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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts January 2023 Set 04 By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Who will be the chief guest at the 74th Republic Day function of India?

- A) Abdel Fattah El-Sisi
- B) Aung San Suu Kyi
- C) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- D) Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Answer : A

- ✓ According to the Ministry of External Affairs, Egypt President Abdel Fattah El Sisi will be the chief guest at the 74th Republic Day celebrations.
- ✓ He will pay a state visit to India from the 24th to the 26th of this month.
- ✓ This is the first time that the President of Egypt has been invited as the chief guest on the Republic Day 2023 of India.
- ✓ A 180-member strong contingent of the Egyptian Army will also participate in the Republic Day parade.
- ✓ The President of Egypt had earlier visited India in October 2015 to attend the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit, followed by a state visit in September 2016
- ✓ President Sisi will have a bilateral meeting and delegation-level talks with PM Modi on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.
- ✓ Abdel Fattah Sisi is a former Army officer who was elected as the president of Egypt in 2014 and was re-elected in 2018.
- ✓ About Republic Day Celebration
- ✓ Every year Republic day is observed on 26 January. It was on this day the constitution of India was promulgated in 1950 and India became a republic.
- ✓ The President of India presides over the Republic day functions. It is customary to invite a foreign country leader as an honoured guest at the Republic day function.
- ✓ In 1955 Rajpath (Now Kartavya Path) became the permanent place for the Republic day parade.
- ✓ The Chief Guest was the Governor-General of Pakistan Malik Ghulam Muhammad.
- ✓ President of Indonesia, Sukarno was the first guest at 1950 Republic day parade



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Q. Which Police Station of Odisha Awarded as the Best Police Station in India 2022?

- A) Aska Police Station B) Hinjili Police Station
C) Dharakote police station D) Sheragada Police Station

Answer : A

- ✓ Aska police station in Ganjam district of Odisha was awarded as number one police station by Home Minister Amit Shah during the DGSP/IGSP conference 2022 held at National Agricultural Science Complex, New Delhi.
- ✓ Aska police station got this title in the annual ranking of police stations for the year 2022.
- ✓ On this occasion, Aska police station in-charge Inspector Prashant Kumar Sahu was awarded the prestigious award along with a citation by the Home Minister.
- ✓ Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.
- ✓ Banbasa police station in Champawat district of Uttarakhand has been selected as the third best station.
- ✓ Sadar Bazar police station was adjudged the best police station in the year 2021 while Gangapur police station was awarded the second best police station award

Q. Which state government is planning to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of 2025?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh targets to be first 'green energy state' by 2025
- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has announced that the state government is planning to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of 2025.
- ✓ The state government would also invest in solar plants and will install 500 MW solar projects during the year 2023-24.
- ✓ Out of this, 200 MW would be installed by HPPCL for which land has been identified for 70 MW capacity and the rest of the sites will be finalized soon.
- ✓ He also directed HIMURJA to ensure 5% premium for the state in each solar power project up to 5 MW and 10% share in the solar power projects of more than 5 MW capacity.



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Q. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and the Indian Embassy jointly organized an International seminar on knowledge sharing on the conservation of natural and cultural heritage in which city?

- A) Dhaka
B) Kathmandu
C) New Delhi
D) Hyderabad

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and the Indian Embassy jointly have organized an International seminar on knowledge sharing on the conservation of natural and cultural heritage in Kathmandu.
- ✓ The guest of honour of the event was Nepal's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Sudan Kirati.
- ✓ The government of India extended support worth USD 50 million for the reconstruction of two UNESCO heritage sites Pashupatinath Temple and Bhandarkhal of Patan Durbar Square post-2015 earthquake in Nepal.
- ✓ The Ambassador of India to Nepal is Naveen Shrivastav.
- ✓ Nepal
- ✓ Capital : Kathmandu
- ✓ Currency : Nepalese rupee
- ✓ President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- ✓ Prime minister : Pushpa Kamal Dahal

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi named how many islands of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees on the occasion of Parakram Divas?

