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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts January 2023 Set 02 By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has recently unveiled a 120 feet tall statue of a polo player in which state?

- A) Meghalaya
B) Manipur
C) Tripura
D) Nagaland

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-foot-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- ✓ Northeastern state Manipur is considered as the birthplace of polo sports. The state is epicentre of the game.
- ✓ According to Guinness World Records, polo's origins in Manipur with having history of around 3100 BC, when it was played as Sagol Kangjei.
- ✓ This is the highest monument in the northeast.
- ✓ This massive statue would popularise Manipur, the home of polo, and increase tourist traffic.

STATUE IN NEWS 2022

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-foot-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- Tamil Nadu CM Stalin inaugurated statue of 'Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108-foot tall bronze 'Statue of Prosperity' of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "Viswas Swaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- The Viswas Swaroopam statue was built by Tat Padam Sansthan.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveils 14 feet high statue of Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan at Sitabdiara in Saran district, Bihar.
- Jayprakash Narayan is popularly known as JP or Lok Nayak.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Path, unveils Netaji statue at India Gate.



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- 28-ft statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after its inauguration as part of the revamped Central Vista, in New Delhi.
- The statue is part of the Centre's ₹13,450-crore Central Vista project, which will have a new Parliament building.

Q. According to the Cirium report 2022, which airport has made it to a list of the top 10 performing global airports?

- A) Cochin International Airport, Kochi
- B) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- C) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

Answer : B

- ✓ Tracking performance of airports and airlines, Cirium issued a list of the top-performing global airports of 2022 in which Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport won the 2nd rank, whereas Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport acquired the 7th spot.
- ✓ While Kempegowda International Airport saw on-time departure for 84.08% of 201,897 flights, Delhi's IGI witnessed 81.84% on-time departure for 411,205 flights.
- ✓ The top 5 Rankings for best-performing global airports of 2022 according to Cirium's report are as follows –
 1. Haneda Airport Tokyo, Japan
 2. Kempegowda International Airport Bangalore, India
 3. Salt Lake City International Airport Utah, US
 4. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport Michigan, US
 5. Philadelphia International Airport Pennsylvania, US
 6. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Minnesota, US
 7. Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi, India
 8. Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Washington, US
 9. El Dorado International Airport Bogota, Colombia
 10. Charlotte Douglas International Airport North Carolina, US



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- Bangalore's Kempegoda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport both ranked second and seventh in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022.
- Mopa International Airport Goa named after former CM Manohar Parrikar.
- Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".
- Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022.
- The busiest airport in the world as of October 2022 is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.
- Jeypore airport in Odisha gets Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approval for commercial flight.
- Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport airport makes 100% switch to green energy.
- Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has been awarded the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022 by the Airport Council International (ACI).
- PM Modi has announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- Hyderabad International Airport to Roll Out DigiYatra Platform for Paperless Travel From August 18.
- Arunachal Pradesh 3rd Airport Named 'Donyi Polo Airport.
- PM Modi to inaugurate newly-built Deoghar airport in Jharkhand.
- Airports Council International (ACI) World released the annual World Airport Traffic Dataset
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), United States busiest airports in the world.
- Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi 13th busiest airport in world. {Indian Busiest airport}.



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Q. Which company has launched low-smoke Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) for the Indian Army in Jammu?

- A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- B) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- D) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian state refiner Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched low-smoke Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) for the Indian Army in Jammu.
- ✓ BPCL has emerged as the first OMC to commence the supply of the new LSLA grade SKO supplies to the Army, which will go a long way in improving the serving environment and alleviating the issues related to smoke and smell in the use of SKO.
- ✓ Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q. Which state government has announced that 122 new sports complexes will soon be built in rural areas to reinforce the state's status as a sporting powerhouse in the country?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Bihar
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has announced that 122 new sports complexes will soon be built in rural areas to reinforce the state's status as a sporting powerhouse in the country.
- ✓ The state government will also provide our athletes with every possible facility and support so that they can excel not only at the national level but internationally too.
- ✓ The state has to develop players from a young age at every level — village, district, taluka, and state — to create international-class sportspersons.

Q. As per the Nikkei Asia report, India has overtaken which country to become the world's third-largest auto market?

- A) China
- B) United States
- C) Japan
- D) German



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Answer : C

- ✓ India becomes 3rd largest auto market globally, surpasses Japan: Report
- ✓ For the first time, India surpassed Japan in auto sales last year and became the third-largest auto market in the world, according to Nikkei Asia.
- ✓ The country's sales of new vehicles totaled at least 4.25 million units, topping the 4.2 million sold in Japan.
- ✓ According to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, new vehicles delivered in India totaled 4.13 million between January and November 2022.
- ✓ Adding December's sales volume reported by Maruti Suzuki, India's largest carmaker, brings the total to roughly 4.25 million units.

Q. Which state celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in the state?

- A) Chhattisgarh B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Bihar D) Odisha

Answer : A

- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel celebrates the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in the state capital Raipur.
- ✓ The traditional Cherchera festival is celebrated on the full moon night of 'Paush' Hindu calendar month in the happiness of taking the crops to their homes after cultivation.
- ✓ According to mythological belief, on this day Lord Shankar begged from Mata Annapurna, so people used to donate green vegetables along with paddy on this day.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chairman of All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC)?

- A) Rajesh Rokde B) Kamlesh Sharma
C) Deepak Singh D) Rajesh Kumar

Answer : A

- ✓ The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) has elected Saiyam Mehra as Chairman and Rajesh Rokde as Vice Chairman of the industry body for a period of two years (2023-24).
- ✓ GJC represents over 6,00,000 industry players including manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, laboratories, gemologists, designers and allied service providers.



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- ✓ All India Gem and Jewelry Domestic Council is a national trade association for the promotion and development of the gems and jewellery trade across the country.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)?

