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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 26TH – 31TH DEC 2022

- 1. International Day of Epidemic Preparedness 2022 - December 27:** United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is annually observed across the globe on December 27 to raise awareness of the importance of prevention of, preparedness for, and collaboration against epidemics. 27th December 2022 marks the observance of the 3rd International Day of Epidemic Preparedness. About the World Health Organization (WHO): Director General- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland Establishment- 1948

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. Garuda Aerospace becomes 1st Drone Company to get DGCA's double certification for 'Kisan Drones':** Garuda Aerospace, a Chennai (Tamil Nadu)-based drone manufacturer, has become India's 1st drone startup to receive both Type Certification and Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) approvals by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for their indigenously designed 'Kisan Drones'. Under the Drone Rules, the Indian government introduced Type certification in August 2021. On 6th December 2022, Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, flagged off India's 1st Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform at the Chennai manufacturing facility of Garuda Aerospace, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. Ladakh Celebrates Losar Festival to Mark Ladakhi New Year :** On 24th December 2022 Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) celebrated the Losar Festival to mark the Ladakhi New Year, a major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated in winter. Losar festival is a 15-day long festival that falls during the winter solstice, any time between 8th and 30th December. The term 'Losar' means New year in the Tibetan language. 'Lo' means year and 'Sar' means new.
- 3. J&K Organises 'Nowshera Folk Festival' to Boost Tourism :** On 24th December 2022 the Directorate of Tourism Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) in collaboration with the District Administration Rajouri organised the 'Nowshera Folk Festival' at Nowshera to promote tourism. The festival started with a Dogri dance followed by a Gojri and Pahari dance by prominent artists. The star performances in the show included brilliant singing performances by Shoaib Kandoo, Shivam Shiva and Sandeep Brar.
- 4. Ministry of power Signs MoU with DRDO for Implementing Early Warning System :** On 27th December 2022 the Ministry of Power signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for implementation of Early Warning System (EWS) for vulnerable hydro power projects, especially those that are located in upper reaches of Hilly regions. EWS is an integrated system of hazard monitoring, forecasting and prediction, disaster risk assessment, communication and preparedness for timely action to reduce disaster risks in advance of hazardous events. About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO): Chairman -Dr. Samir V Kamath, Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi, About Ministry of Power:, Union Minister - R K Singh (Arrah Constituency, Bihar)

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- 5. Ujjwala Scheme: Rs 200 Subsidy per Cylinder to be Extended One More Year :** The 2023-2024 Union Budget is set to extend the Rs 200 per cooking gas cylinder subsidy for 12 cylinders per year under Ujjwala Scheme for one more fiscal year. The budget may also extend the Ujjwala scheme beyond March 2023 to take domestic cooking gas to uncovered areas in states and attain the goal of 100% Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) coverage. About Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana: i. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - PMUY (Ujjwala scheme) was first launched on 1st May 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. ii. The scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) as its flagship scheme. iii. The objective of PMUY is to ensure that cooking fuel like LPG is available to the rural and deprived households which use traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes etc.
- 6. Govt Amends Allocation of Business Rules; MeitY Becomes Nodal Agency of Online Gaming :** President of India Droupadi Murmu has signed a notification to amend the Allocation of Business (AOB) Rules to place online gaming under the Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology (MeitY). According to the 377th amendment of AOB rules, MeitY becomes the nodal agency of online gaming and its intermediaries. For e-sports, the Department of Sports, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), has been notified as the nodal agency. Current legal provisions related to online gaming are mainly based on Entry 34 of in the State list of the Constitution which deals with 'Betting & Gambling'. i. At present, there are no specific entry in the rules for online gaming and the Ministry of Finance only involves only in taxation-related matters. ii. In May 2022, the government of India formed a 7-member inter-ministerial task force to draw up a framework to regulate online gaming. The task force proposed to put up a cap on the amount of money spent by players in games.
- 7. TN Government implemented India's 1st Project to Conserve Nilgiri Tahr :** The State Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) approved the implementation of India's first The Nilgiri Tahr Project with an outlay of Rs 25.14 crore for a period of 5 years i.e. 2022 to 2027 to conserve Nilgiri Tahr (*Nilgiritragus hylocrius*), which is a state animal of TN. About Nilgiri Tahr: Locally known as Varaiyaadu, it is the only mountain ungulate in Southern India among the 12 species present in India. This is the endemic species of the Western Ghats. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972.
- 8. MoHUA launches 'City Finance Rankings, 2022' and 'City Beauty Competition' :** On December 28, 2022, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched 'City Finance Rankings 2022' and 'City Beauty Competition' during an event in New Delhi, Delhi. City Finance Rankings 2022 aims to evaluate, recognize and reward ULBs (Urban Local bodies) on the basis of 15 indicators across three key financial parameters viz. resource mobilization, expenditure performance and fiscal governance systems. City Beauty Competition aims to encourage and recognize the transformational efforts made by cities and wards in India to create beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces.
- 9. MeitY Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launches G-20 DIA and Stay Safe Online Campaign from New Delhi :** On December 28, 2022, the Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and

