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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts January 2023 Set 03 By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Who has won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant?

- A) R Bonnie Gabriel B) Amanda Dudamel
C) Anderina Martinez D) Debanjali Kamstra

Answer : A

- ✓ America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
- ✓ Amanda Dudamel of Venezuela was declared the first runner up while Anderina Martinez of Dominican Republic became the second runner up.
- ✓ R Bonnie Gabriel, 28, is a model, fashion designer and sewing instructor. She is the first American of Filipino descent to win Miss USA.
- ✓ The pageant saw 84 women from around the world compete for the crown.
- ✓ Divita Rai took part from India, who could only reach the semi-finals.
- ✓ The 71st Miss Universe pageant was held in the city of New Orleans in the US state of Louisiana.
- ✓ India's Harnaaz Sandhu was crowned Miss Universe 2021, the third Indian to win the crown after Sushmita Sen (1994) and Lara Dutta (2000).
- ✓ The Miss Universe pageant was founded in 1952 by Pacific Mills, a California-based textile company.
- ✓ The first Miss Universe pageant was held in 1952 in Long Beach, California.
- ✓ Armi Kuusela of Finland won the first Miss Universe title.

MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2022

- America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
- South Korea's Mina Sue Choi Crowned Miss Earth 2022.
- Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
- Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022.
- Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea.
- Sini Shetty from Karnataka has won the title of Femina Miss India 2022.
- Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.



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- List of Miss World winners from India
 1. Reita Faria : 1966
 2. Aishwarya Rai : 1994
 3. Diana Hayden : 1997
 4. Yukta Mookhey : 1999
 5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000
 6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017.
- List of Miss Universe winners from India
 1. Sushmita Sen : 1994
 2. Lara Dutta : 2000
 3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021.
- Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966.
- Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994.
- Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

Q. Which film has won the Golden Globe 2023 Best film in the Motion pictures (Drama) category?

- A) The Fabelmans B) West Side Story
C) Being the Ricardos D) The Power of the Dog

Answer : A

- ✓ The 80th edition of the annual Golden Globe Awards event, took place on January 10, 2023, to honor the best in American and international film and American television of 2022.
- ✓ The Golden Globe Awards 2023 honored the best in American television, as well as film in 2021 and early 2022, as chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.
- ✓ The film 'The Banshees of Inisherin' received most nominations, leading with eight.
- ✓ Meanwhile, for the first time, India bagged the Golden Globe award. India received the award for the song "Naatu Naatu," from the film "RRR" directed by SS Rajamouli in the Best Original Song category.
- ✓ The song has been composed by veteran music director MM Keeravaani and voiced by singers Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj.



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✓ Important winners List Golden Globe Awards 2023

Best Film (Drama) – The Fabelmans

Best Actor (Drama) – Austin Butler for Elvis as Elvis Presley

Best Actress (Drama) – Cate Blanchett for Tár as Lydia Tár

Best Director : Steven Spielberg for The Fabelmans

Best Original Song : “Naatu Naatu” (M. M. Keeravani and Chandrabose) for RRR

Best Non-English Language Film : Argentina, 1985 (Argentina)

Best Drama Series Television - House of the Dragon

Q. Who won the Best Director - Motion Picture at the Golden Globes 2023 for his semi-autobiographical film 'The Fabelmans'?

A) James Cameron

B) Baz Luhrmann

C) Steven Spielberg

D) Sam Mendes

Answer : C

Q. Which television series won Best TV Series - Drama at the Golden Globe Awards 2023?

A) The Morning Show

B) House of the Dragon

C) Succession

D) Squid Game

Answer : B

MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARD IN NEWS 2022 – 23

➤ 80TH GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS 2023

Best Film (Drama) – The Fabelmans

Best Actor (Drama) – Austin Butler for Elvis as Elvis Presley

Best Actress (Drama) – Cate Blanchett for Tár as Lydia Tár

Best Director : Steven Spielberg for The Fabelmans

Best Original Song : “Naatu Naatu” (M. M. Keeravani and Chandrabose) for RRR

➤ 28TH CRITICS CHOICE AWARDS 2023

Best Picture: “Everything Everywhere All at Once”

Best Director: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, “Everything Everywhere All at Once”

Best Actor: Brendan Fraser, “The Whale”

Best Actress: Cate Blanchett, “Tár



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Best Foreign Language Film : "RRR"

Best Song : "Naatu Naatu," "RRR"

➤ 53RD INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA (IFFI) 2022

Golden Peacock' for the best film of the festival : Spanish film 'I Have Electric Dreams' directed by Valentina Maurel .

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male) : Vahid Mobasseri, lead actor of 'No End'.

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female) : Daniela Marin Navarro, lead Actor of Best Film 'I Have Electric Dreams' .

Silver Peacock for Best Director : Nader Saeivar for No End.

Filipino filmmaker Lav Diaz bagged Special Jury Award for 'When the Waves are Gone'.

Spanish film Director Carlos Saura was honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award.

Chiranjeevi Konidela was conferred with the IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022.

Opening film of the festival was Austrian Director Dieter Berner's film Alma and Oskar and the closing film was the Polish film 'Perfect Number', directed by Krzysztof Zanussi.

➤ 67TH FILMFARE AWARDS 2022

Best Actor : Ranveer Singh (83)

Best Actress :Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Best Film : Shershaah

Best Director : Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

➤ Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022

Best Film : 83

Best Actor : Ranveer Singh (83)

Best Actress : Shefali Shah (Jalsa)

Best Director : Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)

➤ IIFA AWARDS 2022

Best Actor (Male) : Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)

Best Actor (Female) : Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Best Director : Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)



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Best Film : Shershaah

➤ CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2022

Best Director : Park Chan-wook for Decision to Leave

Best Actor : Song Kang-ho for Broker

Best Actress : Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider

Jury Special Award (documentary): Mariupolis 2

Palme d'Or : Triangle of Sadness, directed by Ruben Östlund

L'Oeil d'Or : All That Breathes, directed by Shaunak Sen (Indian)

➤ 64TH GRAMMY AWARDS 2022 (Music)

Album Of The Year : 'We Are' by Jon Batiste

Record Of The Year : 'Leave the door open' by Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak

Song Of The Year : "Leave the Door Open,"

Best Children's Album category : Falguni Shah

➤ 94TH OSCAR AWARDS 2022:(Academy Awards)

Best Picture : CODA

Best Actor in a Leading Role: Will Smith, "King Richard"

Best Actress in a Leading Role: Jessica Chastain (The Eyes of Tammy Faye)

Best Directing: Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog)

➤ 75TH BAFTA AWARD 2022 (British Academy Film Awards)

Best Film : The Power of the Dog

Best Director : Jane Campion, The Power of the Dog

Best Actress in Leading Role : Joanna Scanlan, After Love

Best Actor in Leading Role : Will Smith, King Richard

➤ OTHERS FLIMFARE AWARDS 2022-23

Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022

RRR bags another honour, SS Rajamouli's team is elated as film wins Spotlight Award at Hollywood Critics Association.

Film RRR won the best international film award at the 50th Anniversary Saturn Awards held in Los Angeles, in October 2022



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Rajsthani film, Naanera, directed by Deepankar Prakash bagged the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best movie at the Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival.

Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura of Bangladesh and Upon Entry of Spain Awarded Best Film at 28th Kolkata International Film Festival.

Virna Molina and Ernesto Ardito of Argentina won the Best Director Award for the film Hitler's Witch.

Aparna Sen Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award at 15th Edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival.

Q. NCERT has notified India's first National Assessment Regulator 'PARAKH' recently. What is the meaning of the second 'A' in 'PARAKH'?

A) Analysis

B) Achievement

C) Appraisal

D) Assessment

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently the National Council of Education Research and Training (NECRT) has notified India's first National Assessment Regulator "PARKH" with the aim of setting up assessment guidelines for all boards.
- ✓ PARAKH stands for Performance Appraisal, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- ✓ It will act as a component of NCERT.
- ✓ It is also entrusted with the task of conducting periodic learning outcome tests like National Achievement Survey (NAS) and State Achievement Survey.
- ✓ This framework will also act to check the emphasis on rote learning as envisaged by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ✓ Its team comprises prominent evaluation experts with a deep understanding of the education system in India and internationally
- ✓ Objective of PARAKH:
- ✓ **Uniform Norms and Guidelines** : To lay down norms, standards and guidelines for student assessment and assessment across all recognized school boards in India.



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- ✓ **Improvement in assessment pattern:** It will act to encourage school boards to change their assessment pattern towards meeting the skill requirements of the 21st century.
- ✓ **Reducing disparity in evaluation :** This will bring uniformity across state and central boards that currently follow different standards of evaluation, leading to wide disparities in marks.
- ✓ **Benchmark Assessment :** The benchmark assessment framework will address the issues contained in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ✓ National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- ✓ Established : 1961
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ President : Dharmendra Pradhan
- ✓ (Minister of Education)
- ✓ Director : Dr. Dinesh Prasad Saklani
- ✓ Motto Sanskrit : विद्यया अमृतमश्नुते
- ✓ Motto in English : Life eternal through learning
- ✓ Type : Autonomous body

Q. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered two miniature stupas within the complex of the world heritage site 'Nalanda Mahavihara' in the Nalanda district of Bihar recently. The stupas are around how many years old?

- A) 1300 years old B) 1200 years old
C) 1500 years old D) 1000 years old

Answer : B

- ✓ Patna Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered two 1200-year-old miniature stupas during landscaping activities near the Sarai Tila mound within the complex of the world heritage site 'Nalanda Mahavihara' in Nalanda district of the state.
- ✓ The figures of Buddha are shown on the stupa carved out of stone.
- ✓ These stupas carved out of stone depicting figures of Buddha are about 1200 years old.
- ✓ Such stupas were popular as votive offerings in India as early as the 7th century.
- ✓ About the Stupas?
- ✓ The stupa is a hemispherical structure symbolising the burial mound of the Buddha.



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- ✓ It rose to prominence after the advent of Buddhism and reached its peak during the reign of Ashoka.
- ✓ Stupas evolved from chortens in Tibet and pagodas in East Asia.
- ✓ Nalanda Mahavihara site complex
- ✓ Nalanda was a Mahavihara, a large Buddhist monastery in the ancient kingdom of Magadha (modern Bihar) in India.
- ✓ It is considered by historians to be the world's first residential university and one of the largest centres of learning in the ancient world.
- ✓ It was established during the Gupta Empire period.
- ✓ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- ✓ Founded : 1861
- ✓ Founder : Alexander Cunningham
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Director General : V Vidyavathi
- ✓ ASI is responsible for archaeological research and the conservation and preservation of cultural and historical monuments in India.

Q. Who has been ranked fourth in the list of world's richest actors released by World of Statistics?

A) Akshay Kumar

B) Shah Rukh Khan

C) Salman Khan

D) Aamir Khan

Answer : B

- ✓ Shahrukh Khan on the fourth position in the list of world's richest actors.
- ✓ The list of world's richest actors was released on the Twitter account of World of Statistics, in which Indian actor Shah Rukh Khan has overtaken Hollywood star Tom Cruise to become the world's richest actor.
- ✓ Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan is the only actor from India in this list, whose total assets are more than 770 million dollars i.e. 6 thousand 300 crores.
- ✓ Jerry Seinfeld has been placed at number one in this list.
- ✓ Shahrukh Khan has also left behind Tom Cruise and Jackie Chan.
- ✓ Hollywood star Jackie Chan is at number six on the list with earnings of \$520 million.



