

## Target 40+ in General Awareness | SBI Clerk & PO Mains 2022 (High Level Questions of December)

**Q1. What is the new name given to Monkeypox by WHO?**

- (a) Poxy
- (b) Mpox
- (c) Poxex
- (d) Pox

**Q2. Which city topped in the global index on 'Prime Global Cities Index Q3 (July-September) 2022' by Knight Frank?**

- (a) Wellington
- (b) Dubai
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Bengaluru

**Q3. Which of the pairs of the word of the year and dictionary publisher is incorrectly matched?**

- (a) Permacrisis : Collins Dictionary
- (b) Homer : Cambridge Dictionary
- (c) Gaslighting: Merriam Webster
- (d) None of these

**Q4. Which organisation approved Himalayan yak as a food animal?**

- (a) Ministry of Health
- (b) FSSAI
- (c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- (d) All of these

**Q5. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement of the Year award at the Turf 2022 and India Sports Awards of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)?**

- (a) Vikram S Kirooskar
- (b) Sarkar Talwar
- (c) Anil Kumbe
- (d) M S Dhoni

**Q6. 'Nai Chetna' a month long Gender campaign has been launched under which of the following central scheme?**

- (a) National Rural livelihood Mission
- (b) Mission Shakti
- (c) PM Matru Vandana Yojana
- (d) PM DISHA

**Q7. Who has written the book "My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission"?**

- (a) Piyush Goel
- (b) Hardeep Singh Puri
- (c) K Sivan
- (d) K. Radhakrishanan

**Q8. Who has been appointed as the presidium of Thuringia state Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party in Germany?**

- (a) Rishi Sunak
- (b) Vikram S Kirloskar
- (c) Ravish Kumar
- (d) Gurdeep Singh Randhawa

**Q9. SEBI Releases Uniform Format for OTC Trades In Non-Convertible Securities. The new guideline would come into force from\_\_\_**

- (a) 1 January 2023
- (b) 1 December 2022
- (c) 1 March 2023
- (d) 1 Feb 2023

**Q10. "Harimau Shakti-2022" is a exercise between India and which country?**

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Mali
- (d) Myanmar

**Q11. Who has successfully tested a hydrogen-powered aircraft engine, which is described as the World's First for aviation?**

- (a) Airline Easy Jet
- (b) Vistara
- (c) Singapore Airlines
- (d) Air India

**Q12. Who has topped the Forbes' 2022 list of India's 100 richest ?**

- (a) Gautam Adani
- (b) Mukesh Ambani
- (c) Radhakishan Damani
- (d) Cyrus Poonawala

**Q13. News Broadcaster New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) promoter firm RRPR Holding announced that it has transferred shares constituting 99.5 percent of its equity capital to Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL). Who owns Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL)?**

- (a) Reliance
- (b) Adani
- (c) TATA
- (d) None of these

**Q14. Whose CSR initiative is 'Doctor Apke Dwar'?**

- (a) BPCL
- (b) BHEL
- (c) REC Ltd
- (d) ONGC

**Q15. Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park is going to be built in which state?**

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerela
- (d) Maharashtra

**Q16. Miss Earth 2022 was won by Mina Sue Choi of South Korea. Its which edition of the Miss Earth?**

- (a) 50
- (b) 21
- (c) 22
- (d) 52

**Q17. Which bank has planned to raise Rs 10,000 crore worth of infrastructure bonds during current financial year?**

- (a) SBI
- (b) YES Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) None of these

**Q18. In which state Nanda Devi mountain lies?**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Jammu Kashmir
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Sikkim

**Q19. What is the name of the first female referee of men's FIFA World cup ?**

- (a) Stephanie Frappart
- (b) Jiang Zemin
- (c) Ravish Kumar
- (d) Prasoon Joshi

**Q20. Which of the following days is not celebrated on December 2?**

- (a) International Computer Literacy Day
- (b) International Computer Literacy Day
- (c) World Jaguar Day
- (d) National Pollution Control Day

**Q21. Which state has become the first state in the Northeast to pass the first-ever Mental Health and Social Care Policy?**

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Assam
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Mizoram

**Q22. What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2022?**

- (a) Grow
- (b) Equalize
- (c) Inclusive
- (d) Be Social

**Q23. What is the outlay for the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for drones and drone components for implementation during 2022-23 to 2024-25?**

- (a) 100 cr
- (b) 1000 cr
- (c) 120 cr
- (d) 1200 cr

**Q24. What is the name of the terrorist arrested by NIA for the massive blast that took place in the Ludhiana Court Building?**

- (a) Harpreet Singh
- (b) Jharana Das
- (c) Abu Salem
- (d) Pinki Sardar

**Q25. Who is the Indian Ambassador to USA?**

- (a) Inderjit Gill
- (b) Jharana Das
- (c) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- (d) Preeti Sudan

**Q26. With which country, India is organizing the Sylhet Festival?**

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Myanmar

**Q27. Who has won the Champion of Champions Award and fourteen Corporate Communication Excellence Awards at the 16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave in 2022?**

- (a) National Mineral Development Corporation
- (b) e-Panchayat Mission
- (c) Matrix Business Services India Pvt. Ltd
- (d) None of these



**Q28. What is the name of the book which got the Baillie Gifford Prize?**

- (a) Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne
- (b) The Chipko Movement: A People's Movement
- (c) The World: A Family History
- (d) Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the best version of you to cricket

**Q29. What is the name of the Military exercise between India and Singapore?**

- (a) Yudh Abhyas
- (b) Harimau Shakti
- (c) Sudarshan Chakra
- (d) Agni Warrior

**Q30. In which district of Gujarat, Election commission of India made a poll booth for its lone vote : Mahant Haridashji Udasin?**

- (a) Kachchh
- (b) Gir Somnath
- (c) Sabarkantha
- (d) Kheda

**Q31. The Battle of Longewala was held in which of the following wars?**

- (a) 1962 Indo China War
- (b) 1999 Kargil War
- (c) 1965 Indo-Pakistan war
- (d) 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War

**Q32. The Scheme for Facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) was launched in which year?**

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2020

**Q33. Three Indian-origin women are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as Australia's Superstars of STEM. Which of the following is not part of the project?**

- (a) Neelima Kadiyala
- (b) Dr Indrani Mukherjee
- (c) Dr Ana Baburamani
- (d) Purnima Devi Barman

**Q34. Which edition of T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind will be held in India?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q35. Who has been appointed as the part-time chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC)?**

- (a) Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar
- (b) Rakesh Bhalla
- (c) Bimal Kumar Roy
- (d) Sukumar Sen

**Q36. As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, Vijnana Bharati and Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India organized an "International conference on the contributions of J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist". How many types of matter are there on the basis on physical properties?**

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

**Q37. Ministry of culture in collaboration with Ministry of Textile inaugurated Jharokha - Compendium of Indian handicraft, handloom, art and culture" at which place?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Bhubaneshwar
- (d) Kozhikode

**Q38. Where 1st Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency commenced?**

- (a) Bhubaneshwar
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Udaipur
- (d) Srinagar

**Q39. Akash Weapon System is designed by\_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) DRDO
- (b) Missile Systems Quality Assurance Agency
- (c) GRSE
- (d) ISRO

**Q40. Daakroom was organized by which of the following organisation along with ministry of culture?**

- (a) Department of Posts
- (b) Swar Dharohar Festival
- (c) Department of Revenue
- (d) Department of Expenditure

**Q41. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Indian tech brand "Noise"?**

- (a) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Rudrankksh Patil
- (d) M S Dhoni

**Q42. What is the rank of India where Pakistan topped in highest risk for mass killing in 2022 and 2023?**

- (a) 2
- (b) 4
- (c) 6
- (d) 8

**Q43. Which company has introduced India's First Debt Collection Innovation Lab?**

- (a) Accenture
- (b) Spocto
- (c) Infosys
- (d) HDFC Bank

**Q44. Who has launched India's first passive tax saver fund?**

- (a) IIFL Mutual Fund
- (b) IDFC Mutual Fund
- (c) Bandhan Mutual Fund
- (d) All of these

**Q45. Which Indian startup is among the 5 winners for Earthshot Prize 2022?**

- (a) Dhruva
- (b) Skyroot
- (c) Kheyti
- (d) None of these

**Q46. Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for which movie at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022?**

- (a) Bahubali: the beginning
- (b) Eega
- (c) Rajanna
- (d) RRR

**Q47. Who has released State of Global Water Resources Report 2021?**

- (a) UNEP
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) WHO
- (d) WMO

**Q48. What is the new deadline set by NPCI for payment aggregators to meet the guidelines on volumes of UPI (Unified Payments Interface) transactions?**

- (a) December 31 2023
- (b) December 31 2024
- (c) December 31 2025
- (d) December 31 2026

**Q49. Which of the following days is celebrated on the same day as World Soil Day?**

- (a) International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
- (b) World Environment Day
- (c) Indian Navy Day
- (d) International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**Q50. Which stock exchange has launched Nifty Bharat Bond Index series?**

- (a) BSE
- (b) NSE
- (c) MCX
- (d) India International Exchange

**Q51. On which day Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated?**

- (a) 23 January
- (b) 4 December
- (c) 7 December
- (d) 15 January

**Q52. Which of the following is the bilateral naval exercise between India and USA?**

- (a) Yudh Abhyas
- (b) Malabar
- (c) Cope India
- (d) Sangam

**Q53. Where First Gold Atm has been launched?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bhubaneshwar

**Q54. Who has been awarded Gandhi Mandela Award 2022?**

- (a) 10<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama
- (b) 12<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama
- (c) 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama
- (d) 16<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama

**Q55. Famous Footballer, Cristiano Ronaldo has sensationally joined which club?**

- (a) Manchester United FC
- (b) Real Madrid CF
- (c) Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr
- (d) Juventus FC

**Q56. Who has written the novel Freedom at Midnight?**

- (a) Ghattamaneni Siva Rama Krishna Murthy
- (b) Dominique Lapiere
- (c) Gulam Abbas Moontasir
- (d) Sanjay Kumar Mishra

**Q57. Which Milk Brand along with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) will give technical support for the production of milk in Sri Lanka?**

- (a) Ananda
- (b) Mother Dairy
- (c) Amul
- (d) Patanjali

**Q58. Where 23rd International Conference of Chief Justices of the World held ?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Bhubaneshwar
- (d) Mumbai

**Q59. Where first Buddhist theme park is established?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Karnataka

**Q60. eSanjeevani completed 8 crore teleconsultation. eSanjeevani was launched in which year?**

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022

**Q61. Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu won silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia. Who won the gold?**

- (a) Hou Zhihua
- (b) Jiang Huihua
- (c) Santoshi Matsa
- (d) Karnam Malleswari

**Q62. Who has not been selected for the Nadoja Award given by Kannada University in Hampi?**

- (a) Gautam Adani
- (b) C N Manhunath
- (c) Krishnappa G.
- (d) S. Shadakshari

**Q63. In which Year SAARC Charter was signed?**

- (a) 1980
- (b) 1982
- (c) 1985
- (d) 1952

**Q64. Which of the following Indian women has not been in the list of 100 most influential women in the world by BBC?**

- (a) Priyanka Chopra Jonas
- (b) Geetanjali Shree
- (c) Sirisha Bandla
- (d) Deepika Padukone

**Q65. 'Diwali- Power of One' award which is also known as the 'Oscars of Diplomacy' is given by whom?**

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) Indian Government
- (c) United Nations
- (d) WHO

**Q66. Sukant Kadam smashed his way to a gold medal at the recently concluded Peru Para-Badminton International defeating Singapore's Chee Hiong Ang. Sukant Kadam belongs to which state of India?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Haryana

**Q67. What is the name of the Ocean Wave Energy Converter' developed by IIT Madras?**

- (a) Agni
- (b) Drona
- (c) Jal Shakti
- (d) Sindhuja

**Q68. Name the subsidiary of Google which has launched a new anti-misinformation project in India?**

- (a) Alphabet
- (b) Jigsaw
- (c) Nest Labs Inc
- (d) Youtube

**Q69. Which edition of SHE STEM 2022 was held as a part of Sweden India Nobel Memorial Week 2022?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q70. Consider the following statements and choose which is correct?**

- (a) Preventing Injuries and violence: an overview' is a report of UNESCO
- (b) According to Preventing Injuries and violence: an overview' , Road traffic injuries were the leading cause of death in youth.
- (c) 14th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, held in New York USA.
- (d) All of these

**Q71. Who has been picked as the 2022 person of the year by TIME's Magazine?**

- (a) Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin
- (b) Volodymyr Zelensky
- (c) Rishi Sunak
- (d) Joe Biden

**Q72. In which edition of Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial esistance concluded in Oman, with the issue of The Muscat Manifesto?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q73. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of NABARD?**

- (a) K V Shaji
- (b) Madhabi Puri Buch
- (c) Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar
- (d) None of these

**Q74. Which state has unveiled Asia's first drone delivery hub and network?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

**Q75. Which of the following person and the news related them is incorrect?**

- (a) Bobby Kinnar: First Transgender councilor in Delhi
- (b) K.V. Suresh Kumar: Chairman and MD of BHAVINI
- (c) Aditya Mittal : 77th Grandmaster of India
- (d) None of these

