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- 25 April World Malaria Day 2022: Every year on April 25th, World Malaria Day is commemorated to raise awareness about this life-threatening disease that continues to be a menace to humanity. Malaria affects over half of the world's population, with the chances of people living in poor nations catching the disease being substantially higher. The theme for World Malaria Day this year is "Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives".
- World Intellectual Property Day 2022 observed on April 26: World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on the 26th of April to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. The day recognizes the huge potential of young people to find new and better solutions that support the transition to a sustainable future. This year, World Intellectual Property Day 2022's theme focuses on IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future. World Intellectual Property Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland. CEO Daren Tang, Founded: 14 July 1967
- <u>3.</u> India's participated as the Guest of honour at the Paris Book Festival 2022: India has been designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022, which will take place from April 21 to April 24, 2022.
- 4. Elon Musk to acquire Twitter in \$44 Billion 2022: Elon Musk, the world's richest man, agreed to acquire Twitter for \$44 billion, ending a drama that included hostile takeover threats. Twitter Founder: Jack Dorsey is an American Web developer and entrepreneur who co-founded the online microblogging service Twitter with Evan Williams and Christopher Stone in 2006. Twitter CEO: Parag Aggarwal.
- UNESCO's World Book Capital 2022- Guadalajara, Mexico: Guadalajara, Mexico was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee. The city, already a UNESCO Creative City since 2017, was selected for its comprehensive plan for policies around the book to trigger social change, combat violence and build a culture of peace. UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945, Headquarters: Paris, France, Members: 193 countries, Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- 6. NITI Aayog released draft battery swapping policy 2022: NITI Aayog has released a draft battery swapping policy, under which all metropolitan cities with a population above 40 lakh will be prioritized for the development of a battery swapping network under the first phase. All major cities such as state capitals, UT headquarters, and cities with populations above 5 lakh will be covered under the second phase. According to the draft policy, vehicles with swappable batteries will be sold without a battery, providing the benefit of lower purchase costs to potential EV owners.
- WHO's World Immunization Week 24-30 April: World Immunization Week is celebrated worldwide in the last week of April, to highlight the collective action required and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all age groups against disease. This year, WHO is going to celebrate World Immunization Week from April 24 to April 30. To commemorate the day, WHO has decided the theme of this year's Immunization Week as "Long Life for All". World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland, Founded: 7 April 1948, Director-General: Tedros Adhanom.
- **8.** Village Palli- India's 1st carbon-neutral panchayat in J&K: Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a 500 KV solar plant to the nation in the unassuming hamlet of Palli in Jammu and Kashmir's border region of Samba making it the country's first 'carbon neutral panchayat.'

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- <u>9.</u> Tamil Nadu govt to observes Minorities Rights Day every year on 18 December: Tamil Nadu government has announced that December 18, every year will be observed as Minorities Rights Day at the state level. The state government promotes the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of schemes and welfare measures. Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai, Chief minister: K. Stalin, Governor: N. Ravi.
- 10. India will host the 21st World Congress of Accountants: According to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) president, Debashis Mitra, India is set to host the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA), the Kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence. About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries will participate in the programme physically.
- 11. Robert Golob elected as Prime Minister of Slovenia: Robert Golob has defeated three-time prime minister

 Janez Janša in the Slovenia Prime Minister election. Slovenia Capital: Ljubljana, Currency: Euro, President: Borut