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Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Stay Safe Online campaign and the Digital Innovation Alliance (DIA) program, the first-ever programs to be launched worldwide as a G20 (Group of Twenty) initiative. G-20 DIA Program: Its objective is to identify, recognize and enable the adoption of innovative and impactful digital technologies developed by 174 start-ups, from G20 nations and the invited 9 non-member nations.

- 10. G20 India: IISc to be Secretariat for Science 20 (S20)- G20 science working group :** The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) based in Bengaluru, Karnataka is set to be the secretariat of the S20 - Science 20, the science working group of the Group of Twenty (G20). The Science 20 (S20) 2023 will work towards resolving common global-level challenges like poverty. The theme of the S20 2023 is "Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development".

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. CEBR's WELT 2023: India to rise to 3rd in WELT by 2037 from 5th in 2022 :** According to the World Economic League Table (WELT) 2023 released by the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR), India is set to rise from 5th place on the WELT in 2022 to 3rd in the global rankings by 2037. WELT 2023 is the 14th edition. India is ranked 5th in WELT 2022 and it is projected to remain the 5th in WELT 2023. United States of America(USA) has topped the WELT in 2022 followed by China, Japan and Germany in 2nd, 3rd and 4th rank. India overtook the UK to become the world's 5th largest economy in 2021. It has consolidated this position and is forecast to overtake Germany to become the world's 4th largest economy in 2027 and to overtake Japan to become the world's 3rd largest economy in 2032 and 2037.

BANKING & FINANCE

- 1. RBI revised Bank Locker Rules rules w.e.f. January 1, 2023 :** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended the bank locker rules w.e.f. January 1, 2023. In this regard, all the existing locker depositors are required to furnish proof of eligibility for a renewed locker arrangement. They are required to sign a renewal agreement before the specified date. Depositors can now get up to 100 times the bank charges if the valuables stored in the vaults are lost due to fire or building collapse. However, the bank is not liable for any damage caused by natural calamities or 'Acts of God'. Banks should ensure that any unfair terms or conditions are not incorporated in their locker agreements.
- 2. SEBI expands Committees on Cyber Security and Information System :** On December 26, 2022, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) expanded its High Powered Steering Committee on Cyber Security (HPSC-CS) and Information Systems Security Committee (ISSC) to strengthen cyber security frameworks and cyber resilience requirements. SEBI also expanded its panel on Information Systems Security Committee (ISSC) to 7 members which will continue to be chaired by Prof H. Krishnamurthy, IISc, Bengaluru. About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI): Chairperson— Madhabi Puri Buch Headquarters— Mumbai, Maharashtra. Establishment— 1992.
- 3. ADB Approves USD 125 Million Loan to Improve Urban Services in TN :** On 27th December 2022 Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a USD 125 million (about Rs 1,025 crore) loan agreement with

