

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) report, the new covid variant XE was first detected in the United Kingdom in January 2022.

This variant is more transmissible than any strain of COVID-19.

Xe is a recombinant variant of BA'1 and BA.2 Omicron strains; recombinant variant refers to when a patient is infected from multiple variants of Covid.

2. Ans. D.

The Laskar Award is given for outstanding contribution to medical science.

It is noteworthy that the Lasker Foundation was founded in the year 1945 by Albert Lasker and his wife Mary Lasker.

3. Ans. C.

- Vinay Mohan Kwatra was appointed as the new foreign secretary.
- Currently, he is serving as India's ambassador to Nepal.
- He succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

4. Ans. A.

Urja Shakti Yojana has been started by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to listen to the public problems related to electricity.

Under this scheme, toll free numbers have been issued for different parts of the state, through which the complainant can directly register his complaint by phone call.

It is noteworthy that at present the Energy Minister of Uttar Pradesh is AK Sharma.



5. Ans. B.

- Recently, RPF (Railway Protection Force) conducted a Pan India Drive against the touts under Operation Upalabdh.

About Operation Upalabdh:

- The month long drive under Operation Upalabdh has been able to curb the activities of touts substantially and make railway tickets available to the common man.
- Indian Railways advises the common public not to procure tickets from unauthorised persons as it is not only likely to be forfeited once detected, but may also land the buyer in legal trouble.

6. Ans. D.

- National Maritime Day is observed on April 5th every year.
- The National Maritime Day was first celebrated on April 5, 1964.
- The legacy of Indian shipping first started on April 5th, 1919, when the first ship The SS Loyalty manufactured by The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. sailed from Mumbai to the United Kingdom.
- India also became a member of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in 1959.

Note: World Maritime Day is observed every year on the last Thursday of the month of September.

7. Ans. D.

- The 64th Annual Grammy Awards were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada. This was the first time a Grammy Awards ceremony was held in Las Vegas, USA.
- Every year, the Grammys honour musical artistes, compositions and albums.
- They have been held every year since 1959.



- Jon Batiste emerged as the biggest winner, with 5 wins out of 11 nominations.
- Indian-American singer Falguni Shah has won the Grammy Award 2022 for the Best Children's Music Album for A Colourful World.
- Indian music composer Ricky Kej has made India proud again at the Grammy Awards stage. After bagging the prestigious music award in 2015 for his album 'Winds of Samsara', this year Kej lifted the coveted award along with Rock-legend Stewart Copeland (The Police) for the Best New Age Album 'Divine Tides'.

List of main winners of the 64th annual Grammy Awards:

- Album Of The Year: 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
- Record Of The Year: 'Leave the door open' by Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak
- Best New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Best Rap Album: "Call Me If You Get Lost," Tyler, the Creator
- Best Country Album: "Starting Over," Chris Stapleton
- Song Of The Year: "Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic

8. Ans. C.

- * Andhra Pradesh has topped the Skoch State Of Governance Ranking 2021.
- * The second rank was bagged by West Bengal and Odisha was ranked 3, Gujarat was ranked 4 and Maharashtra was ranked 5.
- * In 2020 too, Andhra Pradesh bagged top rank in governance.
- * The SKOCH State of Governance-2021 ranking was released on March 8th, 2022.

9. Ans. D.

The digital platform 'Faster' is related to promoting artificial intelligence in the judicial system. More recently, the Chief Justice of India has launched the digital platform 'Faster'.



Its full name is 'Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records'.

It is a digital platform for communicating Supreme Court interim orders, stay orders, bail orders etc. to the concerned authorities through a secure electronic communication channel.

10. Ans. D.

* Former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), Vinod Rai has authored a book "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI".

* He was a chairman of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) formed by the Supreme Court for BCCI in 2017 for 33 months.

* Recently, Rai has been appointed as chairman and independent non-executive director of Kalyan Jewellers.

11. Ans. C.

- The International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS), also known as World Heritage Day, is observed on April 18.
- The theme for World Heritage Day 2022 is "Heritage and Climate".
- The International Day for Monuments and Sites was proposed by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on 18 April 1982 and approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983.

India's UNESCO World Heritage Sites:

- The first sites to be inscribed were Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Agra Fort, and Taj Mahal, of which all were inscribed in the 1983 session of the World Heritage Committee.
- The latest site to be inscribed is Dholavira, Gujarat in 2021.
- As of July 2021, 19 of the 36 States and union territories of India are home to the World Heritage Sites, with Maharashtra having the highest number of sites (5).



- At present, there are 40 World Heritage Sites located in India. Out of these, 32 are cultural, 7 are natural, and 1 is mixed (meeting both cultural and natural criteria), as determined by the organization's selection criteria.
- India has the sixth largest number of sites in the world.

12. Ans. B.

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) flagship Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik) has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under the category "Innovation (General) – Central".
- Government of India has initiated this award to acknowledge, recognize and reward extraordinary and innovative work done by Districts and Organizations of State/Government.
- This scheme emphasises on Good Governance, Qualitative achievements, and last mile connectivity rather than only on achievement of quantitative targets. The award consists of a trophy, scroll and an incentive of Rs 10 lakhs.
- **The Ministry of Civil Aviation will receive the award on 21stApril, i.e. Civil Service Day.**

About UDAN scheme:

- Launched in 2016, UDAN scheme aims to fulfill the aspirations of the common man by following the vision of *UdeDeshkaAamNagrik*, with an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and III cities.
- In a short span of 5 years, today 415 UDAN routes connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports and water aerodromes, and over 92 lakh people have benefited from it.

13. Ans. C.

* The National Civil Services Day is observed on April 21 every year and is dedicated to India's civil servants for their contribution and hard work in public administration.



- * The theme for Civil Services Day 2022 is "Vision India@2047 – Bringing Citizens and Government closer".
- * The first National Civil Service Day was observed in the year 2006.
- * The Government of India chose April 21 as the National Civil Service Day as on this day the country's first home minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the newly appointed Administrative Services Officers in 1947.
- * The historic occasion took place at the Metcalfe House in Delhi.
- * Sardar Patel had referred to the civil servants as the "steel frame of India".

14. Ans. B.

- * Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its advisory committee on enhancing the regulator's technology capacity and on exploring appropriate technological solutions for early detection of market anomalies.
- * The Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS) headed by Sunil Bajpai.

15. Ans. B.

- National Panchayati Raj Day is observed on 24 April annually.
- Then Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh declared the first National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April 2010.
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj commemorates 24th April as the National Panchayati Raj Day, as the 73rd Constitutional Amendment came into force on this date.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Jammu and Kashmir to participate in the celebration of National Panchayati Raj Day 2022.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Banihal Qazigund Road Tunnel. The 8.45-kilometre long tunnel will reduce the road distance between Banihal and Qazigund by 16 kilometres.



- The Prime Minister also launched the Amrit Sarovar initiative. It is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country.

16. Ans. A.

* Noted writer of Odisha and Padma shri awardee (2020) Binapani Mohanty has passed away.

* Her many short stories have been translated into various languages (including Hindi, English, Kannada, Marathi).

* Her collection of short stories 'Pata Dei' has won the Sahitya Akademi award. She also received Sarala Samman from the Government of Odisha.

17. Ans. D.

- World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) is observed annually on 26 April.

- The theme for World Intellectual Property Day 2022 is "IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future."

- The day was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life".

- 26 April was chosen as the date for World Intellectual Property Day because it coincides with the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970.

Intellectual Property:

- Intellectual property (IP) refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions; literary and artistic works; designs; and symbols, names and images used in commerce.

18. Ans. C.

- Noted Odia writer Binapani Mohanty passed away at 85.

- Mohanty has more than 100 books to her credit.



- Besides getting the Padma Shri in 2020, Mohanty received Sahitya Akademi Award, Sarala Samman, and Atibadi Jagannatha Das Sammana by Odisha Sahitya Akademi.

19. Ans. D.

- Sebi has restructured the advisory committee on market data that recommends policy measures pertaining to areas like securities market data access and privacy.
- The committee headed by M S Sahoo (Professor at National Law University, Delhi and former chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)).
- The panel will now have 21 members.

20. Ans. D.

Agra (UP) has become the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers. These vacuums will be used in public places.

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.

21. Ans. C.

- Ajay Kumar Sood has been appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the govt of India for a period of 3 years.
- Presently he is a member of the Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council to the PM.
- He succeeded renowned biologist K Vijay Raghavan.

22. Ans. D.

* The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has awarded David Attenborough the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to research, documentation and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.



* This Lifetime Achievement Award is given in a historic year for the global environmental community. 2022 marks fifty years since the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden, which was one of the first international meetings on the environment.

* The conference spurred the formation of environment ministries and agencies around the world, kick started a host of new global agreements to collectively protect the environment, and led to the formation of **UNEP**, which is observing its 50th anniversary this year.

Facts about United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

* Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya

* Founded: 5 June 1972

* Executive Director: Inger Andersen

23. Ans. C.

Belgian footballer Miguel Van Damme passed away following a long-running battle with leukaemia.

He was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2016.

24. Ans. A.

Atal Innovation Mission is a flagship program of NITI Aayog, not the Ministry of Science and Technology. All other options are correct.

The Mentor India Abhiyan is a national mentor network created in collaboration with the public sector, corporates, and institutions to support all initiatives of the Atal Innovation Mission.

25. Ans. A.

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated every year on 3 May. The World Press Day theme for this year is 'Information as a Public Good'.



World Press Freedom Day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.

'World Press Freedom Day' marks the anniversary of the 'Windhoek' Declaration. The Windhoek Declaration of 1991 deals with the development of a free, independent, and pluralistic press.

26. Ans. A.

The historic Anang Tal Lake is in Mehrauli, South Delhi. It is notable that this lake was built by Tomar King Anangpal II in 1060 AD.

27. Ans. A.

Harshada Sharad Garud is related to weightlifting. He has been in the news for becoming the first Indian weightlifter to win a gold medal at the recently held IWF Junior World Championships in Heraklion, Greece. Harshada lifted 153 kg in the women's 45 kg weight category.

It is notable that before Harshada, the only two Indian players to have won a medal in this championship are Mirabai Chanu (2013) and Achinta Sheuli (2021).

28. Ans. B.

India Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz have signed Green Hydrogen to establish a Green and Sustainable Development Partnership.

