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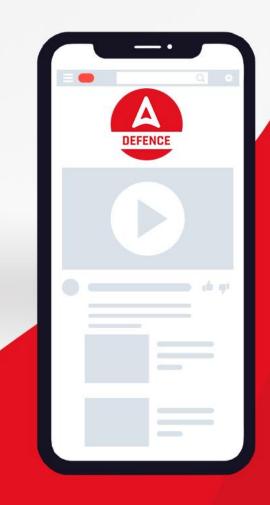






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#### World Mosquito Day Observed On 20th August Adda 247

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### WORLD MOSQUITO DAY



#### Q.1) "World Mosquito Day" is observed every year on – "विश्व मच्छर दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

(1) 20th August
(2) 21st August
(3) 22nd August
(4) 23rd August



- •World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
- •This day is observed to highlight the efforts of healthcare officials, NGOs, and others in fighting diseases caused by malaria.
- •**Theme 2022**: "Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives."

#### Akshay Urja Diwas 2022







#### Q.2) "Akshay Urja Diwas" is observed every year in India on – "अक्षय ऊर्जा दिवस" भारत में हर साल मनाया जाता है -

(1) 18th August
(2) 19th August
(3) 20th August
(4) 21st August

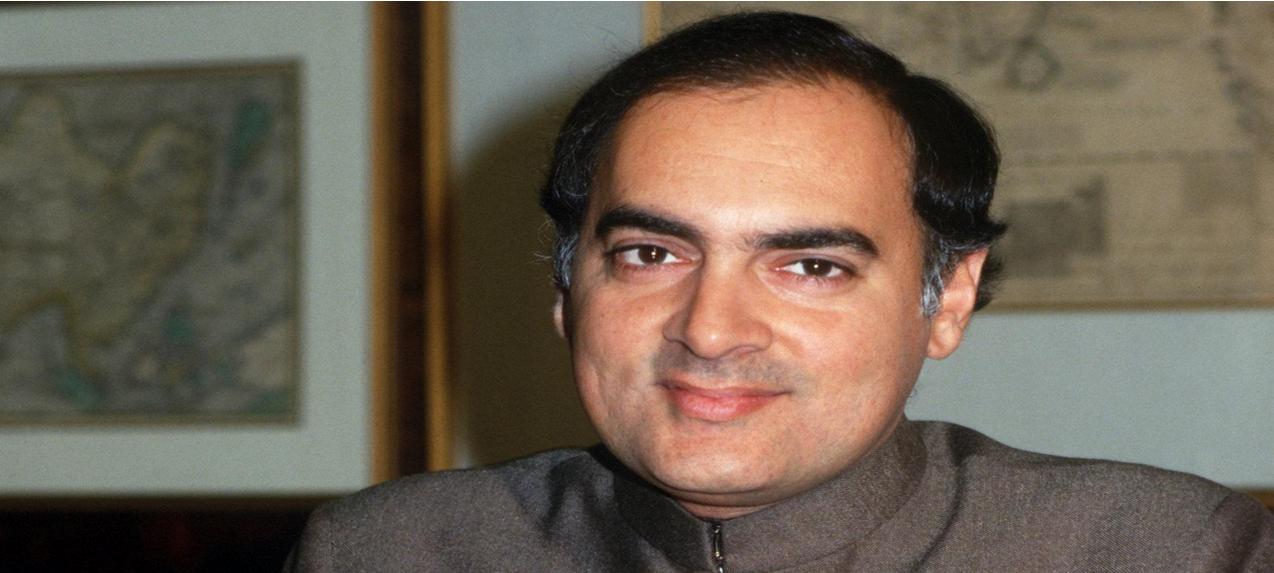


•Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day) is observed every year on 20 August to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.

•The Akshay Urja Day was initiated by the **Indian Ministry** for New & Renewable Energy Sources in **2004**.

•Energy such as **Biogas**, **Solar Energy**, **Wind energy**, **hydroelectrical power** is a few examples of Akshay Urja.