- A) Abhishek Singhvi B) Surinder Chawla
C) Dheeraj Sharma D) Amit Singh

Answer : B

- ✓ Veteran banker Surinder Chawla has been appointed as new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL).
- ✓ The appointment has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of three years.
- ✓ Paytm Payments Bank CEO Satish Kumar Gupta was retired in October 2022.
- ✓ Since then, Deependra Singh Rathore has been serving as interim CEO of the payments bank.
- ✓ Chawla is currently serving as head of branch banking at RBL Bank

Q. The book Ace against Odds is the autobiography of which of the following famous sports personal?

- A) Sania Mirza B) Saina Nehwal
C) P.V. Sindhu D) Rohan Bopanna

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza has announced her retirement from professional Tennis.
- ✓ The former doubles World No. 1 champion has announced that she will retire at the WTA 1000 event in Dubai in February.
- ✓ The 36-year-old will be playing in women's doubles at the Australian Open in January alongside Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina.
- ✓ This is her final appearance at a Grand Slam event after she missed the US Open last year due to an elbow injury.
- ✓ Mirza became the first Indian to win a WTA singles title, when she won her hometown Hyderabad event in 2005. She broke into the top 30 by 2007 and reached her career-high ranking of world number 27.
- ✓ She won her first mixed doubles title at the Australian Open in 2009, partnering with Mahesh Bhupathi.



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- ✓ The pair earned a second victory at the 2012 French Open. Mirza's third mixed doubles title came at the 2014 US Open, where she partnered with Brazilian player Bruno Soares.
- ✓ In 2015, she partnered with Swiss legend Martina Hingis and won three back-to-back Grand Slam doubles titles.
- ✓ "Ace against Odds" is the autobiography of Sania Mirza.

Q. Which university has won the 'Overall Championship' at the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival in Tirupati?

- A) University of Kerala B) University of Delhi
C) University of Tamil Nadu D) University of Maharashtra

Answer : A

- ✓ The University of Kerala bagged the 'Overall Championship' at the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival in Tirupati.
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi University came as the runners-up.
- ✓ Noted Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dancer Alekhya Punjala was the chief guest of the event.
- ✓ Championships were awarded in each of the five categories viz., music, dance, fine arts, theatre, and literary events, which were respectively won by MGU Kottayam, Sri Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Yogi Vemana University, University of Kerala (last two categories).

Q. Who has released the book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No. 1'?

- A) Mohammad Hidayatullah B) Ranganath Misra
C) Kamal Narain Singh D) Ranjan Gogoi

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha Ranjan Gogoi has released a book written by Assam CM 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1.
- ✓ It contains the account of events of the first year in the office of Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- ✓ Ranjan Gogoi is presently a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ He served as the 46th Chief Justice of India for 13 months from 2018 to 2019



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Q. Who is the author of the book “Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom”?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
B) Chetan Bhagat
C) Sanjeev Sanyal
D) Ramesh Kandula

Answer : C

- ✓ Noted economist and popular historian Sanjeev Sanyal released his new book titled “Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom”.
- ✓ It is based on the revolutionary movements related to the struggle for Indian Independence.
- ✓ Some of Sanyal’s books include – Land of the Seven Rivers, The Ocean of Churn, India in the Age of Ideas, and The Indian Renaissance.

Q. The International Kite Festival 2023 has begun on 8 January in which state?

- A) Gujarat
B) Punjab
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Maharashtra

Answer : A

- ✓ After a hiatus of two years, International Kite Festival 2023 began in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on January 8.
- ✓ The Kite Festival was inaugurated by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.
- ✓ Kite fliers from 65 countries will take part in the Kite Festival, which will be held in four Gujarat cities.
- ✓ International Kite Festival with the theme of G20 will be held from the January 8 to 14.

Q. Who sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA?

- A) Sarwan Nehmat Singh
B) Karnam Simrit Singh
C) Khushpreet Singh
D) Manpreet Monica Singh

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh has been sworn in as a Harris county judge, becoming the first female Sikh judge in the USA.
- ✓ She was sworn in as a judge of the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4 in Texas on Friday (6th January 2023).
- ✓ Ms Singh's father immigrated to the US in the early 1970s.
- ✓ Ms Singh was born and raised in Houston and now lives in Bellaire with her husband and two children.



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FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022

- Manpreet Monica Singh has been sworn in as a Harris county judge, becoming the first female Sikh judge in the USA..
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Lance Naik Manju became the Indian Army's first woman skydive.
- Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as the first female President of Slovenia.
- Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Draupadi Murmu may become India's First Tribal and Second Female President.
- Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8,000 metres.
- Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- Lisa Sthalekar becomes first female president of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA).
- Abhilasha Barak becomes the Indian Army's first woman combat aviator.
- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit named as first woman Vice Chancellor of JNU.
- Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups.
- Justice Ayesha Malik to be Pakistan's first woman Supreme Court judge.
- Xiomara Castro sworn in as first female President of Honduras
- Dhriti Banerjee appointed first woman director of Zoological Survey of India.
- Mawya Sudan becomes IAF's 1st woman fighter pilot from J&K.
- Costa Rica's Rebeca Grynspan first female secretary-general of UNCTAD.
- Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match.
- Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO).
- Bhawana Kanth from Bihar to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade



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Q. In how many districts did Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela, PMNAM is being conducted?

- A) 234 Districts B) 237 Districts
C) 242 Districts D) 249 Districts

Answer : C

- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) is being conducted in 242 districts of the country.
- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in a statement said that several local businesses, companies, and organisations have been invited to be part of the mela and provide apprenticeship opportunities to India's youth.
- ✓ The candidates who are Class five to Class 12th pass outs and have skill training certificates, or ITI Diploma holders or graduates can apply in this apprenticeship mela.

Q. What's the name of the first Kashmiri Jhanpith awardee who died recently?

- A) Girish Karnad
B) Ali Sardar Jafri
C) Rehman Rahi
D) Gopinath Mohanty

Answer : C

- ✓ Professor "Rehman Rahi", renowned poet and Kashmir's first Jhanpith awardee took his last breath at his residence in the Nowshera area of Kashmir. At the time of his death, the globally acclaimed poet was 98 years old.
- ✓ Rahi wrote several beautiful poems and also translated the works of many renowned poets of other languages into Kashmiri.
- ✓ In 2007, he received the highest literary award in the country, the Jhanpith award for his collection 'Siyah Rood Jaeren Manz' (In Black Drizzle).
- ✓ Earlier, in the year 2000, the poet was also honored with the prestigious Padma Shri award.
- ✓ Rahi received Sahitya Akademi Award in 1961 for his collection of poems called 'Nawroz-i-Saba'. Dina Nath Naadim's influence was evident in his initial works and the poet also worked towards translating the works of Baba Farid into Kashmiri..