The India-Germany Agreement on Green Hydrogen will establish an "Indo-German Green Hydrogen Task Force" to strengthen cooperation in the production, use, storage and distribution of Green Hydrogen.

Also, under this partnership, Germany has made an advance commitment to invest 10 billion euros in projects related to climate change in India.

It is notable that the central government has set a target of setting up 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen production capacity by the year 2030.

Green hydrogen is defined as hydrogen that is produced by separating water into hydrogen and oxygen using renewable energy such as solar or wind power.



29. Ans. C.

First of its kind in the country, a loan scheme called Jivahala, has been started by the state of Maharashtra for the jailed prisoners.

This scheme has been mainly started for all those convicted prisoners who are serving sentence of more than three years.

30. Ans. A.

World Red Cross Day is celebrated on 08 May 2022 all over the world. This year the theme is 'Be Human Kind'.

The day underlines the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The 'Red Cross' is an international organization that protects people in the event of war, epidemic and natural disaster without any discrimination.

It is notable that the 'International Committee of the Red Cross' was established by Jean Henri Dunant in the year 1863.

The 'Indian Red Cross Society' was formed in India in the year 1920.

31. Ans. B.

* All India Consumer Price Index for agricultural and rural workers released for the month of April,

* The All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural and Rural Laborers increased by 10 points to 1108 points and 1119 points respectively.

* The major contributors to the increase in the general index of agricultural laborers and rural laborers came from an increase in prices of rice, wheat flour, jowar, bajra, ragi, vegetables, and fruits, to the extent of 7.32 and 7.13 points, respectively.

* The rise or fall in the index varied from state to state with Tamil Nadu at the top of the index table with 1275 points while Himachal Pradesh with 880 points ranked at the bottom.



* The point rate of inflation based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL is 6.44% and 6.67% in April 2022, as compared to 6.09% and 6.33% in March 2022, respectively.

32. Ans. C.

- Every year 23 May is celebrated as World Turtle Day.
- This year the theme of World Turtle Day 2022 is "Shelbreath".
- World Turtle Day was first observed in 1990 by American Turtle Rescue (ATR), followed by World Turtle Day every year.
- is celebrated.
- It aims to protect turtles and tortoises from illegal trafficking, the exotic food industry, habitat destruction, global warming, and the pet trade.

Measures were taken for the conservation of turtles in India

- Five species of turtles are found in India, which include Olive Ridley, Green Turtle, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, and Leatherback.
- The Olive Ridley, Leatherback, and Loggerhead are listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, while the Hawksbill Turtle is listed as 'Critically Endangered' and the Green Turtle is listed as IUCN Threatened Species. listed as. listed as. Listed as 'endangered' on the Red List.
- The conservation of turtles in India is done under the Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Schedule I, and through the Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation Program, the turtles have been protected in India.

33. Ans. A.

- * Renowned author Preeti Shenoy is set to publish a new novel titled "A Place Called Home".
- * 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.

34. Ans. A.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 23 set up a six-member committee to examine and review customer services in regulated entities with an aim to protect the interests of customers.

The committee will also look into the adequacy of customer service regulations and suggest measures to improve customer service, the banking regulator said in a release.

The committee, which will be chaired by former RBI deputy governor BP Kanungo, will submit its report in three months from the date of its first meeting.

35. Ans. B.

The BMPT "Terminator" is a post-Cold war armored fighting vehicle (AFV) designed and manufactured by the Russian company, Uralvagonzavod. This vehicle was designed for supporting tanks and other AFVs in urban areas. Russia, according to Western intelligence inputs, has deployed the Terminator tank support system – the BMPT, also known as the BMPT 'Terminator', and its new version the BMPT-72 – in an area that remains its immediate tactical priority in the Ukraine war.

36. Ans. A.

World Bee Day is celebrated annually on 20th May. Theme for 2022 is "Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems". The day marks the birth anniversary of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture. Anton Janša hailed from a family of beekeepers in Slovenia, where beekeeping is an important agricultural activity with a long-standing tradition.

37. Ans. D.

Competition Commission of India (CCI) is a statutory body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing [the Competition Act, 2002](#), it was duly constituted in March 2009. The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members who shall be appointed by the Central Government. The commission is a [quasi-judicial body](#) which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases. In accordance with the provisions of



the Amendment Act, the Competition Commission of India and the Competition Appellate Tribunal have been established.

- The government replaced the Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) with the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in 2017. Hence, Option D is the correct answer.

38. Ans. C.

Recently, the Ministry of Culture has organized an inaugural Ceremony to commemorate [Raja Ram Mohan Roy](#) on his 250th Birth Anniversary. Raja Ram Mohan Roy was described by Rabindranath Tagore as the 'Father of Indian Renaissance' and the 'Prophet of Indian Nationalism'.

39. Ans. B.

'PARAM Ganga' Made in India petascale super computer has been installed at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.

The 'Param Ganga' supercomputing capacity is 1.66 PFLOPS. 'Param Ganga' has been prepared under the National Supercomputing Mission.

It is a joint initiative of Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.

It is noteworthy that India's first supercomputer was Param 8000.

40. Ans. B.

Three-day International Camel Festival-2022 has been organized in Bikaner, Rajasthan. The program was held at Karni Singh Stadium and National Camel Research Center.

41. Ans. B.

* Vinay Kumar Saxena, who is currently serving as the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi.



- * Served as Assistant Manager for 11 years with JK Group by Vinay Kumar Saxena and was later promoted to General Manager to look after the proposed port project in Gujarat.
- * Vinay Kumar Saxena was appointed as the Chairman of KVIC in October 2015 before being appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- * Over seven years, Vinay Kumar Saxena has rendered his service on schemes and products like 'Honey Mission', 'KumharSashaktikaran Yojana', 'Empowerment of Leather Artisans', Khadi Nature Paints, Project.
- * Vinay Kumar Saxena, who is currently serving as the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi.

42. Ans. A.

- * Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year on 24 May.
- * The theme of this year's Commonwealth Day is "Delivering a Common Future"
- * Commonwealth Day is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Queen Victoria of England (May 24, 1819)
- * Commonwealth Day is celebrated mainly by all the countries that were once colonies of the British Empire.
- * Commonwealth Day is celebrated on different dates all over the world like the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada celebrate this day on the second Monday of March, on the other hand, on the 24th of May, countries like India, and Belize observe Commonwealth Day.

43. Ans. D.

A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) has discovered a new 'gin berry' species, *Glycosmys albicarpa*, from the Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu.

Glycosmis albicarpa is an evergreen small tree and is endemic to the southern Western Ghats.



It was discovered in the Panagudi forest section of the Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary in the Tirunelveli semi-evergreen forests of Tamil Nadu.

44. Ans. B.

The Union Government has appointed Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel as the Chairman of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).

He appointed as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court on June 7, 2019, and he has now become the chairman of TDSAT, few days before his retirement on March 12, 2022.

The Telecom Disputes Resolution and Appellate Authority was established in the year 2000 through an amendment to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

45. Ans. A.

The Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has inaugurated the International Summit on Plastic Recycling and Waste Management organized by the Ministry of MSME in association with All-India Plastic Manufacturers Association (AIPMA) in New Delhi.

The Ministry of MSME has also launched two special initiatives 'Sambhav' and 'Swavalamban' to promote entrepreneurship among the youth across the country, especially in aspirational districts.

46. Ans. C.

Kerala Tourism Department has started live streaming of an annual temple festival called 'Theyyam' performance to promote cultural tourism.

Theyyam or 'Kaliyattam' is an 800-year-old ritual dance performed in Kerala. It exhibits folk dances and arts thereby showcasing ancient tribal cultures.

Vishnumurthy, Gulikan and Kuttichathan are the main types of Theyyam.

47. Ans. D.



- National Endangered Species Day is observed every year on the third Friday of May to highlight the growing need to protect endangered species across the world.
- The theme of National Endangered Species Day 2022 is "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".
- The National Endangered Species Day initiative was launched in 2006 by David Robinson and the Endangered Species Coalition and established by the US Senate, the historic National Endangered Species Day came into existence in 2006.
- The main objective of this initiative is to raise awareness about the need to take action to protect and protect endangered species, their habitats.

48. Ans. D.

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

49. Ans. B.

- * Cameroon activist, Cécile Ndjebet 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.
- * The award has been presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization.

50. Ans. C.

- * 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).



- * The report on the State of Inequality in India has been released which states that the labour force participation rate in the country was 51.5% in 2019-20.
- * Participation of educated till higher secondary from 2017-18 to 2019-20 was low at 40-43%.

51. Ans. A.

- * 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.

52. Ans. D.

- * Indian Defense Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh during his visit to Mumbai made a flight onboard the Indian Navy P8I Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft, showcasing various capabilities by the Indian Navy.
- * During the visit, the Indian Navy demonstrated long range surveillance, electronic warfare, imagery intelligence, ASW missions and search and rescue capabilities employing state-of-the-art mission suits and sensors.
- * P8I aircraft were inducted into the Indian forces in 2013.
- * The P-8I aircraft incorporates state-of-the-art sensors such as multi-mode radar, electronic intelligence system, sonobuoy, electro-optic, infrared cameras and advanced weaponry.
- * P-8I aircraft have been used along the International Border, the Line of Control and the Line of Actual Control to monitor the movements of adversaries.

53. Ans. B.



Madtsoiidae is an extinct group of medium-sized to gigantic snakes. These snakes are said to have appeared during the Late Cretaceous and are mostly distributed in the Gondwanan landmasses.

54. Ans. B.

Defence Minister of India and his Russian counterpart attended the 20th meeting of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation. Four agreements were signed after this meeting, including a contract for the procurement of over six lakh AK-203 Assault Rifles and an agreement on Program for Military-Technical Cooperation from 2021 to 2031.

55. Ans. B.

Operation Muskaan, a special drive being taken by the police to trace the missing children in Andhra Pradesh, reunited many children who separated from their parents. Some children, who were missing during journeys, kidnapped and those run away from homes due to poverty and disturbed family conditions, were stranded in the homes run by NGOs. Many of them were working as child labourers, bonded child laborers in houses, garages, shops, restaurants and other establishments are also being reunited with their parents under this special drive.

56. Ans. D.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced 3rd National Water Awards-2020. In the Best State category, Uttar Pradesh has been awarded first prize, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

57. Ans. A.

* The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully test of the human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for Gaganyaan at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

* HS200 is part of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII (GSLV Mk III) rocket that will carry Indian astronauts to space.