#### Sadbhavna Diwas 2022: Birth Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi 20<sup>th</sup> August



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#### Q.3) Every year India observes "Sadbhavana Diwas" on August 20 to commemorate the birth anniversary of – भारत हर साल 20 अगस्त को किसकी जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में "सद्भावना दिवस" मनाता है -

(1) Indira Gandhi
(2) Rajiv Gandhi
(3) Morarji Desai
(4) Charan Singh



- •Every year India observes **Sadbhavana Diwas** on **August 20** to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of late erstwhile Prime Minister, **Rajiv Gandhi**.
- •This year on 20th August 2022, we are going to celebrate the **78th birth anniversary** of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- •The Indian National Congress instituted Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award in 1992, a year after his death.

#### Goa, first state in India to receive "Har Ghar Jal" certification



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#### Q.4) Which state has become India's 1st 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State? कौन सा राज्य भारत का पहला 'हर घर जल' प्रमाणित राज्य बन गया है?

(1) Maharashtra (2) Odisha (3) Goa (4) Kerala



•Goa and 'Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu' have become respectively the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State and UT in the country.

•Over 10 crore rural households of the country have been connected to the facility of clean water through pipes, with 7 crore rural families getting connected in the last three years.

•Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the Government of India which was announced from the ramparts of Red Fort by the visionary Prime Minister on August 15, 2019.

#### HDFC Bank opened the first all-women branch Adda 247 in north Kerala





#### Q.5) In a first, which bank has opened its all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala? सबसे पहले, किस बैंक ने उत्तरी केरल के कोझीकोड में अपनी महिला शाखा खोली है?

(1) Axis Bank
(2) Yes Bank
(3) HDFC Bank
(4) IndusInd Bank



HDFC has opened its first all-women branch with four women bankers in the north Kerala region in Kozhikode.
The branch will have 4 women bankers.

•As on March 31, 2022, women constituted 21.7 percent of the workforce and the target is to increase it to 25 percent by 2025.

•<u>About HDFC Bank</u>: Founded – August 1994; Founder – Hasmukhbhai Parekh; Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra; MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan; Tagline – We understand your world



#### Q.6) Which state has launched 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' project? किस राज्य ने 'विद्या रथ-स्कूल ऑन व्हील्स' परियोजना शुरू की है?

(1) Madhya Pradesh
 (2) Bihar
 (3) Assam
 (4) West Bengal



•Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched Vidya Rath-School on Wheels project.

•It aims to provide access to **underprivileged children** to elementary education for **10 months**. After 10 months, the children will be integrated into the usual system of education.

•Students will be offered free mid-day meals, uniforms, and textbooks under the project.



#### Q.7) How many cities have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'? कितने शहरों ने खुद को 'सफाई मित्र सुरक्षित शहर' घोषित किया है? (1) 100(2) 250 (3) 500 (4) 750



•According to Government data, **500 cities across** India have declared themselves as **'Safai Mitra** Surakshit Shehar'.

•All the cities have achieved sufficiency in terms of institutional capacity, equipment norms and manpower as provided by **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs**.

•All the cities are now providing safe working conditions for **Safai Mitras**.



#### Q.8) Which city has World's highest average level of Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5), as per HEI's report? HEI की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार किस शहर में फाइन पार्टिकुलेट मैटर (PM2.5) का विश्व का उच्चतम औसत स्तर है?

(1) Dhaka
(2) Varanasi
(3) New Delhi
(4) Colombo



- •The 'Air Quality and Health in Cities' report was released by USbased Health Effects Institute (HEI).
- •It provides analysis of air pollution and global health effects for over 7,000 cities around the world, focusing on fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).
- •As per the report, **India** is home to **18 of the 20 cities** with the most severe increase in fine particle pollutants (PM2.5) from 2010 to 2019.
- •New Delhi has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities. Kolkata at second, Mumbai stands 14th on the list.

# Vostok-2022: Indo-China military drills to be held in Russia



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#### Q.9) Which country is the host of "Vostok-2022" military exercises? कौन सा देश "वोस्तोक-2022" सैन्य अभ्यास का मेजबान है?

(1) Belarus (2) Mongolia (3) Russia (4) China



# •**Russia** is the host of **Vostok-2022** military exercises.

- •China recently announced that its troops will take part in the Vostok-2022 military exercises.
- •The drill will also see participation of India, Belarus, Tajikistan, Mongolia and other countries.



#### Q.10) Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme has completed how many years in 2022? उड़े देश का आम नागरिक (उड़ान) योजना ने 2022 में कितने साल पूरे कर लिए हैं?