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- ✓ For instance, ASML Holding NV's essential extreme ultraviolet lithography machines now cost close to \$200 million apiece

Q. Who laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN's 1,000 MV Bikaner Solar Power Project on 3rd Jan 2023?

- A) Droupadi Murmu B) Narendra Modi
C) Ram Nath Kovind D) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer : A

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu virtually laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN's 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✓ The event was done virtually by the President of India in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✓ The project is being implemented by SJVN Limited through its owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL).
- ✓ The solar power project is being developed on 500 acres near the village of Banderwala, district Bikaner of Rajasthan. It is one of the highest solar yield areas in India
- ✓ The development cost of the Bikaner Solar Power Project is ₹5492 crore and viability gap funding support of ₹44.72 lacks per megawatt.
- ✓ The project is scheduled to be commissioned by March 2024.
- ✓ After commissioning the project will generate 2454.55 million units in the first year and approximately 56838 MU would be generated on a cumulative basis over 25 years.
- ✓ Commissioning of this project will help the government to achieve the renewable target of 500 GW by 2030.

Q. 75th Army Day will be organized in which city this year?

- A) Bhopal B) Pune
C) Bengaluru D) Hyderabad

Answer : C

- ✓ On January 15, 2023, Bengaluru will host the 75th Army Day ceremony.

Q. 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



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Q. The first-ever Startup India Innovation Week is planned to be held from January 10 to 16, 2023. The week-long innovation celebration is being organized by __

- A) DRDO
- B) Niti Aayog
- C) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- D) Department of Science and Technology

Answer : C

- ✓ The first-ever Startup India Innovation Week is planned to be held from January 10 to 16, 2022 through virtual platform, as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence.
- ✓ The week-long innovation celebration is being organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ The programme will showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India.
- ✓ States/UTs and various departments of Government of India will take part in the programme to address key aspects of the startup ecosystem through interactive sessions, workshops, and presentations.

Q. 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

Answer : D

- ✓ South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony, the film's Telugu song 'Naatu Naatu' has won the Best Song award
- ✓ 'Naatu Naatu' is the first Indian song to win this prestigious award.
- ✓ The song was composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj.
- ✓ In the 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award, the film 'RRR' received nominations in two categories, including 'Best Film - Non-English' and the other 'Best Original Song - Motion Picture'.
- ✓ 'RRR' directed by Rajamouli is based on nationalism and brotherhood.
- ✓ It stars famous actors Ram Charan and Jr. NTR in lead roles.
- ✓ The two play real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem in the film.



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- ✓ The film is based on a fictional story set in the pre-independence era.
- ✓ The film 'RRR' is the first Indian film after two decades to be nominated for the awards.
- ✓ Rajamouli recently won the prestigious New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Director.
- ✓ Earlier in the 'Foreign Language' category, the films 'Salaam Bombay!' (1988) and 'Monsoon Wedding' (2001) were nominated. Both these films were directed by Mira Nair and both the films are completely different from 'RRR'.

Q. SS Rajamouli's film RRR has won Best Original Song for which song at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony?

- A) Komuram Bheemudo B) Raamam Raaghavam
C) Janani D) Naatu Naatu

Answer : D

- ✓ South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony

Q. What is the rank of India in Henley Passport Index 2023?

- A) 90
B) 83
C) 85
D) 89

Answer : C

- ✓ Japan has retained its position as the most favourable passport in the world, according to the latest Henley Passport Index, which allows visa-free entry to 193 global destinations
- ✓ Japan is at the top for the fifth year in a row.
- ✓ Singapore and South Korea are joint second in the ranking, followed by Germany and Spain and then several other European nations.
- ✓ The US was among the top 22 with visa-free access to 186 destinations, matching the likes of Switzerland, New Zealand and Norway.
- ✓ Compared to last year India's position has improved by two points. India is at 85th position in the ranking.
- ✓ An Indian passport holder can travel visa-free to 59 countries, although in 2022 the number was 60.
- ✓ Mauritius and Uzbekistan passports are as powerful as India's passports



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Q. Which country has topped the Henley Passport Index 2023

- A) Singapore
B) South Korea
C) Germany
D) Japan

Answer : D

- ✓ Top 5 countries in Henley Passport Index 2023
- ✓ Top - Japan - (193 destination)
- 2- Singapore, South Korea (192 destination)
- 3- Germany, Spain (190 destination)
- 4- Finland, Italy, Luxembourg (189 destination)
- 5- Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden (188 destination)
- 85 - INDIA, Mauritania, Uzbekistan (59 destination)

Q. Which state will host the fifth edition of Khelo India Youth Games ?

- A) Odisha
B) Karnataka
C) Uttarakhand
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ State Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the mascot and theme song for the fifth edition of Khelo India Youth Games to be hosted by Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The mascot of Khelo India Youth Games 2022 is 'Asha'. While the theme song is 'Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka Do...' sung by famous singer Shaan
- ✓ The torch of Khelo India Youth Games was named Amarkantak, on which the figure of Maa Narmada is also engraved.
- ✓ On this occasion, CM Shivraj announced to give Rs 5 lakh for sports training to the sportspersons who have won medals in Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympics and to give direct DSP posts to the players who have won medals.
- ✓ Khelo India Youth Games 2022
- ✓ The Games will be hosted in Madhya Pradesh from 31 January 2023 to 11 February 2023.
- ✓ For the first time water sports namely Kayaking Canoeing, Canoe Salaam and Fencing will be part of this edition of Khelo India Games.
- ✓ It will be organised in eight different cities of the state.



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- ✓ Agni: Surface-to-surface medium-range ballistic missile i.e. Agni (1,2,3,4,5).
- ✓ Trishul: Short-range surface-to-air missile.
- ✓ Nag: Third generation anti-tank missile.
- ✓ Akash: Medium-range surface-to-air missile

Q. Which Indian public sector bank got the approval from RBI to hold special rupee Vostro accounts of three banks from Sri Lanka?

- A) State Bank of India B) Canara Bank
C) Punjab National Bank D) Indian Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Bank, which has a lengthy history in Sri Lanka, has acquired the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulatory approval to maintain special rupee Vostro accounts of three banks from the South Asian island nation, which is dealing with a severe foreign exchange crisis.
- ✓ The special accounts are anticipated to be activated soon by the Chennai-based public sector bank.

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

- A) Gurugram B) Ghaziabad
C) Delhi D) Patna

Answer : C

- ✓ 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

Q. Which organisation has developed an unmanned aerial vehicle with the aim of targeting logistics operations on the Himalayan border?