* The first stage is powered by solid fuel, the second by liquid fuel and the third by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.



58. Ans. B.

* The Chhattisgarh government has issued a notification to restore the old pension scheme effective from April 1, 2022.

* Also, the 10% deduction for monthly contribution from the salary of government employees as a contribution to the new pension scheme will be abolished from April 1, 2022.

* However, a minimum of 12% of the basic salary will be deducted as per the General Provident Fund rule.

59. Ans. D.

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

* 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.

60. Ans. B.

* India will be hosting the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO's)- Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in New Delhi from May 16th to 19th.

* The Security Advisers of the National Security Councils of India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.

61. Ans. A.

SS Mundra has been appointed as the new BSE Chairman. Mundra who has been a Member in the BSE Member Committee. Mundra was Public Interest Director in the BSE. S.S. Mundra retired as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India on 30th July 2017 after completing a stint of three years.

62. Ans. A.



Veteran architect Balkrishna Doshi was conferred the prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture, by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

He is the only one from India to have been awarded both the Royal Gold Medal and the Pritzker Architecture Prize, often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture.

63. Ans. D.

- Recently Campbell Wilson has been appointed as the new CEO of the Indian Aviation giant Air India.
- Campbell Wilson has been serving as the Chief of Singapore based Scoot Airlines.
- This is an airlines known for its low cost world class service.
- Earlier Ilker Ayci was approached by the authorities to take over the charge.
- But after his refusal, Wilson's name has been finalized.
- Air India is a Tata Group Company.
- Earlier it was owned by Government of India.

64. Ans. A.

NITI Aayog launched the National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP) for open public use. The platform aims to democratize access to public government data by making data accessible, interoperable, interactive, and available on a user-friendly platform. It hosts foundational datasets from various government agencies, presents them coherently, and provides tools for analytics and visualization.

65. Ans. A.

* NASA climate research scientist, Cynthia Rosenzweig has been awarded World Food Prize.

* She is an agronomist and climatologist and spent much of her career explaining how global food production must adapt to a changing climate



* She is a senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

66. Ans. A.

* India's first semi-high-speed train set for Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) has been handed over to National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) at Alstom's Savli plant in Gujarat.

* RRTS train sets are being manufactured under Make In India initiative and are capable of running at speed of 180 km per hour.

* It will be brought to Duhai Depot in Uttar Pradesh.

67. Ans. B.

* United Nations has launched UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025 to catalyze large-scale action and support needed for transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions.

* Energy Compact Action Network was also launched to match those govt seeking support for their clean energy goals with those govt and businesses that have pledged over \$600 billion

* It sets out a framework for collective action by nearly 30 UN and international organizations.

68. Ans. B.

The Union Ministry of Law and Justice Thursday announced Rajiv Kumar, the current Election Commissioner, will take over as the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) from May 15. Kumar will take charge from CEC Sushil Chandra, who is due to retire.

69. Ans. D.

Opposition leader and former premier Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn-in as Sri Lanka's 26th prime minister to stabilise the country's debt-ridden economy and end the political turmoil, a development welcomed by India which said it looks forward to working with the new government and reaffirmed its commitment to the Sri Lankan people.



70. Ans. C.

- Pt. Sharma passed away last night in Mumbai.
- Shri Sharma was a renowned Santoor player.
- He was recipient of many awards like Sangeet Natak Akademy Award 1986, Padma Shri in 1991 and Padma Bhushan in 2001.
- He collaborated with famous Tabla player Zakir Hussain and flutist Hariprasad Chaurasiya number of times.
- He also contributed in many Bollywood films like Silsila, Chandni etc.

71. Ans. C.

- * Yuri Averbakh (Russian chess grandmaster) who was among the world's best players for a decade and trained world champions has died in Moscow at 100.
- * He won the Moscow Championship in 1949 and earned the Grandmaster title in 1952. In 1954, he became the champion of the USSR.
- * He also chaired the Chess Federation of the USSR from 1972 to 1977.

72. Ans. B.

- * India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines.
- * Commission on Elections, Manila was the current chair of AAEA.
- * The new member of the Executive Board now includes Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan and the Philippines.

73. Ans. A.

- * Veteran Himachal Pradesh Congress leader and former Union minister Pandit Sukh Ram has passed away at 94.



* He was the Union Minister of State, Communications (Independent Charge) from 1993 to 1996 and a member of Lok Sabha from the Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh).

* He won the Lok Sabha elections three times and the Vidhan Sabha elections five times.

74. Ans. C.

India became the fourth country in the world, where the World Economic Forum (WEF) opened its Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution India. With this, India is about to embark on a massive digital and technological transformation. Recently, WEF and NITI Aayog came together to focus on emerging technologies to benefit Small & marginal Farmers.

75. Ans. B.

Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme, launched by the government of Rajasthan, is a government health insurance scheme that provides cashless medical insurance of up to Rs. 5 Lakh to all the families of Rajasthan. The scheme was announced by the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot, during the state budget 2021-22.

76. Ans. A.

RailTel (Mini Ratna PSU) has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme based on access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country.

This service was virtually launched by RailTel chairman and managing director Puneet Chawla.

Android users can access this WiFi network by downloading the mobile app 'Wi-DOT' from Google Play Store.

77. Ans. A.

The Ministry of Tourism has participated in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM), Dubai-2022 under its 'Incredible India' brand line.

Aim: Showcase India's tourism potential and provide a platform to the tourism stakeholders.



It also aimed to promote India as a 'Must See, Must Visit' destination.

78. Ans. B.

Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as President of Costa Rica for a 4-year term. He will Succeed Carlos Alvarado, the outgoing President.

79. Ans. A.

Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs launched a Portal named CAPF Punarvaas to help retired CAPF and Assam Rifles personnel to secure employment with Private Security Agencies. Retired personnel can upload their employment details on portal and Agencies may connect them as per qualification.

80. Ans. B.

* John Lee Ka-Chiu (a former security chief) has been confirmed as Hong Kong's next chief executive. He will replace Carrie Lam.

* He will be the first security official to hold the Chief Executive position of Hong Kong which witnessed years of political unrest and recent debilitating pandemic controls.

* Lee resigned from his position as the city's No 2 official to run and was the only contender to secure Beijing's backing.

81. Ans. C.

* Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin has announced that all government primary school students from 1st to 5th standards will be provided nutritious breakfast on all working days.

* Tamil Nadu is set to become the first state to offer breakfast along with midday meals.

* This includes the launch of integrated urban health centres within the Corporation and Municipal limits.

82. Ans. C.



- * The eminent Odia litterateur Rajat Kumar Kar passed away due to heart-related ailments.
- * He received Padma Shri in 2021 for literature and education.
- * He was known for his commentary during the annual Ratha Jatra (Jagannath culture) on TV and radio.
- * His writing includes Upendra Bhanja literature and has seven non-fiction to his credit.

83. Ans. D.

- The host, Jain University became the overall winner of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021 with 20 gold medals along with 7 silver and 5 bronze.
- Lovely Professional University finished second. Panjab University finished third.
- Around 3,879 participants from around 190 universities competed for 257 gold medals in 20 disciplines in the second edition of the KIUG 2021 held at Bengaluru.

About Khelo India University Games (KIUG):

- It is a national level multi-sport event held in India, where athletes from universities across the country compete in different sports disciplines.
- It is organised by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports along with Association of Indian Universities, Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federation.

84. Ans. D.

Recently, NFHS -5 was released by the Government. There are only five States in India, which are above replacement level of fertility of 2.1. They are Bihar (2.98), Meghalaya (2.91), Uttar Pradesh (2.35), Jharkhand (2.26) Manipur (2.17).

85. Ans. C.

- Ronnie O'Sullivan (English snooker player) has won his seventh World Snooker Championship crown after beating Judd Trump (English snooker player) by 18-13.



- With this win, he has been equalled Stephen Hendry's modern-day record of seven world titles.
- O'Sullivan has won his first world title in 2001.

86. Ans. D.

- Bangladesh has uncovered a new gas field with the capacity to produce 20 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD) at the Koilastila Gas field.
- Koilastila Gas Field is one of the five gas fields which was purchased from the Shell Oil company by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

87. Ans. A.

- * The 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station of Rajasthan's Barmer district has now been renamed as 'Mahesh Nagar Halt'.
- * Earlier in 2018, the name of the village was changed from 'Miyan ka Bada' to Mahesh Nagar.

Earlier, the names of the following railway stations have been changed:

- * Manduadih Railway Station is now known as Banaras Railway Station
- * Mughalsarai Junction is now Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Railway Junction
- * Robertsganj Railway Station was renamed Sonbhadra Railway Station
- * Allahabad Junction is now Prayagraj Junction
- * Faizabad Junction is now known as Ayodhya Cantt
- * Dandupur Railway Station is renamed Maa Barahi Devi Dham Railway Station
- * The Uttar Pradesh government has also renamed Jhansi Railway Station as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station' after Rani Laxmibai.



* The Habibganj railway station in Bhopal was renamed after Gond queen Rani Kamalapati in 2021.

88. Ans. C.

Recently the Philippines has become the first country in the world to buy India's Brahmos missile. The Philippines has signed a \$375 million deal for the purchase of Brahmos missiles.

It is noteworthy that BrahMos and NPOM of Russia have a joint venture. It is named after the Brahmaputra River of India and the Moskva River of Russia.

89. Ans. B.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, has been included in UNESCO's list of creative cities in the category of crafts and folk arts.

A total of six cities including Srinagar are included in UNESCO's list of creative cities - Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Varanasi and Jaipur.

It is notable that the total number of cities in the world UNESCO's list of creative cities has increased to 295 in 90 countries.

90. Ans. C.

* Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released the 20th World Press Freedom Index 2022, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories.

* Index topped by: Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, and Finland

* India's neighbouring countries: India (150th, falls 8 positions), Pakistan (157th), Sri Lanka (146th), Bangladesh (162nd), and Myanmar (176th)

* North Korea is placed at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries.

91. Ans. D.

* The Times Higher Education (THE) has released the 2022 edition of its Impact Ranking; 8 Universities from India are placed in the top 300 universities in the world.



* The ranking is topped by Western Sydney University (Australia); followed by Arizona State University (The US), Western University (Canada).