- A) 21
B) 28
C) 26
D) 24

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 21 islands of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees on the auspicious occasion of Parakram Divas organized to mark the 126th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.



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- ✓ The memorial will be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep in Port Blair. The memorial will consist of Netaji's Museum, Heritage trail, ropeway connected to Port Blair and a children's park.
- ✓ Modi has also unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island.
- ✓ The Ross Islands were renamed Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Islands in 2018 to honor Netaji's sacrifices
- ✓ The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma, who was martyred in action on November 3, 1947 while repulsing Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport.
- ✓ The 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees, after whom the islands have been named are:
 1. Major Somnath Sharma,
 2. Subedar and Honorary Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh
 3. MM 2nd Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane
 4. Naik Jadunath Singh
 5. Havildar Major Piru Singh
 6. Capt GS Salaria
 7. Col. (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa
 8. Subedar Joginder Singh
 9. Shaitan Singh
 10. Abdul Hameed
 11. Lieutenant Colonel Ardeshir Burjorji Tarapore
 12. Lance Naik Albert Ekka
 13. Major Hoshiar Singh
 14. Second Lieutenant Arun Khetrpal
 15. Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon
 16. Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran
 17. Naib Subedar Bana Singh
 18. Captain Vikram Batra
 19. Lieutenant Manoj Kumar Pandey
 20. Subedar Major (then Rifleman) Sanjay Kumar



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21. Subedar Major Retd Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav

Q. **The annual Ethnic Mamani Festival has been organized at Historical Styangkung Village and Chiktan Shagaran by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) and which Tourism Department?**

A) Ladakh

B) Jammu and Kashmir

C) New Delhi

D) Karnataka

Answer : A

- ✓ The annual Ethnic Mamani Festival was organized at Historical Styangkung Village and Chiktan Shagaran by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) and Ladakh Tourism Department.
- ✓ The Steyangkung village is around 500 years old and still well-preserved and is being developed as one of the well-maintained heritage villages in Ladakh.
- ✓ This village is being developed as one of the well-maintained heritage villages in Ladakh.
- ✓ During Mamani Festival, people would exchange food with their relatives and neighbours and worship a variety of spirits.
- ✓ These festivals have helped in the revival of more than 35 cuisines of Kargil Ladakh

Q. **Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?**

A) Vikram Dev Dutt

B) Ramesh Kandula

C) Anil Sharma

D) Sunil Kumar

Answer : A

- ✓ The Centre has approved the appointment of IAS officer Vikram Dev Dutt as the next chief of the aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- ✓ Dutt, a 1993 batch IAS officer, is currently serving as the CMD of Air India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL).
- ✓ He will take over as the head of the aviation regulator on February 28, upon the superannuation of incumbent DGCA chief Arun Kumar.

Q. **The Indian Navy has organized a 6-day-long mega biennial tri-services amphibious ‘exercise AMPHEX 2023’ in which state?**

A) Mizoram

B) Tripura

C) Andhra Pradesh

D) Uttarakhand



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Answer : C

- ✓ The biggest tri-services exercise 'AMPEX' 2023 was conducted from January 17 - 22 near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Troops of the Indian Army, warships of the Indian Navy and aircraft of the Air Force participated during the five-day exercise.
- ✓ The aim of this war exercise was to showcase India's capabilities to protect the territorial integrity of its areas including better coordination between the three services and enhance joint war fighting capabilities.
- ✓ The exercise included Air Entry of Naval Marine Commandos, Air Entry of Army Special Forces, Naval Gunfire Support, Follow up operations like landing of troops from land, air and water.