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- Lunar Polar Exploration mission (LUPEX) : ISRO's Lunar Polar Exploration Mission in collaboration with JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) will be launched in the year 2024
- Mars Orbiter Mission 2 (MOM 2) also called Mangalyaan 2 is expected to launch in the year 2024.
- ISRO Chairman S Somnath said that Chandrayaan-3 (C-3) launch will be in June next year onboard the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3). He said, ISRO plans to fly Indian astronauts into orbit by the end of 2024.
- ISRO is setting the stage to deploy Aditya-L1, the first dedicated mission of the country to study the Sun, into space in the first few months of 2023

Q. Which state has launched the second phase of the 'Kanti Velugu' initiative in Khammam district?

- A) Andhra Pradesh B) Telangana
C) Kerala D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ Telangana Chief Minister, K Chandrasekhar Rao has launched the second phase of the 'Kanti Velugu' initiative in Khammam district.
- ✓ It is considered to be the world's largest eye screening programme.
- ✓ Under the Kanti Velugu, free eye screening will be held at the special health camps for 100 days with 1500 medical teams.
- ✓ The first phase of Kanti Velugu was conducted for eight months by 827 health teams. The health camps will commence on January 19 in the rest of the state.

Q. Which state government will launch its first major education project, 'Schools of Eminence'?

- A) Kerala B) Karnataka
C) Punjab D) Rajasthan

Answer : C

- ✓ The Punjab government will launch its first major education project, 'Schools of Eminence'.
- ✓ It will be launched at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali.



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- ✓ Under the project, the state government will upgrade existing government schools into 'Schools of Eminence' for classes 9 to 12.
- ✓ Under phase 1, the govt plans to upgrade nearly 110 government schools as 'Schools of Eminence'.
- ✓ The Punjab government had set aside a fund of Rs 200 crore for this project.

Q. According to India Mobile Gaming Report 2022, which state has emerged as the top destination for mobile gamers?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top destination for mobile gamers, followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar, and West Bengal, according to India Mobile Gaming Report 2022 by gaming platform Mobile Premier League.
- ✓ Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Himachal Pradesh have seen the highest increase in mobile gamers in 2022 compared to 2021.
- ✓ In terms of games, Ludo Dice, Snakes and Ladders, Carrom, Fruit Dart, Block Puzzle and Poker were some of the top games played by gamers across different Indian cities.
- ✓ India's gaming market was worth \$SD 2.6 billion in the financial year 2022 and it will reach \$8.6 billion by 2027 with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 27 percent

Q. Who has inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District of Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Piyush Goyal B) Amit Shah
C) Dharmendra Pradhan D) Narendra Modi

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District of Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing.
- ✓ The Khel Mahakumbh organizes diverse competitions in both indoor and outdoor sports like wrestling, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Chess, Badminton, and Table Tennis.
- ✓ Apart from these, competitions in essay writing, painting, rangoli making are also organized.



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Q. Who has recently broken MS Dhoni's record of hitting the most sixes in ODIs in India?

- A) Suryakumar Yadav B) KL Rahul
C) Rohit Sharma D) Virat Kohli

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian captain Rohit Sharma has shattered a long-standing record held by MS Dhoni to become India's most prolific six-hitter in the history of ODI cricket at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Rohit achieved this remarkable feat during the first ODI between India and New Zealand.
- ✓ Rohit and Dhoni are the only two Indians with more than 100 sixes in the 50-over format, with Yuvraj Singh a distant third in the list.
- ✓ Most Sixes in ODI in India
 1. Rohit Sharma 125 Sixes
 2. Mahendra Singh Dhoni 123 Sixes
 3. Yuvraj Singh 71 Sixes

Q. Which bank has partnered with the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) to provide financial assistance to the dealers of SAIL across the country?

- A) Indian Overseas Bank B) South Indian Bank
C) Kotak Mahindra Bank D) Bank of Baroda

Answer : B

- ✓ South Indian Bank has partnered with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) to provide financial assistance to the dealers of SAIL across the country.
- ✓ With the vast network of the bank, they will be able to serve the MSME and corporate customers of SAIL located in different geographies.
- ✓ SAIL has a vast network of dealers who ensure the availability of quality steel in virtually all districts of the country.

Q. The world's oldest person Lucile Randon has died aged 118. He was from which country

- A) Spain B) Sweden
C) France D) Japan

Answer : C

- ✓ World's oldest person, Lucile Randon, died on 17 January at the age of 118.



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- ✓ Ms Randon, who was known as Sister André, died in her sleep at her nursing home in Toulon, France.
- ✓ She was born on 11 February, 1904 in Southern France.
- ✓ Despite being blind and dependent on a wheelchair, Andre took care of other elderly people.
- ✓ In the year 2022, the world's oldest person Ken Tanaka of Japan died. He was 119 years old.
- ✓ After Tanaka's death, 118-year-old Sister Lucille Randon became the oldest person in the world.
- ✓ Guinness World Records had officially recognised her status in April 2022.
- ✓ Randon became a Catholic when she was 19 years old. Eight years later she became a nun.

Q. Which movie has won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song?

A) RRR

B) Pushpa: The Rise

C) K.G.F: Chapter 2

D) Baahubali 2: The Conclusion

Answer : A

- ✓ SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.
- ✓ The film 'Rise, Roar, Revolt' ie RRR recently received the Golden Globe Award for the song 'Naatu Naatu'.
- ✓ The film also won the Critics' Choice Award for Best Song for the song 'Naatu Naatu'.
- ✓ For Best Song, 'RRR' was up against 'Where the Crowded Sing', 'Guilmeri del Toro Pinocchio', 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'White Noise'.
- ✓ RRR won the Best Foreign Language Film award beating films like 'All Quiet on the Western Front', 'Argentina 1985', 'Bardo', 'False Chronicle of a Dumpful of Truths', 'Close' and 'Decision to Leave'.
- ✓ Movie 'RRR'
- ✓ 'RRR' directed by SS Rajamouli is based on nationalism and brotherhood.
- ✓ It stars famous actors Ram Charan and Jr. NTR in lead roles.
- ✓ The film is based on the lives of real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem.
- ✓ The song 'Naatu Naatu' is composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaal Bhairav and Rahul Sipligunj.
- ✓ RRR Full Form is: Roudram Ranam Rudhiram.



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Q. Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal has handed over the 9th to 10th century Nataraja idol to the Archaeological Department of Chittorgarh Fort located in which state?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Maharashtra

C) Rajasthan

D) Gujarat

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal has handed over the 9th to 10th century Nataraja statue to the Archaeological Department of Chittorgarh Fort, Rajasthan.
- ✓ The statue, which dates back to the 9th to 10th centuries, was stolen from the Shiva temple at Badoli in Chittorgarh district in 1998 and sold to a museum in London.
- ✓ After a long legal process, in the year 2020, it was successful in bringing this statue to India from a private museum in London.
- ✓ Now this statue will be kept under the protection of the Archaeological Survey Department in Kumbha Mahal.
- ✓ Chittorgarh Fort
- ✓ Chittorgarh fort is the largest fort in India. It is located in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan.
- ✓ Chittor was the capital of Mewar.
- ✓ Chittor Fort was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site on 21 June 2013.
- ✓ This fort was built by the Mauryan dynasty king Chitrangad Maurya in the seventh century.

Q. Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh told that by which year the entire country will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network?

A) 2024

B) 2025

C) 2030

C) 2027

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh on 15 January informed that by 2025, the entire country will be covered by Doppler weather radar network so that extreme weather events can be predicted more accurately.
- ✓ The accuracy of the meteorological department's forecast regarding severe weather has improved by about 40 per cent in the last eight to nine years.



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- ✓ In this sequence, by 2025, there will be a Doppler radar network across the country. The number of Doppler radars in the country has increased from 15 in 2013 to 37 in 2023.
- ✓ India will set up 25 more radars in the next two to three years, taking the number to 62.
- ✓ Speaking on the occasion of the 148th Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the minister said with the improvement in forecasting, the disaster-related death rate has come down to single digit.
- ✓ IMD commissioned four Doppler Weather Radars (DWRs) in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir. This will strengthen the weather monitoring capabilities in the Western Himalayan region.
- ✓ These were installed at Surkanda Devi in Uttarakhand, Jot and Murari Devi in Himachal and Banihal Top in Jammu and Kashmir
- ✓ What is Doppler Weather Radar?
- ✓ It is a special type of radar that uses the Doppler effect to generate velocity data about objects at a distance.
- ✓ It is designed to improve accuracy in long range weather forecasting and monitoring using a parabolic dish antenna and a foam sandwich spherical radome.
- ✓ What is Radar (Radio Detection and Ranging)?
- ✓ It is a device that uses electromagnetic waves in the microwave region to detect the location, height, intensity, and speed of moving and non-moving objects.
- ✓ What is the Doppler effect?
- ✓ It refers to the change in wave frequency during the relative motion between a wave source and its observer.
- ✓ It was discovered by Johann Doppler, who described it as a process of increasing or decreasing the luminosity of stars depending on the relative motion of the star.

Q. The Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum (WEF) is held in which city?

- A) Geneva
- C) Davos

- B) Zurich
- D) Lausanne

Answer : C



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- ✓ The five-day annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) begins on 16 January 2023 in Davos, Switzerland. It is the 53rd edition of the World Economic Forum which will be organised till 20 January 2023.
- ✓ The theme of the meeting of the 53rd edition of the World Economic Forum is 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.
- ✓ The main topics of discussion in the meeting are likely to be discussed like the Ukraine crisis, global inflation, climate change etc
- ✓ World Economic Forum (WEF)
- ✓ WEF is a Swiss non-profit organisation.
- ✓ Establishment: 1971
- ✓ Headquarters: Cologny (Switzerland).
- ✓ Founder and Executive Chairman: Klaus Schwab.
- ✓ Chairperson: Borge Brende
- ✓ Major reports published by WEF
- ✓ Global Gender Gap Report
- ✓ Global Risk Report
- ✓ Global Travel and Tourism Report
- ✓ Energy Transition Index (ETI)
- ✓ Global Competitiveness Report

Q. What is the theme of the meeting of the 53rd edition of the World Economic Forum 2023?

- A) Cooperation in a Fragmented World
- B) Working Together, Restoring Trust
- C) The State of the World
- D) Redefining capitalism

Answer : A



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Q. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) has listed Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) in the list of protected plants under Schedule III of the Wildlife (Protection). The Wildlife Protection Act' was enforced in India in the year?

A) 1972

B) 1988

C) 1993

D) 1975

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) has listed Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) in the list of protected plants under Schedule III of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- ✓ According to the Environment Ministry, those who uproot or destroy the plant will be fined Rs 25,000 and imprisoned for three years.
- ✓ Cultivation and possession of this plant is not allowed.
- ✓ Neelakurinji has been included in the list after the Center expanded the earlier protected list of six plant species to 19.
- ✓ About Neelakurinji
- ✓ Neelakurinji is a tropical plant species and is native to the shola forests in the Western Ghats.
- ✓ It is also found in Shevaroy Hills in the Eastern Ghats, Annamalai Hills in Kerala and Sanduru Hills in Karnataka.
- ✓ It grows on mountain slopes at an altitude of 1300 to 2400 meters to a height of 30 to 60 cm.
- ✓ The flowers of Neelakurinji are violet-blue in colour and bloom once in 12 years. The flower has no scent or any medicinal value.
- ✓ Because of these flowers, the Nilgiri hills at the southern end of the Western Ghats are called the Blue Mountains.
- ✓ It is one of the rarest plant species that grows in the Western Ghats and does not grow in any other part of the world.
- ✓ It is classified as an endangered species

Q. Who has launched the "Soul of Steel" Alpine Challenge to promote tourism in border areas?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Nitin Gadkari

C) Rajnath Singh

D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : C



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- ✓ To promote tourism in border areas, the defence minister Rajnath Singh launched the "Soul of Steel" Alpine Challenge
- ✓ Rajnath Singh also flagged off the 460 km long car rally 'Road to the End', a joint operation by the Indian Army and CLAW.
- ✓ The rally will reach its destination in the Garhwal Himalayas near Niti village in Chamoli district in the next three days.
- ✓ A team of Indian Special Forces veterans with multiple expertise in CLAW, mountaineering, skydiving, SCUBA diving, unarmed combat, multi-terrain survival techniques and emergency medical response will lead the challenge.
- ✓ About 'Soul of Steel' challenge
- ✓ It will test the high altitude endurance of an individual and will initially feature 12 Indian participants and six international teams between the ages of 18 and 30.
- ✓ This challenge will run for three months.
- ✓ It is being organised by CLAW Global, a conglomerate of giants.
- ✓ The Indian Army is supporting the adventure challenge.
- ✓ It is modelled on the lines of the 'Ironman Triathlon', a long distance triathlon held in Europe that tests a person's physical abilities
- ✓ The initiative aims to enable life skills training and youth development
- ✓ This is also expected to give a boost to the global promotion of adventure tourism in Uttarakhand.