(1) 5 Years
(2) 6 Years
(3) 7 Years
(4) 8 Years



 Regional Connectivity Scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation, UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) has successfully completed 5 years.

•This scheme was initiated in 2016.

•Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched first flight under UDAN on April 27, 2017.

#### "Dahi-Handi" Recognised as an Official Sport Adda 247 of Maharashtra





#### Q.11) "Dahi-Handi" has recognised as an Official Sport of which state? "दही-हांडी" को किस राज्य के आधिकारिक खेल के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है?

(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Karnataka (4) Uttar Pradesh



#### •Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announces that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra.

The state is set to organize a 'Pro- Dahi Handi'



#### Q.12) Which is the venue of the 'National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022'? 'राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा रणनीतियाँ (NSS) सम्मेलन 2022' का स्थल कौन सा है?

(1) Pune (2) Vishakhapatnam (3) New Delhi (4) Mysuru



 Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference in New Delhi.

•Objective – To ensure a safe and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of the national security mechanism.

•The Conference is being attended by 600 officers from across the country, physically and virtually.

# ISRO received a Crew Module Fairing from HAL for Gaganyaan mission



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# Q.13) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has announced to open its first international marketing and sales office in – हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (HAL) ने अपना पहला अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विपणन और बिक्री कार्यालय खोलने की घोषणा की है -

(1) Maldives(2) Mauritius(3) Malaysia(4) Singapore



- •Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an MoU for opening its first international marketing & sales office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- •The office in **Kuala Lumpur** will enhance HAL's ability to secure the deal while also enabling them to fulfill other requirements of the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** like the upgradation and servicing of the **Russian Su-30s** and British Hawk trainer aircraft.
- •This office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for Fighter Lead in Trainer (FLIT) LCA.

# HDFC Bank introduced "Vigil Aunty" to promote secure banking practices







Q.14) Which Bank has launched a new campaign titled 'Vigil Aunty'? किस बैंक ने 'विजिल आंटी' नामक एक नया अभियान शुरू किया है?

(1) Axis Bank
(2) Yes Bank
(3) HDFC Bank
(4) Canara Bank



•HDFC Bank has launched a new campaign titled 'Vigil Aunty'.

•It aims to encourage people across the country to practice safe banking habits.

•This will complement the bank's 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign which urges people not to share their confidential banking information with others.

# RBI Cancels Licence Of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank Karnataka



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## Q.15) RBI has cancelled the license of Deccan Urban Cooperative Bank, based in – RBI ने डेक्कन अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक का लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिया है

(1) Maharashtra
(2) Karnataka
(3) Kerala
(4) Tamil Nadu



•RBI has cancelled the license of Deccan Urban Cooperative Bank, Karnataka as the bank does not have adequate capital & earning prospects.

•As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 percent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)**.



## Q.16) Which Indian has been appointed to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel? 10 सदस्यीय इंटरनेट गवर्नेंस फोरम (IGF) लीडरशिप पैनल में किस भारतीय को नियुक्त किया गया है?

(1) Alkesh Kumar Sharma
(2) Rajiv Kumar
(3) Raj Shukla
(4) Ramesh Kandula



•UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.

•In addition, Guterres' envoy on technology, Amandeep Singh Gill, was also appointed to the panel.



## Q.17) Novelist Narayan passed away at 82. He was the first tribal novelist and short story writer of – उपन्यासकार नारायण का 82 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह पहले आदिवासी उपन्यासकार और लघु कथाकार थे -

(1) Kerala
(2) Tamil Nadu
(3) Karnataka
(4) Odisha



•Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer, Narayan, 82, whose novel Kocharethi gained global recognition, died in Kochi on 16th August 2022.

•Narayan completed Kocharethi, his debut novel, in 1988 but struggled to find a publisher.

•Subsequently, the novel was published in 1998. The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages.



#### Q.18) Who is launched an Online Marketplace feature – 'Aqua Bazar' in 'Matsya Setu' app? 'मत्स्य सेतु' ऐप में ऑनलाइन मार्केटप्लेस फीचर - 'एक्वा बाजार' किसने लॉन्च किया है?

