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1. Name the personality who has recently won the 71st Miss Universe 2022 title.
 - a. Nadia Ferreira (France)
 - b. Amanda Dudamel (Venezuela)
 - c. Celeste Cortesi (Philippines)
 - d. R'Bonney Gabriel (USA)
 - e. Andreina Martinez (Dominican Republic)

Answer: R'Bonney Gabriel (USA)

R'Bonney Gabriel of the United State of America (USA) was crowned **71st Miss Universe 2022** during the Miss Universe 2022 pageant held in New Orleans, Louisiana while **Amanda Dudamel of Venezuela** was named as the first runner-up, and **Andreina Martinez** of the Dominican Republic was named as the **second runner-up**.

i. **R'Bonney Gabriel was crowned by the Miss Universe 2021 Harnaaz Sandhu.**

2. In which city did The first 'Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion' meeting of the G20 begin?
 - a. Chennai
 - b. Kolkata
 - c. Bangalore
 - d. Bhopal
 - e. None of these

Answer: Kolkata

The G20's '**Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion**' summit began on **January 9**, 2023, in Kolkata, in the noble presence of visitors and notable individuals worldwide. The conference opened with a round of discussions focused on improving the accessibility of digital transactions to marginalized individuals in order to promote financial success and productivity growth

3. Which of the following countries have recently joined the United Nations (UN) Security Council for 2 years along with Japan and Malta?
 - a. Ecuador
 - b. Switzerland
 - c. Mozambique
 - d. Only 1 & 2
 - e. All 1, 2 & 3

Answer: All 1, 2 & 3

The United Nations (UN) Security Council officially welcomed **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland**, who now hold the two-year seats that they won without opposition in June, in charge of preserving international peace and security.

i. Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland are the 5 countries replacing India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway, whose terms ended on 31st December 2022.

ii. Mozambique and Switzerland marked their 1st-ever terms on the UN's most powerful body.

4. The book, "Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom," is authored by who among the following?
- Kaushik Basu
 - Bibek Debroy
 - Sanjeev Sanyal
 - Ajay Chibber
 - C Rangarajan

Answer: Sanjeev Sanyal

Home Minister **Amit Shah** has released a book titled "**Revolutionaries-** The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom" at a function in New Delhi. The Author of the book is **Economist Sanjeev Sanyal** who is also a member of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Formerly a best selling author, Sanjeev Sanyal has served in the financial sector for almost two decades. Sanjeev Sanyal has been the Global Strategic and Managing Director of Deutsche Bank till 2015.

5. Which Indian state has become the first fully digital banking state?
- Kerala
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Gujarat
 - Karnataka
 - None of these

Answer: Kerala

Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** proclaimed Kerala the **first state** in the country to go totally digital in its banking services on January 7, 2023, saying the distinction will benefit the state's economy. Vijayan stated at an event here that this feat was made possible through social interventions through local self-government organizations, as well as infrastructural development and technology improvements in the banking industry

6. Which edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is being organized in Indore in partnership with the Government of Madhya Pradesh?
- 15th
 - 16th
 - 17th
 - 18th
 - 19th

Answer: 17th

- This is the **17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** Convention 2023.
- This year Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 is celebrated in Indore Madhya Pradesh. And Indore is also the cleanest city in India.
- The Chief Guest **Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali**, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and the Special Guest of Honor.

7. Which Indian athlete has won the under-15 British open squash title recently?
- Dipika Pallikal
 - Krishna Mishra
 - Advita Sharma
 - Anahat Singh
 - None of these

Answer: Anahat Singh

Anahat Singh, an Indian squash player on the rise, won the girl's under-15 title in the renowned British Junior Open in Birmingham on January 8, 2023. The 14-year-old, who was **India's youngest participant** at the Commonwealth Games last year, won the final 3-1 over Egypt's Sohaila Hazem. Every year in January, the British Junior Open is held. It was held this year after a two-year hiatus owing to COVID-19

8. Which institution awards 'Eat Right Station' certification to Railway stations?
- Railway Ministry
 - FSSAI
 - FCI
 - NITI Aayog
 - None of these

Answer: FSSAI

The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to the railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.