Q. Which of the following armed forces is conducting 'Ops Alert' exercise?

- A) ITBP
- C) CISF
- D) BSF
- D) ICG

Answer : C

- ✓ The Border Security Force (BSF) has started an "Ops Alert" exercise with an aim to enhance security along the India-Pakistan border in the Kutch district of Gujarat and Barmer in Rajasthan.
- ✓ The 'Ops Alert' exercise commenced on January 21 and will continue till January 28 "all along the Indo-Pak international border from Sir Creek (marshy area) to the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat and Barmer district of Rajasthan.
- ✓ It is being carried out to "thwart any ill-designs of anti-national elements" during the Republic Day celebrations.

Q. The fifth Kalvari class submarine INS Vagir has been inducted into Indian Navy. The submarine has been built by which company?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The fifth Kalvari class submarine INS Vagir has been inducted into Indian Navy.



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- ✓ Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar was the Chief Guest at a ceremony held at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- ✓ The submarine has been built by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France.
- ✓ Four of the Kalvari class of submarines have already been commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- ✓ Vagir is expected to boost the Indian Navy's capability to further India's maritime interests. It is capable of undertaking diverse missions including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying, and surveillance missions.
- ✓ Launched and named 'Vagir' on 12th November 2020 Kalvari has the distinction of having the lowest build time among all indigenously manufactured submarines till date.

Q. Who has been awarded the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award?

- A) Dr. Rahul Srivatshav B) Dr. Prabha Atre
C) Dr. Rajiv Dixit D) Dr. Umesh Mishra

Answer : B

- ✓ Hindustani vocalist & Padma Vibhushan awardee, Dr. Prabha Atre has been awarded the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ The award was conferred by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde to her, at a function at Ram Ganesh Gadkari Rangayatan in Mumbai.
- ✓ She was also presented with a citation and Rs 1 lakh.
- ✓ She is an Indian classical vocalist from the Kirana Gharana.
- ✓ She has been awarded Padma Shri (1990), Padma Bhushan (2002), and Padma Vibhushan (2022) by the Government of India.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled 'COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team'?

- A) Dhruv Shringi & Sanjay Mohan B) Nishant Pitti & Ashwin Damera
C) Dilip Kumar & Alok Nath D) R. Kaushik & R Sridhar

Answer : D

- ✓ A book titled 'COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team' has been authored by R. Kaushik & R. Sridhar.



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- ✓ The book reflects on R. Sridhar's seven-year from 2014 to 2021 coaching tenure with the Indian cricket team as its fielding coach.
- ✓ Sridhar, a left-arm spinner who played for Hyderabad in the late 1990s, discovered his love for coaching when still an active player.
- ✓ Kaushik is also the co-author of V.V.S Laxman's autobiography, 281 and Beyond, as well as, Gundappa Vishwanath's autobiography, Wrist Assured.

Q. Which day is celebrated as the International Day of Education globally?

- A) 24 January
- B) 22 January
- C) 21 January
- D) 20 January

Answer : A

- ✓ The International Day of Education is marked every year on 24 January globally to celebrate the role of education in bringing global peace and sustainable development..
- ✓ The first International Day of Education was held in 2019.
- ✓ The theme of 4th International Day of Education in 2023 is "To invest in people, prioritise education"
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on 3rd December 2018, proclaiming January 24 as International Day of Education.
- ✓ The celebration is led by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Q. In India January 24 is marked as which of these days?

- A) National Education Day
- B) National Women's Day
- C) National Peace Day
- D) National Girl Child Day

Answer : D

- ✓ In India the National Girl Child Day (NGCD) is observed annually on January 24 since 2008.
- ✓ The day was initiated by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to:
- ✓ Spread awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by girls in the country.
- ✓ Promote awareness about the rights of a girl child.
- ✓ Increase awareness on the importance of girl education, health, and nutrition.



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Q. Who has been sworn in as the 41st Prime Minister of New Zealand?