(1) Anurag Thakur
(2) G. Kishan Reddy
(3) Narendra Singh Tomar
(4) Parshottam Rupala



•Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, 18th Aug 2022 launched the Online Market Place feature "Aqua Bazar" in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app during the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB).

# Vistara emerges second largest domestic airline by market share







# Q.19) Which airline emerges 2nd largest domestic airline by Indian market share? भारतीय बाजार हिस्सेदारी के हिसाब से कौन सी एयरलाइन दूसरी सबसे बड़ी घरेलू एयरलाइन बनकर उभरी है?

(1) Go First
(2) Air India
(3) Vistara
(4) SpiceJet



•Full-service Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share last month with a 10.4% pie of the sky, distantly second to the market leader IndiGo at 58.8%.

•'Vistara' airline is Tata Sons' joint venture with Singapore Airlines.

•The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%).

# United Kingdom(U.K) Inflation Rises To 10.1%, Adda 247 A 20 Year High





# Q.20) United Kingdom (U.K) inflation rose to a new 40-year high in July 2022 by what percentage? यूनाइटेड किंगडम (यूके) की मुद्रास्फीति जुलाई 2022 में कितने प्रतिशत बढ़कर 40 साल के नए उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गई?

(1) 10.9%
(2) 10.6%
(3) 10.4%
(4) 10.1%



•K. inflation rose to another 40-year high in July as spiraling food and energy prices continued to intensify the country's historic squeeze on households.
•The consumer price index rose 1% annually,

 according to estimates published by the Office for National Statistics on 17th August 2022, above a Reuters consensus forecast of 9.8% and up from 9.4% in June.





# Q.21) Which company has paid ₹8312.4 crore to the Department of Telecommunications for 5G spectrum? किस कंपनी ने 5G स्पेक्ट्रम के लिए दूरसंचार विभाग को ₹8312.4 करोड़ का भुगतान किया है?





•Telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** has paid **₹8,312.4 crore** to the **Department of Telecom** towards dues for spectrum acquired in the recently **concluded 5G auctions**.

•With the payment, Airtel has paid four years of 2022 spectrum dues upfront.

•Telecom tycoon Sunil Bharti Mittal's Bharti Airtel made a successful bid of ₹43,039.63 crore.



Q.22) Recently the house of which eminent member of the Indian freedom struggle has received the 'Blue Plaque' award? हाल ही में भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के किस प्रख्यात सदस्य के घर को 'ब्लू प्लाक' पुरस्कार मिला है?

(1) Dadabhai Naoroji
(2) Vipin Chandra Pal
(3) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
(4) None of above



•London home of Dadabhai Naoroji will get a 'Blue Plaque', an honour that is reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London.

•Naoroji was the first Asian who was elected as a Member of Parliament in Britain.

•The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity, honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London.

# Netanyahu's Autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' Due Out In November

#### בנימין נתניהו

סיפור חיי

#### BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

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## Q.23) "Bibi: My Story", is the autobiography of Benjamin Netanyahu, former Prime Minister of – "बीबी: माई स्टोरी", बेंजामिन नेतन्याहू की आत्मकथा है, जो पूर्व प्रधान मंत्री हैं -

(1) Lebanon
(2) Syria
(3) Egypt
(4) Israel



•Former Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** has a memoir coming out this fall. "**Bibi: My Story**" will be published November 2022, three weeks after parliamentary elections are to be held in Israel.

•The book describes **Netanyahu's journey** from a young age to "his singular perspective on the geopolitics of the Middle East" and "his conversations with **Presidents Clinton, Obama** and **Trump**".



# Q.24) India is planning to take six Tu-160 long-range bombers from – भारत छह Tu-160 लंबी दूरी के बमवर्षक लेने की योजना बना रहा है -

(1) Russia
(2) North Korea
(3) Japan
(4) USA



#### India is planning to take six Tu-160 long-range bombers from Russia.

•Tu-160 is known as the White Swan in the Russian Air Force.

•It is codenamed **Blackjack** by **NATO**. It is a four-engine bomber.

•It has operational **range of 12,000 kilometers**. It can achieve speeds greater than Mach 2 or 2,220 km/h.



# Q.25) Who has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League? यूईएफए महिला चैंपियंस लीग में खेलने वाली पहली भारतीय फुटबॉलर कौन बनी है?