- A) HAL B) BDL
C) DRDO D) BRO

Answer : C

- ✓ Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has developed an unmanned aerial vehicle with the aim of targeting logistics operations on the Himalayan border



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- ✓ Apart from this, she has won the 2016 Australian Open, 2015 Wilmington, 2015 US Open title in women's doubles.
- ✓ Sania Mirza has won many titles and honours in her career. She has been awarded the Arjuna Award in 2004, Padma Shri in 2006, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2015 and Padma Bhushan in 2016.

Q. 7th edition of Global Investors Summit has been inaugurated by PM Modi in which city?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Indore
- C) Lucknow
- D) Gandhinagar

Answer : B

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 7th edition of Global Investors Summit', a flagship event of the state government in Indore on 11 January
- ✓ The President of Suriname Chandrika Prasad Santokhi and the President of Guyana Dr Mohammed Irfan Ali attended the inaugural session.
- ✓ The theme of the two-day summit is 'Madhya Pradesh-The Future Ready State'.
- ✓ Special attention has been given to environmental protection in this summit, which will be completely based on carbon neutral and zero waste.
- ✓ This summit will showcase the various investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh."
- ✓ A total of 447 international delegates from 84 countries, 401 international buyers, 5,000 industrialists and representatives from different international industry associations and representatives from G20 countries are participating in the event.
- ✓ Objectives of the Global Investors Summit
- ✓ Showcasing the industrial ecosystem of the state.
- ✓ Promoting the state policies.
- ✓ Consultation with industrial organisations to formulate Industry-friendly policies.
- ✓ Collaboration opportunities.
- ✓ Promoting export potential and buyer-seller meets and vendor development

Q. Which of the following films has been shortlisted for Oscars 2023?

- A) Shershaah
- B) The Kashmir Files
- C) KGF 2
- D) Pushpa: The Rise



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Answer : B

- ✓ Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023' between the Indian Air Force and the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will be conducted from January 12 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan
- ✓ The aim of the exercise is to strengthen mutual understanding and defence ties between the two air forces.
- ✓ The Indian contingent will be represented by a contingent of around 150 personnel. India's 1 IL-78 mid-air refuelling and 4 Su-30MKI fighter aircraft will participate in it.
- ✓ 4 F-15s and 4 F-2 fighter jets will be involved in this bilateral exercise from the Japanese side.
- ✓ Other defence exercises involving India and Japan
- ✓ Dharma Guardian - Held from 27 February to 10 March 2022 at Lagavi (Belgaum, Karnataka).
- ✓ The 6th edition of JIMEX-2022 was organised in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ Malabar naval exercise - India and Japan, along with the United States and Australia, participate in a naval exercise called Malabar. Its 26th edition was organised in Japan in November 2022.

Q. Eminent techno-educationist Professor K.K. Abdul Ghaffar's autobiography 'Najan Sakshi' (I as a Witness) has been released by?

- A) Mahendra Singh Dhoni B) Rahul Dravid
C) Chetan Sharma D) Saurav Ganguly

Answer : A

- ✓ Noted Techno-educationalist Professor K.K. Abdul Gaffar's autobiography 'Njaan Sakshi' (me as the witness) has been released by Mahendra Singh Dhoni.
- ✓ It will provide an insight into the journey of Prof. Gaffar and how education and students have changed over time.
- ✓ The first copy of this book was received by Marwan Al Mulla, the CEO of Dubai Health Authority (DHA)

Q. Name the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) whose tenure has been extended for one year till 2024?

- A) M Rajeswara Rao B) T Rabi Shankar
C) MK Jain D) Michael Debabrata Patra

Answer : D



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- ✓ The Central Government has extended the tenure of Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for one more year with effect from January 15, 2023
- ✓ He took over as Deputy Governor of the RBI on 15 January 2020. Patra's three-year term ended on January 14.
- ✓ He was an Executive Director of India's central bank before being elevated to the post of Deputy Governor.
- ✓ Patra oversees the monetary policy department in his capacity as deputy governor of the central bank and also serves as a member of the rate-setting monetary policy committee.
- ✓ The six-member Monetary Policy Committee is headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ Apart from the Governor, RBI has four Deputy Governors.
- ✓ The three other deputy governors of the bank are MK Jain, M Rajeswara Rao and T Rabi Shankar.
- ✓ RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 April 1935
- ✓ RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- ✓ 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- ✓ 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh
- ✓ 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- ✓ RBI Deputy Governor (4)
 1. Tavana Rabi Sankar
 2. Mukesh Kumar Jain
 3. Michael D Patra
 4. M Rajeshwar Rao
- ✓ FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :
 1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).
 5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)



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- ✓ India has four currency note printing presses.
- ✓ Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- ✓ Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- ✓ Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida

Q. The Union Cabinet approved a scheme of how many rupees as incentive to banks to promote digital payments?

- A) Rs 2,000 crore B) Rs 2,200 crore
C) Rs 2,600 crore D) Rs 2,500 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ Centre approved ₹2,600 crore as incentive for banks to promote digital payments
- ✓ The Union Cabinet on 11 January approved a ₹2,600 crore scheme for promoting RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions
- ✓ Under the scheme, banks will be given financial incentives in the current financial year 2022-23 to promote 'Point of Sale' (PoS) i.e. payment machines and e-commerce transactions using RuPay and UPI.
- ✓ The Cabinet has approved this incentive scheme to promote small amount transactions between individuals and merchants through RuPay Debit Cards and BHIM-UPI.
- ✓ This will further strengthen India's progress in digital payments. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said in the last budget, will continue to provide financial help to increase digital payments.
- ✓ India has remained a cash-dependent economy since independence. India's Cash to GDP ratio is 13% while the global average is at most 8%.
- ✓ Significance of the Incentive Scheme
- ✓ The government had approved an incentive scheme in pursuance of the budget announcement for FY 2022 to promote digital transactions.
- ✓ As a result, total digital payment transactions registered a year-on-year growth of 59 percent.
- ✓ This increased from ₹5,554 crore in FY21 to ₹8,840 crore in FY22.
- ✓ BHIM-UPI transactions registered a year-on-year growth of 106 per cent, from Rs 2,233 crore in FY21 to Rs 4,597 crore in FY22.