* In India: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (41st), Lovely Professional University (74th).

92. Ans. A.

* Indian-Origin Nand Mulchandani has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), first line of defense for the United States

* Prior to this, he served as the CTO and acting director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Centre under US Department of Defence.

* He served as the CEO of multiple successful startups like Oblix (acquired by Oracle), Determina, OpenDNS and ScaleXtreme .

93. Ans. D.

* Joydeep Karmakar (42 years) has been appointed as the chief national rifle coach by National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

* He will oversee Indian continent till 2025, including the Paris Olympics 2024.

* He had missed a bronze medal by a whisker in men's 50-metre rifle prone event at 2012 London Olympics.

94. Ans. C.

* NATO's Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 exercises began on 1 May, 2022 in 9 European countries.

* More than 7,000 troops from NATO and Partner countries and 3,000 units of equipment took part in the planned joint exercises in Poland.

* According to the Polish Ministry of National Defense, Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 is being run from 1 to 27 May.



* Defender Europe and Swift Response are regular international exercise organized by the US Armed Forces to increase preparedness and interoperability between US and NATO allies and partners.

About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):

* It is an intergovernmental military alliance between 30 member states, of which 28 are in Europe and the other 2 in North America.

* Founded: 4 April 1949

* Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium

95. Ans. A.

* The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways decided to develop and build India's first indigenous Hydrogen Fuelled Electric Vessels at Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL).

* Shipping Minister SarbanandaSonowal said that the plan for building Hydrogen Fuelled Electric Vessels is keeping pace with the Global Maritime Green Transitions.

* The move is part of India's transformative efforts on the innovative and new technology front on green energy, sustainable cost-effective alternate fuel front.

* The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vessel based on Low Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane Technology (LT-PEM) called Fuel Cell Electric Vessel (FCEV) is expected to cost around Rs. 17.50 crores of which 75 percent would be funded by the centre.

* Hydrogen Fuel cells can be used in a wide range of applications, including transportation, stationary, portable, material handling, and emergency backup power applications.

* Fuel cells operating on hydrogen fuel are an efficient, environmentally-friendly, zero emission, direct current (DC) power source already applied to heavy duty bus, truck, and train applications, and are now under development for marine applications.

96. Ans. B.

Actor Salim Ghose passed away at the age of 70 due to cardiac arrest.



He made his debut with the film Swarg Narak in 1978 and acted in films like Charkha, Saransh, Manthan, Kalyug, Trikal, Aghaat, Drohi, Thiruda, Sardari Begum, Koyla, Soldier, Aks and several others.

He also played the roles of Rama, Krishna, and Tipu Sultan in Shyam Benegal's TV Series Bharat Ek Khoj.

97. Ans. A.

Narayan Rane (Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has launched the MSME Sustainable Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme.

MSMEs will get subsidies as per the following structure, on the cost of ZED certification -
Micro Enterprises: 80%; Small Enterprises: 60%; Medium Enterprises: 50%

An additional subsidy of 10% for the MSMEs owned by Women/SC/ST Entrepreneurs OR MSMEs in NER/Himalayan/LWE/Island territories/aspirational districts.

98. Ans. D.

India's first ethanol plant was inaugurated in Purnia district of Bihar by CM Nitish Kumar.

The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of ₹105 crores.

Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021.

It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.

99. Ans. C.

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Narayan Rane has inaugurated Enterprise India (Ministry's Mega Event) under the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

"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.

100. Ans. B.



IndiGo has become the first airline in Asia to use the indigenous navigation system GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation (GAGAN) to land its aircraft.

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).

101. Ans. D.

- * May 3 is celebrated as World Press Freedom Day or Press Freedom Day.
- * The theme for World Press Freedom Day 2022 is "Journalism under digital siege".
- * The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of press freedom in any democracy.
- * World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.
- * Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

102. Ans. B.

- * Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award 2022 for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.
- * This is his second Whitley Fund for Nature Award. He got the first in 2005.
- * Mishra was given the award for his work in 12 snow leopard range countries.
- * Mishra, who is also the co-founder of Bengaluru-based Nature Conservation Foundation, established India's first community scheme to save snow leopards over a decade ago.



* There are an estimated 6,500 wild snow leopards in the high mountains and plateaus of twelve countries including Russia, Afghanistan, China, Pakistan, India and Mongolia.

About Whitley Awards:

* The Awards are held annually by the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) to recognise and celebrate effective grassroots conservation leaders across the global south. The award is often referred to as the 'Green Oscars'.

103. Ans. D.

The State Health Index has been released by NITI Aayog. This is the fourth edition of the index. This year the index has been titled 'Health State, Progressive India'. In the ranking of the index, Kerala is at the first place among the big states. After Kerala, Tamil Nadu gets the place in the index, Kerala is in the first place among the big states. The first place among the small states is Mizoram while the second place is Tripura.

In this index, the top place among the union territories is not Delhi but Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

104. Ans. C.

* Nasscom announced that Krishnan Ramanujam, President, Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services has been appointed as its Chairperson for 2022-23.

* Ramanujam succeeds Rekha M. Menon, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director of Accenture in India, in this role.

About National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom):

* Nasscom is an Indian non-governmental trade association and advocacy group, focused mainly on the technology industry of India.

* Headquarters: New Delhi

* Founded: 1 March 1988

105. Ans. D.



- A new book titled 'Hear Yourself' is written by Prem Rawat.
- He launched this book in Mumbai on April 13, 2022.
- This book is to help people understand their own potential.
- He is an international speaker.

106. Ans. D.

“Wrist Assured: An Autobiography” has penned down by Former Indian cricket captain Gundappa Ranganatha Vishwanath and is co-authored by senior journalist R Kaushik. G.R Vishwanath has played Test Cricket for India between 1969 and 1986, made 91 appearances and scored more than 6000 runs in his cricketing career.

107. Ans. B.

* The recently decommissioned Indian Naval Ship (INS) Khukri will soon be developed into a full-scale museum at Diu, the Union Territory off the southern tip of the Kathiawar Peninsula in southwestern Gujarat.

108. Ans. C.

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

* 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

109. Ans. B.



- * The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has started the Main Airframe Fatigue Test (MAFT) of Light Combat Aircraft Mark 1 (LCA Mk1) airframe in Bengaluru.
- * 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.

110. Ans. A.

The prestigious ceremony of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 was held on February 20. The event was held in Mumbai and the best performances from last year were honoured in the event this time. This year Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 celebrated the opulence of Indian Cinema and also commemorated the 75 years of Independence or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

'Pushpa: The Rise', an action entertainer directed by Sukumar has been widely praised. Allu Arjun's blockbuster hit 'Pushpa: The Rise' has bagged 'Film of The Year' accolade at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022.

111. Ans. A.

eVTOL stands for electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing. It is an aircraft that uses electric power to hover, take off and land vertically. This technology is a mix of piloted and unpiloted aircraft. They also possess the potential to reduce emissions in Urban Air Mobility (UAM). As the demand for noise-free and green energy-based aircraft is increasing, it would prove to be a milestone. As per the Union Civil Aviation Minister, the Government of India is looking forward to inviting eVTOL manufacturers to set up bases in India.

Hence, Option A is the correct answer.

112. Ans. C.

The government of Australia and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) have signed an MoU for Technical Cooperation for Urban Water Management under to Australia-India Water Security Initiative (AIWASI).



It is a project under South-Asia Water Security Initiative (SAWASI) and will undertake investments and work towards Water Sensitive City Vision. The initiative would reinforce bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the area of urban water security

AIWASI is also a 'living laboratory' with multiple educational, environmental and social benefits like water literacy and community creation.

Hence, Option C is the correct answer.

113. Ans. A.

Google's LaMDA known as Language Model for Dialogue Applications is a language model created by Google's AI that has achieved the ability to engage in a free-flowing conversation. It is believed by Google that LaMDA has developed into a sentimental program and started reasoning like a human being.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

114. Ans. C.

The second edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 was recently released.

National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment was constituted in the year 2019 and not in the year 2018 by the Department of Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and not by the Ministry of Personnel Affairs. Thus option (a) cannot be the correct option.

National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) is a biennial study that assesses States, Union Territories and also focuses on Central Ministries. The assessment covers 56 mandatory services for each State and Union Territory and 27 services for the Central Ministries. Thus options (b) and (d) are also wrong.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

115. Ans. B.

The first non-synchronous census was conducted by Governor-General Lord Mayo in 1872 and not by Warren Hastings in 1818. Thus option (a) cannot be the correct option.



According to Census Act, of 1948, the information collected during the population Census cannot be accessed by any Court of Law.

Census Exercise 2021, postponed to the year 2023-24 will be the first Census to include households headed by a person from the transgender community. Initially, there was a column for males and females only. It is the sixteenth edition and first digital Census with a provision for self-enumeration. Thus, options (c) and (d) are also not correct.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

116. Ans. D.

National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project is a Mission Mode Project under Digital India Programme and the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is the Nodal Ministry for its implementation in all 31 states and Union Territories with legislatures. It uses the cloud technology – Meghraj to deploy data and access anywhere at any time.

Though, NeVA is a centrally sponsored project its funding is 60:40 for states, 90:10 for North-East and hilly states and 100 per cent for Union Territories.

State Government is to appoint a Secretary level officer as the nodal officer for the implementation of e-Vidhan.

Himachal Pradesh is the first Digital Legislature in the country.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

117. Ans. C.

The single Nodal Agency(SNA) Dashboard of Public Financial Management System (PFMS) was launched recently by the Union Ministry of Finance. Thus, statement (a) is wrong.

It is a reform that involves changes in the traditional methods of release, disbursement and monitoring of funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CCS). Thus, statement (b) is also not correct.

As per this system, every state has to identify and designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for every scheme.



It was initially known as Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS). It is a web-based online system developed and will be implemented by the Officer of Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

118. Ans. A.

First time ever, the FIFA World Cup will be **hosted by three different countries**, and it will feature **48 teams**.

Matches for the **2026 World Cup** will be held in **11 US cities and three host sites in Mexico and two in Canada**, the game's world governing body, announced FIFA.

This year the **2022** world cup will be hosted by **Qatar**.

Hence, Option A is correct.

119. Ans. A.

Colombia elected former guerrilla fighter **Gustavo Petro** as president making him the **country's first leftist head of state**.

He defeated millionaire businessman **Rodolfo Hernandez** in Sunday's run-off election by some 700,000 votes, a landslide.