(1) Bala Devi
(2) Manisha Kalyan
(3) Aditi Chauhan
(4) Dalima Chhibber



•Young striker Manisha Kalyan has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League when she made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus.

# India's First Portal On Arrested Narco Offenders 'NIDAAN'



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#### Q.26) Which is India's first portal that contains data related to narcotics offenders? भारत का पहला पोर्टल कौन सा है जिसमें नशीले पदार्थों के अपराधियों से संबंधित डेटा है?

(1) NIDAAN
(2) NCORD
(3) CCTNS
(4) ICJS



•India's First-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders becomes operational and can be used by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drug laws.

•NIDAAN portal or the National Integrated Database on arrested narcotics offenders is developed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

# Shiprocket becomes India's 106th unicorn, raised \$33.5 million

# Shiprocket

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#### Q.27) Which company has become India's 106th Unicorn after raising \$33.5 million in a funding round? फंडिंग राउंड में 33.5 मिलियन डॉलर जुटाने के बाद कौन सी कंपनी भारत की 106 वीं यूनिकॉर्न बन गई है?

(1) OneCard
(2) 5ire
(3) Shiprocket
(4) LeadSquared



•Shiprocket, a logistics technology platform supported by Zomato, raised \$33.5 million (about Rs 270 crore) in a fundraising round co-led by Temasek and Lightrock India, Shiprocket becoming the 106th unicorn in India.





Q.1) "World Organ Donation Day" is celebrated every year on – "विश्व अंग दान दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 10th August (2) 11th August
- (3) 12th August
- (4) 13th August



# •World Organ Donation Day is celebrated every year on August 13.

•The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the **importance of organ donation** and motivate people to donate organs after death.



Q.2) "International Left-Handers Day" is observed every year on – "अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वामपंथी दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 12th August
- (2) 13th August
- (3) 14th August
- (4) 15th August



- •The International Left-Handers Day is observed on August 13 every year to celebrate the uniqueness and differences of the left-handers and raise awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed in a predominantly right-handed world.
- •Left-handers are likely to have **better verbal skills** than their right-handed counterparts, according to a 2019 study by Oxford University.



Q.3) The first Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 is scheduled to be held in – पहली खेलो इंडिया महिला हॉकी लीग अंडर -16 आयोजित होने वाली है -

- (1) Mumbai
- (2) New Delhi
- (3) Kolkata
- (4) Hyderabad



•The first Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 is scheduled to be held at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi from August 16 to 23, 2022.

•The competition will be held in 3 phases.



Q.4) Indian Air Force has participated in Military Drills 'Udarashakti' with – भारतीय वायु सेना ने सैन्य अभ्यास 'उदारशक्ति' में भाग लिया है -

- (1) Thailand
- (2) Indonesia
- (3) Malaysia
- (4) Philippines



•The Indian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) will conduct a bilateral air exercise named 'Udarashakti', at RMAF base of Kuantan in Malaysia.

•To participate in the **four-day exercise**, the Indian Air Force contingents left for the destination on **August 12, 2022**.



Q.5) Which Indian politician was conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur? किस भारतीय राजनेता को फ्रांस के सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार शेवेलियर डे ला लीजियन डी'होनूर से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (1) Narendra Modi
- (2) Rahul Gandhi
- (3) Shashi Tharoor
- (4) Ramnath Govind



•Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor is set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.

•The **French government** is honouring the politician for his writings and speeches.

•The award is also called as the National Order of the Legion of Honour. It was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.



Q.6) Union Cabinet has approved to continue Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till which year? केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (शहरी) को किस वर्ष तक जारी रखने की मंजूरी दी है?

(1) 2023
 (2) 2024
 (3) 2027
 (4) 2030



•The Union Cabinet recently approved continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till December, 2024.

•The **'Housing for All'** Mission was launched in **June 2015**.

•The original deadline for the scheme, which aimed at providing pucca houses to all eligible urban beneficiaries, was **March 2022**.



Q.7) Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand? उत्तराखंड के ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Shreyas Iyer
- (2) Rishabh Pant
- (3) Mayank Agarwal
- (4) Ajinkya Rahane



 Indian wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has been named the brand ambassador of the Indian state Uttarakhand.

•Pant was born in the Haridwar city of the north Indian state.