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Government of India (GoI) to develop climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment along with the drainage and water supply systems in three cities, Coimbatore, Madurai and Thoothukudi of Tamil Nadu (TN). About Asian Development Bank (ADB): President - Masatsugu Asakawa, Establishment – 1966 Headquarters – Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines Members – 68 members (49 from Asian and the Pacific and 19 outside)

- 4. IRDAI makes KYC mandatory from January 1, 2023 :** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has made Know Your Customer (KYC) norms mandatory for the purchase of all new insurance policies, irrespective of their premiums, starting January 1, 2023. This rule will apply to all types of insurance — life, general and health insurance. At present, KYC documents are not mandatory for buying non-life or general insurance policies such as health insurance, auto insurance, and travel insurance policies.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

- 1. NTPC and Tecnimont sign MOU to develop Green Methanol Production Facility :** NTPC Limited (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mumbai (Maharashtra) headquartered Tecnimont Private Limited (TCMPL), an Indian Subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy. Established in 1975, NTPC became a Maharatna company in May 2010. NTPC function under the Ministry of Power. Chairman & Managing Director- Gurdeep Singh, Headquartered- New Delhi, Delhi.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 1. Tata Steel has been certified as a 'Great Place to Work' for 2023 :** Tata Steel India Limited has been certified as a 'Great Place to Work' by the Great Place to Work Institute for 2023. It has been certified for the 6th consecutive year. The Company has received recognition for its efforts towards building an inclusive and sustainable organisation. Tata Steel has introduced several policies and practices for employee welfare and well-being since its inception.
- 2. Prabhu Chandra Mishra Honoured with Atal Samman Award in New Delhi :** Prabhu Chandra Mishra received the Atal Samman Award (Atal Anveshi Shikhara Samman) during the 9th Atal Samman Samaroh, on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister (PM) Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. He was honoured with the award for his excellence in the field of science and research.
- 3. Indian Scientist Mahima Swamy Honoured as One of Europe's Top Talents in Immunology :** Mahima Swamy, an Indian scientist hailing from Bengaluru, Karnataka, has been chosen to join the prestigious European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Young Investigator network, recognising her as one of the top talents in biology - Immunology in Europe. Mahima Swamy's membership is between 2023-2026 and her subject area is Immunology. She is one among the 24 researchers in the EMBO Young Investigator network.
- 4. 4 diplomats & US lawmaker honoured with 2022 Diwali Stamp- The 'Power of One' Award at UN :** The United Nations (UN) has honoured 4 diplomats and a United States (US) Lawmaker with the

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2022 Diwali Stamp- The 'Power of One' Award, also known as "Oscars of Diplomacy", for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/69/250 and recognized the significance of Diwali the Hindu Festival which represents the victory of "Good over Evil" and "Light over Darkness".