**Q76. Who has become the first female president of Peru?**

- (a) Dina Boluarte
- (b) Natasa Pirc Musar
- (c) Georgia Meloni
- (d) Elisabeth Borne

**Q77. Which Bank has bagged an EAG Laureate award in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at Sochi, Russia?**

- (a) Canara Bank
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) HDFC Bank

**Q78. Single - Block and - multiple debits functionality in UPI is through mechanism called ASBA. What does B stands in ASBA?**

- (a) Bank
- (b) Blocked
- (c) Block
- (d) Banked

**Q79. Usha Rao-Monari would distribute the 'Jan Dhan' account kits to waste segregation workers during her first visit to the India. Usha Rao-Monari is under secretary of which institution?**

- (a) WHO
- (b) ILO
- (c) UNDP
- (d) UNEP

**Q80. Which of the following has topped the Google's top trending searches of 2022?**

- (a) Wordle
- (b) Betty White
- (c) Election Results
- (d) Bob Saget

**Q81. When Nobel Prize Day is celebrated?**

- (a) 9 December
- (b) 10 December
- (c) 11 December
- (d) 12 December

**Q82. India's first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform is launched at \_\_\_\_**

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Goa
- (d) None of these

**Q83. What is the amount of loan is given by Asian Development Bank to support preparatory activities for designing a project to improve municipal infrastructure in priority areas of Agartala city, Tripura?**

- (a) 1 Million
- (b) 2 Million
- (c) 3 Million
- (d) 4 Million

**Q84. Which institution has published the report : Navigating the Storm?**

- (a) World Bank
- (b) ILO
- (c) WTO
- (d) WMO

**Q85. When Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Day is celebrated?**

- (a) 24 December
- (b) 24 November
- (c) 24 January
- (d) 24 February

**Q86. What is the name of the open source satellite launched by the ISRO?**

- (a) Satish
- (b) Artemis
- (c) Vyom Space
- (d) InQube

**Q87. 2023 is the year of International year of Millet. Where opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets - 2023 (IYM2023) was organised?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Rome
- (c) New York
- (d) Bali

**Q88. Where Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival was held?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

**Q89. Fill in the blanks about Passport Index 2022 published by Arton Capital**

1. World's strongest passport is held by \_\_\_\_ country.
  2. World's weakest passport is held by \_\_\_\_ country.
- (a) UAE, Pakistan
  - (b) USA, Afghanistan
  - (c) UAE, Afghanistan
  - (d) USA, Pakistan



**Q90. Who has won the World Athlete of the year awards?**

1. Mondo Duplantis
2. Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone
3. Eden Hazard
4. Mansi Gulati

Choose the correct Code

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 1,3
- (d) 3,4

**Q91. Match the days with their dates of observation**

1. International Mountain Day a. 11 December
2. UNICEF Foundation Day b. 12 December
3. Universal Health Coverage Day

- (a) 1-a,2-b,3-b
- (b) 1-b,2-a,3-b
- (c) 1-a,2-a,3-b
- (d) 1-b,2-b,3-a

**Q92. What is the total amount of SWAMIH Invest Fund - I to assist the strained real estate investment platform?**

- (a) 5000 crores
- (b) 10500 crores
- (c) 15030 crores
- (d) 15,530 crores

**Q93. Consider the following statements regarding FORBES annual list of "The World's 100 Most Powerful Women," and choose the incorrect statement?**

- (a) The list is topped by Ursula von de Leyen, President of European Commission
- (b) 5 Indian Women Make into the list
- (c) Nirmala Sitharam got the highest ranking the list
- (d) Falguni Nayar got the last ranking among the Indian Women.

**Q94. What is the deadline for 1000 Khelo India centres to be operationalized?**

- (a) August 15 2023
- (b) January 15 2023
- (c) January 26 2023
- (d) August 26 2023

**Q95. In which year Khelo India Scheme was launched?**

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2021

**Q96. Which bank has launched new co-created credit card 'Duet' with free credit score platform Paisabazaar?**

- (a) HDFC bank
- (b) IndusInd Bank
- (c) SBI
- (d) RBL Bank

**Q97. Which of the following loan amount is not correct as given by Asian Development Bank?**

- (a) a \$250 million policy-based loan to support India's wide-ranging reforms
- (b) \$ 750 Million build new lines and improve the connectivity of the metro rail system at Chennai
- (c) \$300 million loan to upgrade more than 300 kilometers of state highways and major district roads in Assam
- (d) \$ 3 million PRF for Agartala city.

**Q98. Who has been appointed as the First Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Indian Origin by Federal Reserve Bank of New York?**

- (a) Meenesh C Shah
- (b) Shenu Agarwal
- (c) Sushmita Shukla
- (d) None of these

**Q99. Gender Toolkit was launched by which Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority along with World Bank?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Kolkata

**Q100. With which country India Signed Currency Swap Agreement under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework in December 2022?**

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Maldives

**Q101. What is the rank of India as a country in the 2022 Hurun Global 500 list?**

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

**Q102. Two digital first brands — OZiva and Wellbeing Nutrition has been acquired by**

- (a) Reliance
- (b) Adani Group
- (c) Tata
- (d) Hindustan Unilever

**Q103. American furniture retailer Pottery Barn announced a global partnership with which Indian Actor?**

- (a) Priyanka Chopra
- (b) Disha Patani
- (c) Deepika Padukone
- (d) Madhuri Dixit

**Q104. Who are the two women whose signature has been printed on US Currency for the first time?**

- (a) Janet Yellen and Lynn Malerba
- (b) Janet Malerba and Lynn Yellen
- (c) Kamal Harris and Lyn Yellen
- (d) Kamala Harris and Janet Yellen

**Q105. Which state has inaugurated Nalbari Science Centre and Planetarium ?**

- (a) Kerela
- (b) Assam
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Nagaland

**Q106. What is the name of the India's first private market index ?**

- (a) Bharat index
- (b) Sangam Index
- (c) StocX.in
- (d) IndiaStox

**Q107. Who has been named as the brand ambassador by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF)?**

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Rishi Sunak
- (c) Joe Biden
- (d) Sheikh Hasina

**Q108. What is the profession of these recent obituaries of December 2022?**

1. Manohar Devadoss

2. Grant Wahl

- (a) Both are actors
- (b) writer, journalist
- (c) scientist, writer
- (d) actor, journalist

**Q109. Which state has started first carbon-neutral farm in the nation?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Kerela
- (d) Bihar

**Q110. What is the name of the Japan's first private mission that successfully launched a spacecraft to the moon recently?**

- (a) CORPAT
- (b) Sangam
- (c) Hakuto-R
- (d) Belawan

**Q111. When National energy conservation day is celebrated?**

- (a) 13 December
- (b) 14 December
- (c) 15 December
- (d) 16 December

**Q112. In how many categories IUCN divides species for conservation?**

- (a) 6
- (b) 7
- (c) 8
- (d) 9

**Q113. Which cow breed has been selected by the Uttarakhand Government for genetic enhancement?**

- (a) Sahiwal
- (b) Gyre
- (c) Badri
- (d) Red Sindhi

**Q114. Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he won from which seat?**

- (a) Sanand
- (b) Ghatlodia
- (c) Vatva
- (d) Nikol

**Q115. Which Indian force conducted Ex Sanchaar Bodh in extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab?**

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Airforce
- (d) Punjab Police

**Q116. Which birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh is celebrated in 2022?**

- (a) 100th
- (b) 125th
- (c) 150th
- (d) 175th

**Q117. The Ayush Grid platform envisages digitization of service delivery across the six functional areas in Ayush sector is conceptualized by which ministry?**

- (a) Ministry of Electronics, Information and Technology
- (b) Ministry of Ayush
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) All of these

**Q118. In Agristack , who will be the owner of the data?**

- (a) Central Government
- (b) State Government
- (c) Local Bodies
- (d) a and b

**Q119. When Custom Act was formulated?**

- (a) 1960
- (b) 1961
- (c) 1962
- (d) 1963



**Q120. How many children of age group 0-14 are engaged in act of begging in India?**

- (a) 45296
- (b) 45678
- (c) 234512
- (d) 45690

**Q121. Who won the award for best practices in controlling the tuberculosis that affects 2.6 million people?**

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

**Q122. Who has won the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions?**

- (a) Divya T. S
- (b) PC Rath
- (c) Bhupendra Patel
- (d) Avani Lekhra

**Q123. According to the World Malaria Report 2022 published by the World Health Organization (WHO), the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted attempts to control malaria, resulting in how many more deaths ?**

- (a) 45000
- (b) 63000
- (c) 56000
- (d) 78000

**Q124. National Institute of One Health (NIO) is inaugurated in which city?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Mumbai

**Q125. How much percentage of women trips were estimated to be public transport according to 'Enabling Gender Responsive Urban Mobility and Public Spaces in India'?**

- (a) 50%
- (b) 67%
- (c) 84%
- (d) 93%

**Q126. Who has become the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?**

- (a) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- (b) Mukesh Agnihotri
- (c) Bhupendra Patel
- (d) Jai Ram Thakur

**Q127. Orion Spacecraft has completed first Artemis lunar programme, which space agency has launched it?**

- (a) ESA
- (b) NASA
- (c) ISRO
- (d) CNSA

**Q128. Who among the following is not awarded with 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES) for public leadership?**

- (a) Droupadi Murmu
- (b) Venkaiah Naidu
- (c) Arif Mohammed Khan
- (d) Ratan Tata

**Q129. Singapore Declaration was adopted by which institution?**

- (a) ILO
- (b) APEC
- (c) IMF
- (d) World Bank

**Q130. Which institution has formulated the International Debt Report 2022?**

- (a) ILO
- (b) World Bank
- (c) IMF
- (d) All of these

**Q131. When International Migrants Day 2022 is celebrated?**

- (a) 16 december
- (b) 17 december
- (c) 18 december
- (d) 19 december

**Q132. Gamocha has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag, it belongs to which state?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Kerela
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Q133. Which state has organized Tramjatra event ?**

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Assam
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerela

**Q134. What is the extended deadline given by CBDT for exempted non-resident Indians (NRIs) without permanent account numbers (PANs) from e-filing Form 10F?**

- (a) March 2023
- (b) April 2023
- (c) May 2023
- (d) June 2023

**Q135. Which scheme has been replaced by Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)?**

- (a) PM KISAN
- (b) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)
- (c) Nai Manzil
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram

**Q136. The 54-member United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted a resolution to remove Iran from the Commission on the Status of Women. Where is the headquarters of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)?**

- (a) Rome
- (b) Geneva
- (c) New York
- (d) Berlin

**Q137. Which company has announced a buyback of 850 crore via an open market route through the stock exchanges method?**

- (a) LIC
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) One97 Communications Ltd
- (d) Mintoak

**Q138. Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi has been appointed as the chairman and managing director. He is also the CMD of which institution?**

- (a) ONGC
- (b) NTPC
- (c) THDC India Limited
- (d) SEBI

**Q139. What is the name of the equipment installed by the NASA Astronauts on International Space Station (ISS)?**

- (a) Agni
- (b) 160 m Trisonic Wind Tunnel
- (c) Roll- out Solar Array
- (d) None of these

**Q140. Consider the following statements for Global Food Security Index:**

1. India's Rank is 68<sup>th</sup>
2. Report is published by The Economist.

**Which of the statements is correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) 1,2
- (d) none of these

**Q141. Who topped the social progress index given by EAC- PM?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Lakshdweep
- (c) Puducherry
- (d) Chandigarh

**Q142. Who has been announced named PETA India's Person of the Year for 2022.?**

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Karim Benzema
- (c) Sonakshi Sinha
- (d) Shaylyn Ford

**Q143. How much worth of Indian Rupee can be hold by the Sri Lankans in physical form?**

- (a) \$ 200
- (b) \$ 10000
- (c) \$ 1000
- (d) None of these

**Q144. Which State/ Ut is the biggest beneficiary in Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)?**

- (a) Kerela
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Q145. Who has become the new prime minister (Taoiseach) of Ireland?**

- (a) Leo Varadkar
- (b) Sargam Koushal
- (c) Aditi Govitrikar
- (d) Harleen Kaur

**Q146. Bank of Baroda's Green Ride - Ek Pehal Swachh Hawa Ki Aur is launched with whom?**

- (a) Sonakshi Sinha
- (b) Alia Bhat
- (c) Milind Soman
- (d) Sharukh Khan

**Q147. What is the new closing time for market for Commercial paper and Certificates of Deposit by the Reserve Bank of India?**

- (a) 3:30 pm
- (b) 4:00 pm
- (c) 5:00 pm
- (d) 6:30 pm

**Q148. Which ministry won the platinum icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 ?**

- (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Rural Development
- (c) Ministry of Statistics
- (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**Q149. In which financial year Ayurswasthya Yojana was launched?**

- (a) FY20
- (b) FY22
- (c) FY23
- (d) FY19

**Q150. What is the average time taken by the ministries and department to dispose grievances under CPGRAMS in 2022?**

- (a) 20 days
- (b) 24 days
- (c) 27 days
- (d) 31 days

**Q151. Match the names of the brands and product launched by the Indian Government**

**1. Kasturi**

**2. Bharat**

**3. Kalyani FeRRESTA**

- (a) 1- cotton, 2- fertilizer, 3- iron
- (b) 1- jute, 2- fertilizer, 3- steel
- (c) 1- cotton, 2- fertilizer, 3- steel
- (d) none of these

**Q152. Consider the following statements about surety bonds:**

**1. It Tripartite agreement**

**2. Surety bonds launched for infrastructure projects**

**3. Its replacements for Bank guarantee**

**Which of the statements are correct?**

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 1,3
- (d) 1,2,3

**Q153. Which bank launched the ZERO Fee Banking?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) IDFC First Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) RBL Bank

**Q154. Roots, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis is launched by**

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) HDFC Securities
- (c) Accenture ltd
- (d) RBI

**Q155. Fit at any age is written by**

- (a) Commodore Ranjit B Rai (Retd)
- (b) Aritra Banerjee
- (c) Air Marshal PV Iyer (retired)
- (d) a and c

**Q156. Unakoti Shaivite rock carvings, figures lies in which state?**

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Tripura

**Q157. Which bank has over taken Globalcom IDC Ltd due to non payment of dues?**

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) Yes Bank
- (c) IDFC First Bank
- (d) Consortium of these three.