Hence, option A is correct.

Extra Points

Capital: Bogota.

Currency: Colombian Peso

120. Ans. C.

In Finland, India's top javelin thrower and 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games gold medallist **Neeraj Chopra** winning **silver** and setting a national record at the Paavo Nurmi



athletics meet, **Chopra yesterday clinched the men's javelin throw gold at the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland with an impressive throw of 86.69 meters.**

Hence, option C is correct.

Extra Points:

Capital: Helsinki

Currency: Euro

President: Sauli Niinisto (as of June 2022).

121. Ans. B.

The **United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** announced yesterday that the meeting **will move from Kunming in China to Montreal in Canada.** Earlier it was decided that the summit will be held in China but researchers are relieved that a pivotal summit to finalize a new global agreement to save nature will go ahead this year, after two-years of delays because of the pandemic. The meeting of representatives from almost **200 member states of the CBD known as COP15 will now run from 5 to 17 December.**

China will continue as president of the COP15 and Huang Runqiu, China's minister of ecology and environment, will continue as chairman.

Hence, option B is correct.

122. Ans. A.

Senior diplomat Ruchira Kamboj appointed as India's **Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.** She is a 1987-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, and is presently serving as India's envoy to Bhutan.

Extra Points:

The **United Nations is an international organization founded in 1945.** Currently made up of **193 Member States**, the UN and its work are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter.



Secretary- General of UN: António Guterres (**As of June 2022**).

Hence, option A is correct.

123. Ans. D.

The theme for World Hydrography Day 2022 is "**Hydrography - contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade**" Every year on June 21, World Hydrography Day is celebrated. The day was approved and implemented by the **International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)**.

Hence, the **option D is correct**.

Extra Points:

2021 Theme: 100 years of international cooperation in hydrography.

2020 Theme: Hydrography enabling autonomous technologies.

2019 Theme: Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge.

124. Ans. C.

Legendary Australian cricketer **Lisa Sthalekar** has become the **first woman president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA)**. The 42-year-old former Australia captain was confirmed in the **role at the FICA Executive Committee meeting held in Nyon, Switzerland**.

Hence, the **option C** is correct.

Extra Points:

FICA Established in **1998**.

125. Ans. A.

Ruth Ozeki has won the **2022 Women's Prize for Fiction** with her "sparkling" fourth novel **The Book of Form and Emptiness (Canongate)**.



She is an **American-Canadian** based author. The **"Women's Prize for Fiction"** is given annually to a female English-language writer from anywhere in the world.

Hence, **option A** is correct.

126. Ans. C.

The Indian Navy has launched '**Operation Sankalp**' in the **Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman** as a measure to assure the safety and security of the Indian vessels. INS Talwar is presently deployed for **Op-Sankalp** commemorating the 3rd continuous year of the Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf.

After the attacks on **merchant ships in the Gulf of Oman in June 2019**, Indian Navy had commenced Maritime Security Operations, code named **Op-Sankalp**, in the Gulf Region to ensure safe passage of Indian Flag Vessels transiting through the **Strait of Hormuz**.

Hence, **option C** is correct.

Extra Points:

Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar.

127. Ans. A.

Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated **Jyotirgamaya**, a festival showcasing the talent of unsung performers in **New Delhi**. As part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** and on the occasion of World Music Day yesterday, Sangeet Natak Akademi has organised this festival to showcase the talent of rare musical instruments from across the country, including street performers and train entertainers.

Hence, **option A** is correct.

128. Ans. B.

According to Sebi, the new committee **will be chaired by KV Kamath, chairperson, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure**, and it will undertake a slew of measures to focus on the ease of issuing these hybrid securities. This set up an advisory committee on hybrid securities to promote growth and innovation in this sector.



Hybrid securities are relatively new in the Indian markets, but highly popular in the West. **Real estate investment trusts (ReITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs)** are some of the **hybrid securities** issued till now in India.

Hence, **option B** is correct.

129. Ans. D.

The **Nuri rocket's** second launch made **South Korea the 10th country** to place a satellite with its **own technology**. The **Korean Satellite Launch Vehicle II**, known as **Nuri**, took off from **Goheung, about 500km (310 miles) south of Seoul**. **South Korea** plans to carry out four more launches of the **Nuri until 2027** to increase reliability, according to the **Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI) that is overseeing the launch**.

Hence, the **option D** is correct.

Extra Point:

President: Moon Jae-in

Capital: Seoul

Currency: South Korean won

130. Ans. C.

Bharat Gaurav Scheme or Bharat Gaurav Trains is launched by the Indian Railways to tap the vast tourism potential of India. The Centre officially flagged off the **Bharat Gaurav train** connecting **India and Nepal**. **Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER G Kishan Reddy, along with Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav**, flagged off the train from **Delhi's Safdarjung railway station**. **The first trip** of the train operating on the **Ramayana Circuit** will also cover the religious destination of **Janakpur (in Nepal) for the first time**.

Hence, the **option C** is correct.

Extra Points:



Sagarmala Project: To reduce logistics cost for EXIM and domestic trade with minimal infrastructure investment.

Bharatmala Project: The highways sector that focuses on optimizing the efficiency of road traffic movement across the country by bridging critical infrastructure gaps.

PACE Scheme: To improve the procurement and consumption practices to improve the quality of goods and services.

131. Ans. B.

Mongolia's Khuvsgul Lake National Park has been added to the **World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO**. The decision was made during the **34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council** of the Man and the **Biosphere Programme** taking place in **Paris, France**

Khuvsgul Lake is located in the **northern Mongolian province** of **Khuvsgul** near the **Russian border**, holding nearly **70 percent of Mongolia's fresh water**, or **0.4 percent** of the world's total.

Hence, **option B** is correct.

Extra Points:

Capital: Ulaanbaatar

Currency: Mongolian tögrög

Prime Minister: Oyun-Erdene Luvsannamsrai (As of June 2022).

132. Ans. B.

The **Global Liveability Ranking** is a yearly assessment published by the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**, ranking **172 global cities (previously 140)** for their urban quality of life based on assessments of **stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education and infrastructure**. **India's national capital New Delhi** has been ranked **112th** in the list of most liveable cities and **Mumbai** is ranked at **117th position**.



Austrian capital **Vienna** has once again topped the list of most liveable cities in the world in the list of **140 cities**. Earlier, **New Zealand's capital Auckland** had snatched the top place from Vienna in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

Hence, **option B** is correct.

133. Ans. A.

The **Indian Air Force is conducting the first Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP) culminating with a Capstone Seminar at Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi on 24 Jun 2022**. The seminar will be conducted under the aegis of College of Air Warfare and Centre for Air Power Studies. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, shall deliver the keynote address on the occasion which is being attended by senior officers from all three Services, air power scholars, academia from principal think tanks and premier colleges of the country.

Hence, option A is correct.

134. Ans. C.

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy successfully flight-tested a **vertical launch short range surface to air missile (VL-SRSAM)** earlier today. The test was conducted from an Indian **Naval Ship, off the coast of Odisha's Chandipur**. The **VL-SRSAM, a ship borne weapon system**, is meant for neutralising various aerial threats at close ranges including sea-skimming targets.

Hence, **option C** is correct.

Extra Points:

Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar.

DRDO Chairman: G satheesh Reddy.

135. Ans. D.

Union minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari has **approved the Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment**



Program), wherein automobiles in India shall be accorded **Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests. Bharat-NCAP** will serve as a consumer-centric platform allowing customers to opt for safer cars based upon their star-ratings, while promoting a healthy competition among OEMs in India to manufacture safer vehicles.

Hence, **option D** is correct.

136. Ans. C.

- Senior diplomat Ruchira Kamboj has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.
- Ruchira Kamboj is a 1987 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service and is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan, Ruchira is the first woman Ambassador of India to Bhutan.
- Prior to her assignment as Ambassador to Bhutan, Ruchira Kamboj has served as India's High Commissioner to South Africa and India's Ambassador or Permanent Representative to UNESCO.
- She will succeed T S Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the UN.

137. Ans. B.

- The tenure of the Chief Executive Officer of the National Intelligence Grid has been reduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Intelligence Grid has been transferred to the Border Security Force.
- This year, Mr. Ashish Gupta was appointed as the CEO of NATGRID, Ashish Gupta is a 1989 batch IPS officer.
- NATGRID is an online database that aggregates information from more than 20 organizations in the fields of telecommunications, tax records, banks, immigration, etc.
- The National Intelligence Grid (NetGrid) project was launched in the year 2009 after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.



- The objective of the National Intelligence Grid is to provide access to data held by central agencies such as IB, RAW, and others on a secure platform for counter-terrorism investigations.

138. Ans. C.

- International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on the 21st of June.
- The theme of this year's International Day of Yoga is "Yoga for Humanity".
- The idea of the International Day of Yoga was proposed by India during the inauguration of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2014, under which a resolution was passed by the United Nations in December 2014 and declared 21 June as an International Yoga Day.
- This year International Yoga Day is being celebrated in the year 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', so Yoga Day celebrations have been organized at 75 major places in the country.
- Another highlight of International Day of Yoga is Guardian Ring, a relay yoga streaming program that simultaneously captures a digital feed of International Yoga Day events organized by Indian missions abroad.
- Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India.
- The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means a symbol of union of body and consciousness.

139. Ans. D.

- * Every year June 20 is celebrated by the United Nations as World Refugee Day in the world.
- * On 4 December 2000, a resolution was passed by the UNGA (United Nations General Assembly) to observe 20 June as World Refugee Day and for the first time, World Refugee Day was observed on 20 June 2001.
- * World Refugee Day is celebrated as an opportunity to promote empathy and compassion for the suffering of refugees, as well as to honor their courage in rebuilding their lives.



* According to the convention organized by the United Nations in 1951, a refugee is one who has fled his home and country because of a deep fear of persecution because of his ethnicity, religion, nationality, membership in a specific social group, or political opinion.

* The theme of this year's World Refugee Day is 'The Right to Seek Security'.