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- ✓ This incentive scheme will promote as a digital payment solution and enable further deepening of digital payments in the country

Q. Who is the co-authored of the book titled Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story?

- A) Rajesh Mishra and Santosh Singh
- B) Ashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir
- C) Amresh Tripathi and Ujwal Shetty
- D) Abhishek Singhvi and Rahul Srivatshav

Answer : B

- ✓ Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on 11 January, officially launched the book titled 'Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story' in New Delhi.
- ✓ The co-authors of the book are Ashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir.
- ✓ The release of the book follows the second anniversary of India's Covid-19 vaccination campaign in January 2021.
- ✓ In this book, the inside story of India's fight against Corona and the challenges of making a vaccine in difficult circumstances is told.
- ✓ The whole story from India's preparation to making it in the vaccine race has been told through words in this book.
- ✓ India had established a Covid management model towards an exemplary vaccination with public participation.

Q. World's longest river cruise 'MV Ganga Vilas Cruise' A grand cultural program 'Sur Sarita-Symphony of Ganga' has been organized in which city?

- A) Kanpur
- B) Varanasi
- C) Haridwar
- D) Patna

Answer : B

- ✓ On the eve of the launch of the world's longest river cruise 'MV Ganga Vilas Cruise' on January 12, a grand cultural program 'Sur Sarita-Symphony of Ganga' was organised in Varanasi.
- ✓ Renowned singer Shankar Mahadevan led the grand concert being organised at the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor.



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- ✓ The new integrated food security scheme has been named as PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana ((PMGKAY) to provide free food grains to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Primary Household (PHH) beneficiaries.
- ✓ Keeping in view the welfare of the beneficiaries and to maintain uniformity across states, all PHH and AAY beneficiaries will be provided free food grains under PMGKAY for 2023.
- ✓ This integrated scheme will strengthen the provisions of NFSA, 2013 in terms of access, affordability and availability of food grains to the poor.
- ✓ The implementation of this new scheme has started from January 1, 2023, which is benefiting more than 80 crore poor people.
- ✓ The central government will spend over Rs 2 lakh crore in 2023 as food subsidy under NFSA and other welfare schemes to ease the financial burden of the poor.
- ✓ PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)
- ✓ It is a part of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) to help the poor fight the battle against Covid-19.
- ✓ Its nodal Ministry is the Ministry of Finance.
- ✓ Under this scheme, the government provides additional free of cost 5 kg per person per month food-grains (rice/wheat) to around 80 crore beneficiaries of National Food Security Act (NFSA) including the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) beneficiaries.
- ✓ The PMGKAY has now been linked with One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan where migrant workers can get the benefit of the scheme through any ration shops in India

Q. 'Kumarakom and Beypore', which were selected under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, are located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Haryana

Answer : B

- ✓ 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.



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- ✓ South Indian Bank is facilitating MSMEs to get instant funds. This initiative will help thousands of micro and small businesses avail loans quickly.
- ✓ MSME enterprises are the most important pillars of the economy and the government is working towards making the sector stronger.
- ✓ This development is at the backdrop of central government considering to make India a \$5 trillion economy.

Q. Renowned sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik has recently created the world's largest hockey sculpture on the banks of which river in Odisha?

- A) Budhabalanga River B) Subarnarekha River
C) Baitarani River D) Mahanadi River

Answer : D

- ✓ Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik built the world's largest hockey sculpture on the banks of the Mahanadi river in Cuttack, Odisha.
- ✓ He built a 105-feet long hockey stick, using 5000 hockey balls.
- ✓ To mark the commencement of the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 that begins on January 13.
- ✓ He has also been awarded Padma Shri in 2014, for his contribution to sand art.
- ✓ He also holds the Guinness Record (2017) for building the tallest sand castle at 48 feet.

Q. When is the National Youth Day observed in India?

- A) 11 January B) 10 January
C) 13 January D) 12 January

Answer : D

- ✓ In India, the National Youth Day is celebrated on 12 January annually.
- ✓ Purpose: to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ The day was declared by the Government of India in 1984.
- ✓ The event was first celebrated in 1985.
- ✓ In 2023, we are observing 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand, who was born on 12 January 1863.
- ✓ The theme for National Youth Day 2023 is 'Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat'.
- ✓ The theme of National Youth Day 2023 is "Developed Youth - Developed India".



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Q. 1,171 Indian peacekeepers serving in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) were awarded the prestigious United Nations Medal at an award ceremony. For the first time, which woman officer of the Indian Army led the parade of the Indian contingent at the award ceremony in Upper Nile?

- A) Major Jasmine Chatha B) Abhilasha Barak
C) Punita Arora D) Divya Ajith Kumar

Answer : A

- ✓ Over 1,000 Indian peacekeepers serving in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) were awarded the prestigious United Nations Medal at an award ceremony.
- ✓ At a special award ceremony in Upper Nile, 1,171 peacekeepers from India deployed with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan were awarded the United Nations Medal for their exemplary service.
- ✓ For the first time, a woman officer of the Indian Army, Major Jasmine Chatha, led the parade of the Indian contingent at the award ceremony in Upper Nile.
- ✓ India is one of the largest troop-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping missions
- ✓ Peacekeepers of India are commended for their excellent work and duties while serving in missions.
- ✓ As of June 2022, 2370 Indian military personnel are deployed with UNMISS, second only to Rwanda (2637).
- ✓ About UN Peacekeeping
- ✓ UN peacekeeping began in 1948 when the UN Security Council authorised the deployment of UN military observers in the Middle East.
- ✓ It helps to bring countries from conflict to a difficult path of peace.
- ✓ It deploys soldiers and police from all over the world for peacekeeping.
- ✓ India is one of the largest military and police contributors to UN peacekeeping operations.
- ✓ There are currently more than 5,700 Indian peacekeepers deployed in nine of the 12 UN peacekeeping missions.

Q. India will send three men 6,000 metres below sea level to search for mineral resources under the Samudrayaan mission. Under this mission, what is the name of the vehicle that the manned submersible vehicle will be sent for deep underwater studies?

- A) VAGSHEER 6000 B) VELA 6000
C) MATSYA 6000 D) KARANJ 6000



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- ✓ To facilitate a smooth transition, Brian Humphries will remain with the company as a Special Advisor until March 15, 2023.
- ✓ Ravi Kumar S has worked in Infosys for 20 years.

Q. Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICG ship 'Kamala Devi' was commissioned at Kolkata. This Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) has been designed, built and delivered by which organization?