**Q158. What is the percentage increase of currency by volume since demonetization?**

- (a) 40%
- (b) 45%
- (c) 67%
- (d) 72%

**Q159. How many sun temples are there in India?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q160. Gamaka Exponent and Padma Shri awardee H R Keshva Murthy passed away recently. Gamaka is related to which state?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Q161. Which of the following millets, MSP is not announced by the central government?**

- (a) Barley
- (b) Jowar
- (c) Ragi
- (d) Foxtail millet

**Q162. Match the ambassadors and brands**

**1. Anushka Sharma a. Aquafina**

**2. Katrina Kaif b. Peta India Person**

**3. Sonakshi Sinha c. Puma India**

- (a) 1- c, 2-a,3-b
- (b) 1-a,2-b,3-c
- (c) 1-b,2-c,3-a
- (d) 1-a,2-c,3-b

**Q163. Which bank has launched a new special retail term deposit dubbed "Ind Shakti 555 days"?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) IDFC First Bank
- (d) Indian Bank

**Q164. How much percent increase in the total amount of direct tax collections?**

- (a) 25.90%
- (b) 45%
- (c) 32.8%
- (d) 67%

**Q165. 2023 is the international year of millets. When India first observed Year of millets?**

- (a) 2018
- (b) 2014
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2017

**Q166. Consider the following statements about millets**

1. India produces 41% of world production
  2. Millets are grown in mostly rain fed areas
  3. They can withstand higher temperatures, making them the perfect choice as 'climate-smart cereals'
- Which statements is/ are correct?**

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 1,3
- (d) 1,2,3

**Q167. Where India's first Infantry Museum has been opened?**

- (a) Indore
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Ernakulam
- (d) Noida

**Q168. Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities were in news, they belong to which state?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Sikkim

**Q169. Which country is the largest exporter of Sugar?**

- (a) China
- (b) USA
- (c) India
- (d) Japan

**Q170. Who has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national level Green Building Award?**

- (a) NPCI Headquarter
- (b) South Block
- (c) RBI Headquarter
- (d) UIDAI Headquarter

**Q171. Which state is going to host world Table Tennis series event?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Goa

**Q172. Sethrichem Sangtam has won Rohini Nayyar Prize. Rohini Nayyar Prize is given for**

- (a) Mathematics
- (b) Literature
- (c) Rural Development
- (d) Banking

**Q173. Chillai kala the harshest winter is experienced in which UT/State of India?**

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Kashmir
- (d) Uttarakhand

**Q174. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC)?**

- (a) Alope Singh
- (b) D Y Chandrchud
- (c) U U Lalit
- (d) Hemant Gupta

**Q175. Patriot missile defence system is of which country?**

- (a) USA
- (b) Israel
- (c) Russia
- (d) India

**Q176. Which country has used steam as a propulsion in space launch?**

- (a) USA
- (b) Germany
- (c) India
- (d) Japan

**Q177. India and South Korea signed the arrangement regarding Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan of what amount?**

- (a) 245 billion rupees
- (b) 245 Billion Dollars
- (c) 245 Billion Korean won
- (d) None of these



**Q178. Who is the UNSC representative of India?**

- (a) Indermit Gill
- (b) Ruchira Kamboj
- (c) S Jaishankar
- (d) None of these

**Q179. Which Bollywood actor has become the only Indian to be named in an international list of 50 greatest actors of all time by a prominent British magazine?**

- (a) Amitabh Bachchan
- (b) Priyanka Chopra
- (c) Sonakshi Sinha
- (d) Sharukh Khan

**Q180. Which of the following has won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize ?**

1. Sudeep Sen
2. Shobhana Kumar
3. M Rajendran

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1,2,3

**Q181. What is the name of the Prime minister of Nepal who is also known as Prachanda?**

- (a) Dipankar Dutt
- (b) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- (c) Alok Singh
- (d) Bidhya Devi Bhandari

**Q182. As part of their efforts to promote climate goals, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of 400 million to which bank?**

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) IDBI Bank
- (d) All of these

**Q183. RBI issued two tranches of Sovereign Gold Bond, Consider the following statements about it:**

1. The bonds are issued in denomination of \_\_\_ gram of gold
  2. The maximum limit of subscription \_\_\_ kg for individuals
- (a) 1, 10
  - (b) 10, 4
  - (c) 2, 4
  - (d) 1, 4

**Q184. Which film has won the Best Film Award at the 28th Kolkata International Film Festival?**

1. Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura
2. Upon Entry of Spain
3. Nargesi
4. Agantuk

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 3,4
- (d) 1,3

**Q185. Beth Mead has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year. She belongs to which sport?**

- (a) Athletics
- (b) Boxing
- (c) Football
- (d) Cricket

**Q186. Holistic Development of Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Aspirational Towns are the two schemes announced for which Union Territory in December 2022?**

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Andaman and Nicobar
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Q187. Which stock exchange got in principle approval from SEBI for setting up Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment?**

- (a) BSE
- (b) NSE
- (c) IIGX
- (d) London Stock Exchange

**Q188. Who has received the VinFuture special Prize?**

- (a) Dr Saurabh Garg
- (b) Shobhana Sen
- (c) Sudeep Sen
- (d) Professor Thalappil Pradeep

**Q189. There are many exercises held between India and Japan. Name the type of the exercise :**

1. JIMEX
  2. Veer Guardian
  3. Shinyuu Maitri
- (a) maritime, air, military
  - (b) Maritime, air, air
  - (c) Military, naval, air
  - (d) Maritime, military, air

**Q190. Who has won the 'Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector' at PRAKASHmay 15th Enertia Awards 2022**

- (a) NTPC
- (b) REC
- (c) NHPC
- (d) All of these

**Q191. How much percent stake is controlled by Adanii in NDTV Ltd?**

- (a) 54.71%
- (b) 64.71%
- (c) 74.71%
- (d) 84.71%

**Q192. When International Day of Epidemic Preparedness 2022 is celebrated?**

- (a) December 25
- (b) December 26
- (c) December 27
- (d) December 28

**Q193. Which country's central bank emerged as the largest buyer of Gold?**

- (a) Germany
- (b) India
- (c) USA
- (d) Pakistan

**Q194. Dance to decarbonize event by Petroleum and Natural gas ministry held in**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Bengaluru

**Q195. Who will be chairing the Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility?**

- (a) DY Chandrachud
- (b) S Ravindra Bhat
- (c) UU Lalit
- (d) Dipankar Gupta

**Q196. Which organisation has released the GLAAS report 2022?**

- (a) UN Water, WHO
- (b) UNESCO, WHO
- (c) UN Water, UNESCO
- (d) UNESCO, UN Water, WHO

**Q197. Which state will host the Bekal international Beach festival?**

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) West Bengal

**Q198. Which bank has crossed the milestone of crossing the total global business of Rs 20,00,000 crore?**

- (a) Canara Bank
- (b) Indian Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) CSB Bank

**Q199. Who has been elected as the Vice President of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union ?**

- (a) Sunil
- (b) PN Vasudevan
- (c) Serena Williams
- (d) P V Sindhu

**Q200. Which Indian player got into top 25 in Forbes annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world topped by Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka?**

- (a) Sania Nehwal
- (b) PV Sindhu
- (c) Sania Mirza
- (d) Smriti Mandhana

**Q201. Match the appointments with their posts:**

1. Santosh Kumar Yadav a-CEO of Railway Board
2. Ganji Kamala V Rao b-CEO of FSSAI
3. Anil Kumar c-Chairman of NHAI

- (a) 1-A,2-B,3-C
- (b) 1-B,2-C,3-A
- (c) 1-C,2-B,3-A
- (d) 1-C,2-B,3-A

**Q202. India is ranked fifth on the global list of the best cuisines for 2022. This list is given by**

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) FSSAI
- (c) Taste Atlas
- (d) FAO

**Q203. Name the first prison which got the a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) in Uttar Pradesh?**

- (a) Bulandshahr Jail
- (b) Farrukhabad Jail
- (c) Varanasi Central jail
- (d) Ayodhya Central Jail

**Q204. Recently defence equipment Pralay was in news. It is a**

- (a) helicopter
- (b) Air jet
- (c) cruise missile
- (d) quasi ballistic missile

**Q205. Which organisation has successfully operated the CE-20 engine, which is a cryogenic rocket engine?**

- (a) ISRO
- (b) DRDO
- (c) NASA
- (d) JAXA

**Q206. To enhance the insurance force Bima Vahaks will be introduced by**

- (a) RBI
- (b) IRDAI
- (c) PFRDA
- (d) Finance Ministry

**Q207. Joyanagar Moga got GI tag extension, It is related to which State?**

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Q208. Which bank won the Best CRM System Implementation and Most Impactful Project IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2022?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) RBL Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Canara bank

**Q209. Who has won the 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for 2022?**

- (a) Swast Singh
- (b) Nikhat Zareen
- (c) Lovlina Borgohain
- (d) Smriti Mandhana

**Q210. Which of the following initiatives were launched by Piyush Goyal on Consumer Rights day:**

1. Right to Repair Portal
2. NTH Mobile PP
3. National Consumer helpline centre

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 1,3
- (d) 1,2,3

**Q211. In which state Bhadrachalam group of temples and Ramappa temple is situated?**

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Kerela
- (d) Karnataka

**Q212. Stay Safe online campaign is launched under which part of presidency of India?**

- (a) UNSC Presidency
- (b) G20 Presidency
- (c) Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU or APBU) Presidency
- (d) None of these

**Q213. A star has been named after a politician in December 2022. Who is the politician?**

- (a) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- (b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) V D Savarkar

**Q214. Who has been appointed as the Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army?**

- (a) Baskar Babu
- (b) Arvind Walia
- (c) Anil Chauhan
- (d) Manoj Pande

**Q215. Which of the following disciplines has been included in the nation's mainstream sports disciplines?**

- (a) Online gambling
- (b) Esports
- (c) Gilli Danda
- (d) All of these

**Q216. Which constituency of India has become the only constituency to have library in all wards?**

- (a) Alappuzha
- (b) Dharmadan
- (c) South Delhi
- (d) Vadodra

**Q217. How many small stations will be modernized under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme?**

- (a) 1000
- (b) 7500
- (c) 75000
- (d) 10000

**Q218. "Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey" conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). What average score was achieved on the scale of 21 for awareness and knowledge of digital banking?**

- (a) 9.7
- (b) 10.7
- (c) 11.7
- (d) 12.7

**Q219. How much percentage of fraud cases reported in banking came from public sector banks?**

- (a) 45.4%
- (b) 55.4%
- (c) 65.4%
- (d) 27%

**Q220. In which state Mundera Bazar and Telia Afghan places lies, there has been a recent change in the names of these places.**

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Q221. Which bank has launched the MSME Prerna program?**

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) South Indian Bank

**Q222. Which state has topped the average monthly income per agricultural household as per the data released in December 2022?**

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Q223. Which institute has announced as the Secretariat for Science 20 (S20), the G20 summit's science working group?**

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IISc Bangalore
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Guwahati

**Q224. Who has been awarded the KR Gouri Amma national award?**

- (a) Swasti Singh
- (b) McLaughlin-Levrone
- (c) Aleida Guevara
- (d) None of these

**Q225. Shri Prabhu Chandra Mishra received an honourable Atal Samman Award. It is given in which field?**

- (a) Acting
- (b) Governance
- (c) Science
- (d) Sports

**Q226. Which consultancy has been named best Consulting Services Firm in the Water and Other Infrastructure Sectors by Asian Development Bank?**

- (a) KPMG
- (b) WAPCOS
- (c) EY
- (d) PwC

**Q227. Which of the initiative is incorrectly matched with state of launch?**

- (a) Friends of Library program : Kerela
- (b) E-Sushrut Hospital Management Information System (HMIS): Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Dhanu Yatra Festival : Odisha
- (d) All of these

**Q228. Multiutility agriculture drone AG365 is built by**

- (a) DRDO
- (b) ISRO
- (c) Marut Dronetech
- (d) All of these

**Q229. Name the countries where the these places are in news :**

1. Mongla Port
  2. Mauna Loa
  3. Kamchataka Peninsula
- (a) Bangladesh, Japan, USA
  - (b) Bhutan, USA, Japan
  - (c) Nepal, USA, India
  - (d) Bangladesh, USA, Japan

**Q230. Which institute has made the mobile application named Swasth Garbh ?**

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Roorkee
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Bombay

