu's district Baderwah.**
- Note:**
- Lavender cultivation has changed the destiny of farmers in Jammu and Kashmir under the government initiative of 'Aroma Mission or Purple Revolution'.
 - Baderwah is in the Doda district and is the best place for lavender cultivation in terms of land and climate.
32. Which custom zone has inaugurated project 'NIGAH' at ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram with an aim to track containers by using ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module) ____ **Delhi Custom.**
- Note:**
- This initiative will help in better visibility of the container movement inside the ICD and also help Customs to speed up the long-standing containers and monitor timely clearances.
33. India has signed an MoU with which country to establish a framework to facilitate and enhance bilateral cooperation on climate action ____ the **United Arab Emirates.**
- Note:**
- Objective: To contribute towards implementing the Paris Agreement 2015.
 - United Arab Emirates will host COP28 in 2023.
34. Name the credit-linked portal which will be launched by PM Narendra Modi will launch for delivery of various schemes ____ **Jan Samarth.**
- Note:**
- Aim: improve the ease of living for the common man.
 - Initially, the new portal will launch with the 15 credit-linked government initiatives.
35. Which organisation has launched a public dashboard for near real-time information on the scheme under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) ____ **National Health Authority (NHA).**
- Note:**



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- Dashboard displays: Detailed information on the core registries under the mission – Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers, Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) and Health Facility Registry (HFR).

36. What is the name of the new life insurance product launched by LIC _____ **Bima Ratna**.

Note:

- A non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance product that combines protection and savings.
- The sum assured on death is greater than 125% of the Basic Sum Assured or 7 times the annualized premium.

37. PM Narendra Modi has released the 11th installment of how much amount for the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi on May 31 _____ **Rs 21,000 crore**.

Note:

- He has interacted with beneficiaries of about 16 schemes run by 9 Central Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

38. The Government has approved the continuation of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) till _____ **2025-26**.

Note:

- Total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crores.
- Aim: to create sustainable employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five years.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has launched the first-of-its-kind public interaction programme Lok Milni to hear the grievances of people and issued directions for their redressal _____ **Punjab (CM: Bhagwant Mann)**

Note:

- Aim: Providing a single-window platform to the people for redressal of their complaints.
- Previously, the Lok Milni program was named 'janta darbar'.
- This event helps to facilitate the people for resolving their long-pending administrative issues

2. Which state government has named the Nanjarayan lake as the 17th bird sanctuary in Tiruppur _____ **Tamil Nadu government**.

Note:

- The government also set up an information centre to raise awareness about the bird population in the lake.
- The Nanjarayan Tank also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir, is located in Tirupur city near Koolipalayam, Tami Nadu.
- A Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared for setting up another wildlife sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris in Dindigul and Karur.

3. Which state government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named 'Cspace' on November 1 _____ **Kerala government**.

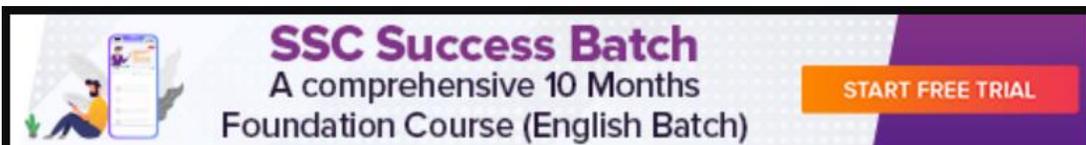
Note:

- Offers: An array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- This is an initiative of Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) on behalf of the state government through video conferencing at a function in Kalabhavan Theatre.
- The films will be streamed on Cspace only after their theatrical release.

Important News – World

1. Who has scaled the world's highest mountain for the 16th time and becomes the first foreigner to climb the most Mt Everest summits _____ **Kenton Cool from England**.

