



## Weekly Current Affairs-(28 March-3 April) 2022 (MCQs)

1. In March 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the First State to go Paperless assembly proceeding under National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).

1) Arunachal Pradesh

2) Nagaland

3) Manipur

4) Mizoram

5) Assam

- Nagaland
- The North Eastern state of Nagaland became the first legislative state assembly in India to implement paperless proceedings under National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA). i. The NeVA initiative encourages paperless operations and reflects the government's commitment towards Ashta Lakshmi.

2. Which state's police recently (in March'22) conducted a joint exercise "Suraksha Kavach 2" with the Indian Army?

1) Jharkhand

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) Odisha

4) Maharashtra

5) Madhya Pradesh

- Maharashtra
- Indian Army's "Agnibaaz Division" organised a joint exercise "Suraksha Kavach 2" with Maharashtra Police at Lullanagar, Pune. The exercise aimed to counter any terrorist actions in Pune.
- The exercise involved participation of Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) of Indian Army,

- Anti-Terrorism Squad of Maharashtra Police along with Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs), Dog Squads and Bomb Disposal Teams of both agencies.

3. Which ministry recently (in March'22) launched the BRICS Vaccine Research & Development (R&D) Center and Workshop on Vaccine Cooperation?

1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

2) Ministry of Women and Child Development

3) Ministry of External Affairs

4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

5) Ministry of Home Affairs

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, launched the BRICS Vaccine Research & Development (R&D) Center and Workshop on Vaccine Cooperation through a video-conference in New Delhi, Delhi.
- India plans to offer its robust vaccine manufacturing industry for developing vaccines for BRICS
- (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) countries and also the world.

4. The 3rd Edition of Exercise Dustlik, a joint training exercise between the armies of India and which country?

1) France

2) Kyrgyzstan

3) Russia

4) Germany

5) Uzbekistan

- Uzbekistan

- The 3rd Edition of Exercise Dustlik (Ex-Dustlik), a joint training exercise between the armies of India and Uzbekistan is being conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from 22 to 31 March 2022.
- Ex-Dustlik focus on Counter-Terrorism operations in semi-urban terrain under a United Nations(UN) Mandate.
- About Ex-Dustlik: To enhance understanding, cooperation and interoperability between two armies (India and Uzbekistan).

5. Name the card service company that recently (in March '22) launched the International Gourmet Card along with Nature's Basket.

1) Visa

2) Mastercard

3) SBI Card

4) ICICI Card

5) HDFC Card

- SBI Card
- SBI Card, India's pure-play credit card issuer and second largest credit card provider, has teamed up with Nature's Basket, India's premier multi-channel gourmet retailer, to launch the 'Nature's Basket SBI Card', a first-of-its-kind credit card

6. In March'22, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted all the restrictions placed on \_\_\_\_\_ under its Digital 2.0 programme.

1) IndusInd Bank

2) Axis Bank

3) YES Bank

4) HDFC Bank

5) ICICI Bank

- HDFC Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted all the restrictions placed on HDFC Bank regarding its business-generating activities under the HDFC Bank's Digital 2.0 programme.
- In September 2021, RBI had lifted restrictions on HDFC Bank on issuing new credit cards.

7. Who was recently (in March'22) awarded with 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022 by the Government of Maldives?

1) Hardik Pandya

2) Suresh Raina

3) Ravindra Jadeja

4) MS Dhoni

5) Virat Kohli

- Suresh Raina
- Former Indian International cricket player Suresh Raina was awarded with 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022 by Government of Maldives. He was nominated alongside 16 international sportspersons.
- The President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih chaired the event along with Sports Ministers, world-renowned athletes and Maldivian athletes.

8. Who recently (in March'22) became the new President of Turkmenistan?

1) Serdar Berdimuhamedow

2) Saparmurat Niyazov

3) Han Ahmedow

4) Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow

5) Chary Karriyev

- Serdar Berdimuhamedow

- Serdar Berdimuhamedow was sworn in as the new President of Turkmenistan by securing nearly 72.97% of the votes and taking the oath of office at a ceremony at Rukhiyet Palace in the capital, Ashgabat.