**Q231. What is the name of India's first Muslim Woman teacher?**

- (a) Fatima Sheikh
- (b) Begum Hazrat Mahal
- (c) Abadi Bano Begum
- (d) Bibi Amatus Salam

**Q232. Under whom chairmanship the seven member panel for national drugs database has been established?**

- (a) Laxmi Singh
- (b) Radhakrishnan
- (c) AK Pradhan
- (d) Justice S Ravindra Bhatt

**Q233. By which year Indian railways is planning to introduce Tilting Trains in India?**

- (a) FY26
- (b) FY 24
- (c) FY25
- (d) FY23

**Q234. What is the name of the world's largest aircraft which landed at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai for the first time?**

- (a) Boeing 777-200LR
- (b) Airbus A340-500
- (c) None of these
- (d) Airbus Beluga

**Q235. In which state temples, there is a ban imposed on use of mobile phones?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Kerela
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

**Q236. Which of the following dams is situated in Bhutan?**

- (a) Pancheshwar
- (b) Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project
- (c) Salma Dam
- (d) Tamanthi Dam

**Q237. Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) is an insurgent group of which state?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Meghalaya

**Q238. Which state government has become the first state which has passed the Lokayukta Bill 2022?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttara Pradesh
- (d) Odisha

**Q239. Who has become the Israel's Prime Minister?**

- (a) PC Rath
- (b) PT Usha
- (c) Cindy Hook
- (d) Benjamin Netanyahu

**Q240. 'Prahari' Mobile app is for which armed forces?**

- (a) ITBP
- (b) CRPF
- (c) BSF
- (d) Assam Rifles



### S1. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The **World Health Organisation** has changed the name of the disease **Monkeypox to Mpox**, as they receive complaints about the word Monkeypox conjuring up racist tropes and stigmatizing patients. The recommendation follows outbreaks that began about six months ago in **Europe and the United States.**

### S2. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Dubai

**Mumbai** stood at **22nd rank** in a global index that measures annual price appreciation of premium residential properties, according to **Knight Frank**. In its report on '**Prime Global Cities Index Q3 (July-September) 2022**', Property consultant Knight Frank said that all three Indian cities: **Mumbai, Bengaluru and New Delhi**, registered an increase in average annual prices in the third quarter of 2022.

**Dubai** recorded the fastest rise in prime prices with an 88.8 per cent increase during a 12-month change (Q3 2021- Q3 2022), while **Wellington** was the weakest performing market with a decline of 18 per cent.

### S3. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The US dictionary publisher **Merriam-Webster** announced that their 2022 word of the year is "**gaslighting**" or as Merriam-Webster defines it, "**the act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one's own advantage.**"

### S4. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The **Himalayan Yak** has been approved as a '**food animal**' by the **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).**

### S5. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** **Sarkar Talwar**, a former **Ranji cricketer**, was honoured with the **Lifetime Achievement of the Year award at the Turf 2022** and India Sports Awards of the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**

India's automotive industry stalwart and **Toyota Kirloskar Motor** vice chairperson, **Vikram S Kirloskar** has passed away.

### S6. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** The **National Rural Livelihood Missions's 'Nai Chetna'**, is a month-long campaign envisioned as a '**Jan Andolan**' or people's movement. The '**Nai Chetna**' campaign is launched by the **Ministry of Rural Development** and involves sensitizing women, especially in rural areas. It seeks to enable women to acknowledge, prepare, and take support in situations of comprise. It is gender campaign

### S7. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** It is based on former space chairman **Padma Bhushan Dr. K. Radhakrishnan's autobiographical book "My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission."**

### S8. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Indian-origin German citizen, **Gurdeep Singh Randhawa** has been appointed to the Thuringia state **Christian Democratic Union (CDU)** party presidium in Germany.

### S9. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** SEBI Releases Uniform Format for OTC Trades In Non-Convertible Securities. SEBI came out with a uniform format for reporting over-the-counter (OTC) trades in listed non-convertible securities. The new guideline would come into force from 1 January 2023

### S10. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** India - Malaysia joint military Exercise "Harimau Shakti - 2022" commenced at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia

India has decided to send a utility helicopter unit to the **Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)**

### S11. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** **Airline EasyJet** and Aircraft Engine maker **Rolls-Royce** announced that they have successfully tested a **hydrogen-powered aircraft engine**, which is described as the **World's First for aviation.**

### S12. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** The world economy may be slowing but India's richest have grown even richer this year. The **Forbes 2022 list of India's 100 richest** is finally here

RANK	NAME	NET WORTH (in Rupees)
1	Gautam Adani	Rs 1,211,460.11 crore
2	Mukesh Ambani	Rs 710,723.26 crore
3	Radhakishan Damani	Rs 222,908.66 crore
4	Cyrus Poonawalla	Rs 173,642.62 crore
5	Shiv Nadar	Rs 172,834.97 crore
6	Savitri Jindal	Rs 132,452.97 crore
7	Dilip Shanghvi	Rs 125,184.21 crore
8	Hinduja Brothers	Rs 122,761.29 crore
9	Kumar Birla	Rs 121,146.01 crore
10	Bajaj Family	Rs 117,915.45 crore

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** News Broadcaster New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) promoter firm **RRPR Holding** announced that it has transferred shares constituting 99.5 percent of its equity capital to Adani group-owned **Vishvapradhan Commercial** (VCPL). The transfer of shares will give **Adani Group** control over a 29.18 percent stake in NDTV. They are also open to offer for another 26 percent stake in the media firm.

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, **R.K. Singh** inaugurated REC's CSR initiative for procurement, operation and maintenance of 10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) '**Doctor Apke Dwar**' at Sadar Hospital, Aarah, Bhojpur District Bihar. The project aims to facilitate operational expenditure for three years for smooth functioning. The total cost of the project is Rs. 12.68 crore.

**S15. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M K Stalin** has inaugurated an industrial park at **Eraiyur in Tamil Nadu's Perambalur district**. He also laid the foundation stone for the **Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park**.

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Miss Earth 2022 was the 22nd Miss Earth pageant, held on November 29, 2022 at the Okada Manila in Parañaque, Metro Manila, Philippines. Destiny Wagner of Belize crowned Mina Sue Choi of South Korea as her successor at the end of the event.

**Miss Fire 2022** is Andrea Aguilera of Columbia, **Miss Water 2022** is Nadeen Ayoub of Palestine, and **Miss Air 2022** is Sheridan Mortlock of Australia

**S17. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **State Bank of India** plans to raise **Rs 10,000 crore** worth of **infrastructure bonds** during the current financial year. SBI confirmed the meeting of the Executive Committee of the **Central Board of State Bank of India** to seek approval for raising infrastructure bonds to Rs 10,000 crore through public issues or private placement.

**TurtleFin**, India's leading insurtech platform, has partnered with **YES BANK**, one of the leading private sector banks in India, to create a comprehensive technology platform **EasyNsure**.

**Yes Bank** has signed a **Share Purchase Agreement (SPA)** with **JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**, acquiring a 9.9 percent stake in the ARC at **Rs 11.43 per share**

**S18. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Nanda Devi is the second-highest mountain in India, after Kangchenjunga, and located entirely within India (Kangchenjunga is on the border of India and Nepal). It is in the state of Uttarakhand (Chamoli district). It is the 23rd-highest peak in the world. The Nanda Devi Peak is a part of the Garhwal Himalayas.

**S19. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match **Jiang Zemin**, former President of China who presided over more than a decade of economic growth after the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown against pro-democracy protester A senior journalist, Ravish Kumar has resigned from NDTV according to news sources.

CEO & CCO of McCann Worldgroup India, Praseon Joshi has been appointed by Uttarakhand Government as the state's brand ambassador.

**S20. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on 2 December in India. The day is recognized to commemorate the precious lives that were lost in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy. December 2 is observed as International Computer Literacy Day. It was started in 2001 by NIIT, a world-famous Indian computer firm.

The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is celebrated, each year, on December 2.

World Jaguar day: 29 November

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Meghalaya** has become the **first state** in the **Northeast** to **pass the first-ever Mental Health and Social Care Policy**.

23rd Hornbill Festival 2022 begins at Naga Heritage Village Kisama in Nagaland. Nagaland's famous Hornbill Festival is scheduled from 1st December to 10th December 2022.

**S22. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** World AIDS Day which is globally observed on 1st December since 1988, is an opportunity to show solidarity with people living with HIV (PLHIV) and create awareness for the same." "The theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "Equalize", which is a slogan for a call to action for all connected with this crusade. It calls for taking practical actions needed for addressing inequalities in the HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Viruses) infected and affected populations across the country and also help in ending AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)"



**S23. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The government has approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for drones and drone components for implementation during 2022-23 to 2024-25 with an outlay of 120 crore rupees. The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

**S24. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** National Investigating Agency (NIA) arrested the most wanted terrorist Harpreet Singh from Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, when he arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Harpreet Singh was the key accused in the massive blast that took place in the Ludhiana Court Building, in which one person died and six persons were injured.

**S25. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** President Droupadi Murmu has expressed grief over the demise of legendary Odia actress Jharana Das. The tenure of India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, has been extended for a year till January 31, 2024.

**S26. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region G Kishan Reddy and Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen will inaugurate the Sylhet Festival 2022 at Silchar in the Barak Valley of Assam

**S27. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** won the **Champion of Champions Award and fourteen Corporate Communication Excellence Awards** at the **16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave in 2022.**

**S28. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** British writer **Katherine Rundell's** biography "**Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne**" was named winner of the 50,000 pound (\$59,000) **Baillie Gifford Prize**. A book on the popular forest conservation campaign Chipko Movement, written by historian-activist Shekhar Pathak, was named the winner of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022. Name of the book: **The Chipko Movement : A people's Movement**

**S29. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior, a bilateral exercise between the Singapore & Indian Army, which had commenced on 13 November 2022 concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra).

**Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps** carried out **Exercise Sudarshan Prahar** in the deserts of **Rajasthan.**

**S30. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** A polling booth located in a remote forest area of Gir Somnath district in Gujarat recorded 100 per cent voting after its lone voter cast his vote in the first phase of the state Assembly elections. The area is part of Una Assembly constituency, which went to polls along with 88 other seats in the state. The Election Commission (EC) had set up a polling booth at Banej village located inside Gir forest so that the only voter there can exercise his franchise.

Mahant Haridasji Udasin, who is the only voter there

**S31. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** To mark the 51st anniversary of India's victory in the Longewala battle during the **1971 Bangladesh liberation war**, Parakram Diwas will be celebrated at Jaisalmer Military Station and Longewala War Memorial in Rajasthan, December 5.

**S32. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Government of India to encourage start-ups, launched the Scheme for Facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP). This scheme was initiated to reach out to start-ups and protect and promote their **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** and thus encourage innovation and creativity among entrepreneurs. The Scheme was started on a pilot basis in **January 2016** and was in force up to March 2020. The Department of promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has notified that the SIPP scheme is now being extended further for a period of three years that is up to March 31, 2023.

**S33. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Three Indian-origin women** are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as **Australia's Superstars of STEM.** This initiative aims to smash society's gender assumptions about scientists and increase the public visibility of females and non-binary people. This year among those recognised as Superstars of STEM include three Indian-origin women: **Neelima Kadiyala, Dr Ana Baburamani, and Dr Indrani Mukherjee.**

India's Purnima Devi Barman, an Assam-based wildlife biologist, is one of the five 'Champions of the Earth' for this year, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced.

**S34. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The **third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind** will be held from **December 5 to 17, 2022 in India.**

**S35. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Government of India had appointed Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the part-time chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).

**Bimal Kumar Roy**, is the ex chairman

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India said that Vijender Sharma has been elected as the new president and Rakesh Bhalla as vice-president for 2022-23.

**S36. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** States of matter are the categories in which the matter is divided on the basis of their physical properties which they represent. We can divide them into five states of matter which are **solid, liquid, gas, plasma, Bose-Einstein condensate**.

On the occasion of 164th birth anniversary of legendary Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose and as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, Vijnana Bharati and Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India organized an "International conference on the contributions of J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist", at Inter-University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi. The conference was organized in association with Indraprastha Vigyan Bharati and Inter-University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi

**S37. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Ministry of culture in collaboration with Ministry of Textile inaugurated **Jharokha - Compendium of Indian handicraft, handloom, art and culture** today at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi.

A 2-day International Conference Series on Vayu: The Vital Life Force, was inaugurated today by His Excellency, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, and Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

**S38. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The 1st Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency commenced on 04 December 2022, in Udaipur Rajasthan. To promote the export of millets, the government is organising a day-long 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' Conclave in New Delhi today, December 5. The conclave is a pre-launch event of the International Year of Millets - 2023 organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry through its apex agricultural export promotion body, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

**S39. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) of Akash Weapon System (Indian Army Version) to Missile Systems Quality Assurance Agency (MSQAA) in Hyderabad on December 03, 2022. The handing over was held at Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) which, as a nodal agency, has designed and developed the Akash weapon system. The Technical Specification & Quality Document and the drawing of complete weapon system elements were sealed and handed over by Project Akash to MSQAA as part of AHSP transfer.

**S40. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Ministry of Culture in association with **Department of Post** unveiled **Daakroom**, the renowned letter writing carnival today at **the Gandhi Darshan at Raj Ghat, New Delhi**.

Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with "Swar Dharohar Foundation," inaugurated three day "Swar Dharohar Festival" under Kalanjali. "Swar Dharohar Festival" is a Music, Art & Literature Festival to showcase the iconic art and culture of India and, the rich literary Art & Heritage of Indian States.

**S41. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Indian tech brand "**Noise**" has appointed **Virat Kohli** as its new brand ambassador for its **smartwatches**.

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

**Indian shooter Rudranksh Patil** has clinched the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)** President's Cup held in **Cairo, Egypt**.

**S42. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** As per the recent report by the US think tank **Early Warning Project, India is ranked 8th** among the countries that are at the highest risk for mass killing in 2022 and 2023. India has seen a drop in rank from second position in the earlier year. "While Pakistan topped the list this year, **Yemen ranked second, Myanmar third, Ethiopia fifth, Nigeria sixth and Afghanistan seventh**, among all 162 countries,

**S43. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Spocto Introduces India's First Debt Collection Innovation Lab. The world's leading full-stack debt support and risk mitigation platform has inaugurated India's first Innovation Lab.

**S44. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** IIFL Mutual Fund has launched India's **first passive tax saver fund**.

IDFC Mutual Fund to be Renamed Bandhan Mutual Fund. IDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC) has received regulatory clearances from regulators for its proposed change in ownership.

**S45. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** India's Greenhouse-in-a-Box startup Kheyti won Earthshot Prize 2022. India's Greenhouse-in-a-box was among the five winners announced by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, in Boston, United States.

**S46. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022. The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season.

**S47. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** WMO (World Meteorological Organization) has released its first annual **State of Global Water Resources Report 2021**. The aim of this annual report is to support monitoring and management of **global freshwater resources** in an era of growing demand and limited supplies

**S48. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The **National Payments Corporation of India** has extended the deadline for payment aggregators to meet the guidelines on volumes of **UPI (Unified Payments Interface)** transactions by two years till December 31, 2024.

**S49. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** December 5 is celebrated annually as World Soil Day to highlight the importance of healthy soil and promote sustainable management of soil resources.  
International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed on December 5 every year.  
International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3 december  
Indian Navy Day: 4 december

**S50. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The **National Stock Exchange's** subsidiary **NSE Indices** has said it has launched one more index under the **Nifty Bharat Bond Index series**.

**S51. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **International Civil Aviation Day 2022** is observed on the **7th of December 2022**.  
**Armed Forces Flag Day 2022** is observed on the **7th of December 2022**.  
**Indian Navy day: 4 December**  
**Army Day: 15 January**

**S52. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs commenced in Goa  
Yudha Abhyas Is India USA Military Exercise  
Malabar is multilateral naval exercise between India USA and Japan as permanent members  
Cope India is air exercise between India and USA

**S53. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Begumpet is part of Hyderabad**  
**Goldsikka** with technology support from **Hyderabad-based startup, Opencube Technologies** has launched its first **Gold ATM** at Begumpet and described it India's first Gold ATM and world's first Real Time Gold ATM

**S54. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Gandhi Mandela Award 2022: 14th Dalai Lama

**S55. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Famous Footballer, **Cristiano Ronaldo** has sensationally joined **Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr** on a two and a half year deal worth **200 million euros per season**.  
Rest are earlier clubs he has joined

**S56. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Freedom at Midnight** author **Dominique Lapierre** has passed away

**S57. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Officials of the **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** and the **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)**, which markets milk under the **Amul brand**, have taken steps to provide necessary technical support for the production of milk in Sri Lanka.

**S58. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 23rd International Conference of Chief Justices of the World: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh  
The Uttar Pradesh government's ambitious One District One Product (ODOP) scheme has received praise at the national level for helping in the revival of traditional crafts in the state.  
**Maharashtra**, which **accounts for around 20% of India's pharmaceutical output**, **plans to set up a bulk drug park in Raigad district** at an **initial investment of ₹2,442 crores**.

**S59. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** First Buddhist Heritage Theme Park – 'Buddhavanam'  
Located at: Nagarjunasagar, Telangana  
The project initially developed by the Andhra Pradesh Development Corporation in 2003 was transferred to the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation (TSTDC) after bifurcation

**S60. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** In a significant achievement, eSanjeevani, Govt. of India's free telemedicine service, has a new milestone by clocking 8 crore teleconsultations.  
On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020, eSanjeevaniOPD was launched to facilitate provision health services for patients in the confines of their homes.

**S61. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Olympic silver medalist Mirabai Chanu** won **silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia**. She beat the Tokyo 2020 champion **Hou Zhihua of China**. China's **Jiang Huihua** took home the **gold medal** with a combined weight of 206 kg.

**S62. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Cardiologist and director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research **C.N. Manjunath**, writer **Krishnappa G.** and social activist and businessman **S. Shadakshari** have been selected for the **Nadoja Award** given by Kannada University in Hampi.

**S63. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. 8 December 1985**

The **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day** is observed every year on **8th December**. This year marks the **38th Anniversary** of the regional group

**S64. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** has published the list of **100 most influential women in the world** and has included women from several areas such as **politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature**. The BBC's 100 most influential women's list also includes four Indians: **Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, author Geetanjali Shree, engineer and astronaut Sirisha Bandla, and social worker Sneha Jawale**. **Deepika Padukone was in news as she unveiled the FIFA Trophy**

**S65. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker have been honoured with this year's annual '**Diwali- Power of One**' award here for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world. The award, which is also known as the '**Oscars of Diplomacy**', is presented to former top diplomats of the United Nations or a member state for their effort to help form a more perfect, peaceful and secure world for all."

**S66. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. World No 3 Sukant Kadam** smashed his way to a gold medal at the recently concluded **Peru Para-Badminton International**, defeating ace shuttler **defeated Singapore's Chee Hiong Ang**. India won **14 medals in total** (6 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze).

**S67. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers** have developed an '**Ocean Wave Energy Converter**' that can generate electricity from sea waves. The trials of this device were successfully completed during the second week of November 2022. The product has been named '**Sindhuja-I**,' which means 'generated from the ocean.'

**S68. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Google's Jigsaw subsidiary** is launching a new anti-misinformation project in India, aimed at preventing misleading information that has been blamed for inciting violence.

**S69. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 3<sup>rd</sup> SHE STEM 2022 held as a part of Sweden India Nobel Memorial Week 2022. SHE STEM is an annual event to celebrate women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and sustainability. It is Organized by the Embassy of Sweden in India in partnership with the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Government of India and the German Centre of Innovation and Research (DWIH New Delhi).

**S70. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** As per WHO report 'Preventing Injuries and violence: an overview'. Road traffic injuries were the leading cause of death among youth aged 15-29 years. Report was released during the 14th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, held in Adelaide, Australia.

**S71. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Time magazine** picked **President Volodymyr Zelensky**, as well as "**the spirit of Ukraine,**" as the **2022 person of the year for the country's resistance to Russia's invasion**.

**S72. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The **Third Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance** concluded in **Oman**, with the issue of **The Muscat Manifesto**, which aims to accelerate One Health actions on antimicrobial resistance to achieve the **2030 Sustainable Development Goals**. **Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar** had participated in the 'Third Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance'.

**S73. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. K V Shaji** has been named Chairman of the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**. Government of India had appointed Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the part-time chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).

**S74. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The Meghalaya government** in partnership with startup **TechEagle** has unveiled Asia's first drone delivery hub and network which is aimed at providing universal access to healthcare for the people in the state. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has announced that the state will establish a separate Divyang department.

**S75. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The national capital has got its first transgender councilor after Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Bobby Kinnar has won the civic polls from Sultanpuri-A ward. Distinguished Scientist of Department of Atomic Energy, K.V. Suresh Kumar has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of BharatiyaNabhikiyaVidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI). Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal has become India's 77th chess Grandmaster during an ongoing tournament in Spain

**S76. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president amid a political maelstrom when her predecessor and former boss Pedro Castillo was ousted in an impeachment. Natasa Pirc Musar, won the second round of Slovenia's Presidential elections. Natasa Pirc Musar becomes the first female President of the country. Georgia Meloni: Italy President Elisabeth Borne: France PM

**S77. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. State-owned Bank of Baroda** on 6 December 2022 has bagged an **EAG Laureate award** in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at **Sochi, Russia** on 10 October 2022.

Canara Bank won the 'Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022' for India segment at the Global Banking Summit held in London

**S78. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** enhanced the capabilities of the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** by introducing a 'single-block-and-multiple debits' functionality, which allows a customer to enable a payment mandate against a merchant by blocking funds for specific purposes in his/her bank account which can be debited, whenever needed.

This new functionality will play a key role in building the framework for blocking money for secondary market trades, a mechanism called **Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA)**, which the capital market regulator is planning to implement.

**S79. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** is helping workers of waste segregation sector to move into formal economy by helping them to access government welfare programmes. • As a part of this initiative, UN Under-Secretary-General Usha Rao-Monari would distribute the 'Jan Dhan' account kits to waste segregation workers during her first visit to the India.

**S80. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Wordle** is a web-based word game created and developed by Welsh software engineer Josh Wardle, Google's top trending searches of 2022

- Wordle
- Betty White
- Election results
- Bob Saget
- Queen Elizabeth

**S81. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.**

- **Human Rights Day 2022** is observed on the **10th of December 2022**.
- **Nobel Prize Day 2022** is observed on the **10th of December 2022**.

**S82. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.**

- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** launched **India's first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform at the Chennai manufacturing site of Garuda Aerospace**, an Indian business that uses agri-drones to empower and mobilize farmers throughout the country.

- **The World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo 2022 will take place in Goa from December 8-11** with the aim of giving industry leaders, practitioners, traditional healers, educators, students, medicine manufacturers, etc.
- **The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will hold a two-day convention in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, on December 10 and 11, 2022**, with the subject "**Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) 2022.**"

**S83. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$3 million project readiness financing (PRF) facility to support preparatory activities for designing a project to improve municipal infrastructure in priority areas of Agartala city, Tripura.**

**S84. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. The World Bank in its latest India development update titled 'Navigating the Storm' revised upwards its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.9% for 2022-23 from 6.5% in its Oct 2022 Update .**

**S85. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Recent in News:**

**The Government of India has allowed Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to invest up to 15% of its surplus funds into equity through exchange-traded funds (ETFs), in a bid to accrue better returns on its surplus funds.**

The scheme was inaugurated in Kanpur on 24th February 1952 (ESIC Day) by then Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru.

**S86. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.**

- **India's first open-source satellite 'InQube'** will be launched in Dec 2022 with the help of Indian Space Agency- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) & Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (In-Space)** signed an MoU with Vyom Space Exploration and Services Private Limited, for its "human and cargo transportation capsule program".

**S87. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.**

**S88. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. The Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival** was held at Thiruparankundram in Madurai, Tamil Nadu after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**S89. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Passport Index 2022 published by Arton Capital ranked the world's strongest and weakest passports.

The UAE has the strongest passport in the world.

- India was ranked at 87th position in the world's strongest passport list.
- Country with the weakest passports are Afghanistan .
- Nine out of top 10 most powerful passports are issued by the European countries.

**S90. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** World champion American hurdler Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis won the World Athlete of the year awards.

**The Founder of Manasvani, Mansi Gulati has released her book 'Miracles of Face Yoga', which has been appreciated by the President of India Droupadi Murmu.**

Belgium captain Eden Hazard has announced his retirement from international football after Belgium's early exit from the FIFA World Cup 2022.

**S91. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** International Mountain Day 2022 : 11th of December 2022.

UNICEF Foundation Day 2022 : 11th of December 2022

Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 : 12th of December 2022

**S92. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The government has contributed an extra Rs 5,000 crore to the SWAMIH Invest Fund-I to assist the strained real estate investment platform in reaching its final close of Rs 15,530 crore.

**SWAMIH:** Special Window for Affordable & Mid Income Housing

Launch year: 2019

**S93. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Six Indians made it onto Forbes' annual list of "The World's 100 Most Powerful Women," including Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Biocon Executive Chairman Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, and Nykaa Founder Falguni Nayar.

Nirmal Sitharaman : 36 rank

Roshini Nadar Malhotra: HCLTech Chairperson

Madhabi Puri Buch : SEBI Chairman : 54

Soma Mondal : SAIL Chairperson

Biocon Executive Chairman Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw 72

Nykaa Founder Falguni Nayar: 89th

**Topped by :** Ursula von de Leyen , President of European Commission, She is from Belgium

**S94. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Mr. Anurag Thakur, the minister of youth affairs and sports, stated that 1,000 Khelo India centers will be operational nationwide by August 15th, 2023.

**S95. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Khelo India Scheme Launch Year: 2017

**S96. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Digital marketplace for consumer credit and free credit score platform Paisabazaar and RBL Bank launched a new co-created credit card 'Duet'.

**S97. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$250 million policy-based loan to support India's wide-ranging reforms

Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$780 million multitranch financing facility (MFF) to build new lines and improve the connectivity of the metro rail system at Chennai, the capital of India's Tamil Nadu, with the city's existing bus and feeder services.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$300 million loan to upgrade more than 300 kilometers of state highways and major district roads in Assam, including six road sections in the state's western, central, and southern regions.

**S98. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has appointed Indian-origin Sushmita Shukla as its First Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer (COO).