Q. In which of the following states Maghi Mela is celebrated?

A) Rajasthan

B) Punjab

C) Haryana

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Maghi Mela festival is being celebrated from January 14 in Punjab
- ✓ The Maghi Mela has been celebrated in the city of Sri Muktsar Sahib in Punjab for centuries in memory of the 40 Sikh warriors who died fighting the Mughals in the Battle of Khidrana in 1705.
- ✓ It was only after this war that Khidrana was named Muktsar or Mukti Kund.
- ✓ About Maghi Mela
- ✓ Maghi Mela is held every year in the holy city of Sri Muktsar Sahib in January or in the month of Magh as per Nanakshahi calendar.



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- ✓ It is one of the most important festivals of Sikhs.
- ✓ The festival marks the martyrdom of 40 Sikh soldiers fighting against the Mughals.
- ✓ In the 1700s, the Mughals and the Sikhs were at constant war with each other.
- ✓ The Khidrana War began when in 1704, during the siege of Anandpur Sahib by the Mughals, 40 Sikh soldiers deserted their posts.
- ✓ About Battle of Khidrana
- ✓ In 1704, during the siege of Anandpur Sahib by the Mughals, 40 Sikh soldiers abandoned their posts and fled.
- ✓ On reaching their village near Amritsar, a woman named Mai Bhago scolded them and challenged the fighters to return to Anandpur Sahib in the service of their guru.
- ✓ With Mai Bhago the freshly inspired soldiers marched towards Anandpur Sahib to help Guru Gobind Singh.
- ✓ He met Guru Gobind Singh at Khidrana where he came face to face with the Mughal army and sacrificed his life in the process

Q. Which state has become the first State in India to implement a blindness control policy to ensure the "right to sight"?

A) Rajasthan

B) Gujarat

C) Jharkhand

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Rajasthan Government implemented the Blindness Control Policy on 13th January. Rajasthan is the 'first state' in the country to implement this policy with the objective of 'right to sight vision'.
- ✓ This is an innovative initiative by the Medical and Health Department of the state in the direction of realising the vision of a healthy Rajasthan in the state.
- ✓ The policy has been implemented with the aim of bringing light to the lives of more than three lakh visually impaired people in the state.
- ✓ The blindness prevalence rate in the country in the year 2020 was 1.1 percent, which will be worked towards bringing it down to 0.3 percent through the 'Right to Sight Vision' policy.
- ✓ Under this policy of the State Government, Keratoplasty Center and Eye Bank will be compulsorily operated in all Government Medical Colleges.
- ✓ A large-scale campaign for eye donation will be launched by taking private organisations along.



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Q. Which day has been declared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be observed as 'National Start-up Day' in India?

A) January 15

B) January 17

C) January 18

D) January 16

Answer : D

- ✓ In order to promote and encourage new businesses in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on 15 January 2022 that every year 16 January will be celebrated as 'National Startup Day'
- ✓ In the year 2022, India celebrated the first 'National Startup Day'.
- ✓ No specific theme has yet been chosen for the celebration of this day.
- ✓ This year, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, several events were organised at over 75 locations in the country with an aim to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation by involving the startup community.
- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have organised 'Startup India Innovation Week' from January 10 to 16.

Q. SPIC MACAY organizes its very popular 'Music in the Park' series this year under the name "Shruti Amrut" in collaboration with which ministry?

A) Ministry of Finance

B) Ministry of Home affairs

C) Ministry of Defence

D) Ministry of Culture

Answer : D

- ✓ SPIC MACAY organizes its very popular 'Music in the Park' series this year under the name "Shruti Amrut" in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the New Delhi Municipal Council.
- ✓ In this series, the first event of 2023 was held on 15 January in Nehru Park, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
- ✓ The concert began with a sarod performance by Aman Ali Bangash, the 7th generation musician of the Senia Bangash Gharana. Accompanied by Anubrata Chatterjee (tabla) and Abhishek Mishra (tabla).
- ✓ This was followed by a Hindustani recital by Padma Bhushan Begum Parveen Sultana of Patiala Gharana, accompanied by Akram Khan (Tabla), Srinivas Acharya (Harmonium) and Shadab Sultana (Vocals).
- ✓ About SPIC MACAY



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- ✓ SPIC MACAY (Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture among Youth) is a non-political, nationwide, voluntary organization.
- ✓ It was founded in 1977 by Dr. Kiran Seth, Professor-Emeritus at IIT-Delhi, who was awarded the 'Padma Shri' in 2009 for his contribution to the arts
- ✓ In 2011, SPIC MACAY was awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award for its contribution to youth development

Q. In which state of India is the “Magh Bihu or Bhogali Bihu” festival celebrated ?

- A) Punjab
B) Assam
C) Gujarat
D) Bihar

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on 15 January burn the traditional Assamese Meji (bonfire) in Guwahati as part of the Magh Bihu or Bhogali Bihu celebration.
- ✓ About Magh Bihu or Bhogali Bihu Festival
- ✓ Bhogali Bihu which is also known as Magh Bihu is being celebrated in every province in Assam with great enthusiasm.
- ✓ This is a festival of farmers. It is celebrated in the month of 'Magha' in the middle of January.
- ✓ After the annual harvest, it is celebrated with community feasts.
- ✓ The main attraction of this festival is food. The night before 'Bhogali Bihu' which falls on 15th January is called 'Uruka' which means the night of feasts.
- ✓ The villagers build bamboo huts called 'Bhelaghor' or community kitchen where they start with the preparations for the festival
- ✓ This festival is celebrated for a week. It is celebrated by singing, dancing, feasting and bonfires.

Q. Who has won the Girls Under-15 squash title at one of the most prestigious tournaments of the season, the British Junior Open, in Birmingham, UK?

- A) Akanksha Salunke
B) Sunayna Kuruvilla
C) Anahat Singh
D) Tanvi Khanna

Answer : C



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- ✓ India's Anahat Singh won the Girls Under-15 squash title at one of the most prestigious tournaments of the season, the British Junior Open, in Birmingham, UK.
- ✓ Delhi's Anahat Singh defeated Egypt's Sohela Hazem 3-1 in the final.
- ✓ The British Junior Open is held every year in January in the UK where all the best players from around the world compete to win the coveted title.
- ✓ The win makes Anahat the most successful Indian player in the British Junior Open.
- ✓ It was her third final in the world's most prestigious squash tournament.
- ✓ Anahat, who represented India at the Commonwealth Games in August 2022, has reached the finals in all three of her appearances at the British Junior Open.
- ✓ She has won two gold medals and one silver in three appearances which is the highest medal tally by any Indian in the British Junior Open across all categories.
- ✓ She has also won the Scottish Junior Open to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland from December 28-30, 2022 in Girls Under-17 categories.

Q. Which country will introduce its stamp with Jawaharlal Nehru's portrait on its 75th Independence Day?

- A) Sri Lanka B) Bhutan
C) Fiji D) Nepal

Answer : A

- ✓ Sri Lanka's government is preparing to issue stamps commemorating the country's 75th anniversary of independence.
- ✓ According to the Sri Lankan President's Media Division, the commemorative stamp would feature a portrait of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ✓ The country, which is in the grip of a financial crisis, will commemorate its 75th anniversary of independence on February 4, 2023

Q. Which public sector bank partnered with 'Garuda Aerospace' under the Kisan Pushpak Scheme?

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

Answer : B



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- ✓ Garuda Aerospace, a drone company based in Chennai, has teamed with the Union Bank of India to finance 150 Garuda Agri Kisan drones under the Kisan Pushpak Scheme.
- ✓ The drone loan will assist farmers in digitizing land record activities for agricultural production as well as spraying fertilizers, chemicals, and pesticides.
- ✓ The Agri Infrastructure Fund Scheme funds 150 drone applications that will assist farmers and train 150 qualified pilots to become entrepreneurs.

Q. Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) has signed an MoU with which bank to help farmers in getting low-interest-rate loans?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Indian Overseas Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- ✓ The objective of the MoU is to provide information on the benefits to the depositors besides carrying out further activities to improve agricultural finance in India.
- ✓ It is envisaged that the product will have far reaching consequences with regard to acceptance of e-NWRs (electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt) among small and marginal farmers.
- ✓ Combined with the inherent security and negotiability of the e-NWR system, the Produce Marketing Loan will go a long way in improving rural liquidity and increasing farmers income.
- ✓ Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA)
- ✓ WDRA was constituted on 26 October, 2010 under the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007.
- ✓ It is a Statutory Authority under the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.
- ✓ The Authority has its Headquarters in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Authority consists of a Chairperson and two Members appointed by the Central Government.



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- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- State Bank of India has signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects.
- Union Ministry of Finance has nominated Vivek Joshi as a Director to the Board of State Bank of India (SBI).
- State Bank of India (SBI) surpassed Rs 6 trillion in Assets Under Management (AUM) under the Home Loan segment.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has bought the entire 13.82 per cent stakes held by Small Industrial Bank of India (SIDBI), Bank of Maharashtra and Union Bank of India in the SBI Global Factors Ltd (SBIGFL).
- SBI has reduced the interest rate on savings accounts by a marginal 5 basis points to 2.70 per cent effective from 15 October 2022. 100 basis points is equal to 1%.
- State Bank of India (SBI) Research Report, Ecowrap, has downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for the second quarter (Q2: July-September) of financial year 2022-23 (FY23) to 5.8% from 6.1%.
- State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara announced their Next-Gen Contact Centre service.



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- SBI launches 'Gram Seva Program' across six states of India (Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal).
- SBI hit market capitalization of Rs 5 trillion, share prices reach record high.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- State Bank of India (SBI) to Raise Rs. 11,000 Crore in Basel III Bonds in fiscal year 2022–23 (FY23).
- State Bank of India (SBI)'s 'WECARE' Senior Citizens' Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme has extended upto 31st March 2023.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched India's first state-of-the-art start-up dedicated branch in Koramangala in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- SBI has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India launched "Utsav fixed deposit scheme".
- RBI authorises HR subsidiary of SBI to manage cost effectively.
- SBI's first-quarter net profit fell by 7% to Rs. 6,068 billion.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
- SBI will soon provide its customers with WhatsApp-based banking.
- State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July 2022.
- RBI approves SBI's establishment of operations support subsidiary.
- Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) signs MoUs with SBI, BOB, PNB, and SIDBI for Uttar Pradesh.
- Electric two-wheeler manufacturer Ather Energy partners SBI for customer retail finance.
- Alok Kumar Choudhary appointed State Bank of India MD for 2 years.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara



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- Managing Director (4) : Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us

Q. Which has acquired the media rights of the Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL) for five years from 2023 to 2027 for Rs 951 crore?