- A) Hindustan Shipyard B) Cochin Shipyard
C) Mazagon Dock D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

Answer : D

- ✓ Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICG ship 'Kamala Devi' was commissioned on 12 January in Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal.
- ✓ This Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) designed, built and delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd to the Indian Coast Guard.
- ✓ A passenger-cum-cargo ocean going ferry 'MV Ma Lisha' built by the shipyard for the Republic of Guyana was also flagged off.
- ✓ About ICG Kamla Devi
- ✓ ICG Kamla Devi is 48.9 meters long and 7.5 meters wide with a displacement of 308 tonnes.
- ✓ It is capable of a top speed of 34 knots and an endurance of over 1,500 nautical miles, with three engines and water jets.
- ✓ ICGS Kamla Devi will patrol the seas and undertake anti-smuggling, anti-poaching and search and rescue operations when required.
- ✓ About MV Ma Lisha
- ✓ It has been designed and built by GRSE and will be housed at Chennai, a semi-submersible vessel MV Sun Rise for the long voyage to Guyana.
- ✓ The ship was launched on June 15, 2022 and within six months, GRSE secured the 'technical acceptance' of the ship on December 16.

Q. How much stake has Alibaba Group sold in Paytm's parent company One-97 Communications?

- A) 9.1% B) 5.1%
C) 3.1% D) 4.1%



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Answer : C

- ✓ Alibaba Group has sold its majority stake of 3.1% in Paytm's parent company One-97 Communications.
- ✓ Ant Financial, a company of Alibaba Group, has sold shares of Paytm worth \$ 125 million, or about Rs 1,125 crore, through a bulk deal.
- ✓ Alibaba Group company Ant Financial has sold 2 crore shares of Indian Digital Payment and Financial Services Company Paytm at Rs 536.95 per share.
- ✓ Earlier, Alibaba Group had 6.26% stake in Paytm.
- ✓ Paytm shares fell 6.16%, or Rs 35.65, to close at Rs 543.50 after Alibaba's stake sale.
- ✓ Paytm's IPO of \$ 2.5 billion i.e. Rs 20,361 crore was presented in November 2021. At that time it was the biggest IPO in the country.
- ✓ What is block deal?
- ✓ Block deal refers to a trade in which 500,000 shares or shares of a particular company listed on the exchange are traded for a value of more than Rs 5 crore.
- ✓ Block deals can only be conducted during a particular trading window in the opening trading hours.

Q. Who become the first woman officer of the Border Roads Organization (BRO) to be posted on a foreign project?

A) Abhilasha Barak

B) Arti Sarin

C) Surabhi Jakhmola

D) Lance Naik Manju

Answer : C

- ✓ Captain Surabhi Jakhmola, an officer of the 117 Engineer Regiment of the Indian Army, has become the first woman officer of the Border Roads Organization (BRO) to be posted on a foreign project.
- ✓ BRO has deployed Surabhi for Project Dantak in Bhutan.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force recently deployed Squadron Leader Avani Chaturvedi, a woman fighter pilot, to Japan for Veer Guardian 2023 training.
- ✓ Border Roads Organization (BRO)
- ✓ It has functioned under the Ministry of Defense since 2015.
- ✓ BRO was established on May 7, 1960.
- ✓ It is responsible for maintaining the road network in the border areas of India.



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- ✓ This organisation plays an important role in the development of the infrastructure of the border areas of the country.
- ✓ One of the biggest infrastructural achievements of BRO is the construction of Atal Tunnel, the longest highway tunnel in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Director General Border Roads Organization -Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chowdhary

Q. Which city hosting the 14th edition of World Spice Congress in 2023?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Mumbai

Answer : D

- ✓ The 14th Edition of World Spice Congress is all set to unfurl at the 'Economic Capital of India', Mumbai during 16-18 February 2023.
- ✓ Organised by Spice Board India, this biennial event is the premier forum that brings together the global spice industry to deliberate on the problems and prospects in the spice sector.
- ✓ The Spice Board is organising the World Spice Congress as G20 during India's G20 Presidency for the period from December 2022 to November 2023, with a greater focus on further strengthening India's trade ties with the G20 countries.
- ✓ 14th World Spice Congress Theme - 'Vision 2030: SPICES' (Sustainability– Productivity – Innovation – Collaboration- Excellence and Safety)."
- ✓ About World Spice Congress
- ✓ It is a conglomerate of the global spice industry, which in its three decades long presence has become the most appropriate forum to deliberate upon the concerns and views of the sector.
- ✓ It is organised under the leadership of the Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- ✓ It was established in 1990.
- ✓ Spices Board (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) is the premier organisation for the development and worldwide promotion of Indian spices.



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Q. PM Modi has inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival in Karnataka. What is the theme of this festival?

- A) Youth Civic Engagement B) Youth for Rural Development
C) Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat D) Youth for a Clean and Green Environment

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 26th National Youth Festival, organized in Hubballi Karnataka from 12th -16th January 2023.
- ✓ Theme of this event: "Viksit Yuva – Viksit Bharat". The event also included folk dances and songs.
- ✓ The festival aims to step up the role of youth in nation building during Amrit Kaal. It will be an endeavour to disseminate the message of 'Panch Pran' espoused by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day address.
- ✓ The festival brings diverse cultures from all parts of the country on a common platform and unites the participants in the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

Q. Which bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru to establish a Centre for Mathematics and Computing at the Institute?

- A) Yes Bank B) HDFC Bank
C) Axis Bank D) ICICI Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Axis Bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru to establish a Centre for Mathematics and Computing at the Institute.
- ✓ The centre spread over 1.6 lakh square feet will have labs and programmes benefitting faculty and students.
- ✓ Axis Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1993
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- ✓ MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- ✓ Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi



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Q. Lok Sabha Secretariat has issued a notification disqualifying Lakshadweep MP Mohd Faizal, who was recently convicted in an attempt to murder case by a court in the Union Territory. This decision has been taken under section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 under the provisions of which article of the Constitution of India?

- A) Article 102 (I) (e) B) Article 371A
C) Article 326 D) Article 300-A

Answer : A

- ✓ The Lok Sabha Secretariat has issued a notification disqualifying Lakshadweep MP Mohd Faizal, who was recently convicted in an attempt to murder case by a court in the Union Territory.
- ✓ According to a notification issued on January 13, Faizal has been disqualified from the date of his sentencing by a sessions court in Kavaratti on January 11.
- ✓ This decision has been taken under Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 under the provisions of Article 102 (I) (e) of the Constitution of India.
- ✓ The court in Lakshadweep had sentenced four people, including Faizal, to 10 years in jail after they were found guilty in an attempt to murder case.
- ✓ The Kavaratti sessions court also imposed a fine of Rs one lakh each on the convicts for attempting to murder Mohd Salih, son-in-law of late Congress leader and former Union minister P M Sayeed, during the 2009 Lok Sabha elections.