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has appointed Meenesh C Shah as its Managing Director with effect from November 15.

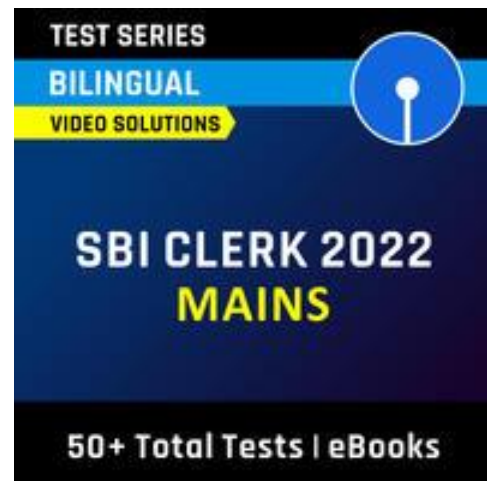
Leading truck and bus maker Ashok Leyland has announced the appointment of Shenu Agarwal as its MD & CEO with immediate effect.

**S99. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** A Gender Toolkit based on "Enabling gender-responsive urban mobility and public spaces" was launched in a session conducted by the World Bank and the Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority.

**S100. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework





**S101. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. India**, with 20 of the most valuable companies in the world, has moved into the **fifth position** among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms. Last year, it ranked ninth with eight companies. The US continued to top the charts, according to the **2022 Hurun Global 500 list**. The list, released by the **Hurun Research Institute**, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world.

**S102. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Hindustan Unilever's (HUL)** acquisition of two digital first brands — **OZiva and Wellbeing Nutrition** — is in line with the premiumisation trend with an increasing number of FMCG players foraying in the high growth **wellness and nutrition category**, which has gained prominence amongst consumers in the post-pandemic world.

**S103. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. American furniture retailer Pottery Barn** announced a **global partnership** with actor **Deepika Padukone** who has been **signed** as a **brand ambassador to promote** the company's **international expansion**.

**S104. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. The U.S. The Treasury (United States of America's Finance Ministry)** has printed the first US banknotes (currency notes) with two women's signatures. The new currency notes of \$1 and \$5 value carry the signature of the Secretary of Treasury (American Finance Minister) **Janet Yellen** and **Lynn Malerba**. The United States currency notes are popularly called as Greenback.

Lynn Malerba is Native American and is the chief of the Mohegan Tribe, who holds the position of Treasurer of the United States within the Department of Treasury, United States government.

Janet Yellen is a former chairman of the United States Central Bank, Federal Reserve of New York. She was the first female head of the Federal Reserve.

**S105. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The Chief Minister of Assam Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the Nalbari Science Centre and Planetarium at Milanpur, Nalbari.**

**Other Assam News:**

The **Assam Cabinet led by Chief Minister (CM), Himanta Biswa Sarma** has **approved a bill** to set up a **Safai Karamchari Commission**.

The **Assam government** will soon introduce a **scheme** under which **all female students pursuing post-graduate (PG) courses** in Assam will be provided a **yearly stipend of Rs 10,000 each**.

**S106. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. StocX.in**, an **internet unlisted securities portal**, has **launched India's first private market index** often known as **StocX Private Market Index (SPMI)**.

**S107. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Bangladesh Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina** was named the **"Global Ambassador for Diabetes"** by the **International Diabetes Federation (IDF)** at the opening ceremony of the **World Diabetes Congress 2022 held in Lisbon, England**.

**S108. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Renowned Indian artist, writer, and Padma Bhushan awardee Manohar Devadoss** passed away at the age of 86 in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.

Highly-regarded American soccer journalist Grant Wahl passed away covering the Id Cup in Qatar.

**S109. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. The first carbon-neutral farm in the nation**, according to **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan**, is a **seed farm in Aluva**.

The **27th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala** has started at **Nishagandhi auditorium** in **Thiruvananthapuram**.

**S110. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. ispace Inc's HAKUTO-R Mission: Japan** is elated and proud of its **space startup** that successfully launched a **spacecraft to the moon** recently

The 39th edition of **India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 08 - 19 December 2022. Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Karmuk**, an indigenously built Missile **Corvette** participated in the pre-deployment briefing at **Belawan, Indonesia**

**S111. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The National Energy Conservation Day** is celebrated every year on 14th December 2022

**S112. Ans.(9)**

**Sol. It divides species into nine categories:** Not Evaluated, Data Deficient, Least Concern, Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild and Extinct.

Why this question?

Three medicinal plant species found in the **Himalayas** have made it to **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species** following a recent assessment. **Meizotropis pellita** has been assessed as 'critically endangered', **Fritilloria cirrhosa** as 'vulnerable', and **Dactylorhiza hatagirea** as 'endangered'

**S113. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Uttarakhand Government** is planning for genetic enhancement of **Badri Cow** through sex-sorted semen and embryo transfer technology with the aim to increase its productivity.

**S114. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term in Gandhinagar. He won from Ghatlodia

Other appointments

Justice Dipankar Dutta has taken oath as a judge of the Supreme Court. Justice Dutta will have a term till February 8, 2030.

**S115. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Indian Army's Airawat Division conducted Ex Sanchaar Bodh in extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab. The exercise validated tactical communication capabilities. The formation reaffirmed its determination to win at any cost under adverse conditions

**S116. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed a programme celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary via video conferencing in Kamban Kalai Sangam, Puducherry under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Prime Minister also released a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo.

**S117. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Ayush Grid Project is conceptualized by the Ministry of Ayush for creating a comprehensive Information Technology backbone for entire Ayush sector. The Ayush Grid platform envisages digitization of service delivery across the six functional areas — Health Services, Education, Research, Drug Administration, Medicinal Plants, and Ministry of Ayush Oversight along with capacity building and media outreach

**S118. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Department has commenced the work for creating Agristack in the country. In order to create Agristack, the department has finalized the core concept of "India Digital Ecosystem of Agriculture (IDEA)" which lays down a framework for Agristack. For this, a Task Force was constituted and in furtherance, a concept paper on IDEA was prepared and comments were invited from subject experts, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and general public.

Agristack is a federated structure and ownership of data is with the States only.

**S119. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Government of India, celebrated the completion of 60 years of Customs Act, 1962 on to mark the enactment of the Act

**S120. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** As per the information available on the website of Registrar General of India, number of children (Age up to 14 years) engaged in the act of Begging are **45296**. These figures are based on Census 2011.

Department had launched the SMILE scheme, however the modalities of the implementation of the scheme namely "SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" are under consideration.

**S121. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Meghalaya government, which has adopted a 'Jan Andolan' (people's movement) against Tuberculosis received an award for best practices in controlling the disease that affects 2.6 million people.

The Forest department in association with Noolpuzha grama panchayat has launched the 'Vanikaran' (afforestation) project to root out invasive plants.

Tamil Nadu recently became the first state in India to launch its own climate change mission. The objective of the mission is to make Tamil Nadu a "climate smart state".

**S122. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Karnataka shooter Divya T.S has secured her first women's 10m air pistol national title at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions.

Senior cardiologist from Hyderabad, Dr PC Rath, was formally elected president of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for the year 2023-24, in an annual meeting held in Chennai.

**S123. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** According to the World Malaria Report 2022 published by the World Health Organization (WHO), the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted attempts to control malaria, resulting in 63,000 more deaths and 13 million more infections globally over the last two years.

**S124. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Rail projects worth more than Rs. 1,500 crores, National Institute of One Health (NIO) and Nag River pollution abatement project, Nagpur. rail projects worth more than Rs. 1,500 crores, National Institute of One Health (NIO) and Nag River pollution abatement project, Nagpur.

**S125. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** As per the World Bank report, 'Enabling Gender Responsive Urban Mobility and Public Spaces in India'. As per the report, 84% of women's trips were estimated to be by public transport. The report said that 45.4% of women go to work by foot versus 27.4% of men.

**S126. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu (Congress) will succeed CM Jai Ram Thakur (BJP). Mukesh Agnihotri took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister

**S127. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The unmanned Orion spacecraft of NASA completed the first mission of the Artemis lunar programme, travelling around the moon. With Artemis missions, NASA will land the first woman and first person of color on the Moon.

**S128. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the **25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES) for public leadership.**

Other awardees in various categories included: Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan , Industrialist Ratan Tata , Cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Ajay Sood

**S129. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The 17<sup>th</sup> Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Labour Organization (APRM of ILO) concluded with the adoption of the "Singapore Declaration".

**What is the Singapore Declaration?**

The Singapore Declaration aims to ensure social dialogue to address challenges associated with labour market and finding solutions for crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and economic uncertainty.

**S130. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** According to the International Debt Report 2022 by the World Bank, debt of low and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) rose to a record high of 789 billion USD in 2021.

This is the region's highest debt burden since 2010 and the region's current debt burden is beyond its repayment capacity.

**S131. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.**

- **Vijay Diwas 2022** is observed on the **16th of December 2022.**
- **Minorities Rights Day 2022** is observed on the **18th of December 2022.**
- **International Migrants Day 2022** is observed on the **18th of December 2022.**
- **Goa's Liberation Day 2022** is observed on the **19th of December 2022**

**S132. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Gamocha', a symbol of the culture and identity of Assam, has received the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** from the **central government**, 5 years after the first application was made in 2017

**District Tourism Promotion Council, Kozhikode, Kerala** has applied for a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** for the famous **Beypore Uru (boat).**

**S133. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Kolkata will witness the **Tramjatra** event that will **celebrate 150 years** of its iconic tram and renew hope that this **non-polluting mode of transport** does not become entirely extinct in **February 2023.**

**Other state related**

**Kerala Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the 5th edition of Kochi-Muziris Biennale (KMB), at Fort Kochi Parade ground, Kochi, Kerala.**

**Tamil Nadu (TN) has become the first state in India to launch its own Climate Change Mission.**

**Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched the **Orunodoi 2.0 scheme** virtually from Assam House in New Delhi.

**S134. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has exempted non-resident Indians (NRIs) without permanent account numbers (PANs) from e-filing Form 10F up to **March 2023.**

**S135. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The **Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme** has replaced the **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)**, according to Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Minority Affairs, in response to a question in the Lok Sabha.

**S136. Ans.(c)**

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

**S137. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The **board of One97 Communications Ltd**, the listed entity that runs **Paytm**, approved a share **buyback program worth ₹850 crores** via an **open market route through the stock exchanges method.**

**India's largest private bank HDFC Bank** has acquired a **7.75% stake in fintech start-up Mintoak Innovations (Mintoak)** for a total cash consideration of **Rs 31.14 crore.**

**Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**, the country's largest insurer, has **increased its stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd** to over **5%** following the acquisition of shares from the open market.



**S138. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi has assumed the additional charge as **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of the **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)**. He is also the CMD of Rishikesh-based THDC India Limited. Until now, Yamuna Kumar Chaubey NHPC's Director (Technical) was holding the additional charge of CMD of the company.

The Centre has **nominated Manoj Govil, Secretary of, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), to the Board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).**

**S139. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronauts Josh Cassada and Frank Rubio** have **successfully installed Roll-Out Solar Array (ROSA)** on the starboard truss structure of the **International Space Station (ISS).**

**India** has successfully carried out night trials of the **Agni V nuclear-capable ballistic missile** from **Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.**

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

**S140. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The 2022 **Global Food Security Index (GFSI)** report was released by the **British weekly The Economist.** The **11th Global Food Security Index** shows a deterioration in the global food environment for the third year, **threatening food security.** In this report, **South Africa overtook Tunisia** to become the most food-secure country in Africa.

**S141. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Puducherry has the highest SPI score of 65.99 in the country, attributable to its remarkable performance across components like Personal Freedom and Choice, Shelter, and Water and Sanitation. Lakshadweep and Goa closely follow it with scores of 65.89 and 65.53, respectively. Jharkhand and Bihar scored the lowest, 43.95 and 44.47, respectively.

Social Progress Index (SPI) for States and Districts made by the Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative was submitted to Economic Advisory Council-Prime Minister

SPI is a comprehensive tool that can serve as a holistic measure of a country's social progress at the national and sub-national levels. The index assesses states and districts based on 12 components across three critical dimensions of social progress - **Basic Human Needs, Foundations of Wellbeing, and Opportunity.** The index uses an extensive framework comprising 89 indicators at the state level and 49 at the district level.

**S142. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Sonakshi Sinha**, a Bollywood actress, has been named **PETA India's Person of the Year for 2022.**

**Karim Benzema**, a football player for France, has declared his retirement from international competition.

**Rafael Nadal of Spain** has been awarded the **Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for the fifth time** following a successful 2022 season.

**S143. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Sri Lankans can hold **\$10,000 (Rs 8.14 lakh)** worth of the **Indian rupee (INR)** in a **physical form**, though the **INR would not be legal tender** in Sri Lanka after India approved a Sri Lankan request to designate the INR as the foreign currency.