9. Who was recently (in March'22) reappointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for 5 years?

1) Aarthi Subramanian

2) Pradeep Kumar Khosla

3) Rajesh Gopinathan

4) Cyrus Mistry

5) Ganapathy Subramaniam

- Rajesh Gopinathan
- Rajesh Gopinathan has been reappointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a global leader in information technology (IT) services and a subsidiary of the Tata Group, for 5 years, from 21st February 2022 to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2027.

10. Ashleigh Barty, a professional tennis player, recently (in March'22) announced her retirement from tennis. She belongs to which country?

1) Germany

2) Belgium

3) Russia

4) US

5) Australia

- Australia
- Australian professional Tennis player and Cricketer Ashleigh Barty, announced her retirement from tennis at the age of 25.

- Ashleigh Barty was the one who won singles major championships on three different surfaces — on clay at the 2019 French Open, on grass at Wimbledon 2021 and on the hard courts of Melbourne Park in 2022.

11. Who co-authored the book, “The Little Book of Joy ” along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu?

1) Nadia Murad

2) Dalai Lama

3) Abiy Ahmed

4) Denis Mukwege

5) Maria Ressa

- Dalai Lama
- A picture book edition co-authored by Nobel Peace Prize winners Dalai Lama (14th Dalai Lama(Tenzin Gyatso)) & Archbishop Desmond Tutu, titled “The Little Book of Joy” will be released in September 2022. It will be published by Random House Children’s Book.

12. What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2022 that was observed across the globe by the United Nations on 23rd March 2022?

1) Climate and Water

2) The Sun, the Earth and the Weather

3) Weather-ready, climate-smart

4) Early Warning and Early Action

5) Understanding clouds

- Early Warning and Early Action
- The United Nations(UN)’s World Meteorological Day is annually observed across the globe on 23rd March to create awareness about the environmental condition of our planet.
- World Meteorological Day is an initiative of the World Meteorological Organization(WMO), a specialised agency of the UN.

13. In March 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st state to implement a dynamic map for villages to track land ownership.

1) Karnataka

2) West Bengal

3) Jharkhand

4) Bihar

5) Assam

- Bihar
- Bihar as a part of its land reforms initiative, has introduced the concept of dynamic map for villages, which will get updated every time land ownership changes hands. The move is mainly aimed to curb the legal disputes regarding land.

14. Who recently (in March'22) became the 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand?

1) Pushkar Singh Dhama

2) Harish Rawat

3) Tirath Singh Rawat

4) Vijay Bahuguna

- Pushkar Singh Dhama
- Pushkar Singh Dhama, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and son of an ex-serviceman took oath as 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand for his second consecutive term in Dehradun's Parade Ground administered by the Governor Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh.

15. In March 2022, RBI Gives Approval to SBI Group of Entities to Pick Up 9.99% stake in which Bank for 1 Year?

1) IndusInd Bank

2) ICICI Bank

3) Axis Bank

4) HDFC Bank

5) Yes Ban

- ICICI Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved SBIFML (State Bank of India Mutual Fund Limited)/SBI Mutual Fund, along with other SBI group companies, to acquire up to 9.99% equity capital in the ICICI Bank. The approval to SBI Mutual Fund is valid for a period of one year that is up to 22 March, 2023.

16. In which place India recently (in March'22) test fired a surface-to-surface 'BrahMos' supersonic cruise missile extended range?

1) Karnataka

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) Andaman and Nicobar Island

4) West Bengal

5) Odisha

- Andaman and Nicobar Island

- India successfully test fired a surface-to-surface 'BrahMos' supersonic cruise missile extended range from Andaman and Nicobar Island. This 290 Km Missile range has a top speed of Mach 2.8 nearly three times the speed of sound and missile range will be extended.

17. In March 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became India's first city to get "Steel Slag" road.

1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

2) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

3) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

4) Pune, Maharashtra

5) Surat, Gujarat

- Surat, Gujarat
- The Diamond City of India, Surat in Gujarat became India's first city to get a road that is made out of steel waste (1st ever 'steel slag 'road) at Hazira, Surat .

18. Who was recently (in March'22) elected as the "11th Director-General of the International Labour Organization"?

1) Francis Blanchard (France)

2) Michel Hansenne (Belgium)

3) Gilbert F. Hougbo (Togo)

4) Juan Somavia (Chile)

5) Guy Ryde (UK)

- Gilbert F. Hougbo (Togo)
- The International Labour Organization (ILO) elected Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo from Togo as its next Director-General (DG) by succeeding Guy Ryder from the United Kingdom (UK), who has held the office since 2012.