Note:



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- Kenton climbed the summit with his fellow guide Dorji Gyalzen Sherpa.
 - Kenton also holds a record as the first British mountaineer who has climbed Mt Nuptse, Mt Everest and Mt Lhotse in a season in 2013.
2. What is the name of the world's largest suspension bridge which is located in the Czech Republic ____ **Sky Bridge 721**.
- Note:**
- The bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres (312 feet) above a valley and can be accessed by cable car.
 - It is 721 metres, or 2,365 feet, long.
 - The Czech Republic Sky Bridge is 154 metres longer than Nepal's Baglung Parbat Footbridge, which currently holds the Guinness World Record for the longest suspension footbridge.
3. Which country has hosted the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO's)-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) from May 16th to 19th ____ **India**.
- Note:**
- The Security Advisers of the National Security Councils of India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
 - India has taken the chairmanship of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO last year for a period of one year.
4. The Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has signed an MoU with which university on the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair for Buddhist Studies ____ **Lumbini Buddhist University**.
- Note:**
- Nepal and India have signed six MoU, during Prime Minister Modi's day-long visit to Lumbini (Nepal).
 - An MoU between ICCR and Kathmandu University on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies.
 - An Agreement between SJVN Ltd and Nepal Electricity Authority was also signed.
5. Which company has acquired a controlling stake in Swiss-based Holcim AG's cement businesses in India in a \$10.5 billion deal ____ **Adani Group**.
- Note:**
- The Group has acquired 63.19% of Ambuja Cements Ltd and its subsidiary ACC in the bidding with companies.
 - With this deal, Adani becomes the second biggest cement producer in the country after the Aditya Birla Group-owned UltraTech Cement.
 - The divestment of India businesses by Holcim is to reduce its reliance on carbon-intensive cement production.
6. Which country has hosted the Group of Seven (G7) countries Finance Minister Summit in 2022 ____ **Germany**.
- Note:**
- Group of Seven (G7) countries have agreed to provide financial support to Ukraine to meet its immediate financing needs.
 - The US Senate has approved a USD 40 billion package of military, economic and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.
 - Christian Lindner (German Finance Minister) has announced a contribution of USD 1.1 billion to Ukraine's budget.
 - The European Commission has pledged up to USD 9.5 billion of macro-financial assistance in the form of loans.
4. Which state/UT government has undertaken a unique initiative of using robots for extinguishing fires in the city ____ **Delhi Government**.
- Note:**
- These remote-controlled fire fighting robots will have greater accessibility to places and will be able to navigate narrow lanes, reach spaces inaccessible to humans and perform tasks too risky for people.
 - These robots will also be capable of releasing high water pressure at the rate of 2,400 liters per minute.
5. Which state government has signed MoUs worth 30,000 crore rupees with 23 companies from different parts of the world at the World Economic Forum in Davos ____ **Maharashtra Government**.

Note:

- Subhash Desai (Maharashtra Industries Minister) and other ministers from Maharashtra Cabinet were in Davos to attract investment opportunities. Microsoft will set up its Data Centre in Pune with an investment of 3,200 crore rupees.
- More than 55% of investment would come from Singapore, Indonesia, the USA, and Japan.

6. Which lab has come up with its first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector _____ **Redcliffe Labs.**

Note:

- The company has recently opened its commercial drone corridor between Uttarkashi and Dehradun.
- The distance from Uttarkashi to Dehradun by road is 144 km and takes 6-8 hours by road and during landslides 12 hours, but this distance was covered in 88 minutes with drone technology.

7. Which state government has launched the 'Kalaingar All Villages Integrated Agricultural Development Programme' _____ **Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- The programme has been proposed in all the 15,525 village panchayats through a convergence of Union and State government schemes.
- Aim: To bring 11.75 lakh hectares of land under net area cultivated in the next 10 years and increase the double-cropping area to 20 lakh hectares.

8. Which state government has decided to adopt the Electric Vehicle Policy 2022 to promote electric vehicles to convert 10% of state's vehicles to electric mode in 5 years _____ **Tripura.**

Note:

- Electric vehicles would reduce air pollution and would be helpful in promoting eco-friendly tourism.
- If it is implemented, then Tripura would become the 15th state and third in the Northeast region after Assam and Meghalaya to adopt the electric vehicle policy.