•Pant made his debut in international cricket back in February 2017 against England in the third **T20I**. He has so far played **54 matches** in T20I cricket and scored **883 runs** at a strike rate of 126.32. His best score in the format is 65\*.



Q.8) Which state is going to host 2nd edition of North East Olympics from October 2022? अक्टूबर 2022 से कौन सा राज्य उत्तर पूर्व ओलंपिक के दूसरे संस्करण की मेजबानी करने जा रहा है?

- (1) Manipur
- (2) Mizoram
- (3) Meghalaya
- (4) Tripura



•Meghalaya is all set to host the upcoming 2nd edition of the North East Olympics from October the 30th to November the 6th in Shillong.

 In this edition, about 4,000 participants from eight North Eastern States will be competing in 18 disciplines at 13 venues spread across Shillong.



Q.9) World's 1st Artificial embryo has been created by the researchers of which country? विश्व का पहला कृत्रिम भ्रूण किस देश के शोधकर्ताओं द्वारा बनाया गया है?

- (1) Jordan
- (2) Lebanon
- (3) Syria
- (4) Israel



•Scientists have created "artificial embryos" using stem cells from mice, in what they believe is a world first.

•Scientists used stem cells from mice to create embryo-like structures that had an intestinal tract, a brain-like structure, and a beating heart.

•With this development, the need for sperm, eggs and fertilisation was effectively eliminated by scientists at the Weizmann Institute in Israel.



- Q.10) World Women Entrepreneurs' Award 2022 has won Sangeeta Abhoyan, She is from – वर्ल्ड वुमन एंटरप्रेन्योर्स अवार्ड 2022 ने संगीता अभयन जीता है, वह हैं -
- (1) Kerala
- (2) Tamil Nadu
- (3) Andhra Pradesh
- (4) Odisha



•Sangeetha Abhayan, a Kerala-based entrepreneur, won the World Women Entrepreneurs' Award instituted by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK) for her handloom and handicrafts start-up's performance in tune with the United Nation's sustainable development goals (SDGs).



Q.11) Who wrote the biography of Kargil hero Yogendra Singh Yadav titiled "Bravo Yadav"? कारगिल नायक योगेंद्र सिंह यादव की जीवनी "ब्रावो यादव" शीर्षक से किसने लिखी?

- (1) Vikram Batra
- (2) Deepak Singh
- (3) Anuj Nayyar
- (4) Rajesh Singh



•Deepak Singh, an established content creator with more than 15 years of experience in content creation recently penned a book 'Bravo Yadav'.

•The newly launched book is a biography of Kargil hero and Param Vir Chakra recipient **Subedar Yogendra Singh Yadav**.



Q.12) Which former Indian cricketer has been appointed as the head coach of Nepal Cricket team? किस पूर्व भारतीय क्रिकेटर को नेपाल क्रिकेट टीम का मुख्य कोच नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Robin Singh
- (2) V.V.S. Laxman
- (3) Manoj Prabhakar
- (4) Dinesh Karthik



•The Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN) has announced former Indian cricketer Manoj Prabhakar as the new head coach of the Nepal Men's national team.

•Succeeding **Pubudu Dassanayake**, Indian allrounder Prabhakar has worked as head coach for **three Ranji Trophy teams**.



- Q.13) Which vaccine has been approved as booster dose in India for people above 18 years of age? भारत में 18 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र के लोगों के लिए बूस्टर खुराक के रूप में किस टीके को मंजूरी दी गई है?
- (1) Covishield
- (2) Corbevax
- (3) Covaxin
- (4) Sputnik V



•The Union Health Ministry of India has approved Corbevax as a heterologous COVID-19 booster dose under emergency use authorization for individuals aged 18 years and above after 6 months of the administration of primary vaccination of Covaxin or Covishield.

•Adult individuals, **above the age of 18 years**, can now opt to get the Corbevax vaccine as the precautionary dose.



Q.14) Which state/UT has launched the 'UMEED Market Place' initiative? किस राज्य / केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने 'उम्मीद मार्केट प्लेस' पहल शुरू की है?

- (1) Ladakh
- (2) Jammu & Kashmir
- (3) Uttarakhand
- (4) Punjab



•Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has inaugurated "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of Airport Authority of India at Srinagar International airport.

•A similar Marketplace was also opened at **Jammu** Airport. Both the outlets will exhibit products of all 20 districts.