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| A) Disney Star | B) Star Sports |
| C) Network 18 | D) Viacom18 |

Answer : D

- ✓ Viacom 18 has acquired the media rights of the Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL), which will start from March-April 2023.
- ✓ Viacom18 has bought the media rights of the women's IPL for five years from 2023 to 2027 for Rs 951 crore.
- ✓ Viacom 18's bid is understood to have been almost 10 times more than the Rs. 98 crore bid by Disney-Star, the only other broadcaster that submitted the document.
- ✓ The auction for the T20 League was conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in Mumbai.
- ✓ The WIPL is set to feature 22 games in a five-team format for the first three years. Should the BCCI add a sixth team, the next two editions – in 2026 and 2027 – will see 34 games being played.
- ✓ Their names are Chennai Super Kings, Rajasthan Royals, Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Punjab Kings. All are showing interest in investing in a team in WIPL.



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Q. Victor Axelsen has won the men's singles Malaysia Open title 2023. He is in which country?

- A) Finland
B) Spain
C) Switzerland
D) Denmark

Answer : D

- ✓ Two-time world champion and defending Olympic champion Victor Axelsen (Denmark) and world champion Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) have won the men's and women's singles titles respectively in Malaysia Open Badminton 2023.
- ✓ Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won the tournament for the second time in a row by defeating Kodai Naraoka of Japan in the men's singles final.
- ✓ Japan's Akane, on the other hand, defeated world number four Ahn Se-young of South Korea, 20, to win the title.
- ✓ Now these players will also present the title claim in the India Open to be held from the last week of January 2023

Q. Which player has won the Malaysia Open 2023 women's singles title?

- A) Akane Yamaguchi
B) Naomi Osaka
C) Karolína Pliskova
D) Ashleigh Barty

Answer : A

Q. Which team has won the Spanish Super Cup for 14th time recently?

- A) Liverpool
B) Barcelona
C) Real Madrid
D) Inter Milan

Answer : B

- ✓ Barcelona beat Real Madrid 3-1 in Riyadh to win their 14th Spanish Super Cup title.
- ✓ Barcelona has won the Supercup for the first time since 2018 and for the 14th time overall.
- ✓ Real Madrid has won the Supercup 12 times so far.
- ✓ The Supercopa de España or Spanish Super Cup is a super cup tournament in Spanish football.
- ✓ This competition is being played since 1982.
- ✓ The Super Cup was previously played between the winner of the Spanish league and the champion team of the Copa del Rey. From the year 2020, now the runner-up teams of both the competitions also take part in it.



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Q. The First Health Working Group meeting under G-20 India Presidency will be held from the 18-20 Jan 2023 in which city?

- A) Jaipur
B) Varanasi
C) Thiruvananthapuram
D) Lucknow

Answer : C

- ✓ The First Health Working Group meeting under G-20 India Presidency will be held from the 18-20 Jan 2023 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ✓ The three-day meeting will focus on thematic discussions on three main priorities, health emergencies prevention, preparedness and response, strengthening cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector, and digital health innovations to aid universal health coverage.
- ✓ The meeting will be attended by representatives of G20 member countries, special invitee countries, and relevant international organizations.

Q. As part of the G-20 presidency, a Business-20 (B-20) inception meeting will be organized at which city from 22 to 24 January 2023?

- A) Bhubaneswar
B) Patna
C) Gandhinagar
D) Ahmedabad

Answer : C

- ✓ As part of the G-20 presidency, a Business-20 (B-20) inception meeting will be organized at Gandhinagar in Gujarat from 22- 24 January 2023.
- ✓ The meeting will be held to formulate policy recommendations to be submitted to G-20 ahead of the leaders' Summit.
- ✓ This will be the first of 15 events that the State is set to organize as part of India's G-20 presidency.
- ✓ The inaugural ceremony of the B-20 inception meeting will be attended by Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Ashwini Vaishnaw, State Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, India's Sherpa to G-20 Amitabh Kant and Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran.

Q. Think-20 meeting under the G-20 has begun in which city of India?

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

Answer : A



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- ✓ The two-day Think-20 meeting under the G-20 is started at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP).
- ✓ The first Think-20 meeting in MP has inaugurated by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ✓ 94 international delegates, 115 from different states and about 100 local participants will be involved in discussions.
- ✓ During the meeting, experts and foreign guests will discuss various topics including Global Governance with LiFE, Values, and Wellbeing.
- ✓ The G20, or Group of 20, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

Q. NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd has signed an MoU with which state for the Development of Floating and Ground Mounted based Renewable Energy Projects?

- A) Tripura B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has signed an MoU with the Government of Tripura for the Development of Floating and Ground Mounted based Renewable Energy Projects in the State of Tripura.
- ✓ The MoU was signed by Shri Rajiv Gupta, Chief General Manager, NTPC REL and Shri Mahananda Debbarma, Director General and CEO, Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency.
- ✓ This MoU embarks upon the journey towards development of large sized Renewable Energy Projects in the State of Tripura and shall help Govt of Tripura in meeting its Clean Energy Commitments and obligations.

Q. Which of the following film will be screened at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Film Festival in January 2023?

- A) Makdee B) Toolsidas Junior
C) Gattu D) Gippi

Answer : B

- ✓ National Award-winning movie "Toolsidas Junior" will be screened at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Film Festival in the Children Focus Section.



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- ✓ National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in association with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Film Festival will be hosting the screening. The festival will take place from January 27 to January 31 in Mumbai.
- ✓ 'Toolsidas Junior' has already won two National Awards- Best Hindi Film and Special Mention in Child Actor Category for the leading child actor Varun Buddhadev.
- ✓ Marking the last film of late veteran actor Rajiv Kapoor, 'Toolsidas Junior' is the first sports film to highlight snooker and traces the story of a young boy determined to return the glory of his father.
- ✓ The film was produced by Ashutosh Gowariker, Sunita Gowariker, Bhushan Kumar, and Krishan Kumar, and directed and written by Mridul Toolsidass

Q. The biggest decline in the population of China has been recorded after which year?

A) 1971

B) 1961

C) 1977

D) 1981

Answer : B

- ✓ The biggest decline in the population of China has been recorded after the year 1961. Negative population growth has now started in China. The death toll in China is more than the number of children born
- ✓ According to the China's National Bureau of Statistics China's population declined by roughly 850,000 to 1.41175 billion at the end of 2022.
- ✓ In China, 9.56 million people were born in 2022, while 10.41 million people died.
- ✓ China's birth rate last year was just 6.77 births per 1,000 people, down from 7.52 births in 2021, the lowest ever.
- ✓ The number of Chinese women of childbearing age, which the government defines as 25 to 35, has declined by nearly 4 million.
- ✓ This has caused domestic demographers to worry that China will grow old before it gets rich, slowing the economy as revenues decline and increasing government debt as health and welfare costs rise.
- ✓ Impact of the One Child Policy
- ✓ The main reason for China's population decline is the one-child policy implemented between 1980 and 2015.



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- ✓ Additionally, higher education in China is very expensive, which has prohibited many Chinese people from having more than one child.
- ✓ The fundamental reason why women do not want children is the failure of society and men to take responsibility for raising children.
- ✓ China's strict zero-covid policies that were in force for three years have further damaged the country's demographic outlook.

Q. What is the name of the 21st edition of the Naval Exercise between India and France?

- A) Bongo Sagar
- B) Varuna
- C) Naseem Al Bahr
- D) Shakti

Answer : B

- ✓ The 21st edition of the bilateral naval exercise "Varuna" between India and France began off the western seaboard
- ✓ The exercise will be conducted for five days from 16 to 20 January 2023.
- ✓ The current edition of the exercise will involve Indian Navy's indigenous Guided Missile Stealth Destroyer Ship INS Chennai, Guided Missile Frigate INS Teg Nauka, Maritime Patrol Aircraft P-8I and Dornier, integral helicopters and MiG29.
- ✓ The French Navy will be represented by aircraft carriers Charles de Gaulle, FS Forbin and Provence yachts, support ship FS Marne and maritime patrol aircraft Atlantique.
- ✓ Enhanced air defence exercises, tactical manoeuvres, surface firing, replenishment and other maritime operational activities will be conducted during the exercise.
- ✓ Defence Exercises between India and France:
- ✓ Varuna – Naval exercise
- ✓ Garuda – Air exercise
- ✓ Shakti – Army exercise
- ✓ Three biennial training exercises are conducted between India and France -
- ✓ Garuda – Exercise Garuda VII between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF) was held in November 2022 at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- ✓ VARUNA - The 20th edition of the bilateral naval exercise named 'Varuna' between the Indian Navy and the French Navy was conducted from March 30 to April 03, 2022 in the Arabian Sea.



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- ✓ SHAKTI - The 6th edition of the biennial training exercise 'Yudhbhayas Shakti 2021' between the armies of India and France was conducted from November 15-26, 2021 at Frejus, France

Q. India and which country are set to hold the first-ever military exercises involving the special forces in Udaipur, Jaipur and Jodhpur?

A) Vietnam B) Singapore

C) Egypt D) Sweden

Answer : C

- ✓ India and Egypt are set to hold the first-ever military exercises involving the Special Forces in Udaipur, Jaipur and Jodhpur.
- ✓ It is being held to celebrate the 75 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
- ✓ India is a major country in the Indian Ocean and the security of the Indian Ocean starts from the security of the Red Sea in the West and for Egypt on the Suez Canal.
- ✓ Egypt has also been invited as a guest country at the G20 summit in 2023.
- ✓ In April 2022, Egypt announced the inclusion of India in the list of accredited countries.
- ✓ Egypt
- ✓ Capital : Cairo
- ✓ Currency : pound
- ✓ President : Abdel Fattah El-Sisi

Q. Which company announced the second phase of the Girls4Tech STEM education program in India?

A) Mastercard B) Paytm

C) Reliance Industries D) Tata Motors

Answer : A

- ✓ In India, Mastercard has announced the extension of its distinctive Girls4Tech, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education initiative.
- ✓ The American India Foundation is collaborating with the Mastercard Impact Fund to assist Girls4Tech (AIF).
- ✓ The program's growth intends to reach up to 1 lakh female students across the country by 2024 in order to encourage them to pursue STEM education.



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Q. India's first 3x platform wind turbine generators (WTG) have been installed in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
B) Odisha
C) Telangana
D) Karnataka

Answer : D

- ✓ In Gadag, Karnataka, ReNew Power erected India's first 3x platform wind turbine generators (WTGs).
- ✓ The new wind turbine generators will be used in the country's first "Round the Clock" renewable energy project, which will combine wind, solar, and battery energy storage technology (BESS).
- ✓ This project will generate enough energy to power over 1 million Indian households annually.

Q. Which state recently revived the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for government employees, after Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Punjab?

- A) Karnataka
B) Gujarat
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Maharashtra

Answer : C

- ✓ The government of Himachal Pradesh has decided to reinstate the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for government employees who were previously covered under the National Pension System (NPS).
- ✓ Previously, the Old Pension Scheme was implemented in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Punjab (OPS).
- ✓ This decision will benefit nearly 1.36 lakh state NPS employees.

A cabinet Sub Committee has been formed to oversee the implementation of the Rs 1,500 award for women aged 18 to 60.

Q. Who is the youngest batsman to hit double centuries in one-day international cricket?

- A) Ishan Kishan
B) Harry Brook
C) Cameron Green
D) Shubman Gill

Answer : D

- ✓ Shubman Gill joined the prestigious list on January 18, 2023, becoming the fifth Indian batsman to score 200 in the 50-over format, only one month after Ishan Kishan hammered a double century in an ODI.
- ✓ He cleared the ropes nine times in total and finished with 208 off just 149 deliveries.
- ✓ Shubman is also the youngest batsman to achieve the milestone.



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Q. The World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen which city to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences?