9. In which state India's first 'Olympic Values Education Programme' (OVEP) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched _____ **Odisha.**

Note:

- The OVEP was officially launched by Naveen Patnaik (Odisha CM), Nita Ambani (IOC Member) along with other members.
- This programme will be integrated into the school education system of Odisha.
- The programme is being developed in partnership with the Department of School and Mass Education (Odisha) and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust.

10. Which state government has launched 'SAMBHAV' (sambhav.up.gov.in) platform/portal to monitor the grievances, schemes, programmes and policies of the departments _____ **Minister for energy and urban development (UP).**

Note:

- SAMBHAV is a multi-modal platform, it helps to dispose public grievances swiftly and effectively and provide good governance and make the public service delivery transparent and accountable.
- SAMBHAV will work as an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) platform.

11. In which state the fourth edition of the Shirui Lily Festival has began _____ **Ukhrul district, Manipur.**

Note:

- The four-day festival was inaugurated by the Governor La Ganesan, which is taking place after a gap of two years.
- The Shirui Lily blooms from late May to early June only on the Shirui village hilltop.
- Aim of festival: To spread awareness about the rare Shirui flower and encourage tourism in Manipur.

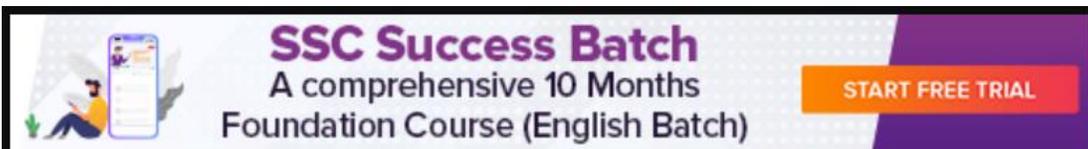
12. Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated North India's first Industrial Biotech Park at _____ **Ghatti, Kathua, Jammu.**

Note:

- Biotech Park will act as hub for incubation of new ideas and will act as a robust platform to support Agri-entrepreneurs, Startups, farmers, scholars, and students.
13. Who has inaugurated Khashaba Jadhav Sports Complex of the Pune University _____ **Anurag Thakur**.
Note:
➤ The complex is spread over 27-acre land and it has synthetic athletic track, football, Astro turf lawn tennis court, international standard shooting range, state of art gymnasium.
14. Which govt has announced to form 5-member drafting committee to implement the much-debated Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state _____ **Uttarakhand**.
Note:
➤ Head of the committee: Ranjana Desai (retired Supreme Court judge)
➤ Members: Delhi High Court judge Pramod Kohli, ex-state chief secretaries Shatrughan Singh, Manu Gaud and Surekha Dangwal
15. Which state's capital has become the first major metropolitan city in India to make a detailed biodiversity register _____ **Kolkata, WB**.
Note:
➤ The 520-page long document listed 399 species of plants which include 138 trees, 126 Chinese vegetables, 33 medicinal plants and nearly 100 other plants.
16. Which state government will launch a pilot project on single-pick cotton on about 50,000 acres _____ **Telangana**.
Note:
➤ Currently, the farmers pick cotton bolls at least three to four times, this method will help the farmers to extend the harvest by a few weeks and allow farmers to complete the harvest all at once.
17. Which state becomes the first state to attempt systematize of health accounts to track and monitoring of health expenditures over time and can serve as an important tool for evidence based policy making. _____ **Rajasthan**.
Note:
➤ This project of Rajasthan will be aid by the WHO India country office by providing technical and financial support for conducting the first round of health accounts.
18. Which state has become the first time in the country where the Department of Indian Posts has delivered mail using a drone _____ **Gujarat's Kutch district**.
Note:
➤ This attempt was done by the drone from Habay village in Bhuj taluka to Ner village in Bhachau taluka of Kutch district by the postal department under the guidance of the Union Ministry of Communications.
19. What is the name of the new health and wellness app which was launched by Karnataka CM, Basavaraj Bommai _____ **AAYU**.
Note:
➤ Developed by: Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA) in partnership with RESET TECH (an AI-driven integrated health-tech platform).