Q.15) Which space research organization unveiled the first virtual space museum called "SPARK"? किस अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन ने "स्पार्क" नामक पहले आभासी अंतरिक्ष संग्रहालय का अनावरण किया?

(1) ESA
(2) NASA
(3) JAXA
(4) ISRO



•The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched a digital platform called the 'SPARK' space museum for showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface.

•The digital platform known as the 'SPARK' space museum was launched by the Chairman of ISRO, **S Somnath**.



Q.16) A new zoonotic virus 'Langya' has infected 35 people in – एक नए जूनोटिक वायरस 'लंग्या' ने 35 लोगों को संक्रमित किया है -

- (1) China
- (2) Japan
- (3) Australia
- (4) South Korea



•A new type of a Henipavirus named Langya Henipavirus or LayV has been detected in China.

•It can infect animals and humans.

# •As of now, **no licensed drugs or vaccines** are available against this virus for humans.

•Langya is closely related to the Mojiang Henipavirus.



Q.17) What percent of Indian Population has owned Digital Currency in 2021? 2021 में कितने प्रतिशत भारतीय आबादी के पास डिजिटल मुद्रा है?

(1) 8.2%
 (2) 7.3%
 (3) 7.7%
 (4) 9.1%



•According to the United Nations, 7.3% of India's population owned digital currency in 2021, ranking seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population.

The use of cryptocurrency rose globally at an unprecedented rate during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Ukraine Russia Venezuela
Singapore with 9.4%, Kenya with 8.5%, and the US with 8.3%.



### Ex VINBAX 2022

- Vietnam-India Bilateral Army exercise Vinbax 2022 concluded at Chandimandir (Haryana)
- The exercise commenced on 01 August and was focused on the **deployment of Army Engineer** and Medical teams in **UN Peacekeeping operations**.
- Aim: It aims to strengthen mutual confidence,
- and interoperability and enable sharing of best
- **practices** between the Indian Army and Vietnam People's Army. It was the first time ever that the Vietnam People's Army (VPA) was undertaking a **Field Training Exercise with any foreign Army**.





**Context**: National Integrated Database on Arrested narco-offender (NIDAAN) gets operationalized **About NIDAAN** 

It is 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind database for data on all arrested narcotics-related offenders.

**Developed by:** Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

The portal will source its data from the **Inter-operable criminal justice system (ICJS), e-Prison and CCTNS** (when integrated). Earlier it was part of the **NCORD Portal** (Narcotics Coordination Mechanism)



The Ministry of Defense has handed over **several new defence systems**, including the **F-INSAS**, the Nipun mines, the Landing **Craft Assault (LCA)**, to the Indian Army as a part of Army's Modernization Plans.



- F-INSAS stands for Future Infantry Soldier as a System. •It is a programme for infantry modernisation, which is aimed at increasing the operational capability of the soldier.
- •Under the project, soldiers are being equipped with modern systems that are lightweight, all-weather-all-terrain, cost-effective and low maintenance.
- •They have been indigenously designed by the Indian entities, including the **DRDO** and the **ordnance factories** ecosystem.



- •AK-203 assault rifle:
  - It is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle.
  - It has a range of 300 metre.
- •Multi-Mode Hand Grenade:
  - It can be used in defensive and offensive modes.
    - In defensive mode, the grenades are to be hurled when the thrower is in a shelter or has a cover.
    - In the offensive mode, the grenades do not fragment and the adversary is harmed by the blast or is stunned.





#### MULTI MODE HAND GRENADE





- •Ballistic Helmets and Ballistic Goggles:
  - It provides soldiers with ballistic helmets and ballistic goggles for protection against small projectiles and fragments, along with a bullet-proof vest.
  - The helmet and the bullet-proof jacket are capable of protecting the soldier against 9 mm bullets and ammunition fired from AK-47 rifles.
  - It also comes with hands-free, secured advanced communications set for real-time exchange of information with the command post and fellow soldiers for enhanced situational awareness.



- •Nipun mines are **indigenously designed and developed antipersonnel mines**, termed by the DRDO as 'soft target blast munition'.
  - Anti-personnel mines are meant to be used against humans as against anti-tank mines that are aimed at heavy vehicles.
  - Russia's PFM-1 and PFM-1S are commonly referred to as <u>'Butterfly mines'</u> or 'Green Parrots'. Butterfly mine is a very sensitive anti-personnel landmine.