A) Bengaluru

B) Hyderabad

C) Chennai

D) New Delhi

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- ✓ The announcement was made after the Telangana government and the World Economic Forum signed a cooperation agreement during the Forum's annual meeting in Davos recently.
- ✓ The collaboration agreement was signed by Jeremy Jurgens, Managing Director, WEF and Sakthi Nagappan, Chief Executive Officer, Telangana Life Sciences Foundation.
- ✓ Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Telangana will be an autonomous, non-profit organisation that will focus on healthcare and life sciences.
- ✓ C4IR is the 18th centre to join the 4th Industrial Revolution Network of Telangana Forum, which is spread across four continents
- ✓ What is the fourth industrial revolution?
- ✓ The Fourth Industrial Revolution represents a fundamental change in the way we live, work and connect with each other.
- ✓ It is a new chapter in human development, enabled by an extraordinary technological advance commensurate with the First, Second and Third Industrial Revolutions.
- ✓ The key technologies involved are cloud computing, big data, cyber security, simulation, additive manufacturing and Internet of Things (IoT).
- ✓ Other industrial revolution
- ✓ First Industrial Revolution (in the 1800s): Water and steam power were used to mechanize production. An example of this is the steam engine.
- ✓ Second Industrial Revolution (early 1900s): It used electricity for mass production. Electricity is an example of this.
- ✓ Third Industrial Revolution (late 1900s): Electronics and information technology were used to automate production. Computers and the Internet are examples of this.



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HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2022-23

- Hyderabad selected to host WEF Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- Hyderabad won the ‘World Green City Award’ 2022 at the International Association of Horticulture Producers(AIPH) 2022, organized in Jeju, South Korea .
- Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC 2022) began in Hyderabad .
- Government of India approved annual commemoration of “Hyderabad Liberation Day ” for the years 2022 to 2023.
- Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad.
- Hyderabad hosts India’s first-ever unique kind of Flow Chemistry Technology Hub.
- India’s 1st Flow Chemistry Technology Hub Set up at Hyderabad.
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as the ‘2021 Tree City of the World.
- SBI to set up Innovation, Incubation and Acceleration Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India’s First fully owned by women industrial park in Hyderabad.
- Microsoft to set up India’s largest Data Center region in Hyderabad
- PM Modi inaugurates 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Hyderabad-based ICRISAT.
- PM Modi has dedicated to the nation 216-feet tall ‘Statue of Equality in Hyderabad to commemorate Ramanujacharya.
- India’s first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Q. Which incubated firm has developed an Indigenous Mobile Operating System named 'BharOS'?

A) IIT Bombay

B) IIT kharagpur

C) IIT Kanpur

D) IIT Madras

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)-incubated firm has developed an Indigenous Mobile Operating System that can benefit India's 100 crore mobile phone users.



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- ✓ Called 'BharOS,' this software can be installed on commercial off-the-shelf handsets. It provides a secure environment for users and is a significant contribution towards 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.'
- ✓ BharOS provides access to trusted apps from organisation-specific Private App Store Services (PASS). A PASS provides access to a curated list of apps that have been thoroughly vetted and have met certain security and privacy standards of organisations
- ✓ BharOS comes with No Default Apps (NDA). This means that users are not forced to use apps that they may not be familiar with or that they may not trust.
- ✓ The BharOS was developed by JandK Operations Private Limited (JandKops).

IIT MADRAS IN NEWS 2022

- IIT-incubated firm develops BharOS The Indigenous Operating System.
- 'Saarang 2023' India's Largest Student-Run Festival Begins at IIT Madras.
- IIT Madras won Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022.
- IIT Madras & DRDO tie-up for Advanced Defence Technologies.
- IIT Madras has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA.
- IIT Madras is partnering with Australian Universities to launch 'Australia-India Centre for Energy (AICE).
- Cochin Shipyard, IIT-Madras sign pact to support maritime startups.
- IIT-Madras and NASA researchers study microbes on space station.
- National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022.
- Ashok Leyland, IIT Madras tie up to develop hybrid EVS Using Turbine Tech.
- IBM and IIT Madras collaborate to promote quantum computing in India.
- IIT Madras joins Inspire Institute of Sports for innovative boxing analytics software.
- Vedanta collaborates with company started from IIT Madras.
- Indian Railways and IIT Madras Partner To Develop India's First Indigenous Hyperloop .
- IIT Madras creates robots to clean septic tanks without human under the name "HomoSEP," .
- Nilekani Center established by IIT-M to promote Indian language technology .



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Q. Which bank has awarded the Best Small Bank Award 2022 in the 'Best Banks Survey for the year 2022', conducted by Business Today-KPMG (BT-KPMG Best banks survey)?

- A) Saptagiri Grameena Bank B) Bandhan Financial Holdings
C) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank D) Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd

Answer : C

- ✓ Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has awarded the Best Small Bank Award 2022 in the 'Best Banks Survey for the year 2022', conducted by Business Today-KPMG (BT-KPMG Best banks survey).
- ✓ The bank has won the Best Small Bank Award under the category of banks with a book size of less than Rs 1 Lakh crore.
- ✓ TMB, MD and CEO Shri S Krishnan has received the awards from Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.
- ✓ BT-KPMG is conducting BT-KPMG Best banks survey and awarding the best banks with 37 parameters.
- ✓ Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (TMB) was founded in 1921 as the Nadar Bank, later it was changed to Tamilnad Mercantile Bank in 1962.

Q. Which of the following film has bagged the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best movie at the 8th edition of the Ajanta-Ellora film festival?

- A) Naanera B) Chidi Balla
C) Taawdo the Sunlight D) Hivade Me Fute Laadu

Answer : A

- ✓ "Naanera", a Rajasthani film directed by Deepankar Prakash, bagged the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best movie at the 8th edition of the Ajanta-Ellora film festival.
- ✓ "Naanera" also bagged awards for best director, best screenplay, and best editor.
- ✓ The best picture award, announced by FIPRESCI India jury N Vidyashakar, included a trophy and a cash prize of Rs one lakh.
- ✓ Best Actress: Akshatha Pandavapura
- ✓ Best Actor: Jeetu Kamal (Bengali film: Aparajito)

Q. Which Indian has been ranked number 2 globally on the Brand Guardianship Index 2023?

- A) Gautam Adani B) Sunil Bharti Mittal
C) Mukesh Ambani D) Anand Mahindra



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Answer : C

- ✓ India's Billionaire Mukesh Ambani has overtaken the likes of Satya Nadella of Microsoft and Google's Sundar Pichai to be ranked No.1 among Indians and second globally on the Brand Guardianship Index 2023.
- ✓ Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang and Reliance Industries Ltd's Mukesh Ambani are ranked first and second respectively in the Index (BGI).
- ✓ Microsoft's Satya Nadella, who topped last year, is at number three.
- ✓ Most of the top 10 in the index are from India or Indian-origin CEOs.
- ✓ Adobe's Shantanu Narayen and Pichai are ranked fourth and fifth.
- ✓ Deloitte's Punit Rejen is at No.6 and Tata group chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran at the eighth spot.
- ✓ Piyush Gupta of DBS is at No 9.
- ✓ Mukesh Ambani, Managing Director and Chairman of Reliance is the longest serving CEO in the ranking at 40 years
- ✓ About Brand Guardianship Index
- ✓ The Brand Guardianship Index consists of an 'equity' factor, which reflects current beliefs, a 'performance' factor, which reflects the concrete results of these beliefs, and an 'investment' factor, which supports future performance.
- ✓ It is based on a survey of 1,000 market analysts and journalists.
- ✓ Only 50% of the respondents to the survey conducted in November-December 2022 live in India.

Q. A rare orange-colored bat was spotted in which National Park in Chhattisgarh?

- A) Indravati National Park B) Kanger Valley National Park
C) Gugamal National Park D) Mouling National Park

Answer : B

- ✓ A 'rare orange coloured bat' known as 'painted bat' has been spotted in a banana plantation in Parali Bodal village of Kanger Valley National Park in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ The scientific name of this painted bat is 'Kerivoula picta'. This species has been kept in the category of globally endangered.



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- ✓ This species is commonly found in Bangladesh, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.
- ✓ In India, this bat has so far been seen in the Western Ghats, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Kanger valley of Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ The painted bat is characterised by bright orange and black wings, dense orange fur on the back and warm buff underside.
- ✓ There are about 131 species of bats in India and 31 of them are found in the central parts of the country.
- ✓ Kanger Valley National Park
- ✓ Kanger Ghati National Park was established in 1982.
- ✓ The name of this national park is derived from the Kanger River. This park is located in the Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, which is spread over an area of about 200 square kilometres.
- ✓ Due to its high biodiversity it has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve.
- ✓ The national park is famous for its limestone caves which also provide a suitable habitat for bats.
- ✓ Other 2 National Parks of Chhattisgarh
- ✓ Indravati National Park
- ✓ Guru Ghasidas National Park

Q. Who has announced an additional grant of 100 Million Maldivian Rufiyaa for community development projects in Maldives?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Rajnath Singh
C) Amit Shah D) Dr. S Jaishankar

Answer : D

- ✓ During the visit to Maldives, EAM Dr. S Jaishankar has announced an additional grant of 100 Million Maldivian Rufiyaa for community development projects in Maldives.
- ✓ He also witnessed an MoU between Maldivian National University and Kochi University of Science & Technology.
- ✓ The agreement included grant assistance of 100 million rufiyaa (Maldives' currency) for the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP).
- ✓ He has also announced that India has handed over two sea ambulances to help the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).



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Q. The Ministry of Tourism will organize which edition of the Global Tourism Investors Summit from 10th to 12th April 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi?

- A) first B) Second
C) Third D) Sixth

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism will organize the first Global Tourism Investors Summit from 10th to 12th April 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ✓ The aim of the summit is to bring together global business leaders, and policymakers to understand and explore Tourism Business opportunities in India.
- ✓ The event focused on promoting India as an investment destination for travel, tourism, and hospitality by identifying State-Specific investment possibilities and discuss avenues to promote sustainable tourism.

Q. Which company has signed an agreement with Ashok Leyland and Ballard Power (Canada) to develop a hydrogen fuel cell electric truck (FCET) for mining logistics and transportation?

- A) NTPC Limited B) JSW Energy
C) ReNew Power D) Adani Enterprises

Answer : D

- ✓ Adani Enterprises has signed an agreement with Ashok Leyland and Ballard Power (Canada) to launch a pilot project to develop a hydrogen fuel cell electric truck (FCET) for mining logistics and transportation.
- ✓ The agreement marks Asia's first planned hydrogen-powered mining truck.
- ✓ The demonstration project will be led by Adani Enterprises Limited a company focused on both mining operations and developing green hydrogen projects for sourcing, transporting, and building out hydrogen refueling infrastructure.
- ✓ The mining truck will weigh 55 tons and will have a 200-km working range.
- ✓ The FCET is scheduled to be launched in India in 2023.
- ✓ Ballard will supply the FCmove™ fuel cell engine for the hydrogen truck.
- ✓ Ashok Leyland will provide the vehicle platform and technical support.



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Q. With which country did India hold 5th Foreign Policy and Security Dialogue recently?

- A) Australia
B) South Korea
C) United States
D) Russia

Answer : B

- ✓ The 5th Foreign Policy and Security Dialogue between India and South Korea was held in Seoul.
- ✓ Both sides agreed to deepen cooperation in areas including trade and investment, security and defense, science and technology, as well as cultural and people-to-people exchanges.
- ✓ They agreed to take concrete steps to take bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030 from current all-time high of \$28 billion.
- ✓ South Korea
- ✓ Capital : Seoul
- ✓ Currency : Won
- ✓ Prime Minister : Han Duck-soo
- ✓ President : Yoon Seok-youl

Q. India's first School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication has launched in which state?

- A) Odisha
B) Assam
C) Tripura
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ India's first School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication has launched in Agartala, Tripura.
- ✓ The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal, along with Dr. Manik Saha, Chief Minister of Tripura, jointly inaugurated the school.
- ✓ To enable the rich pool of talent in the region to become world-class experts in the transportation and logistics sector.