19. Who recently (in March'22) took the oath as the "CM of Goa" for the 2nd consecutive term?

1) Manohar Parrikar

2) Laxmikant Parsekar

3) Digambar Kamat

4) Pratapsingh Rane

5) Pramod Sawant

- Pramod Sawant
- Pramod Sawant took oath as the Chief Minister (CM) of Goa, for a second consecutive term (2022-2027) at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium in Taleigao, Goa.

- The Governor of Goa, P S Sreedharan Pillai administered the oath of office and secrecy to Pramod Sawant

20. Which company recently (in March'22) appointed "Hisashi Takeuchi" as the new MD and CEO for a period of 3 years?

1) Maruti Suzuki India

2) Hyundai Motor India

3) Toyota India

4) Mahindra & Mahindra

5) Tata Motors

- Maruti Suzuki India
- Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL), a subsidiary of Suzuki Motor Corporation(SMC), Japan, has appointed Hisashi Takeuchi as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2022 till 31st March 2025.

21. Name the badminton player who recently (in March'22) won the gold medal in the women's singles at the YONEX Swiss Open 2022 badminton tournament held in Basel, Switzerland.

1) P V Sindhu (India)

2) Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)

3) Saina Nehwal (India)

4) Carolina Marin (Spain)

5) Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Thailand)

- P V Sindhu (India)
- Pusarla Venkata Sindhu, 2016 Rio Olympic Silver medalist, secured Gold medal in women's singles YONEX Swiss Open 2022 (Swiss Open Super 300) badminton tournament at Basel, Switzerland, which was held from 22 March 2022 – 27 March 2022. Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan.

22. Who recently (in March'22) became the World's Youngest & Fastest Female Swimmer to Swim Across the Palk Strait for 13 hours and 10 minutes?

1) Shikha Tandon

2) Jiya Rai

3) Shivani Kataria

4) Maana Patel

5) Bhula Chowdhary

- Jiya Rai
- Mumbai based Autistic teen Jiya Rai (13 years old), daughter of an Indian Navy officer, became the world's youngest and fastest female swimmer to swim across the Palk Strait.
- She swam across the Palk Strait (29 kilometres) connecting Sri Lanka and India, in 13 hours and 10 minutes & she started her swimming on 20th March 2020 at Talaimannar, Sri Lanka and finished at Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu(India).

23. What is the theme of the 15th Earth Hour that was observed across the globe on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022?

1) Biodiversity

2) climate action

3) Reduce, Reuse, Change the Way We Live

4) Shape Our Future

5) Climate Change to Save Earth

- Shape Our Future
- Earth Hour is annually observed across the globe on the last Saturday of March by turning off the lights between 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm (Local Time) as a symbolic gesture towards the commitment to preserve the Earth and to support actions against Climate Change.
- Earth Hour is annually organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature(WWF).

- [ii. 26th March 2022\(Earth Hour 2022\) marks the observance of the 15th Earth Hour with the theme of “Shape Our Future”.](#)

[24. UNESCO recently \(in March’22\) included the Living Root Bridges or Jingkieng Jri to the tentative list of World heritage sites. In which state is Jingkieng Jri located?](#)

[1\) Nagaland](#)

[2\) Mizoram](#)

[3\) Tripura](#)

[4\) Meghalaya](#)

[5\) Assam](#)

- [Meghalaya](#)
- [The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation \(UNESCO\) includes Meghalaya’s “Living Root Bridges or Jingkieng Jri” on a tentative list of World heritage sites. At present there are about 100 living root bridges around 70 villages of Meghalaya’s subtropical terrain region.](#)

[25. In which place the union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah attended the 83rd Raising Day parade of the Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\) in March 2022?](#)

[1\) Sikkim](#)

[2\) Assam](#)

[3\) Jammu and Kashmir](#)

[4\) Uttarakhand](#)

[5\) New Delhi](#)

- [Jammu and Kashmir](#)
- [Amit Shah, Union Minister for Home Affairs attended the 83rd Raising Day parade of the Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\) held at Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir\(J&K\) as Chief Guest.](#)
- [The 83rd CRPF Raising Day was observed on 27th July 2021.](#)
- [This is the first time that CRPF Raising Day celebrations are conducted outside Delhi.](#)