 Pahor.
- 12. India's first Amrit Sarovar established in UP's Rampur: India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been completed at Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai, thanks to the efforts of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government in Uttar Pradesh. As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 75 water bodies will be developed and regenerated as part of the Amrit Sarovar initiative. Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised water conservation in the country in his 88th monthly radio address, 'Mann ki Baat', saying it is critical to the country's prosperity. PM Modi praised a Panchayat in Uttar Pradesh for revitalising a pond that had previously been clogged with garbage.
- 13. BHIM UPI became operational at NEOPAY terminals in the UAE: NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the International arm of the National Payment Corporation of India has announced that BHIM UPI is now live at NEOPAY terminals, across the UAE. This initiative will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE, to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI. NIPL and NEOPAY, the payment subsidiary of Mashreq bank, partnered last year to create the acceptance infrastructure in the UAE.
- 14. World Day for Safety and Health at Work- 28 April: The annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work on 28 April promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 focuses on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health. This year's theme of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work is "Participation And Social Dialogue In Creating A Positive Safety And Health Culture"
- 15. Netflix & Gol collaborate for video series on 'women change-makers': Netflix India, in collaboration with the Information & Broadcasting Ministry, has released a series of short video series under an initiative called 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya', highlighting the role of women achievers. As part of a broader partnership, the global OTT platform will also conduct workshops and masterclasses for the skill development of Indian filmmakers.
- 16. World Stationery Day 2022 celebrates on 27th April: World Stationery day is celebrated every year on the last Wednesday of April. This year World Stationery Day 2022 is observed on the 27th of April. The day is celebrated to mark the importance of stationery and writing on paper than using computers. It is celebrated around the world by enthusiasts to protect and encourage the use of Stationery.
- <u>17.</u> Asian Wrestling Championships 2022- India finished with 17 medals: The 30-member Indian contingent participated at the 35th Edition of Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Indian wrestlers secured a total of 17 medals, that includes (1-Gold, 5-Silver, and 11-Bronze medals). Gold Medalist: Ravi Kumar Dahiyais the only Gold medalist representing India, in the men's 57kg freestyle category, beating Kazakhstan's Rakhat Kalzhan on technical superiority.

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- 18. SBI Cards tie-up with TCS to boost digital transformation: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has expanded its strategic partnership with SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd to power SBI Card's digital transformation. TCS had helped the SBI cards to transform its core cards sourcing platform and digitized a significant portion of the process. TCS has been providing services to SBI Card for over a decade since 2008, and the new deal represents an extension of that relationship.
- 19. Airtel Payments Bank tie-up with IndusInd Bank to offer FD Facility: Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with IndusInd Bank to offer fixed deposit (FD) facilities to its customers. A customer can open FD of Rs 500 up to Rs 190,000 on the Airtel Thanks app. With this partnership, customers of Airtel Payments Bank savings account will get an interest rate of up to 6.5 %p.a. IndusInd Bank Founded: 1994, Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, MD & CEO: Sumant Kathpalia, Tagline: We Make You Feel Richer.
- 20.SIPRI's "Trends in World Military Expenditure report 2021": India ranked 3rd: According to the Sweden-based think-tank Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, titled "Trends in World Military Expenditure Report 2021", India's military expenditure is the third highest in the world behind the US and China. Military spending in India is amounting to \$76.6 billion in 2021 which grew by 0.9% from 2020. Russia has also increased its military expenditure for the third consecutive year. The five largest spenders in 2021 were the US, China, India, the UK (United Kingdom) and Russia, together accounting for 62% of expenditure.
- 21. Jharkhand's Jamtara became country's 1st district with library in every village: Jamtara in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries. This district with a population of about eight lakh has a total of 118-gram panchayats under six blocks and each panchayat has a well-equipped library. Jharkhand Capital: Ranchi, Chief Minister: Hemant Soren, Governor: Ramesh Bais.
- 22.UP's Agra becomes first city to have vacuum-based sewer systems: Agra, Uttar Pradesh has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewer systems. These vacuums would be used in public places. Agra Smart City officials told the media that the municipal corporation has linked 240 such houses near the Taj Mahal with vacuum-based sewers, where conventional sewer systems could not be used.
- 23. ABPMJAY- SEHAT scheme: Samba becomes 1st district to cover 100% households: In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Samba district of the Jammu division has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme. The ABPMJAY SEHAT scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme fully financed by Government and the people with Ayushman Bharat Golden Card get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh in all government and empanelled private hospitals across India.
- 24. Vijay Sampla appointed NCSC chairperson for second time: BJP leader and former Union minister Vijay Sampla has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a second time. Sampla had resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested the polls. The official order for his appointment was issued by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- 25. IndiGo becomes first airline to use indigenous navigation system GAGAN: IndiGo becomes the first airline in Asia to land its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system GAGAN. This is a huge leap for Indian Civil Aviation and a firm step toward Aatmanirbhar Bharat, as India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.
- 26. India Pharma and India Medical Devices Awards 2022: The India Pharma Awards 2022, and India Medical Device Awards 2022 were handed over by the Minister of State for the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba. The awards were handed over during the seventh edition of India Pharma and Indian Medical