Q. 41st session of the Network Planning Group (NPG) has organized in which city?

- A) Mumbai
B) New Delhi
C) Lucknow
D) Patna

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Network Planning Group (NPG) was held its 41st session in New Delhi.
- ✓ It was chaired by Anil Agrawal, the Special Secretary of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ✓ The meeting saw deliberations on a 4 Lane Accessed Controlled Greenfield Highway as part of the Nagpur-Vijaywada corridor and new rail connectivity projects connecting Barejadi Nandej to Sanand in Gujarat, and Barbil, Barsuan and Nayagrah in Odisha.
- ✓ During the session, it was observed by the NPG that the Ahmedabad Station has been one of the busiest stations on the Western Railway Corridor for freight movement

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta's Cairn Oil & Gas?

- A) Safra Catz
B) Nick Walker
C) Jane Fraser
D) Mary Barra

Answer : B

- ✓ Nick Walker has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta's Cairn Oil & Gas, with effect from 5 January 2023.
- ✓ Before this appointment, Walker was president and CEO at Lundin Energy, a large European independent E&P companies.

Q. Nguyen Xuan Phuc has announced his resignation recently. He is the president of which country?

- A) Vietnam
B) Singapore
C) Ethiopia
D) Malaysia

Answer : A

- ✓ Vietnam President Nguyen Xuan Phuc has announced his resignation amid the ongoing anti-corruption drive.
- ✓ Earlier, two deputy prime ministers who served under President Phuc had quit.
- ✓ The anti-corruption drive has led to several ministers being fired in Vietnam.
- ✓ Phuc, a former Prime Minister, held the post of president since 2021.
- ✓ He had served as Prime Minister of Vietnam from 2016 until April 2021.
- ✓ Vietnam



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- ✓ Capital : Hanoi
- ✓ Currency : dong
- ✓ Prime Minister : Pham Minh Chinh

Q. Which of the following has organized the second edition of “SAINYA RANAKSHETRAM 2.0” from October 2022 to January 2023?

- A) Indian Coast Guard B) Indian Army
C) Indian Air Force D) Indian Navy

Answer : B

- ✓ The second edition of “SAINYA RANAKSHETRAM 2.0” has organized by the Indian Army under the aegis of HQ Army Training Command from October 2022 to January 2023.
- ✓ Objective – To seek solutions to operational cyber challenges and to jump-start and telescope the development time for innovative solutions in the field of Cyber Security.
- ✓ The prize winners of the event were felicitated by Gen Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff during a virtual function

Q. Who has defeated Aditya Mehta by 9-6 to win the final of the ‘Baulkline’ NSCI All India Snooker Open 2023?

- A) Pankaj Advani B) Laxman Rawat
C) Vidya Pillai D) Geet Sethi

Answer : B

- ✓ Laxman Rawat of the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) has defeated Aditya Mehta (his fellow PSPB challenger) by 9-6 to win the final of the ‘Baulkline’ NSCI All India Snooker Open 2023.
- ✓ Rawat had finished as the runner-up in the previous edition of the tournament, losing to Sourav Kothari in the final.
- ✓ This win marked Rawat’s first major title after 2-3 years.
- ✓ Cash prize – Rs 3 lakh (winner) & Rs 1.5 lakh (Runner-up)
- ✓ About NSCI Snooker Open Crown
- ✓ The NSCI Snooker Open Crown is a snooker tournament organized by the National Sports Club of India (NSCI).
- ✓ The tournament is open to players from all over India and features a best-of-17-frame final.



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Q. Which company will launch the IPTV services over Railwire?

- A) RailTel
B) JIO
C) BSNL
D) Airtel

Answer : A

- ✓ RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU under the Ministry of Railways, is launching Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) services to RailWire users in an effort to give significant value-added services to its consumers.
- ✓ IPTV is a service that uses the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) suite to broadcast television shows and other visual material.
- ✓ RailTel has teamed with City Online Media Private Ltd. of Hyderabad, a leading IPTV service provider in India, to offer RailWire users IPTV services under the "ULKA TV" brand.

Q. Narendra Modi on inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of development projects worth more than Rs 38,000 crore in which city?

- A) Lucknow
B) Mumbai
C) Ahmedabad
D) Bengaluru

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday (19th January 2023) inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various development projects in Mumbai.
- ✓ * These projects, which are worth more than Rs. 38,000 crore, belong to different sectors and aim to develop infrastructure, ease urban travel, and strengthen healthcare in the state.
- ✓ * This was PM Modi's first visit to Mumbai after Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde took office at June-end last year after replacing the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.
- ✓ The prime minister also launched Mumbai 1 mobile app and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC).
- ✓ The PM inaugurated Mumbai Metro Rail Lines 2A and 7 built at a cost of around Rs 12,600 crore. They comprise a 35km-long elevated corridor stretching from Andheri to Dahisar in suburban Mumbai.
- ✓ PM Modi also inaugurated 20 'Aapla Davakhana' (health clinics) named after Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

Q. Who becomes Maryland's first Indian-American Lieutenant Governor?

- A) Shri Thanedar
B) Pramila Jayapal
C) Aruna Miller
D) Shashi Thanedar



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Answer : C

- ✓ Hyderabad-born Aruna Miller has scripted history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to be sworn in as the Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland, adjoining the US capital.

Q. How many crores will Bharti Airtel invest to set up a hyperscale data center in Hyderabad?

- A) Rs 2,000 Crore B) Rs 3,200 Crore
C) Rs 4,500 Crore D) Rs 5,000 Crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Telecom giant Bharti Airtel Group in association with the government of Telangana announced an investment to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore to set up a large hyperscale data center in Hyderabad
- ✓ Through its Data Center arm — Nextra Data Centers — the group will invest an amount of Rs 2000 crore as capital investment for the infrastructure which will further attract investments from their customers.

Q. Badara Alieu Joof was the vice-president of which country, who died in India?

- A) Gambia B) Ghana
C) Guyana D) Mozambique

Answer : A

- ✓ Gambia's Vice-President Badara Alieu Joof has died of illness in India, President Adama Barrow.
- ✓ Joof, 65, was appointed vice president of the West African country in 2022.
- ✓ He had previously served as education minister.

Q. Who Becomes First Indian Union Territory to Completely Shift to e-Governance Mode?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir B) Delhi
C) Puducherry D) Chandigarh

Answer : A

- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Union Territory of India to go completely digital.
- ✓ Presently all government and administrative services in Jammu and Kashmir are being provided digitally only.
- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir is also emerging as a model of digital government in the country with a transparent and accountable governance system
- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir



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- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir was a state of India till August 2019, which was bifurcated on 31 August 2019 to form two union territories named Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- ✓ Capital- Srinagar (May–October), Jammu (November–April)
- ✓ Lieutenant Governor - Manoj Sinha
- ✓ Legislative Council - 36 seats
- ✓ Legislative Assembly - 89 seats

Q. Which country Economy is South Asia's Weakest Economy, Says World Bank?

A) India

B) Pakistan

C) Bangladesh

D) Afghanistan

Answer : B

- ✓ Pakistan is South Asia's weakest economy, the World Bank said, adding that the country's economic growth will slow further to 2 per cent during the ongoing year.
- ✓ This will mark a drop of two percentage points from its June 2022 estimate.

Q. Which airport has won the 'Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport' award under aviation sustainability and environment at ASSOCHAM's 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023?

A) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

C) Cochin International Airport, Kochi

D) GMR Goa International Airport, Goa

Answer : D

- ✓ Goa Manohar International Airport wins Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport Award.
- ✓ A subsidiary of GMR Airports Infrastructure, GMR Goa International Airport (GGIAL) has won the 'Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport' award under aviation sustainability and environment at ASSOCHAM's 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023.
- ✓ The award was presented for "outstanding initiatives" taken by Goa International Airport Limited (GGIAL) in implementing sustainability.
- ✓ The criteria of awards are contribution, innovativeness, applicability, relevance and impact potential in their respective areas.



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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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- Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy.
- Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport.
- Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru was named the finest regional airport in India and South Asia.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai launched Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid System.
- Government set the target to create 220 new airports by 2025.
- Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance'.
- Cochin International Airport bags 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022.
- Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru won two the 'Best Airport' under the General Category, and the 'Aviation Innovation' Award

Q. Who has Signed an Agreement to Set Up Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity?

A) SAI and RIS

B) INW and ICD

C) IPA and RIS

D) IPA and ITPO

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently an agreement was signed between the Indian Ports Association (IPA) and the Research and Information System (RIS) for Developing Countries to set up a center for maritime economy and connectivity.
- ✓ The agreement was signed in the presence of the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal.
- ✓ The proposed Transshipment Port at Galathea Bay in Greater Nicobar in Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be beneficial for BIMSTEC nations.
- ✓ Thus the Prime Minister's Gati Shakti initiative will go beyond the shores of India where ports of neighbouring countries can also benefit.
- ✓ Indian Ports Association (IPA)
- ✓ It was formed in 1966 under the Societies Registration Act.
- ✓ It functions under the supervisory control of the Ministry of Shipping.
- ✓ Its main task is to develop all the major ports.



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- ✓ Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- ✓ Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) is a New Delhi based autonomous policy research institute.

Q. Which edition of Aero India 2023 will be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru from 13-17 February 2023?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Defence has announced on 27 November 2022 that the biennial air show AeroIndia-2023 will be held at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru's from 13-17 February, 2023.
- ✓ This would be the 14th edition of Aero India.
- ✓ Aero India has been held in February month at Bengaluru since 1996.
- ✓ The Aero India show is a premier global trade show which provides an opportunity for the international arms industry to showcase their products, technologies and solutions to the Indian military and decision makers and also to engage with India's emerging Aerospace and Defence industry.
- ✓ There are two main defence related expositions organised by the defence ministry in India. In India. One is the Aero India show which is for the Air Force and another is Defence expo.
- ✓ The Defence expo 2022 was held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat in October 2022. The Defence expo is India's premier military trade show for land, naval and homeland security systems.

Q. India's deepest metro station to be built in which city?

- A) Kolkata
B) Mumbai
C) Pune
D) Kochi

Answer : C

- ✓ The city of Pune will soon hold the distinction of having the country's deepest underground metro station.
- ✓ Pune's Civil Court interchange station will be 108.59 feet deep with a ceiling of 95 feet.
- ✓ It will be used as an interchange facility for an underground station on the Pimpri-Chinchwad-Swargate route and one elevated route on Vanaz-Ramwadi route and Hinjewadi-Shivajinagar line.



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- ✓ The metro will be completed in February 2023 and will start in March.
- ✓ The ceiling of the station will be so high that natural sunlight will fall on the floor of the station. Civil Court Station would be the only station with such a unique feature.
- ✓ The station is being developed as a commercial complex which will also have a bus station and other facilities.
- ✓ The station will be so large that 18 escalators will be required to cover it completely.
- ✓ Seven entry-exit gates will be installed at Pune Metro Civil Court station.

Q. The first G-20 Environment meeting under the G-20 India Presidency will be held in which city during 9 -11 February 2023?