Q. When is the Armed Forces Veterans Day observed?

- A) 14 January B) 12 January
C) 13 January D) 11 January

Answer : A

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presided over the Armed Forces Veterans Day celebrations on January 14, 2023 at Jaswant Maidan, Dehradun Cantonment
- ✓ He also launched a car sports initiative 'Soul of Steel Alpine Challenge' from Dehradun to Gamshali located in Niti Valley.
- ✓ He dedicated to the nation the Shaurya Sthal developed by the Uttarakhand War Memorial Trust.
- ✓ Armed Forces Veterans Day



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- ✓ Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on 14 January. On this day in 1953, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the Indian Army, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa formally retired from service.
- ✓ Cariappa led the Indian Army in the 1947 war.

Q. Bhupender Yadav has inaugurated the Regional Office of Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at which place?

- A) Alwar, Rajasthan B) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
C) Hyderabad, Telangana D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Regional Office of Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at Alwar, Rajasthan on 13th January.
- ✓ The opening of the regional office will benefit around 2 lakh workers, 12,000 establishments and 8500 pensioners in Alwar and neighbouring districts of Bharatpur and Dholpur.
- ✓ Jaipur is divided into two Regional Offices namely Regional Office Jaipur and Regional Office Alwar for the management of EPFO
- ✓ About EPFO
- ✓ Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is a statutory organisation set up under the Union ministry of Labour and Employment was set up in 1951 by an Ordinance issued by the President.
- ✓ Later Parliament passed the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, act 1952.
- ✓ It is the country's largest social security organisation.
- ✓ EPFO assists the Central Board of Trustees in the administration of a provident fund scheme, pension scheme and an insurance scheme for the registered establishments in India.

Q. Which is the host country of COP28 climate summit 2023?

- A) Egypt B) Poland
C) Saudi Arabia D) UAE

Answer : D

- ✓ Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber has been named as the President of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) to be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



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- ✓ The COP28 conference will be held in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December 2023.
- ✓ Al Jaber is currently the UAE's Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology (MOIAT). He has been serving as the Special Envoy for Climate Change for several years.
- ✓ He also became the first CEO to be appointed as the President of the COP. Sultan Al Jaber heads the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), one of the world's largest oil companies.
- ✓ COP 27
- ✓ COP 27 was held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from November 6-18, 2022.
- ✓ The COP-27 conference was organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bonn, Germany.
- ✓ India was represented at the conference by the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav.
- ✓ To mark the occasion, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) jointly launched the campaign "In Our Lifetime" at an event on 14 November 2022.
- ✓ The theme of COP-27: Delivering for People and Planet.
- ✓ The first COP was held in 1995 in Berlin, Germany.
- ✓ COP: Conference of Parties

Q. Who has become the world's first fully digital party?

- A) Chinese Communist Party B) Democratic Party
C) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) D) Indian National Congress

Answer : C

- ✓ Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has become the world's first fully digital party, with data on over three crore office-bearers from national president to booth level being made available through an app called Organisational Reporting and Analysis (SARAL).
- ✓ Through this app prepared with the simple name, it will be an important medium of communication within the party along with making it easier for the general public to access the party's executive members from the president to the booth level.
- ✓ Both phone and SMS options are available on the app to contact any level official from any state.
- ✓ The biggest feature of this app is that with its help real time messages can be sent to any office bearer, which will facilitate the activation of the office bearers on any issue.



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- ✓ Everyone will have the facility to download this app and only party-affiliated office-bearers will have access to the main part of the organisation in the app

Q. Nutrition Company Herbalife Nutrition India Pvt. Ltd has appointed whom as its brand ambassador for 'nutritional sponsorship'?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Smriti Mandhana
- C) Rohit Sharma
- D) Suryakumar Yadav

Answer : B

- ✓ Nutrition Company Herbalife Nutrition India Private Limited has appointed women's cricketer Smriti Mandhana as a 'nutrition sponsor'.
- ✓ It has about 150 sponsored teams and athletes around the world.
- ✓ Many Indian athletes like Virat Kohli, Mary Kom, Lakshya Sen, and Manika Batra have partnered up with Herbalife Nutrition.
- ✓ Currently, she is the vice-captain of the Indian women's national cricket team.

Q. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched Jio True 5G services in which city of Assam?

- A) Jorhat
- B) Nagaon
- C) Guwahati
- D) Tinsukia

Answer : C

- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched Jio True 5G services at Guwahati in Assam.
- ✓ Jio also started its True 5G-powered Wi-Fi services at Maa Kamakhya Temple complex in Guwahati.
- ✓ Apart from Jio's existing investment of Rs 9,500 crore, the company is additionally investing over Rs 2,500 crore to deploy True 5G network in Assam.
- ✓ By December 2023, Jio True 5G services will be made available in every town and taluka of Assam.

Q. The Australian government has decided to include which of the following language in schools?

- A) Tamil
- B) Punjabi
- C) Urdu
- D) Hindi

Answer : B



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- ✓ Punjabi is all set to be the newest language to be taught in public schools of Western Australia.
- ✓ The Australian government is adopting Punjabi as the newest language after a 2021 census showed that it was the fastest-growing language in Australia with more than 239,000 people using it at home, an increase of over 80 percent from 2016.
- ✓ The syllabus for pre-primary to year 12 will be developed this year.
- ✓ The move to teach Punjabi in schools was considered after the syllabus included Tamil, Hindi, and Korean languages in 2021

Q. Who has been appointed as Director of Meta's Global Business Group in India?

- A) Rahul Srivatslav B) Vikas Purohit
C) Rajnish Kumar D) Dheeraj Sharma

Answer : B

- ✓ Facebook-parent Meta has appointed Vikas Purohit as Director of its Global Business Group in India.
- ✓ He will lead the strategy and delivery of the charter, focused on the country's largest advertisers and agency partners.
- ✓ He has served as the chief executive at Tata CLiQ till October 2022. He has also worked in companies such as Amazon, Reliance Brands, Aditya Birla Group and Tommy Hilfiger.
- ✓ He will report to Arun Srinivas, Director and Head of Ads Business for Meta in India.