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' appointed as New PM of Nepal:** On 25th December 2022, Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal, appointed 68-year-old Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal as new Prime Minister of Nepal. He was sworn in for the 3rd time as the PM of Nepal succeeding Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali Congress party. Pushpa Kamal Dahal is also known as Prachanda - meaning "terrible" or "fierce". He previously served as prime minister from 2008 to 2009, and again from 2016 to 2017.
- 2. Anil Kumar Lahoti Appointed as CEO & Chairman of Railway Board :** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved the appointment of Anil Kumar Lahoti as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairman of the Railway board succeeding the incumbent Vinay Kumar Tripathi, who is set to retire on 31st December 2022. Anil Kumar Lahoti will assume the charge of the new role from 1st January 2023.
About Railway Board: The Railway Board consists of Chairman and 4 other members including, Member (Infrastructure) - Sudhanshu Sharma; Member (Traction & Rolling Stock) - D C Sharma; Member (Operations & Business Development) - Sanjay Kumar Mohanty; Member (Finance) - Mohit Sinha
About Ministry of Railways (MoR): Union Minister – Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 3. Benjamin Netanyahu Sworn in as Israel's new Prime Minister :** On 29th December 2022, Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn in as Israel's 25th Prime Minister (PM) for the 6th time, leading the right-wing Likud party, and Israel is set to get its 37th government. Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn in following his presentation to the Knesset (Israeli parliament) coalition agreements signed by 6 parties on 28th December 2022. Benjamin Netanyahu succeeds Yair Lapid, who served briefly as PM (July 2022- December 2022).
- 4. Ex-ITDC MD G Kamala Vardhana Rao takes charge as CEO of FSSAI :** On 29th December 2022, Ganji Kamala Vardhana Rao, a 1990 batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre, was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Kamala Vardhana Rao was previously the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Tourism Department Corporation (ITDC), a Miniratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Tourism. Prior to Kamala Vardhana Rao, Arun Singhal was the CEO of FSSAI (2020-2022).
About the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI): The FSSAI was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006 on 23rd August 2006. Chairperson- Rajesh Bhushan. CEO- G. Kamala Vardhana Rao; Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- 1. ISRO's Long Duration CE-20 Engine Hot Test successful :** On December 23, 2022, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully operated CE-20, a cryogenic rocket engine with a thrust level of 22t for a long duration of 650 seconds. The activity was carried out at the Cryogenic Main Engine & Stage Test Facility of ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu (TN). The CE20 engine is designed and developed by Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Valiamala, Kerala.
- 2. IIT Guwahati, IIT Bombay & European Universities Partners to build Sensor for Water Quality :** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati and IIT Bombay in collaboration with European universities work towards building a low-cost technology to check the quality of potable and other water in India. 'LOTUS Indo-European project' is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and The European Commission aims at providing solutions for issues related to the quality of water supplied across Indian households and worldwide. LOTUS stands for LOW-cost innovative Technology for water quality monitoring and water resources management for Urban and rural water Systems in India.
- 3. Piyush Goyal Launches Right to Repair Portal & New Premise of National Consumer Helpline :** On the occasion of the National Consumer Day 2022 (24th December 2022), Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, launched new initiatives, including the right to repair portal, an NTH mobile app and also opened new premises of National Consumer Helpline centre in New Delhi. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between the Consumer Affairs Department and Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and launched a capacity building programme of consumer commissions.
- 4. IIT Roorkee & AIIMS Delhi develops 'SwasthGarbh' mobile app for pregnant women :** The Indian 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. SwasthGarbh is the 1st pregnancy App that provides immediate access to doctor's advice and is clinically endorsed and credible. This can be a vital tool for women in rural areas and those who do not have easy access to doctors.
- 5. IAF successfully test-fires extended range version of BrahMos air missile :** On December 29, 2022, the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired the extended range version of BrahMos air launched missile against a ship target from a SU-30MKI aircraft. The missile achieved the desired objectives in the Bay of Bengal region. This successful test firing was a joint effort by the Air Force, Indian Navy, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and the BrahMos Aerospace (BAPL).

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BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 1. C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road" :** C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond". It was published by the Penguin Business (Penguin Group). The book is the memoir of Dr C. Rangarajan, an Indian economist, a former Member of Parliament, and the 19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

OBITUARY

- 1. Brazilian Footballer Legend & 3 Time FIFA World Cup Winner Pelé Passed Away :** Former Brazilian Footballer and 3 time FIFA(Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup Winner Pelé(real name: Edson Arantes do Nascimento), passed away at the age of the age of 82 in State of São Paulo, Brazil.
He was nicknamed O Rei (The King) and fondly known as "The King of Football". Pelé was born as "Edson Arantes do Nascimento" in city of Tres Coracoes in Minas Gerais state, Brazil.