- A) Chennai
B) Hyderabad
C) New Delhi
D) Bengaluru

Answer : D

- ✓ The first G-20 Environment meeting under the G-20 India Presidency will be held at the Taj West End in Bengaluru during February 9 -11
- ✓ It has scheduled four meetings of the Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG), which will be hosted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- ✓ India will chair the G-20 for one year till 30 November 2023.
- ✓ The forum will bring together G-20 member states, guest countries and international organisations invited by India.
- ✓ Through the Sherpa Track, 13 working groups and 2 initiatives will meet under the chairmanship of India to discuss priorities and provide recommendations.
- ✓ Agenda of the meeting
- ✓ Promotion of Blue Economy along with Coastal Sustainability
- ✓ Restoration of Degraded Lands and Ecosystems' and 'Enhancement of Biodiversity
- ✓ Strengthening of Circular Economy

Q. Which state's chief minister has inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' recently?

- A) Assam
B) Odisha
C) Rajasthan
D) Bihar

Answer : B



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- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur, Odisha.
- ✓ This first-of-its-kind craft summit features pioneering craftspeople, culture, and art enthusiasts.
- ✓ International delegates from 15 countries have arrived in Jajpur to engage with local artisans and other stakeholders.
- ✓ Four UN agencies and five UNESCO Creative Cities have partnered with the District to realize this ambitious and forward-looking event on behalf of the State Government.

Q. What is the rank of India in Global Firepower Index 2023?

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 6th
- D) 9th

Answer : B

- ✓ Global Firepower Index is a rating of the military forces of all countries on the planet. The Index ranks the countries based on their potential military strength.
- ✓ India is ranked fourth in the index. The Global Firepower Index ranked 145 countries.
- ✓ The most powerful country in the world is the United States of America, followed by Russia, China, and India.
- ✓ Turkey has once again emerged as the most powerful country in the Middle East and North African region. Turkey has been placed at the 11th position in the global ranking.
- ✓ Top 10 Countries on Global Power Index 2023
 - 1. USA
 - 2. Russia
 - 3. China
 - 4. India
 - 5. United Kingdom
 - 6. South Korea
 - 7. Pakistan
 - 8. Japan
 - 9. France
 - 10. Italy



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Q. Which of the following insurance company has launched Jeevan Azad (Plan No. 868) to offer an attractive combination of protection and savings?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- B) Max Life Insurance
- C) Bajaj Allianz Insurance
- D) Bharti AXA Insurance

Answer : A

- ✓ The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has launched Jeevan Azad (Plan No. 868) to offer an attractive combination of protection and savings.
- ✓ It is a limited-period premium payment plan that offers financial support for the family in case of unfortunate death of the life assured during the policy term.
- ✓ If the LIC policyholder survives the maturity term, then the plan offers a guaranteed base sum-assured amount.
- ✓ The minimum age of entry is 90 days completed and the maximum age at entry is 50 years.

Q. Hashim Amla has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket recently. From which country does he belong?

- A) England
- B) Australia
- C) South Africa
- D) West Indies

Answer : C

- ✓ South Africa cricketer Hashim Amla has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- ✓ He last played for Surrey in the County Championship 2022 and helped them win the title as well.
- ✓ The right-handed batter had already retired from international cricket after the World Cup in 2019.
- ✓ Hashim Amla, South Africa's second-highest Test run-scorer of all time.
- ✓ He scored 9282 runs in 124 Tests, second only to Jacques Kallis, hit 27 ODI hundreds, and scored a total of 18672 runs in all formats for South Africa.
- ✓ He became the first and only South African batsman to score a triple century in Test Cricket.



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Q. Who has been appointed as the new chair of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMI) TravelTech committee?

- A) Dhruv Shringi
B) Sanjay Mohan
C) Nishant Pitti
D) Ashwin Damera

Answer : B

- ✓ Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMI) has announced the appointment of Sanjay Mohan, group chief technological officer(CTO), MakeMyTrip India as the chair of the TravelTech Committee.
- ✓ Additionally, Rikant Pittie, co-founder, EaseMyTrip and Yang Li, head-public affairs (APAC), Booking.com, have been appointed as the new co-chairs

Q. Who has been appointed by as Administrator to manage the use of funds for the next ISSF Shooting World Cup in 2023?

- A) Sanjiv Khanna
B) Arjan Kumar Sikri
C) Ajay Rastogi
D) Sanjay Kishan Kaul

Answer : B

- ✓ The Delhi High Court appointed former Supreme Court judge Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri as an administrator to oversee the utilization of funds for the upcoming International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup being held in India in March, 2023.
- ✓ The ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol) will take place in March 2023 in Bhopal.

Q. Which company co-founder and CEO Reed Hastings resigned from his position?

- A) Netflix Inc.
B) Disney+
C) SonyLIV
D) Spotify

Answer : A

- ✓ Netflix Inc (NFLX.O) co-founder Reed Hastings stepped down On Thursday (19th Jan 2023) as chief executive of the company that upended Hollywood by delivering movies and TV shows online.
- ✓ Chief Operating Officer, Greg Peters will now serve as co-CEO alongside Ted Sarandos, who has held that role since 2020. Hastings will become Executive Chairman.
- ✓ Shares of Netflix rose 6.1% to \$335.05 in after-hours trading as the streaming video pioneer also said it had picked up more subscribers than expected at the end of last year.



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Q. International Cricket Council (ICC), reportedly lost nearly ____ millions in online scam 2022.

- A) \$4.5 Millions B) \$3.2 Millions
C) \$2.5 Millions D) \$1.8 Millions

Answer : C

- ✓ The global governing body of cricket, the International Cricket Council (ICC), reportedly lost nearly \$2.5 million in online scam 2022. The incident of phishing, which originated in the US, took place last year (2022).
- ✓ The ICC was repeatedly cheated by the scamster not once, not twice, but four times.

Q. NACO forms Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain in Which Stadium, Odisha ?

- A) Barabati Stadium B) Kalinga Stadium
C) Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium D) Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium

Answer : B

- ✓ Odisha State AIDS Control Society, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) in coordination with the Department of Sports & Youth Services & Hockey India organized an awareness programme on HIV AIDS by forming the 'largest human red ribbon chain' in the East Gallery of "Kalinga Stadium" of Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- ✓ The spectators in the gallery included 4,800 students from various schools, Red Ribbon Club members from colleges, people from community, and participants from the Mission Shakti Department

Q. The Statehood Day of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura is celebrated on which day?

- A) 20 January B) 21 January
C) 22 January D) 23 January

Answer : B

- ✓ The Statehood Day of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura is celebrated on January 21.
- ✓ This year marks the 51st foundation year for the three states which attained statehood under the North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act of 1971.
- ✓ Manipur became a part of India from 15 October 1949 after the merger treaty on 21 September 1949. Manipur was made a Union Territory in 1956.



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- ✓ The North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, also created separate High Courts for Meghalaya, Manipur, and Tripura.

Q. Charaideo Maidan in which state has been nominated for UNESCO World Heritage?

- A) Bihar
- B) Assam
- C) Meghalaya
- D) West Bengal

Answer : B

- ✓ Moidams' nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has selected the 'Pyramids of Assam' as the country's sole nomination for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site out of 52 heritage sites.
- ✓ The Ahom-era 'Moidams' (cemetery of the royal family) in Assam's Charaideo district will be India's only nomination for recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ The 'Moidams' of the Ahom dynasty at Charaideo were first included in the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Site in April 2014.
- ✓ 'Moidams' will be nominated in the category of cultural sites.
- ✓ India currently has 40 World Heritage Sites – 32 of them cultural sites, seven natural sites and one mixed site.
- ✓ Currently, Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park in Assam in the Northeast are among the seven natural sites while there is no World Heritage Site in the cultural heritage category.

UNESCO IN NEWS 2022-23.

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the Centre has nominated the maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo to seek a UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- The historic maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo were chosen out of 52 sites for the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- Three new cultural sites in India, including the iconic Sun Temple at Modhera, historic Vadnagar town in Gujarat, and rock-cut relief sculptures of Unakoti in Tripura, have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites....
- Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong gets UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for 2022.



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- Glaciers at many UNESCO World Heritage sites including Yellowstone and Kilimanjaro National Park will likely vanish by 2050.
- Kilimanjaro National Park and Mount Kenya & Yellowstone and Yosemite national parks in the United States.
- Warangal in Telangana, Thrissur and Nilambur from Kerala 3 Indian cities join UNESCO network of learning cities.
- Former German chancellor Angela Merkel wins Unesco Peace Prize 2022 for “her efforts to welcome refugees”.
- Royal Enfield tie-up with UNESCO to promote cultural heritage of India.
- India nominates Garba (Dance Form Gujarat) to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.
- UNESCO recognized the use of information and communication technology (ICT), under a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA by the department of school education, Ministry of Education.
- Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mangolia has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO.
- Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) wins UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the year 2021.
- Brazil landscape garden Sitio Burle Marx receives UNESCO World Heritage status.
- India chosen to join 2003 Convention on UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has contributed an amount of USD 72,124 towards UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport in 2022.
- Guadalajara, Mexico was named World Book Capital for the year 2022.
- Meghalaya's living root bridges included on tentative list of UNESCO's World's Heritage Sites.
- UNESCO recognises Kolkata's Durga Puja as Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- Centre nominates Hoysala Temples in Karnataka for World Heritage List in 2022-2023.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Formation : 16 November 1945
- Headquarters : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)



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- Member countries : 193
- Total UNESCO sites in india : 40.

Q. With whose support did Hindustan Unilever launch a plastic waste management initiative?

- A) WHO
B) UNESCO
C) NITI Aayog
D) UNDP

Answer : D

- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and FMCG giant Hindustan Unilever (HUL) on Monday (23rd Jan 2023) announced the launch of an Inclusive Circular Economy project, which focuses on the end-to-end management of plastic waste by promoting the segregation of waste at source, collection of the segregated waste, and setting up material recovery facilities (MRFs) for recycling all kinds of plastic waste along the value chain.
- ✓ It will reach 20,000 safai saathis across India in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Cuttack, and Kolkata, among others, with access to government welfare schemes and linkages

Q. How many tableaux will be represented in the 74th Independence Day parade on January 26, 2023?

- A) 18
B) 21
C) 23
D) 25

Answer : C

- ✓ During the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2023, twenty-three tableaux - 17 from States/Union Territories and six from various Ministries/Departments - will roll down the Kartavya Path, symbolizing the nation's rich cultural legacy, economic prosperity, and strong internal and external security.
- ✓ The States/UTs tableaux for the Republic Day parade were chosen on a zonal basis

Q. In which state did the Business 20 inception meeting is being held on 23rd Jan 2023?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The Business 20 (B20) inaugural meeting, which is part of the G20, began on January 23, 2023, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The inaugural meeting is attended by Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Ashwini



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Vaishnav, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, India's Sherpa for the G20, Amitabh Kant, Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran, and a slew of national and international business executives

Q. Who Distributed Land Title Deeds or 'Hakku Patra' to Banjaras in northern Karnataka ?

- A) Amit Shah
B) Basavaraj Bommai
C) Narendra Modi
D) Droupadi Murmu

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday (19th Jan 2023) launched the 'Hakku Patra' (land title deed) distribution drive for over 52,000 nomadic Lambani (Banjara) families in five districts in north Karnataka.
- ✓ The Prime Minister distributed 'Hakku Patra' to five nomadic couples on the occasion.
- ✓ This Hakku Patra will secure future of thousands of people living in the "Thandas" (Lambani habitats) in Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadgiri, Raichur and Vijayapura districts, he noted.

Q. Who has conferred upon Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar at a ceremony in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
B) Droupadi Murmu
C) Amit Shah
D) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer : B

- ✓ The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2023 on 11 children at an award ceremony held in New Delhi
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar are being conferred upon children in the age group 5 – 18 years, for their excellence in six categories - Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports.
- ✓ This year (2023), awards were presented in the categories of Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Social Service and Sports

Q. Who has hosted the 2nd International Conference in New Delhi from 23-24 January 2023?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Election Commission of India
C) Ministry of External Affairs
D) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)



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Answer : B

- ✓ The Election Commission of India (ECI) is hosting the 2nd International Conference on the theme 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' at New Delhi on 23-24 January, 2023.
- ✓ ECI is leading the Cohort on Elections Integrity which was established as a follow up to the 'Summit for Democracy' held virtually in December, 2021.
- ✓ The first international conference of the Cohort was organized on 31 Oct – 01 Nov, 2022 at New Delhi on the topic 'Role, Framework and Capacity of Election Management Bodies' where nearly 50 representatives from the Election Management Bodies (EMBs) of 11 countries participated.