140. Ans. B.

- The Project Information and Management module of the Single Window Resolution System (SWCS) was launched by the Ministry of Coal in New Delhi.
- The Project Information and Management module of the Single Window Solution System (SWCS) has been developed by the Ministry of Coal as an integrated platform to facilitate ease of doing business.
- The Coal Holding Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, for Telangana and West Bengal, for integration with the already operational module and for approval of mining plan in SWCS module, time-bound completion plan and entry portal, digital acceptance of objection included under section. 8(1) Consent Management System.
- The objective of this project is to complete the digital linkage between the mine allottee and the Information and Management module of the Ministry and provide digital solutions in respect of the respective blocks.
- Various features have been included in the SWCS module which includes various features like Bank Guarantee, Advance Payment, Basic Sanctions, Show Cause Notice, and Court Case Management.

141. Ans. D.

- The Khelo India Youth Games concluded at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula, Haryana.
- Under Khelo India Youth Games this year various competitions were organized in Panchkula, Ambala, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Shahbad in Haryana in 25 categories.
- Under Khelo India Youth Games, 8500 players from different states including 528 players from Haryana participated in various games this year.



- In the points table of the Khelo India Youth Games, Haryana stood first with 41 gold, 35 silver, and 42 bronze medals, making a total of 118 medals in this competition, while Maharashtra stood second with 41 gold, 35 silver, and 30 bronze medals. Stay on This year the points table remained
- Karnataka ranks third with 21 gold, 16 silver, and 23 bronze medals, Manipur fourth with 17 gold, 3 silver, and 5 bronze medals, while Kerala with 16 gold, 16 silver, and 13 bronze medals in this year's Khelo India Youth Games ranked fifth. in the points table.

142. Ans. B.

- The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, chaired a meeting through video conference (VC) of the second phase of the vaccination program Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan, in which Health Ministers and senior officials of the States and Union Territories (UTs) were involved.
- The “Har Ghar Dastak Ke Second Phase” campaign aims to focus on increasing the COVID vaccination coverage for school-going children across states and the precautionary dosage for the elderly.
- The objective of the “Har Ghar Dastak Ke Second Charan” campaign is to achieve 100% coverage among the eligible population to ensure extended protection against COVID.
- The “Har Ghar Dastak Ke Second Phase” campaign, which will run till July 31, aims to provide a precautionary dose of anti-coronavirus vaccine to 47 million people above the age of 60 years.

143. Ans. D.

- The Environmental Performance Index for the year 2022 was jointly released by Yale and Columbia Universities.
- This year, India is ranked 180th on the Environmental Performance Index with a score of 18.9, which comes after Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Myanmar.
- This year Denmark has topped the Environmental Performance Index with a score of 77.9, while the United Kingdom and Finland are ranked second and third respectively.



- The Environmental Performance Index is an international ranking system of countries based on their environmental health.
- It is a biennial index, first introduced as the Environmental Sustainability Index in 2002 by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia University Center for International Earth Information Network.
- This year's Environmental Performance Index uses 40 performance indicators to assess and rank 180 countries that fall under the broad categories of climate change performance, environmental health and ecosystem vitality.

144. Ans. C.

- India's shooter Avani Lekhara has won the gold medal with a record score in the Para Shooting World Cup held in Chatillon, France.
- With this medal, Avani has also qualified for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games by breaking her own world record of 249. 6.
- Avani created a new world record in the women's 10m Air Rifle SH-1 event with a score of 250. 6.
- Earlier, India's shooter Avani Lekhara also won a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- In rifle competition, the SH-1 class is for athletes who have a low body mass.

145. Ans. D.

The Tax Inspectors Without Borders program is a joint initiative of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

The major reports released by the World Bank are Migration and Development Brief Report, Human Capital Index, World Development Report etc.

146. Ans. C.



The Build Back Better World initiative is an initiative launched by the G-7 countries. It aims to address the infrastructure investment deficit in developing and low-income countries.

It will be tasked under the leadership of the United States to meet the \$40 trillion worth of infrastructure required by developing countries by 2035.

Notably, the Build Back Better World initiative efforts are in line with the Blue Dot Network's standards and principles, which pertain to the environment and climate, labor and social protection measures, financing, construction, anti-corruption, and other areas.

147. Ans. D.

The global Multidimensional Poverty Index is published by the United Nations Development Program and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative. This index uses 3 dimensions and 10 indicators of poverty. All other options are correct.

148. Ans. A.

Operation Mahila Suraksha was carried out by the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

All India campaign "Operation Mahila Suraksha" was organized by RPF from 3rd to 31st May, 2022 to ensure the safety of women. Notably, RPF is a central armed force. Which works under the Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways.

149. Ans. A.

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5th June. This year in 2022 its theme is – "Only One Earth".

It is noteworthy that World Environment Day was established in 1972 by the United Nations at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, in which 119 countries participated. All of them signed recognizing the principle of one earth, after which "World Environment Day" is celebrated in all the countries on 5th June. The Environment Protection Act came into force in India on 19 November 1986.

150. Ans. B.



- * As part of India-Bangladesh bilateral defense cooperation, formerly SAMPRITI-X, a joint military training exercise conducted at Jashore Military Station, Bangladesh, has been conducted from 05 June to 16 June 2022.
- * The Indian contingent in the Ex SAMPRITI-X exercise will be represented by a battalion of the Dogra Regiment
- * The exercise is an important bilateral defense cooperation effort undertaken by the two countries in turn with an aim to strengthen and broaden the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between the armies of the two countries.
- * During the joint military exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X, the armies of both the countries will share expertise in a range of scenarios such as terrorism, humanitarian aid, and disaster relief under the mandate of the United Nations.

151. Ans. B.

The given option (B) is wrong in the question because the "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity" initiative has been launched under the leadership of the United States of America. It includes 7 countries out of 10 member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), while Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos are not its members.

152. Ans. D.

The "World of Work" report is released by the International Labor Organization (ILO). After significant gains during the last quarter of 2021, the number of hours worked globally declined by 3.8% in the first quarter of 2022 from the pre-pandemic employment situation, the report said. According to the report, around 112 million jobs may be lost during this period.

153. Ans. B.

Paris based global terror financing watchdog FATF will be sending officials to verify the implementation of the law by Pakistan which is presently under the grey list of the FATF. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental organization established to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to



the integrity of the international financial system. It was formed in 1989 by the [G7](#) Summit which was held in Paris. Hence option B is the correct answer.

154. Ans. C.

A black swan is an unpredictable event that is beyond what is normally expected of a situation and has potentially severe consequences.

Black swan events are characterized by their extreme rarity, severe impact, and widespread insistence they were obvious in hindsight. The term was popularized by Nassim Nicholas Taleb, a finance professor, before the 2008 Financial Crisis. Taleb later used the 2008 financial crisis and the idea of black swan events to argue that if a broken system is allowed to fail, it strengthens it against the catastrophe of future black swan events. Hence, Option C is correct.

155. Ans. A.

The 38th edition of India–Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 13-24 Jun 22. Indian Naval Ship INS *Karmuk*, an indigenously built Missile Corvette based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, is participating in the CORPAT whilst the Indonesian Navy is being represented by *KRI Cut Nyak Dien*, a Kapitan Pattimura (*PARCHIM I*) class Corvette. Hence, Option A is correct.

156. Ans. A.

Ferrari's driver Carlos Sainz has won the **British F1 Grand Prix 2022**.

Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** sealed the **first Formula One victory** of his career in a thrilling **British Grand Prix** at Silverstone, on his 150th race start. On the podium **Red Bull's Sergio Perez and Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton** finished **second and third** in the respective race. With the title Carlos Sainz's ranking has been moved to the fourth position in the 2022 driver standings.

Hence, option A is correct.

157. Ans. C.

Peter Brook, one of the world's most innovative **theatre directors** who perfected the art of staging powerful drama in bizarre venues, has died aged 97. The film adaptation



of '**Lord of The Flies**' is one of his most celebrated works. Besides, the legendary director's work also includes a **nine-hour Mahabharata**, showcasing Shakespeare on Trapezes. Indian classical **dancer and actress Padma Bhushan Mallika Sarabhai played** the character of **Draupadi** in Brook's version of '**The Mahabharata**'.

Hence, option C is correct.

158. Ans. B.

Mohammed Jalood has been elected as the **new International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) President**. He has become the **first Asian President in the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) history**. President **Jalood** brings extensive experience within the sport having been a weightlifting athlete for 13 years, working within the administration for **26 years and spending the last five as IWF General Secretary**.

Hence, option B is correct.

Extra Points:

Jose Quinones was elected as the General-Secretary Treasurer.

159. Ans. D.

Michelle Poonawalla was a keynote speaker at the **House of Lords** and accepted the **Shiromani Award** for her contribution to the **field of Art**. Poonawalla unveiled her artwork '**Reserve**' at the **JMS Foundation Charity Gala at NRI World Summit 2022, The Dorchester in London, United Kingdom**.

Hence, Option D is correct.

160. Ans. B.

Air Marshal AP Singh was appointed **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) Central Air Command (CAC)**. The Air Marshal was commissioned into the fighter stream of **IAF on December 21, 1984**. He is an alumnus of **National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College**. For his distinguished service, he has been awarded with **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2019**.



Hence, option B is correct.

Extra Points:

- **Prayagraj** is the headquarters of the **Central Air Command (CAC)**.
- **Air Marshal Vibhas Pande** in **June 2022** assumed charge as the **37th Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief** of the **IAF's Maintenance Command** headquartered in **Nagpur**.

161. Ans. A.

The **Desert Corps** of the **Indian Army** organised the “**Suraksha Manthan 2022**”, on aspects of **Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur (Rajasthan)**. The manthan was jointly presided over by **Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, IPS, Director General Border Security Force (BSF), Director General VS Pathania, Indian Coast Guard and Lieutenant General Rakesh Kapoor, General Officer Commanding Desert Corps** and attended by serving officers of the **Army, BSF and Coast Guard**.

Hence, option A is correct.

162. Ans. B.

Dr. Tanuja Nesari, Director, of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) conferred the **Ayurveda Ratna award 2022**. Recognising her contribution towards furthering the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad, the UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg).

The **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences** was formed in **2014** with an aim to spread the knowledge of **Ayurveda, Yoga, Jyotish, Vastu, Unani and Sangeetam** in the **United Kingdom** and abroad.

Hence, option B is correct.

163. Ans. C.

Sini Shetty, from Karnataka was crowned **Femina Miss India World 2022** at **JIO World Convention Center** in **Mumbai**. She is all of 21, and was born in Mumbai but hails from Karnataka. The beauty with brains holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and



finance and is now pursuing CFA as a professional course. She is also a **Bharatanatyam dancer**.