Honor & Awards

1. Who has won the inaugural Aster Guardian Global Nursing Award _____ **Anna Qabale Duba (Kenyan nurse)**.
Note:
➤ She worked at the Marsabit County Referral Hospital.
➤ She was promoting education and campaigning against outdated cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in her community.
➤ She has been rewarded with USD 250,000 (approx. Ksh.29 million) in prize money.



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2. Who has won the Billboard Music Awards 2022 in the top artist, male artist, rap artist, rap male artist and rap album (for Certified Lover Boy) category ____ **Drake**.

Note:

- BTS has also won three awards in the Top Duo/Group, Top Selling Song, and Top Song Sales Artist categories.
- Top New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Female Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Billboard 200 Artist: Taylor Swift
- Top Radio Songs Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Billboard Global 2022 Artist (New): Olivia Rodrigo

3. Who has received the prestigious Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award from Queen Elizabeth II ____ **Ajay Piramal(Chairman of Piramal Group)**.

Note:

- He has been honoured with this award for his services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum.
- President Rolls-Royce India, Kishore Jayaraman, also receives the Honorary Order of the British Empire for his services to International Trade and Investment.

4. Who has received the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them ____ **Cécile Ndjebet (Cameroon activist)**.

Note:

- The award has been presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- This award was established in 2012 in memory of Kenyan environmentalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai.

7. Who has led the team of experts from the National Geographic Society (NatGeo), who has installed the “world’s highest weather station” on Mt. Everest at an altitude of 8,830 meters ____ **Climate scientist Baker Perry (Appalachian State University in the US)**.

Note:

- The automatic weather station was installed a few meters below the summit point (8,848.86 meters) as the snow and ice on the summit are not suitable for fixing equipment.

8. What are the total numbers of members in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) ____ **13**.

Note:

- PM Narendra Modi has formalized India’s entry into the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), along with 12 other countries.
- Aim: To strengthen economic cooperation as a geostrategic counter.
- The other 12 countries that joined the IPEF: The US, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

9. Name three Indians who have been named among the world’s 100 most influential people of 2022 by TIME magazine ____ **Gautam Adani, Karuna Nundy (SC lawyer), and Khurram Parvez (Kashmiri human rights activist)**.

Note:

- Adani has been named under the Titans category, and Nundy and Parvez are named under the Leaders category.
- Recently, Gautam Adani with \$123.7 billion net worth has become the 5th richest person in the world (2022).

10. Which country is planning to build the world’s largest petroleum research centre by the end of the year (2022) ____

Kuwait.

Note:

- The research center will have 28 laboratories and built in al-Ahmadi, south of Kuwait City.

11. According to the Fortune 500, who has been received the highest salary as a chief executive officer (CEO) in 2021 _____

Elon Musk.

Note:

- He has received a salary of around \$23.5 billion.
- Tim Cook, Apple with USD 770.5 Million placed at second followed by Jensen Huang, NVIDIA (USD 561 Million); Reed Hastings, Netflix (USD 453.5 Million); Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals (USD 452.9 Million).

12. How many Cardinals will be created by Pope Francis _____ **21.**

Note:

- Two Cardinals from India, Archbishop Filipe Neri António Sebastião di Rosário Ferrão (Archbishop of Goa and Damão) and Archbishop Anthony Poola (Archbishop of Hyderabad).
- The elevated ceremony will be held at the Vatican on August 27, 2022.

13. Which country has topped the 7th edition of Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2022 in terms of the number of entries _____

India (61).

Note:

- Edited by: Rana Wehbe Watson
- India has topped the list in terms of the number of entries with 61, followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) and China (28).