#### <mark>Tilapia Fish</mark>

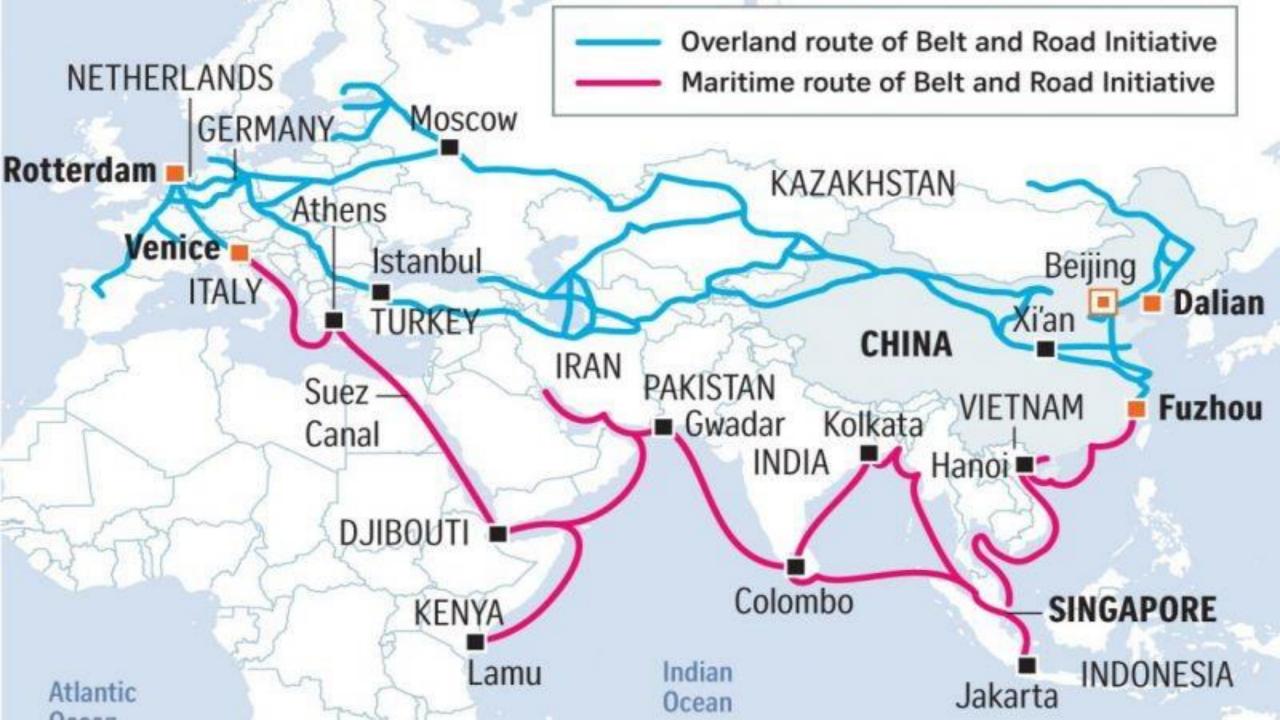
- •'Tilapia' (also called "aquatic chicken" due to its quick growth and low maintenance) is one of the most **productive** and internationally **traded food fish** in the world.
- It belongs to the family Cichlidae, native to Africa and the Middle East
  It can adapt to a wide variety of conditions and has omnivorous food habits
- •It has also turned 'invasive' in some parts of India.





Using fossil evidence to **create a three-dimensional model**, researchers have found new evidence about the **life of one of the biggest predatory animals of all time** — the Megalodon. Megalodons roamed the oceans an **estimated 23 million to 2.6 million years ago.** 

Megalodon could **"completely ingest, and in as few as five bites**," a prey as big as the killer whale. According to the study, the Megalodon was bigger than a school bus at around 50 feet from nose to tail. In comparison, the great white sharks of the present can grow to a maximum length of around 15 feet. Using their digital model, the researchers have suggested that the giant transoceanic predator would have weighed around 70 tonnes — or as much as 10 elephants.





# <u>China's BRI projects</u> slow, but lending rises











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