STATE NEWS

- 1. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launches SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project :** On 24th December 2022, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand, launched the 'Climate Resilient Livelihoods for Disaster Prone Region of Uttarakhand' project helping Chamoli's (Uttarakhand) villages fight climate change. SBI General Insurance Company Limited is providing financial support for the project, which will be carried out over 3 years until May 2025.
- 2. Odisha Cabinet Approves Rs 367.19 crore for Empowerment of Women in Agriculture :** On 27th December 2022, The Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik approved the provision of Rs 367.19 crores for five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27 for implementation of the State Sector Scheme - "Empowerment of women in agriculture-promotion of entrepreneurship for Women Self Help Group (WSHG)".
About Odisha: Governor - Ganeshi Lal; Chief Minister (CM) - Naveen Patnaik; Airport - Paradip Port, Dhamara Port; Festival - Utkala Divas, Durga Pooja.
- 3. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates the new Zuari bridge in Goa :** On 29th December 2022, Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, inaugurated the new Zuari bridge in Goa, which links North and South Goa. Zuari bridge is India's 2nd largest Cable Stayed bridge, located on NH-17/NH-66 on the Panjim (Goa)-Mangaluru (Karnataka) section in the state of Goa.

SPORTS

- 1. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2022: Magnus Carlsen & Tan Zhongyi wins Gold; India's Savitha Shri Wins Bronze :** Norwegian chess grandmaster(GM) Magnus Carlsen won the gold in World Rapid Championship, defeating German GM Vincent Keymer, at the FIDE(Fédération Internationale des Échecs - International Chess Federation) World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2022 held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This marks his 4th World Rapid Championship title.FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship is an annual joint rapid and blitz chess tournament held since 2012, to determine the world champion in chess played under rapid time controls.

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- 1.** International Human Solidarity Day (IHSD) is observed annually on _____ across the globe to celebrate the ideal of unity in diversity.
A. December 16 B. December 17 C. December 18
D. December 19 E. December 20
- 2.** Who among the following actress has been awarded PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year title?
A. Sonakshi Sinha B. Alia Bhatt C. Hema Malini
D. Jacqueline Fernandez E. Sonam Kapoor Ahuja
- 3.** Which of the following country is the runner up of FIFA world cup 2022 final?
A. Italy B. Portugal C. France D. Japan E. USA
- 4.** Which country has hosted the most World Cups?
A. Germany B. France C. South Africa D. Brazil E. Italy
- 5.** Which of the following country won the final match in the FIFA World Cup 2022?
A. France B. Argentina C. Croatia D. Morocco E. Saudi Arabia
- 6.** Which of the following companies announced a partnership with DigiLocker, a government authorized identification storage system, to bring local storage of government issued IDs on Android devices?
A. Apple B. Amazon C. Google D. Infosys E. Meta
- 7.** Which legendary athlete has been nominated by Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to the panel of vice-chairperson in the upper house of the Parliament?
A. Anju Bobby George B. PT Usha C. Jyotirmoyee Sikdar
D. Ashwini Nachappa E. Anjum Chopra
- 8.** 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. Salman Khan B. Aamir Khan C. Shah Rukh Khan D. Sohail Khan E. Raunak Singh
- 9.** Good Governance Week celebrations from _____ at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
A. 15-21 December 2022 B. 16-22 December 2022 C. 17-23 December 2022 D. 18-24 December 2022
E. 19-25 December 2022
- 10.** Who among the following has been named as its brand ambassador by PUMA?
A. Alia Bhatt B. Deepika Padukone C. Katrina Kaif D. Anushka Sharma E. Sara Ali Khan
- 11.** Which minister has launched India's first Green Steel Brand "KALYANI FERRESTA" in New Delhi?
A. Ramchandra Prasad Singh B. Ashwini Vaishnav C. Pashu Pati Kumar Paras
D. Kiren Rijiju E. Jyotiraditya Scindia
- 12.** Which ministry has won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative "DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data"?
A. Ministry of Minority Affairs B. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs C. Ministry of Civil Aviation

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D. Ministry of Steel

E. Ministry of Jal Shakti

13. Which of the following bank has launched ZERO Fee Banking on savings accounts?

A. Federal Bank

B. Yes Bank

C. IDFC First Bank

D. HDFC Bank

E. Axis Bank

14. India's first-ever Surety Bond Insurance products from Bajaj Allianz was launched for which of the following purpose?