Rubal Shekhawat, from **Rajasthan** was **crowned Femina Miss India 2022 1st Runner Up**. **Shinata Chauhan**, from **Uttar Pradesh** was **crowned Femina Miss India 2022 2nd Runner Up**.

Hence, option C is correct.

164. Ans. D.

The Prime Minister, Shri **Narendra Modi inaugurated the Digital India Week 2022**, whose theme is '**Catalyzing New India's Techade**' in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. **Digital India Week 2022** will have physical events from **4th to 6th July in Gandhinagar**.

He also announced the first cohort of **30 Institutions** to be supported under the **Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme**. **Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Union Minister, Union Ministers Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, state ministers**, people's representatives, startups, and other stakeholders of the sector were among those present on the occasion.

Details of the initiatives launched:

- '**Digital India Bhashini**' will enable easy access to the internet and digital services in Indian languages, including voice-based access, and help the creation of content in Indian languages.
- '**Digital India GENESIS**' (**Gen-next Support for Innovative Startups**) - a National Deep-tech Startup Platform, to discover, support, grow and make successful startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities of India. A total outlay of ₹750 Crore has been envisaged for the scheme.
- '**Indiastack.global**' - a global repository of key projects implemented under India Stack like **Aadhaar, UPI, Digilocker, Cowin Vaccination Platform, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), DIKSHA Platform and Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission**.



- **MyScheme'** - a service discovery platform facilitating access to Government Schemes. It aims to offer a one-stop search and discovery portal where users can find schemes that they are eligible for.
- He will also dedicate to the citizens '**Meri Pehchaan'**- **National Single Sign On for One Citizen Login. National Single Sign-On (NSSO)** is a user authentication service in which a single set of credentials provides access to multiple online applications or services.

Hence, Option D is correct.

165. Ans. C.

The **Indian Navy** participates in the **world's largest maritime exercise**. Indian Navy's frigate **INS Satpura and P8I aircraft** have been deployed off **Hawaii** for the **Rim of the Pacific exercise**, known as the **world's largest maritime drills**.

INS Satpura is an **indigenously designed and built 6000-tonne** guided missile stealth frigate equipped to seek and destroy adversaries in **air, surface, and underwater**.

The **Indian Navy** was the first international customer for the **P-8 aircraft**, which is produced by **US aerospace** major Boeing. The **aircraft is also operated by the US Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force, the UK's Royal Air Force and the Royal Norwegian Air Force**.

Navies of 28 countries are participating in the exercise, being hosted by the **US**.

Hence, Option C is correct.

166. Ans. C.

Shri **P. Gopinathan Nair** was a noted **Gandhian and freedom fighter**. He is remembered for his contribution to India's freedom struggle and unwavering commitment to Gandhian principles. **P Gopinathan Nair** was known for following **Gandhian ideology in his life** and was honoured with the **Padma award**. He had participated in the freedom struggle.

Hence, option C is correct.

167. Ans. D.



Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal Odisha has been adjudged the **top-ranked state** followed by **Uttar Pradesh at the 2nd spot** and **Andhra Pradesh at third** amongst the **General Category States** in '**State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA)**'.

Among the **Special Category states/UTs**, **Tripura** stood **first** followed by **Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim** respectively. Further, among the **3 UTs** where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)- Cash is operational, **Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu is the top ranked UT**.

This "**State ranking Index for NFSA**" attempts to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country, post consultation with states.

Hence, Option D is correct.

168. Ans. B.

The **world zoonoses day** is marked annually on **6 July** to commemorate the **first vaccination** administered against a **zoonotic disease like influenza, ebola and West Nile virus**. **Zoonotic diseases** are caused by **viruses, parasites, bacteria and fungi**.

Theme of World Zoonoses Day 2022: Understanding zoonotic pathogens and how to control their spread.

Hence, Option B is correct.

169. Ans. A.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment of **Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian of India as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**. **Lieutenant General Subramanian** succeeds **Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India** to whom the **Secretary-General** is grateful for his tireless dedication, invaluable service and effective leadership as **UNMISS Force Commander**.

Hence, Option A is correct.

170. Ans. C.



Google has announced the launch of **Startup School India (SSI)** as part of the **Google for Startups initiative**. This is a platform under which **Google** will bring together **investors, successful entrepreneurs and programmers** that startups from the **smaller cities can tap into and learn from the best**. The idea of creating the **Startup School India** is to reach out to **more and more startups in India**. Google aims to reach out to at **least 10,000** startups with this programme.

The SSI will be a **nine-week program**, delivered virtually, will feature fireside chats between Google leaders and trailblazing collaborators from across the startup ecosystem spanning fintech, D2C, B2B and B2C e-commerce, language, social media & networking, job search and many more.

Hence, option C is correct.

171. Ans. B.

First India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held at **NASC Complex, New Delhi**. The significance of **animal health** towards the **broader objective of the country's food and nutrition security, rural incomes and prosperity and overall economic development**. **Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** said that there is a need to strengthen the cooperative movement in the livestock sector. Inaugurating **First India Animal Health Summit 2022**, he called for **greater use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health**.

Hence, Option B is correct.

172. Ans. D.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "**Mission Vatsalya**" erstwhile **Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme**, since **2009-10** for the **welfare and rehabilitation of children**. The objective of **Mission Vatsalya** is to secure a **healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in India**, ensure opportunities to enable them to discover their full potential and assist them in flourishing in all respects, in a sustained manner, foster a sensitive, supportive and synchronized ecosystem for development of children, assist States/UTs in delivering the mandate of the **Juvenile Justice Act 2015** and achieve the **SDG goals**.

Hence, option D is correct.



173. Ans. D.

India-born **Gita Gopinath** became the **first woman and second Indian** to feature on the **'wall of former chief economists'** of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. She was appointed as **IMF Chief Economist in October 2018** and was later promoted as the **IMF's First Deputy Managing Director** in December last year.

The **first Indian** to **achieve the honour** was **Raghuram Rajan** who was **Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF** between **2003 and 2006**.

Hence, option D is correct.

174. Ans. C.

R Dinesh, executive vice chairman of **TVS Supply Chain Solutions**, has been **elected as president-designate** of the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for **2022-23**. **Sanjiv Puri**, chairman and managing director of **ITC** has been elected as **vice president**.

The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes. **CII** is a **non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization**, with around **9000 members** from the private as well as public sectors.

Hence, option C is correct.

175. Ans. D.

The **ministry of housing and urban affairs Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched **'SVANidhi Mahotsav'** which is a cultural festival for celebrating the success of **PM SVANidhi Scheme** in **New Delhi**. It is being held in **75 cities across 33 States and Union Territories**. The Mahotsav will showcase a series of activities like **Cultural activities, Digital transaction training, Loan mela,**

Extra Points:

Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi - PM SVANidhi scheme was launched on **1st of June 2020** to facilitate working **capital loans to street vendors** to



help them **restart their businesses** which were adversely impacted **due to the lockdown imposed during COVID-19 pandemic.**

Hence, option D is correct.

176. Ans. C.

Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the **Statue of Peace of Swami Ramanujacharya in Srinagar** through video conferencing. **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha**, along with saints and followers of **Swami Ramanujacharya** from across the country attended the **unveiling ceremony at Shuryar Mandir in Srinagar.**

Ramanujacharya is revered as a **Vedic philosopher and social reformer.** He travelled across **India, advocating equality and social justice.** **Ramanujacharya** revived the **Bhakti movement** and his preachings inspired other Bhakti schools of thought. He is considered to be the inspiration for **poets** like **Annamacharya, Bhakta Ramdas, Thyagaraja, Kabir, and Meerabai.**

Hence, option C is correct.

177. Ans. C.

Novak Djokovic (Serbia) has now **won** an incredible **seven Wimbledon titles**, equalling **tennis legend Pete Sampras** after beating **Nick Kyrgios (Australia).** He surpassed **Roger Federer(20)** in terms of **total grand slams win**, now he has won **21 Grand Slam** in his illustrious career.

Extra Points:

Wimbledon 2022 at Glance:



Category	Winner	Runner-Up	Singles/Doubles
Men's	Novak Djokovic	Nick Kyrgios	Singles
Women's	Elena Rybakina	Ons Jabeur	Singles
Men's Doubles	Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell	Nikola Pietrangeli and Mate Pavic	Doubles
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova	Elise Mertens and Zhang Shuai	Doubles
Mixed Doubles	Neal Skupski and Desirae Krawczyk	Ebden and Samantha Stosur	Mixed Doubles

Hence, option C is correct.

178. Ans. A.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc has won the **Austrian F1 Grand Prix 2022**. He held off world champion **Max Verstappen** to **win the Austrian Grand Prix** on Sunday and reboot his world championship challenge. This was **Leclerc's third win of the year and Ferrari's first** at the **Red Bull Ring since Michael Schumacher in 2003**. **Lewis Hamilton** took **third ahead** of his **Mercedes** teammate **George Russell** in cars that had both needed hefty repairs after crashes in Friday qualifying.

Hence, Option A is correct.

179. Ans. A.

The **theme** for this year is **"A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all"**. **World Population Day** is observed every year on **July 11** to raise awareness about **global population issues**.

Overpopulation is a critical concern as the world's resources are being used up at an unsustainable rate. Besides, the need to guarantee that women have access to family planning, gender equality, and maternal health care is more important than ever because of the expanding population's impact on maternal health and family planning issues.

Hence, Option A is correct.

180. Ans. B.

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As per the **Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)** requirement, the **GODI-designed** and **made-in-India cells** were tested and qualified by **TUV**, the third-party testing agency. With this, **Hyderabad based** company **GODI**, became the **first Indian company** to receive **BIS Certification to sell Li-ion cells** in **India with cells made with in-house technology for Electric Vehicles**.

Hence, Option B is correct.

181. Ans. D.

Senior bureaucrat R K Gupta was appointed as the **deputy election commissioner**. He comes in place of **T Sreekanth**. He is a **Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer**, will serve as **deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level)** till **28 February 2023**, the date of his superannuation.

Extra Points:

- **Shri Rajiv Kumar** is the **25th Chief Election Commissioner of India**.
- **Article 324** of the **Indian Constitution** provides that the **power of superintendence, direction and control of elections to parliament, state legislatures, the office of president of India and the office of vice-president of India shall be vested in the Election Commission**.