**S144. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** According to data, people from **Tamil Nadu** were the **biggest beneficiaries among 33 States and Union Territories (UT)** that have implemented the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).**

**Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) M K Stalin** introduced a **single window system** to accord clearances to green projects to attain **1 Trillion economies by 2030**

**Inaugurating the Delhi International Arts Festival at Kartavya Path with the slogan "Where Bharat Meets India,"** the Ministry of Culture worked in partnership with the **Prasiddha Foundation.**

**S145. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Indian-origin Leo Varadkar**, former Irish Deputy Prime Minister (**Tánaiste**) and leader of the **Fine Gael party**, has been elected as the **new prime minister ( Taoiseach) of Ireland** for the **second term in Dec 2022** for **5 years.**

Sargam Koushal: Mrs World 2022

**S146. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Bank of Baroda**, one of India's leading public sector banks, has launched the **2nd edition of Green Ride - Ek Pehal Swachh Hawa Ki Aur**, an **initiative with environmental advocate and fitness enthusiast, Milind Soman.**

**S147. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the **hours of trading** for a **number of the markets** that it regulates; the **new timings from 9 am to 5 pm** will come into effect from **12 Dec 2022.**

Under the new timings, call/notice/term money market will close at 5 pm, the market for Commercial paper and Certificates of Deposit will close at 5 pm, Repo in Corporate Bonds ends at 5 pm and Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives will end at 5 pm.

**S148. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** has won the **Platinum Icon** in the **Digital India Awards 2022** for their initiative **"DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data"**

**S149. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Ministry of Ayush is running a Central Sector Scheme namely, AYURSWASTHYA Yojana with two components (i) AYUSH and Public Health (PHI) and (ii) Centre of Excellence (CoE) from the Financial Year 2021-22 by merging two erstwhile schemes of this Ministry namely (i) Central Sector Scheme of Grant-in-Aid for Promotion of AYUSH Intervention in Public Health Initiatives (PHI) and (ii) Central Sector Scheme for assistance to AYUSH organizations (Government / Non-Government Non-Profit) engaged in AYUSH Education/ Drug Development & Research / Clinical Research etc. for upgradation to Centre of Excellence (CoE).

**S150. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh releases the Annual Report of CPGRAMS for the year 2022.

18,19,104 grievances were received by all Ministries and Departments of which 15,68,097 PG cases have been redressed in the year 2022

Of these 11,29,642 cases were disposed by the Central Ministries and 4,38,455 cases were disposed by the States and UTs

The average disposal time of Central Ministries and Departments has improved from 32 days in 2021 to 27 days in 2022

**S151. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Union Steel Minister, **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has launched India's first Green Steel Brand **"KALYANI FERRESTA"** in New Delhi. This first-of-its-kind steel has been manufactured by a Pune-based Steel company, Kalyani group by using renewable energy resources, leaving zero carbon footprints in the environment.

Green steel is the manufacturing of steel without the use of fossil fuels

**S152. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** A surety bond is a legally binding tripartite agreement signed between the principal, obligee and the surety. Simply put, the surety is provided by an insurance company on behalf of a principal or contractor to the obligee or government entity awarding the project.

Surety bonds, thus, also provide an inlet for the insurance sector into the area of project financing.

Advantages of surety bonds

"Firstly, they are more unsecured than bank guarantees and are provided largely based on the contractor's track record and financial health, whereas bank guarantees typically require a modicum of tangible security. Two, surety bonds tend to be in force for the life of the project, while bank guarantees have to be renewed periodically."

Why in news?

**Road, transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari** launched the **country's first-ever surety bond insurance product**, a move that would reduce the dependence of **infra developers** of bank guarantee.

**S153. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. IDFC FIRST Bank** has declared **ZERO Fee Banking** on savings accounts and waived fees on multiple banking services, including Passbook charges, NEFT charges. The bank said that customers maintaining as low as Rs 10,000 Average Monthly Balance, and the Rs 25,000 AMB savings account variant will get these benefits.

**S154. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Stock brokerage firm **HDFC Securities** has launched **Roots**, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive **investor education and market analysis**.

State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) said it plans to sell its majority stake in Nainital Bank.

The central bank has shortlisted **seven global consultancy firms**, to use **artificial intelligence and machine learning** for supervisory functions. **The seven firms shortlisted by RBI are:** Accenture Solutions Private Limited, Boston Consulting Group (India) Pvt Ltd, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, Ernst and Young LLP, KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP, McKinsey and Company, and Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt Ltd

**S155. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** A book titled, 'The Indian Navy@75 Reminiscing the Voyage' by Commodore Ranjit B Rai (Retd) and defence journalist Aritra Banerjee.

In New Delhi's India International Centre, **Air Marshal PV Iyer (retired)** has published his book, "Fit At Any Age."

**S156. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Unakoti of Tripura** has **applied** for a **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage tag** to **preserve lakhs of Shaivite rock carvings, figures, and images of gods and goddesses**.

**S157. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Reliance Communication's (RCom) enterprise business, Globalcom IDC Ltd**, has been **taken over by Axis Bank**, due to the **non-payment of dues**.

**S158. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Recent report on currency**

The volume of currency notes in circulation in 2016 was 90,266 million pieces, which rose consistently through subsequent years and was 1,30,533 million pieces in 2022. The volume of notes in circulation rose by 45 per cent between 2016 and 2022.

72% increase by the value of currency.

**S159. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Konark Temple at Puri**Sun Temple at Modhera****Why in news?**

Three new cultural sites in India, including the iconic **Sun Temple at Modhera, historic Vadnagar town in Gujarat, and rock-cut relief sculptures of Unakoti in Tripura**, have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites

**S160. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of renowned Gamaka exponent and Padma Shri awardee, H.R Keshava Murthy. **Gamaka**, also known as **kaavya vaachana**, is a form of storytelling by singing that originated in Karnataka, India

**S161. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Millets : Joi (barley), jowar(sorghum), bajra (pearl Millet), Makka (maize) and ragi (finger millet) which are specified MSPs.

**S162. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The manufacturer and designer of casual and athletic footwear, **Puma India** has roped in Bollywood actress and entrepreneur **Anushka Sharma** as its **brand ambassador**.

**Actor Katrina Kaif** has been **signed** as a **brand ambassador** for **Pepsico India's packaged-water brand Aquafina**.

**Sonakshi Sinha: Peta India****S163. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Indian Bank** has **launched** a **new special retail term deposit dubbed "Ind Shakti 555 days"**.

IDFC FIRST Bank has declared ZERO Fee Banking on savings accounts and waived fees on multiple banking services, including Passbook charges, NEFT charges.

**S164. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The total amount of direct taxes collected in the fiscal year 2022-2023 increased by 25.90 percent to 13,63,649 crore rupees.

**S165. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Government of India observed 2018 as a Year of Millets to encourage and promote the production of millets.

**S166. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Millets can grow in poor soil conditions with less water, fertiliser and pesticides. They can withstand higher temperatures, making them the perfect choice as 'climate-smart cereals.

Distribution -

India, Nigeria and China are the largest producers of millets in the world, accounting for more than 55% of the global production.

For many years, India was a major producer of millets. It produces 41% of the millets production.

**S167. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The country's first Infantry Museum has been opened for the general public at Mhow, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. This museum is the first in the country and second in the world. Before this, such a museum has been built in America.

India's 1st 3D bioprinting Centre of Excellence (CoE): Indian Institute of Science (IISc)'s Campus, Bengaluru (Karnataka)

India's 1st Carbon Neutral Farm - 'Kerala Seed Farm': Aluva, Ernakulam (Kerala)

India's first carbon-neutral Power Exchange - 'Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)': Located at: Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**S168. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Parliament has passed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill 2022. The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order 1950 to modify the list of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu. The bill includes Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu.

**S169. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** India has become the largest producer and exporter of sugar. The export of sugar has subsequently increased in recent years. The total export was 6.8 lakh metric tonnes in 2017-18 which reached 110 lakh metric tonnes in 2021-22. On the procurement of millets, seven states have made the procurement of 13 lakh tonnes.

**S170. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Headquarter in New Delhi has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national level Green Building Award

GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) is a national rating system for green buildings in India. UIDAI HQ has been declared a winner among the existing highest rated building category.

**S171. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Goa** will host India's first ever **World Table Tennis (WTT)** series event. In the top ranking players participate



**S172. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Rohini Nayyar prize: Sethrichem Sangtam, who helped triple the incomes of **1,200 marginalised** farmers in Eastern Nagaland, was awarded the first **Rohini Nayyar prize** for outstanding contribution to rural development

**S173. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** With the onset of **winter solstice**, one of the harshest winter periods of 40 days, called **Chillai Kalan**, has begun in **Kashmir**.

**S174. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The Air India management has appointed Air India Express CEO Alope Singh as the chief of Air India's low-cost airline business from January 1, 2023.

Former Supreme Court judge Hemant Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC).

**S175. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The **United States** is finalizing plans to send the **Patriot missile defense system** to Ukraine. **Ukraine** has asked its Western partners for air defenses, including **U.S.-made Patriot systems**, to protect it from heavy Russian missile bombardment including against its energy infrastructure. The system is part of **\$1.85 billion in assistance** unveiled in parallel with a **visit to Washington by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky**.

**Russian Missile Defence System: S-400 Truimf Israel: Arrow**

**S176. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Japan's space agency Jaxa has announced that it has successfully used steam to propel its spacecraft, which was launched as one of the payloads aboard Nasa's Orion spacecraft.

As per JAXA, this is the world's first successful orbit control beyond low-Earth orbit using a water propellant propulsion system.

**S177. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** India and South Korea signed the arrangement regarding Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan of over 245 billion Korean won.

The agreement is for the establishment of Intelligent Transport System on Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway Project in Delhi. South Korea was designated as India's Official Development Assistance partner for development cooperation in, 2016.

**S178. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Ruchira Kamboj**  
**Why in News?**

A UNSC resolution on the mental health of UN peacekeepers has India's support. According to India's Permanent Representative to the UN, **Ruchira Kamboj**, as one of the nations that has sent the most troops over the years, India pays the utmost significance on the safety, security, and welfare of UN soldiers.

**S179. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Bollywood superstar, **Shah Rukh Khan** has become the only Indian to be named in an international list of **50 greatest actors of all time by a prominent British magazine**.

**S180. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize** has been jointly won by **Sudeep Sen** for his genre and formbender Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation (Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021) and **Shobhana Kumar** for her haibun collection A Sky Full of Bucket Lists (Red River, 2021).

M Rajendran : Shatiya Akademi Aawrd winner for KaLa Pani.

**S181. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** CPN-Maoist Centre chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal, also known as Prachanda, clearing the way for his third stint in the Nepal Prime Minister's Office in the last 14 years

**Other International News**

Spain passes new transgender law: Lower house of Spain approved a measure allowing individuals over the age of 16 to change their legally recorded gender.

The **15-member council** has long been split on how to deal with the **Myanmar crisis with China and Russia** arguing against strong action. They both **abstained** from the vote, along with **India**. The remaining 12 members voted in favor.

**S182. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. HDFC borrows USD 400 million from IFC:** As part of their efforts to promote climate goals, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan to mortgage giant HDFC in the amount of USD 400 million for the financing of green, affordable housing units.

**Other HDFC related News**

Stock brokerage firm HDFC Securities has launched Roots, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis.

HDFC Bank announced the launch of its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative 'Startup India

**S183. Ans.(d)****Sol. Why in News?**

The **Reserve Bank of India** is to issue two tranches of **Sovereign Gold Bonds**, which will open for public subscription in **December and March**.

**Important facts about Bonds:**

The Bonds are issued in denominations of one gram of gold and in multiples thereof. Minimum investment in the Bond shall be one gram with a maximum limit of subscription of 4 kg for individuals, 4 kg for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and 20 kg for trusts and similar entities notified by the government from time to time per fiscal year (April - March). In case of joint holding, the limit applies to the first applicant. The annual ceiling will include bonds subscribed under different tranches during initial issuance by Government and those purchased from the secondary market. The ceiling on investment will not include the holdings as collateral by banks and other Financial Institutions

**S184. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura (The Golden Wings of Watercocks) of Bangladesh and Upon Entry of Spain won the Best Film Award at the **28th Kolkata International Film Festival**.

Nargesi : ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal

Agantuk: Prasad DI Award

**S185. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Beth Mead has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at Euro 2022. England's first major **women's football** trophy

**S186. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha announced three New Schemes- **Holistic Development of Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Aspirational Towns, and Aspirational Panchayat for J&K Union Territory**. The projects which have now been approved by the administrative council, have an **outlay of 5013 crore rupees**.

**G20 summit is going to held in Srinagar**

**S187. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** received in-principle approval from the capital markets regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** to set up a **Social Stock Exchange (SSE)** as a separate segment.

Social Stock exchange is for NGOs to raise capital.

**S188. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Professor Thalappil Pradeep, Indian Scientist, India Institute of Technology, Madras received VinFuture special Prize on 20th December 2022 in Hanoi.

**Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize:** The **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize** has been jointly won by **Sudeep Sen** for his genre and formbender Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation (Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021) and **Shobhana Kumar** for her haibun collection A Sky Full of Bucket Lists (Red River, 2021).

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national level Green Building Award. Dr Saurabh Garg : CEO

**S189. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Veer Guardian 23: Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, "**Veer Guardian 23**", from January 16 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan

Shinyuu Maitri : Air

JIMEX: Maritime

**S190. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **NHPC Limited** has been awarded as the winner of the '**Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector**' at PRAKASHmay 15th Enertia Awards 2022.

**S191. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Indian billionaire Gautam Adani will control 64.71% of New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV.NS)** as the company's founders have decided to sell most of their shares, four months after he launched a takeover of the news network.