Sports News

1. Which country's Men's Badminton team has scripted the history by winning the first-ever Thomas Cup after defeating 14-time Champions Indonesia in Bangkok _____ **India.**

Note:

- India has defeated Indonesia by 3-0 in the finals of the prestigious team championship.
- World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy had given their memorable performances.

2. Who has defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown (Italian Open) _____ **Novak Djokovic (Serbian).**

Note:

- Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins after defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals.
- In Woman Single, Iga Swiatek has won the Italian Open title after defeating Ons Jabeur.
- Men's doubles: Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić (Croatia)
- Women's doubles: Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova

3. Which Indian has won the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) like Prone, the Standing and the Kneeling positions, event to take India's gold medal tally to 10 at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany _____ **Sift Kaur Samra.**

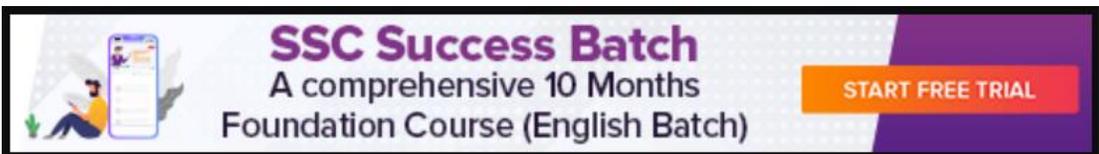
Note:

- She beat Julie Johannessen (Norway) by 17-9 in the final.
- India's Ashi Chouksey has also won bronze in the same event.
- Presently, India leads the tally with 25 medals which include 10 gold, 12 silver and three bronze.

4. Which country has defeated China by 3-2 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) 29th edition of the Uber Cup Final at Impact Arena in Bangkok _____ **South Korea.**

Note:

- This is the second Uber Cup title for South Korea after their first victory in 2010 in Kuala Lumpur.



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- Thomas and Uber Cup is the biennial international badminton championship contested by the men's and women's national teams of the member associations of Badminton World Federation (BWF).
5. How many medals (total) has India won at the Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sul, Brazil _____ **16 medals (including eight golds, one silver, and seven bronze).**

Note:

- India has finished in the ninth position in the medal tally.
 - India won three gold in shooting, three in Badminton, and each in Golf and Tennis.
 - Shooting: Dhanush Srikanth, Abhinav Deshwal, Dhanush Srikanth/Priyasha Deshmukh, Shourya Saini, Vedika Sharma
 - Badminton: Jerlin Jayaratchagan, Abhinav Sharma
 - Tennis: Prithvi Sekhar/Dhananjay Dubey
6. Which has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain _____ **Eintracht Frankfurt (German club).**

Note:

- Goalkeeper, Kevin Trapp has saved at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help give Frankfurt the 5-4 win on penalties.
 - Rangers (Scottish club) was also trying to win its first European title since the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972.
 - Man of the Match: Kevin Trapp (Eintracht Frankfurt)
7. Which India boxer has won the gold medal in 52kg (Category) after defeating Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas at the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, Istanbul _____ **Nikhat Zareen.**

Note:

- Nikhat became the fifth Indian woman to secure a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships after Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, and Lekha KC.
 - It was also India's first gold medal since boxing great Mary Kom won it in 2018.
 - Bronze winners: Manisha Moun (57 kg), Parveen Hooda (63 kg).
8. The Indian men's compound archery team (Abhishek Verma, Aman Saini, and Rajat Chauhan) has defeated which country in the final to win a gold medal at the Archery World Cup stages in Gwangju, South Korea _____ **France.**

Note:

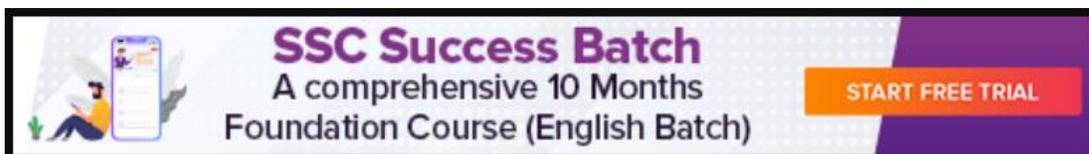
- It was their second successive World Cup gold medal as the team had finished on the top step of the podium in Antalya, Turkey (April 2022).
 - Archer Mohan Bhardwaj has also won a silver medal in the World Cup. The Compound Mixed duo of Abhishek & Avneet Kaur win bronze.
9. Which team has been crowned 2021/22 Premier League champions their fourth title success in the last five seasons _____ **Manchester City (Football).**

Note:

- Manchester City won over Aston Villa in the final game of the season. In Manchester City's 38 league matches this season, they have won 29, drawn six, and lost three, scoring 99 goals in the process.
 - City has now won four Premier League titles and eight major trophies under Pep Guardiola since his arrival in the summer of 2016.
10. Which Hockey team has emerged as the winners of the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 after defeating Hockey Jharkhand by 2-0 in the final in Imphal _____ **Haryana.**

Note:

- Uttar Pradesh Hockey has defeated Madhya Pradesh Hockey by 3-0 to secure third place in the tournament.
 - Pushpanjali Sonkar, Manisha Patel, and Purnima Yadav scored a goal each to help Uttar Pradesh Hockey seal third place in the competition for the second consecutive time.
11. Which team win Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2022 title _____ **Odisha.**



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Note:

- Hockey Association of Odisha became the champion of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2022 after a victory over Hockey Karnataka in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Earlier, Jharkhand Hockey team has defeated Hockey Haryana by 3-2 in the third-fourth place match.
- Punam Barla (34') has opened the scoring in the match in the third quarter as Odisha picked up the lead.

12. Which batsman has become the first player to hit 700 fours in the history of the IPL _____ **Punjab Kings batsman, Shikhar Dhawan.**

Note:

- The batter has now a total of 701 IPL fours to his name, followed by David Warner (577) and Virat Kohli (576).
- He achieved this milestone during the match between PBKS and Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Wankhede.
- Dhawan also become the second player to score 6000 runs in IPL history after Virat Kohli.

13. Which team has won the Indian Premier League (IPL) champions 2022 after defeating Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets in the final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad _____ **Gujarat Titans.**

Note:

- Aramco Purple Cap: Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)
- Aramco Orange Cap: Jos Buttler (863 Runs)

14. Which team has become the European champion for a record-extending 14th time after defeating Liverpool by 1-0 in a Champions League final _____ **Real Madrid.**

Note:

- The Real Madrid has claimed their fifth Champions League trophy in nine seasons.

15. Who has won Formula One Monaco Grand Prix after defeating Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari) _____ **Sergio Perez (Red Bull).**

Note:

- It was Perez's first win of the season.
- Mexican's Max Verstappen (Red Bull) has finished third, Leclerc at fourth.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book, titled "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley" _____ **Wesley Morgan.**

Note:

- Wesley Morgan (Author and journalist) has won the William E. Colby Award for his military and intelligence writing.
- He was cited for his book "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley."
- The Colby Award is presented by Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.
- The Colby award was established in 1999 and named for the late CIA director William E. Colby.

2. Who is the author of a new novel titled "A Place Called Home" _____ **Renowned author Preeti Shenoy.**

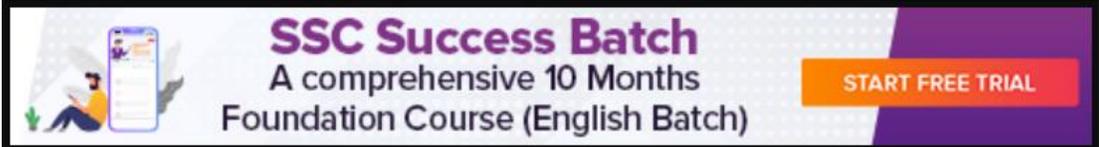
Note:

- The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
- The novel is about secrets, family, and finding yourself.
- A story set in a coffee estate in Sakleshpur, Karnataka with a strong female protagonist at its core.
- Other Books of Preeti Shenoy: The Magic Mindset, When Love Came Calling, Wake Up Life is Calling, Life is What You Make it, The Rule Breakers.