Hence, Option D is correct.

182. Ans. A.

Brijendra K Syngal, former chairman of **Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited(VSNL)**, passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 82. **Syngal**, who has been acknowledged as the **"father of the Indian Internet"**, was known for his strong views and fearlessness in taking on the establishment. As the **Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited(VSNL)**, he was unofficially known as the 'bulldozer' for his ability to push through bureaucratic hurdles, as a result of which VSNL grew from a \$125 million company in 1991 into a \$1.65 billion communications giant by 1998.

Hence, option A is correct.

183. Ans. C.



José Eduardo dos Santos, once one of **Africa's longest-serving rulers** who during almost **four decades as president of Angola** fought the continent's longest civil war and turned his country into a **major oil producer as well as one of the world's poorest and most corrupt nations**. He was **79**.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres recalled dos **Santos'** participation in the struggle that led to Angola's independence and his leadership "through the signing of the peace agreement that put an end to the civil war in 2002," his spokesman said. "During his tenure, Angola became an important regional and international partner and advocate for multilateralism."

Extra Points:

Currency of Angola: Angolan kwanza

Capital of Angola: Luanda

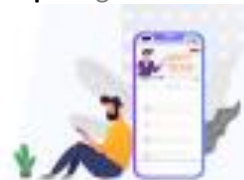
President: Joao Lourenco (**As of July 2022**).

Hence, Option C is correct.



184. Ans. D.

The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) System for Safe and Sustainable Operation (IS4OM)** was inaugurated by **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh** at the **Indian Space Research**



Organisation (ISRO) Control Centre in Bengaluru. The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** stated that the facility will support **all routine operations safeguarding Indian space assets, mitigating collision threats from space objects through specific collision avoidance manoeuvres.**

Extra Points:

ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath (**As of July 2022**).

Hence, Option D is correct.

185. Ans. B.

Kharchi Puja is celebrated annually on the **eighth day of the new moon in July or August in Tripura, India.** This year, it falls on **July 22.** Being one of the most popular **festivals in Tripura, Kharchi Puja** involves the worship of the **dynasty deity of the Tripuri people, Chaturdasa Devata.** It's celebrated in **Agartala, at the Chaturdasha Temple.** During Kharchi Puja, the **Chaturdasa Devata** are taken out, carried to be bathed in the holy water, and returned to the temple. The celebrations last for **seven days,** and people from **both tribal and non-tribal communities** participate.

Extra Points: As of July 2022

Chief Minister: Manik Saha (11th).

Governor: Shri Satyadeo Narain Arya.

Hence, Option B is correct.

186. Ans. D.

Gujarat will host the **36th National games** from **September 27 to October 10 2022.** It is the first time in **Gujarat's history** that they will host the **National Games.** There will be more than **34 sports** represented at the national games, which will take place in **six cities of Gujarat.** **Gujarat** has created a flourishing sports ecosystem as a result of the enormous success of **Khel Mahakhumbh.**

Extra Points:

35th National Games: Kerala



Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur (As of July 2022).

Hence, Option D is correct.

187. Ans. A.

'**Cervavac**', the country's **first quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV)** manufactured by Pune-based **Serum Institute of India (SII)** was approved by the **Drug Controller General of India** for market authorisation, **SII CEO Adar Poonawalla**. The first time there will be an **Indian HPV vaccine to treat cervical cancer** in women that is both affordable and accessible

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine(HPV) vaccination works extremely well. **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine(HPV)** vaccine has the potential to prevent more than **90% of HPV-attributable cancers**. Since **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine(HPV)** vaccination was **first recommended in 2006**, infections with HPV types that cause most **HPV cancers and genital warts have dropped 88%** among **teen girls and 81% among young adult women**.

Hence, Option A is correct.

188. Ans. B.

Mohammed Shami broke the record of **Ajit Agarkar** to **become the fastest Indian bowler to 150 ODI wickets**. The seamer needed **80 matches** to reach **150 ODI wickets**. Shami achieved this feat against the **England** team. **Ajit Agarkar** who had completed **150 ODI wickets in 97 matches**.

Overall, **Mohammed Shami** is **third joint-fastest** to reach **150 ODI wickets**. He shares the record with **Afghanistan's Rashid Khan**. **Mitchell Starc** from **Australia** holds the record for the **fastest 150 wickets in ODIs in just 77 matches** with **Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq** second. He got to **150 ODI** scalps in **78** matches.

Hence, Option B is correct.

189. Ans. D.



The **Government of Japan** has announced the **conferment of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star** on **Narayanan Kumar, vice chairman of Sanmar Group and former president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, in recognition of his contribution to strengthen economic relations between **Japan and India**. At an event held here, **Narayanan Kumar** was honoured by **Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Taga Masayuki**.

Hence, **Option D** is correct.

190. Ans. C.

India's D. Gukesh won the **Gijon Chess Masters**, with **eight points out of nine rounds**. **GM AlexandrFier of Brazil** finished **second with 6.5 points** while **International Master Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain** came **third scoring six points**. **Gukesh** took his **FIDE rating to 2693**. If he crosses the **Elo rating of 2700**, Gukesh could well become the sixth Indian to do so after **Viswanathan Anand, Krishnan Sasikiran, P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujarati and B. Adhiban**.

Hence, **Option C** is correct.

191. Ans. B.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the **four-nation India-Israel-US-UAE (I2U2) virtual summit** to be held in New Delhi. He will participate in the summit along with **US President Joe Biden, Israel's new Prime Minister Yair Lapid and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. **President Joe Biden** will be hosting the **first-ever I2U2 summit during his visit to Israel**.

"I2" stands for India and Israel, while "U2" stands for the United States and the UAE.

Hence, **Option B** is correct.

192. Ans. C.

India was ranked low at **135th place** in terms of gender parity, despite an improvement of five places since last year on better performance in areas of economic participation and opportunity. **Iceland retained** its place as the **world's most gender-equal country**,



followed by **Finland, Norway, New Zealand and Sweden**, as per the annual **Gender Gap Report 2022** of the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** released in **Geneva**.

Hence, Option C is correct.

193. Ans. B.

Ahmedabad and Kerala have been named by **TIME magazine** among the 50 extraordinary destinations to explore in its list of the **World's Greatest Places of 2022**. These are two major tourist destinations in India. Besides **Ahmedabad and Kerala**, other cities which made to the list of top 50 include **Seoul, Buahan in Bali, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia** also listed in the list.

The list also includes **Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota; Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia; Istanbul and Kigali, Rwanda**.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulated Indians after **TIME Magazine** named **Ahmedabad as one of the World's Greatest Places for 2022**. He said it is a matter of immense pride for all Indians.

Hence. Option B is correct.

194. Ans. A.

Bhanu Jayanti, a special day commemorating the **birth anniversary** of the noted **Bhanubhakta Acharya**, widely regarded as the **first Nepali poet** and renowned for his **translation** of the **epic Ramayana to Nepali**, was celebrated with great pomp. **Bhanubhakta Acharya** was born on **13 July 1814 (29 Ashadh 1871 BS)** in the village of **Chundi Ramgha, Tanahun District, Nepal** to **Dhananjaya Acharya, and Dharmawati Acharya**.

Hence, Option A is correct.

195. Ans. D.

Luis Echeverria Alvarez, who **presided over Mexico** from **1970 to 1976**, passed away at the age of **100**. **Echeverria** passed away in his house in **Cuernavaca**, the state capital



of **Morelos in south central Mexico**. One of the most well-known **presidents in Mexico's post-war history**, **Echeverra** made an effort to lead the so-called **Third World**, which was made up of nations that **did not support** either the **US or the USSR during the Cold War**.

Hence, Option D is correct.

196. Ans. C.

Indian players bagged a total **22 medals at the U20 Asian Wrestling Championships 2022** in **Manama, Bahrain**. Winning **4 gold medals, 9 silver and 9 bronze**, the talented bunch of grapplers put up a good show and gave a stiff fight to worthy competitors from **Iran and Kazakhstan**, among other strong nations. In both the **men's and women's wrestling**, the **Indian team finished** in the **second-ranking spot** while they **finished fifth** in the **Men's Greco-Roman event**.

Hence, option C is correct.

197. Ans. D.

Shri Sudhakar Dalela (IFS batch 1993), presently **Deputy Chief of Mission** in the **Embassy of India, Washington**, has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India to the Royal Kingdom of Bhutan**. Earlier, the position was held by **Ruchira Kamboj**, an IFS officer of the **1987 batch**. She was appointed as the **Ambassador of India to Bhutan in February 2019**. Now, She has been appointed as the next **permanent representative of India** to the **United Nation**.

Hence, Option D is correct.

198. Ans. B.

In the **International Shooting Sport Federation(ISSF) Shooting World Cup 2022**, **India topped** the medal tally at **Changwon** in **South Korea**. **India finished** the tournament with **eight medals including three golds, four silvers and one bronze** and was way ahead of hosts **Korea and Serbia** in the medal tally.

The day began on a brilliant note for India when the **troika of Arjun Babuta, Shahu Tushar Mane and Paarth Makhija** helped the country bag its **third gold medal** **beating Korea 17-15** in the **10-metre air rifle** team event.



Hence, Option B is correct.

199. Ans. C.

The **World Youth Skills Day** is celebrated **every year on July 15** after the **United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA)** declaration in **2014**. The day is celebrated to mark the **"strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship"**. The **theme for 2022** is 'Transforming youth skills for the future'.

Last year, the **2021 theme** was 're-imagining youth skills post-pandemic - aiming to help the youth recover from the devastation caused by the pandemic.

Extra Points:

11 July || World Population Day

12 July || Malala Day

17 July || World Day for International Justice

Hence, Option C is correct.

200. Ans. C.

The **First BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet** was organised in July **2022**, under the **chairmanship of China**. The **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** addressed the **BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet 2022**. He reiterates **India's commitment** against corruption as **India** has adopted a policy of **zero tolerance** in this regard.

India at Anti-Corruption Meet During the virtual meet, member countries signed a communiqué of **"BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Corruption "**. Members set foot on broad consensus for rejecting the corruption safe haven initiative.

Extra Points:

• **BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.**



- It was formed as **BRIC** on the later stage when **South Africa** joined the group in **2010**. To form as a **BRICS**. Its **Headquarters** is in **Shanghai (China)**.

Hence, Option C is correct.