A. Accident Insurance

B. Life Insurance

C. Infrastructure Projects

D. Agriculture

E. Health insurance

15. Which financial company has launched Roots, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis?

A. Kotak Securities

B. Angel One

C. SBICAP Securities

D. SMC Global Securities

E. HDFC Securities

16. Which state recently launched 'Friends of Library' programme?

A. Karnataka

B. Andhra Pradesh

C. Kerala

D. Tamil Nadu

E. Telangana

17. Which country has launched 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers?

A. China

B. USA

C. France

D. India

E. Ukraine

18. Which of the following company has won the Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai?

A. National Mineral Development Corporation

B. TP renewable Microgrid

C. Steel Authority of India

D. NTPC Limited

E. Torrent Power

19. How many cultural sites from India added to a tentative list of UNESCO Heritage Sites?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

E. 5

20. A first-of-its-kind Tribal Winter Festival was held in the Bandipora district of _____

A. Delhi

B. Ladakh

C. Jammu and Kashmir

D. Chandigarh

E. Andaman and Nicobar Island

21. _____ is observed as Farmers' Day or Kisan Diwas across India.

A. December 21

B. December 22

C. December 23

D. December 24

E. December 25

22. In which state country's first Infantry Museum has been opened for the general public?

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Gujarat

C. Maharashtra

D. Punjab

E. Rajasthan

23. The Centre has appointed who among the following as the Chairperson of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre?

A. Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan

B. Justice Hemant Gupta

C. Justice Bijan Kumar Mukherjea

D. Justice Sudhi Ranjan Das

E. Justice Bhuvneshwar Prasad Sinha

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24. Who has won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22?

- A. Sudeep Sen and Shobhana Kumar B. Chetan Bhagat and Amrita Pritam
C. Jhumpa Lahiri and Khushwant Singh D. R. K. Narayan and Ruskin Bond
E. Vikram Seth and Shobhana Kumar

25. Every year on _____ India observed the National Consumer Day or Bharatiya Grahak Diwas.

- A. December 21 B. December 22 C. December 23 D. December 24 E. December 25

26. Recently, Anuradha Roy was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2022 for her novel?

- A. Sleeping On Jupiter B. The Earthspinner C. The Folded Earth
D. An Atlas of Impossible Longing E. All the Lives We Never Lived

27. International Migrants Day is observed annually on which day?

- A. 17 December B. 18 December C. 19 December D. 20 December E. 21 December

28. Who has been appointed as first Chancellor of Gati Shakti University?

- A. Ashwini Vaishnav B. Manoj Chaudhary C. Nitin Gadkari
D. Mansukh Mandaviya E. Raosaheb Patil Danve

29. Indian-Origin Leo Varadkar has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Netherland B. Mauritius C. Ireland D. Finland E. Scotland

30. Minority Rights Day is observed every year on which day?

- A. 17 December B. 18 December C. 19 December D. 20 December E. 21 December

31. Name the organisation that has recently (in Dec '22) won the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Excellence Award 2022 under 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector' category.

- A. Unique Identification Authority of India B. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
C. NITI Aayog D. Central Board of Direct Taxes
E. National Payments Corporation of India

32. Name the personality who has recently (in Dec '22) won the "VinFuture Special Prize 2022".

- A. Goldy Bahl B. Thalappil Pradeep C. Usha Prakash D. Girish Patel E. Atish Mathur

33. _____ is the reported growth rate made by International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the current fiscal year (FY23) (as of Dec '22) for India, which will be falling to _____ in the next fiscal year (FY24).