The Varanasi Cantt railway station has been recently awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing quality and nutritious food to passengers.

9. In January 2022, who among the following won the first Dr Patangrao Kadam Memorial Award?
- Adar Poonwalla
 - Ratan Tata
 - Gautham Adani
 - Venkaiah Naidu
 - Amit Shah

Answer: Adar Poonwalla

Devendra Fadnavis, the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, honours Adar **Poonawalla with Patangrao Kadam award** for vaccine work. Devendra Fadnavis also praised Serum Institute of India and its CEO Adar Poonawalla on Sunday for their work in the fight against COVID-19

10. What's the name of the first Kashmiri Jhanpith awardee who died recently?
- Qurratulain Hyder
 - Kedarnath Singh
 - Rehman Rahi
 - Ali Sardar Jafri
 - None of these

Answer: Rehman Rahi

Professor Rehman Rahi, a well-known poet and the **first Jnanpith awardee from Kashmir**, died here on January 9, 2023. He was 98. Rahi published multiple books of poetry and translated the writings of some of the world's

most famous poets into Kashmiri. In **2007**, he got the top literary honour in the country, the **Jnanpith award**, for his collection '**Siyah Rood Jaeren Manz**' (In Black Drizzle). In addition, he received the Padma Shri award in 2000 for his contributions. Rahi earned the **Sahitya Akademi Award** for his book of poems 'Nawroz-i-Saba' in 1961.

11. What are the Mascots of 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2022 that was unveiled by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan in January 2023?
- Veera & Dhakad
 - Asha & Mowgli
 - Jaya & Vijay
 - Ammu & Rongmon
 - Saavaj & Panda

Answer: Asha & Mowgli

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh (MP) **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** and Union Minister of State (MOS) Nisith Pramanik, Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) unveiled the Mascots, Smart Torch, Theme Song of the **5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games** (KIYG) 2022 during an event in Bhopal, MP.

- KIYG 2022 will be hosted by MP from January 30 to February 11, 2023, in MP's Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Mandla, Balaghat and Khargone (Maheshwar).
- Mascots: **Asha (Female Cheetah) and Mowgli**
- Torch: **Amarkantak**
- Theme Song: **MP Shor Macha Do, Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka Do. Well-known artist Shaan has rendered it.**

12. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF)?
- Mukul Sharma
 - Kalyan Ray
 - Aparna Sen
 - Soumitra Chatterjee
 - Rituparno Ghosh

Answer: Aparna Sen

Actress Aparna Sen was honored with a **lifetime achievement award** at the opening ceremony of the 15th Edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival. Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej, film script writer Kamlesh Pandey, screenplay writer-film producer Haider Hale and others were present during the opening ceremony. At the event, 282 films from 63 countries will be screened.

13. Which Indian public sector bank received RBI approval to hold special rupee vostro accounts of three banks from Sri Lanka?
- State Bank of India
 - Canara Bank
 - Indian Bank
 - Punjab National Bank
 - None of these

Answer: Indian Bank

Indian Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulatory approval to hold special rupee **vostro accounts** of three banks from Sri Lanka.

A vostro account in local currency would allow Sri Lanka to import from India without dipping into its dollar supply, as the country is facing a worst forex crunch.

14. World Hindi Day is celebrated on which day?

- a. 7 January
- b. 10 January
- c. 15 January
- d. 5 January
- e. None of these

Answer: 10 January

Every year on **January 10, World Hindi Day is observed** to raise awareness of the language throughout the world. It is also the day on which Hindi, India's official language, was first spoken in the United Nations General Assembly. On this day in 1975, Nagpur hosted the inaugural World Hindi Conference. Every year since then, such conferences have been held in various regions of the world.

15. What is the name of the international agreement signed in 1987 to ban Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)?