Q. Who launched the ULPIN (Unique Land Parcel Identification Number) in the Ladakh, Calls it a 'Game Changer'.

A) R K Mathur

B) Manoj Sinha

C) Thawar Chand Gehlot

D) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Answer : A

- ✓ Ladakh Lieutenant Governor "R K Mathur" on Friday (20th Jan 2023) launched the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) in the Union Territory, with both hill councils of Kargil and Leh welcoming the initiative.
- ✓ According to officials, the 14-digit ULPIN would help in the digitisation of land records and also reaching a conclusive land titling.
- ✓ Terming ULPIN as a "game changer" and the next step in 'SVAMITVA' for digitisation and computerisation of land revenue records, Mathur stressed the importance of 100 percent coverage of land revenue records in Ladakh and completion of the exercise at the earliest.

Q. Which district of Kerala has become the first district in India to provide basic documents to all tribal people recently

A) Wayanad

B) Kozhikode

C) Thrissur

D) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer : A

- ✓ Kerala's Wayanad district has become the first district in India to provide basic documents and facilities like Aadhaar card, ration card, birth/death certificate, election ID card, bank accounts and health insurance to all tribals



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- ✓ Wayanad district administration has achieved this feat by providing 1,42,563 services to 64,670 tribal beneficiaries as part of Akshaya Big Campaign for Document Digitization (ABCD) campaign.
- ✓ Ration cards to 15,796 families, Aadhaar cards to 31,252, birth certificates to 11,300, voter ID cards to 22,488 and digital lockers to 22,888 individuals have been provided through the ABCD campaign.
- ✓ Kerala first in other areas too -
- ✓ Recently Kerala was declared as the first state to enable digital banking service.
- ✓ Recently Dharmadam constituency of Kerala has become the first full library constituency in India.
- ✓ Recently Kollam district of Kerala has become the first constitution literate district in the country.
- ✓ India's first carbon neutral farm at Aluva in Ernakulam district of Kerala.
- ✓ Recently, Kerala has become the first state in India to implement a uniform price of gold across the state.
- ✓ Recently Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.

Q. The Ministry of Tourism is participating in FITUR, the world's largest international travel exhibition in which country?

A) Sweden

B) Spain

C) Netherlands

D) Denmark

Answer : B

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is participating in FITUR, the world's largest international travel exhibition in Madrid, Spain.
- ✓ India's participation at FITUR is significant to step up the recovery of inbound tourism to pre-pandemic levels
- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has taken up 253 square metres of space, with over 30 participants exhibiting along with the India Pavilion, to participate in the exhibition.
- ✓ The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Dinesh K Patnaik, Indian Ambassador to Spain.
- ✓ The first Global Tourism Investors Summit will be organized in New Delhi from 10-12 April 2023.
- ✓ The first Global Tourism Investors Summit will be organized by the Ministry of Tourism in New Delhi from 10 to 12 April
- ✓ Spain
- ✓ Capital : Madrid
- ✓ Currency : Euro



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✓ Prime Minister : Pedro Sánchez

Q. According to an EY report, the Indian Economy will become \$26 trillion economy by which year?

A) 2030

B) 2040

C) 2047

D) 2035

Answer : C

- ✓ An EY report states that the Indian economy is likely to reach \$26 trillion by the year 2047, which will also be the 100th year of India's independence
- ✓ The report also pointed out that the country's per capita income would cross \$15,000, making it among the top developed economies.
- ✓ The report also pointed out that despite maintaining a steady but modest growth rate of 6% per annum, India would still be able to become a \$26 trillion economy by 2047–48, with per capita income six times higher than current levels.
- ✓ According to the report certain factors have contributed to bring India to a position of high and sustainable growth.
- ✓ These include accelerated pace of economic reforms in critical areas such as social inclusion, financial inclusion, fiscal, physical and digital infrastructure.
- ✓ This has ultimately resulted in increased global competitiveness of Indian businesses and entrepreneurs.
- ✓ An area with major potential is services exports which are set to grow by 14% over the past two decades to reach \$254.5 billion in 2021-22.
- ✓ Other enabling areas include 'digitalisation'.

Q. Which State/UTs government is going to host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from 4 to 14 February 2023?

A) Ladakh

B) Jammu and Kashmir

C) Puducherry

D) Lakshadweep

Answer : B

- ✓ The Government of Jammu and Kashmir is going to host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from 4 to 14 Feb 23.



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- ✓ In this fair, artisans and women self-help groups from across the country will showcase their crafts, handicrafts, handloom, and foods.
- ✓ The fair would be organized at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu.
- ✓ The fair is expected to witness the participation of women Self Help Groups from around 15 States and UTs across the country to sell their self-made products.

Q. A Science Literature Festival 'Vigyanika' has been organized at the Indian International Science Festival (IISF) in which city?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ A Science Literature Festival 'Vigyanika' has been organized at the Indian International Science Festival (IISF), Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ "Science Literature Festival" is being organized as part of the 8th IISF.
- ✓ In 2023, IISF is being coordinated and organized by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Ministry of Science & Technology, and Vijnana Bharati.

Q. Which insurance company has partnered with Doers NGO to assist Himachal Pradesh police in reducing the number of traffic accidents under the Corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative?

- A) SBI General Insurance B) Bharti AXA General Insurance
C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance D) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance

Answer : A

- ✓ SBI General Insurance has partnered with Doers NGO to assist Himachal Pradesh police in reducing the number of traffic accidents under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative.
- ✓ SBI General has donated a well-equipped ambulance which would provide timely medical care to the road accident victims in the Mandi district within the 'Golden hour'.
- ✓ According to a report by the Ministry of Road Transports and Highways Transport (MoRTH) Research Wing, road accidents in India kills almost 1.5 lakh people annually. India accounts for almost 11 percent of the accident-related deaths in the World.



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Q. According to the report published by Brand Finance, what is the rank of Reliance Jio among the world's strongest brands?

- A) 7th B) 9th
C) 8th D) 6th

Answer : B

- ✓ Reliance Jio has been ranked as the strongest brand in India and placed 9th among the world's strongest brands, according to the report 'Global 500 – 2023' published by Brand Finance.
- ✓ Jio was placed ninth among the world's strongest brands ahead of brands like EY, Coca-Cola, Accenture and Porsche, and behind the likes of Google, YouTube, Deloitte, and Instagram.
- ✓ With a Brand Strength Index of 90.2, Jio is the only brand among the world's strongest 25 brands, according to the Brand Finance listing.
- ✓ The report titled 'Global 500 – 2023' is published annually and ranks the world's most valuable and strongest brands.

Q. Who has been awarded "the most distinguished scientist of the year 2022" at the Indian Achievers Award at Vigyan Bhawan?

- A) R Vishnu Prasad B) Rakesh Singh
C) Neha Aggarwal D) Dilip Sharma

Answer : A

- ✓ R Vishnu Prasad has been awarded "the most distinguished scientist of the year 2022" at the Indian Achievers Award at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi.
- ✓ The award recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions in various fields, including culture, science, sports, and innovation.
- ✓ R Vishnu Prasad, a scientist with 69 patents has been honored with the Indian Achievers Award as the most distinguished scientist of the year by Anurag Thakur.

Q. Who has won the ISA Award 2021-22 for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain?

- A) Dr. Ashish Sabharwal B) Dr. Sanduk Ruit
C) Dr. Sanjay Sachdeva D) Dr. Surbhi Anand

Answer : B



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- ✓ Himalayan Cataract Project Co-Founder and noted Nepali ophthalmologist Dr. Sanduk Ruit has won the ISA Award 2021-22 for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain.
- ✓ He is fondly called as “God of Sight” to have saved 1,20,000 eyesight who would have otherwise gone blind in absence of treatment.
- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of US\$1 million, a certificate of merit, and a gold medallion.
- ✓ He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award, the National Order of Merit of Bhutan, and the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- ✓ In 2016, he was awarded the ‘Asian Game Changer Award.’

Q. The first edition of which of the following exercise between India and Egypt began in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan?

- A) Cyclone I
- B) Prahaar I
- C) Novator KS-172
- D) Astra I

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Army and Egyptian Army have commenced Exercise Cyclone-I, the first-ever joint exercise between their special forces.
- ✓ The 14-day-long joint exercise is in progress at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.
- ✓ The first of its kind joint Exercise Cyclone-I, being held in the deserts of Rajasthan, is seeing the Special Forces contingents of India and Egypt engage in various activities to enhance their skills.

Q. UNESCO has decided to dedicate the International Day of Education on ____ to Afghan girls and women.

- A) 21 January
- B) 24 January
- C) 23 January
- D) 25 January

Answer : B

- ✓ UNESCO has decided to dedicate the International Day of Education to be celebrated on January 24, 2023, to Afghan girls and women.
- ✓ UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay said that no country in the world should prevent women and girls from getting education and it is a universal human right that should be respected.
- ✓ The international community has a responsibility to ensure that the rights of Afghan girls and women are restored without delay.



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- ✓ UNESCO and other international organisations should take concrete steps to address the issue of women and girls in Afghanistan under Taliban rule.
- ✓ According to UNESCO, currently around 80 percent of Afghan girls and young women of school-age are out of school under Taliban rule, as they are denied access to secondary schools and universities.
- ✓ Since 15 August 2021, Afghanistan has barred girls from attending secondary school, restricted the freedom of movement of women and girls, and excluded women from most areas of the workforce

Q. India observed Parakram Diwas on January 23 to mark the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In 2022, which anniversary is being celebrated of the great freedom fighter?

- A) 127
B) 121
C) 125
D) 126

Answer : D

- ✓ The birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose on 23 January is celebrated every year as Parakram Diwas to inspire the people of the country, especially the youth
- ✓ Parakram Diwas : 126th Birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
- ✓ Its aim is to work with patience in the face of adversity like Netaji and to inculcate the spirit of patriotism.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1897, that Neta Ji was born in Cuttack, Odisha
- ✓ What is Parakram Diwas and why is it celebrated?
- ✓ To honour and remember Netaji's indomitable courage and selfless service to the nation, the Government of India decided to celebrate his birthday on 23 January every year as Parakram Divas.
- ✓ Subhash Chandra Bose and his Role in Indian Independence Struggle
- ✓ Subhash Chandra Bose was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa Division, Bengal Province to Prabhavati Dutt Bose and Janakinath Bose.
- ✓ In 1919, he passed the Indian Civil Service (ICS) examination. Later he resigned from this post.
- ✓ He was deeply influenced by the teachings of Vivekananda and regarded him as his spiritual master. His political mentor was Chittaranjan Das.
- ✓ He worked with Jawaharlal Nehru and became the Congress Party's young leaders gaining popularity among the people.
- ✓ He advocated complete Swaraj and was in favour of using force to achieve it.



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- ✓ Bose's ideology was inclined towards socialism and leftist authoritarianism. He formed the All India Forward Bloc in 1939 as a faction within the Congress.
- ✓ He arrived in Singapore from Germany in July 1943, from where he issued his famous slogan 'Delhi Chalo' and announced the formation of the Azad Hind government and the Indian National Army on 21 October 1943.
- ✓ Bose inspired the soldiers with his fiery speeches. His famous quote is, "Give me blood, and I will give you freedom!"

Q. The birth anniversary of which freedom fighter is to be celebrated as “Parakram Diwas” every year?

- A) Bhagat Singh B) Lala Lajpat Rai
C) Subash Chandra Bose D) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Answer : C



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