**S192. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** International Day of Epidemic Preparedness on December 27 serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics

In its 75th session and 36th plenary meeting on December 7, 2020, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution which declared December 27 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness. The decision is part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**S193. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **India**

With 132.34 metric tonnes (MT) of gold purchase, **RBI** emerged as the largest buyer of the yellow metal among central banks between April 2020 and September 2022. Also, RBI was the top gold buyer among its peers in 2020 while it stood third in 2021. In 2020, it bought 41.68 MT of gold while in 2021 and 2022 (till September end) it bought 77.5 MT and 31.25 MT respectively.

**S194. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The Petroleum and Natural Gas ministry is planning a one-day event where renewable energy produced by dance will be utilized to charge electric automobiles as part of a novel effort. The "Dance to Decarbonize" event, which is a lead-up to the India Energy Week set to take place in **Bengaluru**

**S195. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Justice S Ravindra Bhat**

In a bid to remove the barriers to access, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud has constituted a committee headed by apex court judge **Justice S Ravindra Bhat** to conduct an audit of "physical and functional access" of the top court premises to make them disabled friendly. The 'Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility' has been given a broad mandate to prepare and release a questionnaire for persons with disabilities, including the apex court employees, advocates, litigants and interns, who visit the top court premises to assess the nature and extent of problems they face



**S196. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** UN-Water and the World Health Organization (WHO) have released the 2022 edition of the Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS) report, which presents the latest data from 121 countries and territories and 23 external support agencies.

**S197. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Government of Kerala will host the Bekal International Beach Festival at the Spice Coast, in the far north of Kerala, better known as North Malabar.

Other State News:

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Administrative Council which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, accorded its approval to the Rehabilitation Policy for Children in Street Situation (CiSS) to safeguard them from different hazards.

The Meghalaya administration, which has launched a 'jan andolan' (people's movement) against Tuberculosis, was honoured for using the best practices to combat the illness that affects nearly 2.6 million citizens annually in India.

**S198. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.**

- Canara Bank has achieved a milestone of crossing the total global business of Rs 20,00,000 crore.
- Indian Bank has partnered with Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) to provide vehicle finance for its customers.
- CSB Bank (erstwhile Catholic Syrian Bank Limited), one of the oldest private sector banks in India, in collaboration with Mastercard and OneCard has unveiled its first consumer credit card - CSB Bank OneCard- in India.
- Axis Bank has received a regulatory nod to act as a pension fund manager and has already crossed Rs 100 crore in assets under management (AUM) for its retirement business.

**S199. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Prasar Bharati Additional Director General Sunil has been unanimously elected as the Vice President of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU).

The Board of Equitas Small Finance Bank SFB) has decided to extend the term of PN Vasudevan as the managing director (MD) and the chief executive officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years with effect from July 23, 2023 subject to the approval of Reserve Bank of India and shareholders.

**S200. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** India's badminton star PV Sindhu is the only player in the top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world. She occupies the 12th spot in the list. Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka tops the list

**S201. Ans.(D)**

**Sol.** Santosh Kumar Yadav, the senior bureaucrat, was appointed as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)

Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Railway Board: Anil Kumar Lahoti has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board.

**S202. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** India is ranked fifth on the global list of the best cuisines for 2022, according to Taste Atlas. It is topped by Italy. The dish from India which came top 50 was shahi paneer.

**S203. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh.

The Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh was awarded a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI). The FSSAI team inspected the kitchen's food quality, storage and hygiene on stringent measures, based on which the Bulandshahr prison was given a five-star rating, the 'Eat Right Campus' tag in addition to the remark of 'Excellent' by the FSSAI

**S204. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Pralay missile

The missile will be India's first tactical quasi-ballistic missile and will give the armed forces the capability to hit enemy positions and key installations in actual battlefield areas. Pralay, along with the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, will form the crux of India's planned Rocket Force.

**S205. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully operated the CE-20 engine, which is a cryogenic rocket engine, with a thrust level of 22t for a long duration of 650 seconds at the Cryogenic main engine & stage test facility at the ISRO propulsion complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu (TN).

**S206. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) will soon introduce "Bima Vahaks" in each gram panchayat to enhance the insurance force in India.

**S207. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The geographical indication (GI) tag for Joynagar Moa (the popular West Bengal sweet) has been extended for 10 years.

**S208. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** One of India's biggest private sector banks, **RBL Bank**, won the **Best CRM System Implementation and Most Impactful Project IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2022**.

**S209. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Swasti Singh**, an Indian cyclist, has received the **esteemed 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for 2022**

Telangana Boxing star and the reigning world champion, **Nikhat Zareen**, and **Lovlina Borgohain**, the bronze medalist from the Tokyo Olympics, both won gold medals in their separate finals in the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships

**S210. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal** introduced a host of new initiatives, including a **right-to-repair portal** and an **NTH mobile app**, and opened new premises of the **National Consumer Helpline centre in the national capital**.

**S211. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Telangana Why in News?**

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone for the development of pilgrimage facilities at **Bhadrachalam Group of Temples under PRASHAD scheme at Bhadrachalam**. Subsequently, she inaugurated **Sammakka Saralamma Janjati Pujari Sammelan**, organised by the **Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad -Telangana** at **Bhadrachalam** and virtually inaugurated **Eklavya Model Residential Schools** of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at **Komaram Bheem Asifabad** and **Mahabubabad** districts of **Telangana**.

**S212. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw** launches 'Stay Safe Online' Campaign and 'G20 Digital Innovation Alliance' as part of India's G20 presidency

**S213. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** On the birth anniversary of **former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, which was marked as 'Good Governance Day' across the country, the **Aurangabad** unit of the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** named a star after the **'Bharat Ratna' recipient**

**S214. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Lieutenant General Arvind Walia** has been appointed as the **next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army**. He would be succeeding **Lt Gen Harpal Singh** who is superannuating on December 31

**Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the reappointment of **Baskar Babu Ramachandran** as the MD & CEO of **Suryoday Small Finance bank** for three years effective from 23rd January 2023  
Chief of defence staff: **Anil Chauhan**  
Chief of Army Staff: **Manoj Pande**

**S215. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Esports** received a huge boost from the Indian government. It is incorporated into the nation's mainstream sports disciplines. **Droupadi Murmu**, the President of India, amended the regulations governing eSports in accordance with the authority "conferred by clause (3) of article 77 of the Constitution" and requested that "e-Sports be included as part of multi-sports events" from the Ministries of **Electronics and Information Technology and Sports**

**S216. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's** constituency has achieved a new record recently. It has become the only constituency in India to have a library in all the wards. **CM Vijayan's constituency Dharmadam** has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India. Out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. **Dharmadam** reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too

**S217. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Ministry of Railways has developed a new scheme to modernize over **1000** small stations over the coming year. The stations will be equipped with facilities inspired by the mega-upgradation of **marquee stations**. This scheme will be a part of the Ministry of Railways **Station Redevelopment Drive** and **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**

**S218. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** It is often believed that in India, the majority of the rural people is not familiar with digital banking. But in what might be considered a revelation, a pan-Indian **"Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey"** conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) found that awareness and knowledge of digital banking are on par between the rural and urban population nationwide, with the average for both segments being **11.7** on a scale of 21

**S219. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **According to an RBI report**, public sector banks (PSBs) accounted for the majority of frauds reported in 2018-19, **with 55.4% of the cases reported and 90% of the money involved**. This is primarily due to an inadequate internal process, lack of personnel, and inadequate systems to address operational risks

**S220. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The 'no-objection' certificates were issued by the Union Home ministry for changing the name of **'Mundera Bazaar' municipal council in Gorakhpur district to 'Chauri-Chaura'** and that of **'Telia Afghan' village in Deoria district to 'Telia Shukla'Solutions**

**S221. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Indian Bank**, one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has launched its flagship business mentoring program for MSME entrepreneurs 'MSME Prerana' in the state of Rajasthan

Other Initiative of Indian Bank:

Project WAVE

Digital Renewal scheme for KCC Holders

**S222. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. As per information, Meghalaya** tops across the country with average monthly income per agricultural household (Rs 29,348). **Punjab (Rs 26,701)** is followed by Haryana (Rs 22,841), Arunachal Pradesh (Rs 19,225), Jammu and Kashmir (Rs 18,918), group of Union Territories (Rs 18,511), Mizoram (Rs 17,964), Kerala (Rs 17,915), group of northeastern states (Rs 16,863), Uttarakhand (Rs 13,552), Karnataka (Rs 13,441), Gujarat (Rs 12,631), Rajasthan (Rs 12,520), Sikkim (Rs 12,447) and Himachal Pradesh (Rs 12,153)

**S223. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** has been announced as the Secretariat for Science 20 (S20), the G20 summit's science working group

**S224. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. KR Gouri Amma national award:** Noted Cuban social worker and human rights advocate, **Aleida Guevara** has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award instituted by the K.R. Gouri Amma Foundation. The award comprising **\$3,000**, a statuette and citation will be given away by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at a function to be held here on January 5. Dr. Aleida is also an active member of the Cuban Medical Mission that works to improve the health profile of children in Latin America.

Swasti singh: Eklabya Award 2022

McLaughlin-Levrone: World athlete of the year 2022

**S225. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Shri Prabhu Chandra Mishra received an honourable Atal Samman Award (Atal Anveshi Shikhar Samman)** during this event for his excellence in the field of science & research.

**S226. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has named **Water and Power Consultancy Services India Limited (WAPCOS)** as the **best Consulting Services Firm in the Water and Other Infrastructure Sectors** in its annual Procurement Report 2022.

**S227. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. The school education minister of Tamil Nadu (TN) Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, has launched the "Friends of Library" program, through which books would be directly supplied to those who are unable to access state-run libraries.**

Uttar Pradesh (UP) Deputy chief minister Shri Brijesh Pathak and Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh launched **E-Sushrut Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** in **22 state medical colleges.**

The '**Dhanu Yatra**' festival, considered to be the **world's largest open-air theatre, began** after a gap of two years, in **Bargarh in Odisha.**

**S228. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Marut Dronetech Private Limited, Hyderabad (Telangana)-based drone technology manufacturer, has received the Type Certification approvals from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for Marut Drones' multiutility agricultural drone AG 365.**

**S229. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first metro rail in Dhaka.** The metro train was flagged off in Dhaka for the first journey between Diabari and Agargaon station.

**An Indian firm has bagged a contract for providing consultancy for a capacity building project at Mongla port,** the second largest seaport in Bangladesh, which will boost sub-regional connectivity in South Asia

**S230. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee (Uttarakhand) researchers, in collaboration with All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi, have developed a mobile application named 'SwasthGarbh' to provide antenatal care and real-time medical support to pregnant women**

**S231. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Andhra Pradesh – introduced a lesson on India's first Muslim woman teacher, Fatima Sheikh, in Class 8th textbooks . Earlier, Maharashtra had also introduced a brief lesson on Fatima Sheikh to its school curriculum**  
Begum Hazrat Mahal, a prominent woman of 1857 rebellion, was born in 1830 Faizabad of Uttar Pradesh

**S232. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. National Drugs Database' which will list the information on the drug, its manufacturer or marketer, dosage forms and strengths. The seven-member panel will be led by AK Pradhan for national drugs database**

Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer Laxmi Singh as the police commissioner of Gautam Budh Nagar (Noida), making her the first woman Police Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh to head a commissionerate in the state

Justice S. Ravindra Bhat has been asked to conduct an accessibility audit extending to both physical as well as technology accessibility.

**S233. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Indian Railways plans to introduce “Tilting Trains” in India by 2025-26. The technology will be used in manufacturing almost 100 of the 400 Vande Bharat trains. The technology will enable trains to maneuver curves at higher speeds, just as a motorbike on a winding road. They tilt while negotiating a bend or curve on the track. Such trains are now operational in 11 countries. The Indian Railways is also preparing to become a major exporter of the Vande Bharat trains by 2026

**S234. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Airbus Beluga, the world’s largest aircraft, has landed at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai for the first time. It’s the Airbus A300-600ST, also called the ‘Super Transporter’. The gigantic 56.15-metre-long whale-shaped plane can carry 47,000 kg of cargo and is used to transport oversized cargo like next-generation space material, valuable paintings and more. The aircraft entered service in January 1996.

The Boeing 777-200LR is the world’s longest range airliner with a range of 17,395km (9,395nmi)

**S235. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Madras High Court – imposed a ban on mobile phones in Tamil Nadu’s temples. In order to maintain the “sanctity and purity” of places of worship, the Madurai bench of the Madras High Court directed the Tamil Nadu government to ban the use of mobile phones in temples across the state.

**S236. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Why in news?**

The India-assisted 720 Megawatts Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project has been handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in Bhutan.  
Pancheshwar dam :Nepal  
Salma Dam : Afghanistan  
Tamanthi Dam: Myanmar

**S237. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Cessation of Operation Agreement was signed with Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF), an insurgent group of Manipur. The agreement provides for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the armed cadres.

**S238. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Maharashtra assembly has passed the Lokayukta Bill 2022, which brings the chief minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman

**S239. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn-in as Israel's prime minister for a sixth time, leading the Jewish state's most right-wing government to date

**S240. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the ‘Prahari’ Mobile app and Manual of Border Security Force (BSF) in New Delhi. The Prahari App will enable jawans to access personal information and information related to accommodation, Ayushman-CAPF, and leaves on their mobile.