3. Who is the author of the book titled "Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure" _____ **Ruskin Bond.**

Note:

- Published by: Penguin Random House India (PRHI). His first novel: The Room on the Roof Awards: Padma Shri (1999) and Padma Bhushan (2014).



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Science and Defence

1. Name the two frontline warships of the Indian Navy which was recently launched by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Mazgaon Docks Limited, Mumbai _____ **Surat and Udaygiri.**

Note:

- The first ship is Surat, which is the fourth and last of the stealth destroyers under the 'Project 15B' programme.
- The second ship is Udaygiri, part of the 'Project 17A' frigate programme. It is the third ship of Project 17A frigates.

2. Which organisation has jointly conducted the flight test of the indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile with Indian Navy successfully in May 2022 _____ **Defence Research and Development Organisation.**

Note:

- The missile was launched from a Naval Helicopter from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- It is the first indigenous air launched anti-ship missile system for the Indian Navy.
- Recently, Rajnath Singh has launched two frontline warships of the Indian Navy: INS Surat and INS Udaygiri.

3. Name the flying trainer Aircraft which has successfully completed an in-flight engine relight test at DRDO's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility, Challakere, Karnataka _____ **HANSA-NG.**

Note:

- The aircraft was designed & Developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL).
- The flight test was carried out at an altitude of 7000-8000 feet with a speed range of 60 to 70 knots by Wg Cdr K V Prakash and Wg Cdr NDS Reddy.

4. Which edition of Indian and Bangladesh Navies has commenced two-day Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) in Northern Bay of Bengal _____ **4th edition.**

Note:

- Indian Navy: Two indigenously built Ships - Kora (a guided-missile corvette) and Sumedha (an offshore patrol vessel) are participating in the exercise.
- Bangladesh: Navy Ships BNS Ali Haider and BNS Abu Ubaidah are taking part in the coordinated patrol exercise.

5. Which edition of Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise, Bongosagar has commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh _____ **3rd edition.**

Note:

- Aim: Developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills. The exercise includes two phases: Harbour Phase and Sea Phase

6. Which command of Indian army has signed an MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to develop first-of-its-kind simulation-based training centre 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' in New Delhi _____ **Army Training Command.**

Note:

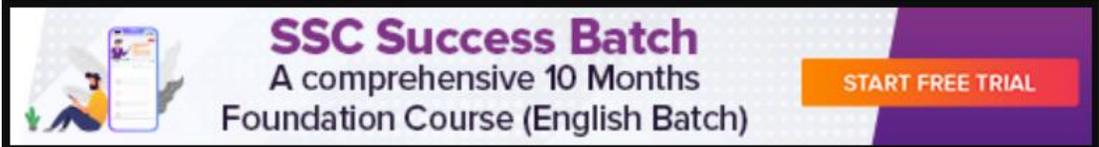
- A prototype name 'WARDEC' has been given to this project and use artificial intelligence (AI) to design virtual reality wargames.
- The centre will be used by the Army to train its soldiers and test their strategies through "metaverse-enabled gameplay".

7. Name the INS Ship which has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy _____ **INS Gomati.**

Note:

- INS Gomati was commissioned on 16 April 1988 by the then Defence Minister, KC Pant, at Mazgaon Dock Ltd, Bombay.
- During its 34 years of service, the ship participated in Operations Cactus, Parakram and Rainbow, and multinational naval exercises.

8. Which supercomputer has been established at IIT Gandhinagar, under Phase II of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) _____ **Param Ananta.**



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Note:

- NSM is a joint initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- Its system is based on Direct Contact Liquid Cooling technology.

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