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Device 2022 which was organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Department of Pharmaceuticals. Indian Pharma Leader of the Year- Cipla Ltd, India Pharma Innovation of the Year- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Indian Pharma (Formulation) -Micro Labs Ltd, Indian Pharma CSR of the year- Zydus Lifesciences Ltd.

- 27. A new book titled "Not Just A Nightwatchman- My Innings in the BCCI" by Vinod Rai: Padma Bhushan Vinod Rai, former(11th) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) India, has authored a new book titled "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI". The book features his 33-month stint as the Chairman of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). He was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2016 for civil service. He was appointed as the first Chairman of the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) in 2016.
- 28. World Veterinary Day 2022- 30th April: World Veterinary Day is observed on the last Saturday of April every year. This year it falls on 30th April 2022. World Veterinary Association was established with an objective to provide global leadership for the veterinary profession and promote animal health and welfare and public health through advocacy, education, and partnership. The theme for World Veterinary Day 2022 is "Strengthening Veterinary Resilience".
- 29. World Bank approved \$47 million program for India's Mission Karmayogi program: The World Bank has approved a USD 47 million projects to support the Government of India's Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity. There are nearly 18 million civil servants employed across India, with approximately two-thirds at the state government and local authority levels.
- 30. Bank of Baroda launched a new feature 'bob World Gold' for senior citizens: Bank of Baroda has launched "bob World Gold", a new feature on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly. It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience. Bank of Baroda Founded: 20 July 1908, Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat, Managing Director & CEO: Sanjiv Chadha; Tagline: India's International Bank, Bank of Baroda Amalgamated Banks: Dena Bank & Vijaya Bank in 2019.
- 31. Telangana and Google have inked a MOU on Digital Economy for Young and Women entrepreneurs:

 Google signed a MoU with the Telangana government to bring the benefits of the digital economy to the state's young and women entrepreneurs, and officially off the construction of its three million square foot headquarters in the city from the ground up.
- 32. Maharashtra became India's 1st state to develop Migration Tracking System app: Maharashtra became the first state in India to develop a website-based Migration Tracking System (MTS) application to track the movement of migrant workers through individual unique identity numbers. The MTS project aims to ensure the continuity of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) for migrant beneficiaries, such as children under the age of 18, lactating mothers, and pregnant women who are registered with Anganwadi centres.
- 33. Air Asia to merge by Tata Group with Air India 2022: The Tata Group has been attempting to improve Air India's performance since its takeover in January 2022. That includes its on-time performance. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has already been notified of Air India's intention to merge with AirAsia India.
- 34. AAHAR 2022: Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair last day today: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in partnership with the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) is hosting Asia's largest international food and hospitality fair, AAHAR-2022, at New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.

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- <u>35.</u>BRO's Atal Tunnel Receives 'Best Infrastructure Project' Award: The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) engineering marvel, Atal Tunnel, built-in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi.
- <u>36.</u>International Labour Day 2022 observed globally on 1st May: International Labour Day is observed globally on 1st May every year. It is also known as International Worker's Day and May Day. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about Labour's rights and mark their achievements. The day aims to pay tribute to workers' sacrifices in achieving economic and social rights all over the world.