- A. 6.8%, 6.1% B. 7%, 6.8% C. 6.6%, 6.1% D. 6.5%, 6.8% E. 6.1%, 6.8%

34. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2022, as of December 2022?

- A) Rashmi Choudhury for Bodo poetry called 'Sansrini Modira'.
B) Anuradha Roy for an English Novel called 'All The lives We Never Lived' and M Rajendran also won the award for a Tamil Novel 'Kaala Paani'.
C) Manoj Kumar Goswami for Assamese Short Stories called 'Bhool Satya'.

- A. All A, B & C B. Only A & B C. Only B & C D. Only A & C E. Only A

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- 35.** According to the FIFA 2022 world rankings (as of Dec '22), _____ ranked by No.1 & 22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions Argentina ranked _____.
A. France; 3rd B. Brazil; 4th C. Morocco; 2nd D. France; 4th E. Brazil; 2nd
- 36.** Name the Indian weightlifter who has recently (in Dec '22) won the silver medal, under 49 kg Women category, at the 2022 IWF World Championships held in Bogota, Colombia.
A. Harjinder Kaur B. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu C. Kunjarani Devi
D. Punam Yadav E. Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam
- 37.** Sania Mirza is set to become India's 1st Muslim female fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF) and _____'s 1st IAF pilot.
A. Uttar Pradesh B. Madhya Pradesh C. Maharashtra D. Karnataka E. Bihar
- 38.** Which country's blind cricket team recently (in Dec' 22) won the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind for the 3rd consecutive time?
A. India B. Bangladesh C. Japan D. Nepal E. South Korea
- 39.** Which state has recently (in Dec '22) signed an MoU with the Austin University, Texas, United States of America (USA) for the construction of a 'Austin Smart City of Knowledge Project'?
A. Bihar B. Jharkhand C. Uttar Pradesh D. Andhra Pradesh E. Maharashtra
- 40.** According to the data of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Which of the following Cultural Sites in India has been added to the provisional list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in December 2022?
A. Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, Telangana
B. Vadnagar, a multi-layered Historic town, Gujarat
C. Sun Temple, Gujarat D. Only 1 & 2 E. Only 2 & 3
- 41.** Name the organisation that has recently (in Dec '22) introduced "Bima Vahaks" in each Gram Panchayat to strengthen the insurance force in India.
A. Small Industries Development Bank of India B. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
C. Securities and Exchange Board of India D. Reserve Bank of India
E. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- 42.** In December 2022, Nitin Gadkari, union minister for Road Transport and Highways, launched India's first-ever Surety Bond Insurance' product from _____ for Infrastructure Projects.
A. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance B. Bharti AXA General Insurance
C. Edelweiss General Insurance D. HDFC ERGO General Insurance
E. Future Generali India Insurance
- 43.** Which bank has recently (in Dec '22) launched a Special Fixed Deposit of 555 Days with Returns Up to 7.15%?
A. Bank of Baroda B. Punjab National Bank C. Bank of India
D. Bank of Maharashtra E. Indian Bank

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44. The _____ Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise 'Surya Kiran' between India and Nepal began at Saljhandi, Nepal in December 2022.

- A. 14th B. 16th C. 13th D. 15th E. 12th

45. The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) got the nod of SEBI to set up SSE. What does the first S in SSE stand for?

- A. Stock B. Social C. Securities D. Sustainable E. Standard

ANSWERS

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| 1) E | 10) D | 19) C | 28) A | 37) A |
| 2) A | 11) E | 20) C | 29) C | 38) A |
| 3) C | 12) B | 21) C | 30) B | 39) C |
| 4) D | 13) C | 22) A | 31) A | 40) E |
| 5) B | 14) C | 23) B | 32) B | 41) E |
| 6) C | 15) E | 24) A | 33) A | 42) A |
| 7) B | 16) D | 25) D | 34) A | 43) E |
| 8) C | 17) D | 26) E | 35) E | 44) B |
| 9) E | 18) A | 27) B | 36) A | 45) B |

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