- a. Paris Agreement
- b. Montreal Protocol
- c. Chicago Agreement
- d. Kyoto Protocol
- e. None of these

Answer: Montreal Protocol

The **Montreal Protocol**, an international agreement in 1987 to stop using the harmful chemicals, has been successful, as per a recent UN report.

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which were commonly found in spray cans, fridges, foam insulation and air conditioners, were blamed for damaging the ozone layer.

16. In which state will PM Modi inaugurate the 26th National Youth Festival on January 12, 2023?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Gujarat
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Rajasthan
- e. None of these

Answer: Karnataka

On January 12, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the **26th National Youth Festival in Hubballi, Karnataka**. The event is being conducted on National Youth Day, which is commemorated on **Swami Vivekanand's birth anniversary**, to honour and respect his values, teachings, and accomplishments. Every year, the National Young Festival is conducted to provide the country's brilliant youth with national exposure while also galvanizing them toward national development.

17. Which institution launched a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under AB PM-JAY?
- NITI Aayog
 - NHA
 - NSO
 - IMA
 - None of these

Answer: NHA

The National Health Authority (NHA) is introducing a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)**.

The new initiative will introduce the concept of '**value-based care**', where payment will be outcome based and providers will be rewarded according to the quality of the treatment delivered. The providers will be rewarded for helping the patients improve their health.

18. 'Kumarakom and Beypore', which were selected under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, are located in which state?
- Tamil Nadu
 - Kerala
 - Rajasthan
 - Haryana
 - None of these

Answer: Kerala

Kerala's Kumarakom in Kottayam and **Beypore in Kozhikode** has been chosen for development under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme. The two locations are among 34 others chosen from 19 states and union territories under the Ministry of Tourism's initiative. As part of the Swadesh Darshan plan 1.0, Kerala has various areas designated as eco circuits, spiritual circuits, and rural circuits

19. Bhitarkanika National Park, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?
- West Bengal
 - Odisha
 - Jharkhand
 - Maharashtra
 - None of these

Answer: Odisha

Bhitarkanika National Park, located in Odisha, reported an increase in the number of birds to 1,39,959 birds this year compared to 1,38,107 last year.

While the number of bird count increased, the diversity of species has decreased compared to last year. This year the National Park saw 140 species of birds compared to 144 last year. Many rare and endangered species were spotted this time.

20. Name the France football team's captain, who took retirement from the game recently

- a. Hugo Lloris
- b. Kylian Mbappé
- c. Olivier Jonathan Giroud
- d. Antoine Griezmann
- e. None of these

Answer: Hugo Lloris

Hugo Lloris, France's captain, announced his retirement from international football on January 9, 2023, at the age of 36. Lloris captained France to the World Cup title in 2018, having played in four World Cups and three Euros. The Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper guided his country to the World Cup final in Qatar, where they were defeated on penalties by Argentina

21. Which organisation publishes the Food Price Index (FFPI)?

- a. UNICEF
- b. FAO
- c. IMF
- d. World Bank
- e. None of these

Answer: FAO

The UN agency, Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has published its latest Food Price Index (FFPI) which tracks the monthly international prices of cereals, vegetable oil, dairy, meat and sugar.

The FFPI averaged to 132.4 points in December, which is one per cent lower than the previous December. The FFPI was notably higher in 2022 than in 2021.

22. Who is the composer of the Golden Globe Award-winning song "Naatu Naatu" from the movie RRR?

- a. Rahul Sipligunj
- b. Chandrabose
- c. A.R. Rehman
- d. MM Keeravani
- e. None of these

Answer: MM Keeravani

Natu Natu, the super successful song from the Indian film RRR, has received the coveted **Golden Globe award for Best Original Song**. MM Keeravani is the composer of the history-making music for filmmaker SS Rajamouli's blockbuster film. Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj are the vocalists. "Naatu Naatu," a dance routine featuring Jr NTR and Ram Charan, has become something of an anthem for Rajamouli fans. It made waves with its intricate dance and musical narrative.