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<u>1.</u>	Every year on, World Book and Copyright Day is observed to promote the love of reading.					
	A. April 21	B. April 22	C. April 23	D. April 24	E. April 25	
<u>2.</u>	National Panchayati	Raj Day observed on whic	ch day?			
	A. 24th April	B. 23rd April	C. 26th April	D. 25th April	E.27th April	
<u>3.</u>	Where was India's first bus service with 'Tap In, Tap Out' or the fully digital ticketing facility, inaugurated recently?					
	A. Gujarat	B. Tamil Nadu	C. Kerala	D. New Delhi	E. Maharashtra	
<u>4.</u>	Which of the following organization has conducted multiday cyber defense exercise known as the Locked Shields					
	exercise in Tallinn, Estonia?					
	A. Association of Sour	theast Asian Nations	B. South Asian Association	on for Regional Cooperation		
	C. Shanghai Cooperat	ion Organization	D. North Atlantic Treaty C	Organization	E. European Union	
<u>5.</u>	Which of the following country test-fired world's most powerful' nuclear-capable Intercontinental Ballistic Missile "R					
	28 SARMAT"?					
	A. Russia	B. UK	C. USA	D. South Korea	E. China	
Who has been named as the Asia Africa Consortium (AAC) - Global Peace Ambassador 2022 at the India In Conclave 2022 for promoting Peace through Education, Sports, Art, Culture & Diplomacy?					he India International	
	A. Atul Keshap	B. Vijay Shekhar Sharma	C. Vandana Katariya	D. Babita Singh E. I	Pradeep Kumar Rawat	
<u>7.</u>	Which bank has signed an MoU with the CBDT and CBIC for collection of Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes?					
	A. Yes Bank	B. IDBI Bank	C. Axis Bank	D. Dhanlaxmi Bank	E. IDFC First Bank	
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	A. Yes Bank	B. IDBI Bank	C. Axis Bank	D. Dhanlaxmi Bank	E. IDFC First Bank	
<u>9.</u>	Which state government has signed an MoU with NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre to establish an international standard					
	Data Centre?	10				
	A. Nagaland	B. Assam	C. Manipur	D. Tripura	E. Sikkim	
10. Where is the 3-day "Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization" conference being held?						
	A. Pune	B. Surat	C. Ahmedabad	D. Mumbai	E. Hyderabad	
11. What is the theme of Earth Day or International Mother Earth Day 2022?						
	A. Invest in our planet B. Restore our Earth C. Climate action D. Protect our species E. End Plastic Pollution					
<u>12</u>	<u>12.</u> World Earth Day, also known as International Mother Earth Day, is celebrated every year on					
	A. April 21	B. April 22	C. April 23	D. April 24	E. April 25	
13. A mobile app 'Khelo India Uni Games 2021' has been launched for the 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games.						
	2nd edition of Khelo	India University Games is	being held in			
	A. Jaipur, Rajasthan	B. Mumbai, Maharashtra	C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu	D. Bengaluru, Karnataka	E. Gurugram, Haryana	
14. Biliti Electric Inc will establish the world's largest electric three-wheeler manufacturing facility in which of the following						
	state?					
	A. Karnataka	B. Odisha	C. Telangana	D. Tamil Nadu	E. Kerala	

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- 15. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Army Staff?
 - A. Nav Kumar Khanduri
- B. Rana Pratap Kalita
- C. Manoj Pande D. Ajai Singh
- E. Upendra Dwivedi
- 16. World Liver Day is observed on annually to spread awareness about causes of liver disease.
 - A. 18 April
- B. 19 April
- C. 20 April
- D. 21 April
- E. 22 April
- 17. Who is the author of the new book titled "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights"?
 - A. Navdeep Singh Gill
- B. Mithilesh Tiwari
- C. Rajesh Talwar
- D. Rajiv Bhatia
- E. Anirudh Suri
- 18. According to the World Bank report, extreme poverty in India is declined by 2019 as compared to 2011. in
 - A. 9.1%
- B. 10.2%
- C. 11.5%
- D. 12.3%
- E. 13.6%

ANSWERS

- 1) C

- 11)A
- 14)C
- 16)B 17)C

- 2) A 3) E
- 5)
- 9) D
- 12)B
- 18)D

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