Q. PM Modi has virtually flagged off the 8th Vande Bharata Express train connecting Secunderabad with which city?

- A) Kurnool B) Anantapur
C) Vizianagaram D) Visakhapatnam

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of Pongal on 15 January, virtually flagged off the Vande Bharata Express train connecting Secunderabad with Vishakhapatnam
- ✓ This is the 8th Vande Bharata Express which will cover a distance of about eight hours between Secunderabad in Telangana and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The intermediate stops envisaged for the train include Warangal, Khammam, Vijayawada and Rajahmundry
- ✓ This will lead to ease of living, boost tourism and benefit the economy.



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- ✓ In the last few years, seven Vande Bharat trains have covered a distance of 23 lakh kms, carrying 40 lakh passengers to their destinations.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express can accelerate to 100 kmph in just 52 seconds.
- ✓ Name of all 8 Vande Bharat Express train
 1. Varanasi-New Delhi,
 2. Katra-New Delhi,
 3. Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar,
 4. Amb Andaura - New Delhi
 5. Chennai - Mysuru
 6. Nagpur - Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
 7. Howraha-New Jalpaiguri
 8. Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam
- ✓ About Vande Bharat Express Train
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019.
- ✓ These trains have a self-propelled engine which can save diesel and reduce electricity usage by up to 30%.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- ✓ It was manufactured under the 'Make in India' programme, at a cost of about Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ These trains can achieve a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- ✓ In the Union Budget for 2022-2023 the government has proposed the development and manufacture of 400 new Vande Bharat trains in the next three years.

Q. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the 'Soul of Steel' challenge in which state on the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Uttarakhand

D) Rajasthan

Answer : C

- ✓ The 'Soul of Steel' challenge was launched in Uttarakhand on January 14, which aims to test endurance at high altitude.
- ✓ It has been started on the lines of 'Ironman Triathlon' long distance triathlon challenge in Europe.
- ✓ The effort is being led by Claw Global, a venture and supported by the Indian Army.



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- ✓ Soul of Steel aims at pooling skill sets and creating a challenge that will develop the human ability to stabilize, survive in high altitude areas.
- ✓ Apart from life skill training and youth development, it will promote adventure tourism in Uttarakhand globally.
- ✓ Initially, there will be 12 Indian participants and six international teams and the age profile to apply is 18 to 30 years.
- ✓ The locations chosen are generally in the area of Nanda Devi National Park, which has many peaks over 7000 feet.

Q. Piyush Goyal will launch the MAARG platform to facilitate mentorship between startups and entrepreneurs across sectors, stages, and functions. What does the stand for second A in MAARG?

A) Assistance

B) Advisory

C) Association

D) Application

Answer : A

- ✓ Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal launched the MAARG platform (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth) on 16 January.
- ✓ The portal would facilitate mentorship between startups and entrepreneurs across sectors, stages, and functions.
- ✓ It will allow startups to connect with mentors and discuss their mentorship needs.
- ✓ Startups can connect with academics, industry experts, successful founders, seasoned investors and others to receive personalised mentorship, clarity and practical advice on growth strategy.
- ✓ Objectives of the MAARG Portal
 - ✓ To provide guidance and support to startups throughout their life cycle.
 - ✓ To establish a formal and structured platform that facilitates matchmaking between mentors and startups at large across diverse sectors.
 - ✓ Establishing a result-oriented mechanism that allows tracking of the progress of the mentor-startup engagement.
- ✓ Key Functions of MAARG Portal
 - ✓ Tracking mentor and startup interactions to deliver impact.
 - ✓ Enabling video calls and communication through the platform.



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- ✓ REC shared with exchanges also talked about harnessing renewable energy at a cost of Rs 45,350 crore for the addition of 10000 MW capacity and multiple infrastructure development projects in UP state of Rs 20,000 crore across various sectors.

Q. Which state / UTs government has launched a virtual mega book fair for state government schools?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir B) Kerala
C) Delhi D) Ladakh

Answer : C

- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia has inaugurated a virtual mega book fair for Delhi government schools.
- ✓ The online platform will enable schools under the Directorate of Education to purchase books for their libraries and to ensure that library books reach the school's doorstep.
- ✓ Delhi is the first in the country where teachers and children of all government schools participate in the virtual fair and select books for their library.
- ✓ The online platform of the book fair will play a pivotal role and children will be able to get access to the finest books.
- ✓ At least 340 publishers are participating in the fair and 8,000 books have been included in it.

Q. Which state has entered the Guinness Book of World Records by taking 4,500 penalty kicks in 12 hours?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Rajasthan
C) Kerala D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Kerala has entered the Guinness Book of World Records by taking 4,500 penalty kicks in 12 hours.
- ✓ The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs organized the event to set the Guinness record for a Dream Goal penalty shootout organized in Manjeri, Kerala.
- ✓ Many football lovers, students, teachers and others enthusiastically queued up to take the penalty kicks. Officials representing the Guinness Book of World Records were present at the event organised by the State Department of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ✓ The Malappuram event obliterated the previous record of 2500 penalty kicks held by Germany.



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Q. Sonia Guajajara has been appointed as the first minister of the new Ministry of Indigenous People of which country recently?

- A) Brazil
B) Qatar
C) Ethiopia
D) Denmark

Answer : A

- ✓ Brazil's President-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva announced Sônia Guajajara as the first minister of the new Ministry of Indigenous People.
- ✓ Sonia Guajajara is widely known as the leader of the main group of Brazil's indigenous tribes and is a member of the Amazon Guajajara.
- ✓ She was also featured in Time Magazine's annual list of the world's 100 most influential people in 2022.
- ✓ Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva promised to create the Indigenous cabinet department during his presidential campaign.
- ✓ On 1st January 2023, he returned to power and he also previously governed Brazil from 2003 to 2010.

Q. Indian Railway's wholly owned subsidiary, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd has received an order worth __crores from the Puducherry government.

- A) ₹126.52 crores
B) ₹149.37 crores
C) ₹170.11 crores
D) ₹201.83 crores

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Railway's wholly owned subsidiary, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd has received an order worth ₹170.11 crores from the Puducherry government.
- ✓ Agenda : To design, develop, supply, install, test, commission, and operations, and maintenance of integrated command control centre (ICCC) and other associated activities for the smart city.
- ✓ The contract is for five years and will be completed in 10 months.
- ✓ The Smart Cities Mission was launched by PM Modi in 2015

Q. Which district of Kerala has been considered the first Constitution Literate District of India?

- A) Kollam
B) Wayanad
C) Kottayam
D) Ernakulam

Answer : A



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