23. Which Indian state launched the caste-based census?

- a. Bihar
- b. Assam
- c. West Bengal
- d. Jharkhand
- e. None of these

Answer: Bihar

The first phase of the caste-based census kicked off in Bihar, in which the number of all households in the state will be counted.

The Bihar cabinet on June 2, 2022 decided to conduct the caste-based census in the state. The decadal census conducted by the Union Government counts religious groups and Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

24. Which is the most polluted city in India according to the CPCB report?

- a. Gurugram
- b. Ghaziabad
- c. Delhi
- d. Patna
- e. None of these

Answer: Delhi

According to new statistics from the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**, Delhi is the most polluted city in India in 2022, with PM 2.5 levels more than double the permissible limit and the third-highest average PM10 concentration. In four years, PM2.5 pollution in the national capital has dropped by more than 7%, from 108 micrograms per cubic meter in 2019 to 99.71 micrograms per cubic meter in 2022.

25. Kilauea Volcano, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- a. Indonesia
- b. Philippines
- c. Hawaii (USA)
- d. Japan
- e. None of these

Answer: Hawaii (USA)

Kilauea Volcano, located in the Hawaii state of the USA is considered as one of the most active volcanoes on the planet. The summit of Kilauea is located inside Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The Kilauea volcano has started erupting after a brief pause. Its neighbour named the **Mauna Loa, the largest volcano in the world**, erupted for the first time in 38 years last month.

26. Where does India stand in the Henley Passport Index for 2023?

- a. 80
- b. 81
- c. 84
- d. 85
- e. None of these

Answer: 85

Henley & Partners, a worldwide citizenship and residence advice organization located in London, has announced the **Henley Passport Index for 2023**, which is based on unique data given by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The Indian passport ranks **85th on the world's most powerful passport index in 2023** and allows **visa-free entrance to 59 countries**. Previously, in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, the country was rated 82nd, 84th, 85th, and 83rd, respectively

27. What is the estimated GDP Growth of India in 2022-23, as per the NSO first advance estimates?

- a. 6 per cent
- b. 7 per cent
- c. 8 per cent
- d. 8.5 per cent
- e. None of these

Answer: 7 per cent

The National Statistical Office (NSO) , Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for the financial year 2022-23.

Real GDP or in the year 2022-23 is estimated at ₹157.60 lakh crore. The growth in real GDP during 2022-23 is estimated at 7.0 per cent as compared to 8.7 per cent in 2021-22.

28. Who has been selected as the new Chief Technologist of NASA?

- a. AC Charania
- b. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
- c. Raja Chari
- d. Soumya Swaminathan
- e. None of these

Answer: AC Charania

AC Charania , an Indian-American, has been designated NASA's next Chief Technologist and will oversee the space agency's technological innovation. He previously worked with **Reliable Robotics, Blue Origin, and Virgin Galactic** before joining NASA. Charania earned a bachelor's, master's, and a doctorate in aeronautical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, as well as a bachelor's degree in economics from Emory University.

29. In which state did DRDO carry out the successful test launch of the short-range ballistic missile Prithvi II?

- a. Odisha
- b. Gujarat
- c. Rajasthan
- d. Karnataka
- e. None of these

Answer: Odisha

According to the **Ministry of Defence** , the Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO, successfully conducted a training launch of a Short-Range Ballistic Missile, **Prithvi-II** , from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The **Prithvi-II missile** is a well-established system that has been a vital element of India's nuclear deterrence.

30. The Grand cultural event Sur Sarita-Symphony of Ganga will be held in which city?

- a. Bhopal
- b. Pune
- c. Varanasi
- d. Haridwar
- e. None of these

Answer: Varanasi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the world's most extended river cruise, the **MV Ganga Vilas**, in Varanasi on January 13, 2023. This luxury cruise will exhibit India's natural beauty, cultural richness, and spiritual splendor over the next 50 days and showcase India's potential for cruise tourism. Ministry of Culture will stage a significant curtain raiser cultural presentation 'Sur Sarita - Symphony of Ganga' on the eve of the commencement of the world's most extended river cruise in Varanasi.