- A) Carmel Sepuloni B) Chris Carlson Cook
C) Jacinda Ardern D) Chris Hipkins

Answer : D

- ✓ New Zealand's ruling Labor Party on 22 January elected Chris Hipkins as its leader and the country's 41st prime minister, replacing Ms Jacinda Ardern.
- ✓ Hipkins was the only candidate for the position and was confirmed by 64 MPs in what is known as the Labor caucus.
- ✓ Known as "Chippy", Hipkins played a key role in the response to COVID-19.
- ✓ He was first elected to Parliament in 2008 for the Labor Party.
- ✓ He was appointed Minister of Health in July 2020 before becoming the Minister of COVID Response.
- ✓ Before Hipkins can officially become prime minister, Ardern must submit her resignation to King Charles III's representative in New Zealand, Governor General Cindy Kiro.
- ✓ Kiro Hipkins will then be appointed to the role and sworn in.
- ✓ The Labour party has also selected Carmel Sepuloni as the deputy prime minister.
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Capital: Wellington
- ✓ Currency : dollar
- ✓ Prime Minister : Chris Hipkins

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- Anwar Ibrahim : Malaysia
- Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel
- Rishi Sunak : 57th PM of United Kingdom (UK)
- Ulf Kristersson : Sweden
- Mohammed bin Salman : Saudi Arabia
- Ana Brnabic : Serbia
- James Marape : Papua New Guinea
- Dinesh Gunawardena : Sri Lanka



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2.	Aditya Pratap Singh Chauhan	Innovation	Chhattisgarh
3.	Anoushka Jolly	Social Service	Delhi
4.	Hanaya Nisar	Sports	Jammu & Kashmir
5.	Kolagatla Alana Meenakshi	Sports	Andhra Pradesh
6.	M.Gauravi Reddy	Art & Culture	Telangana
7.	Rishi Shiv Prasanna	Innovation	Karnataka
8.	Rohan Ramchandra Bahir	Bravery	Maharashtra
9.	Sambhab Mishra	Art & Culture	Odisha
10.	Shauryajit Ranjitekumar Khaire	Sports	Gujarat
11.	Shreya Bhattacharjee	Art & Culture	Assam

Q. Who has been appointed as the new General Manager of Central Railway?

- A) Anil Kumar Lahoti B) Naresh Lalwani
C) Ashok Kumar Misra D) Alok Singh

Answer : B

- ✓ Naresh Lalwani has been appointed General Manager of Central Railway. He is a senior officer from the 1985 batch of the Indian Railway Engineering Service.
- ✓ He was Senior Deputy General Manager and Chief Vigilance Officer of Western Railway before becoming General Manager of Central Railway.
- ✓ He succeeded Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager of Western Railway, who was also in charge of Central Railway.



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Q. What is the name of the World's first intranasal COVID-19 vaccine?

- A) iNCOVACC
- B) COVAXIN
- C) HNVAC
- D) Comvac 5

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on 26 January unveiled world's first intranasal COVID-19 vaccine, iNCOVACC in New Delhi.
- ✓ The vaccine was launched in the presence of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge).
- ✓ It is developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) in collaboration with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance (BIRAC).
- ✓ An initial manufacturing capacity of several million doses per year of the vaccine has been established, to be scaled up to one billion doses as needed.
- ✓ iNCOVACC has been priced at Rs 325 per dose.
- ✓ On September 9, 2022, Bharat Biotech's iNCOVACC, the world's first nasal COVID-19 vaccine, was approved for emergency use in adults.
- ✓ About iNCOVACC Vaccine
- ✓ Bharat Biotech's intranasal COVID-19 vaccine is a recombinant replicating adenovirus vectored vaccine.
- ✓ A recombinant vaccine means that it has been manufactured using bacterial cells or yeast cells or parts of a virus to introduce viral proteins into the host.
- ✓ It removes critical parts of the genome of SARS-CoV-2, so that the viral vector can no longer replicate.
- ✓ Phase I, II and III clinical trials of the vaccine have yielded successful results.
- ✓ The vaccine will be given intranasally through drops in the nose, a system that has been designed and developed to be cost-effective in low- and middle-income countries.
- ✓ The maximum temperature range for storage and distribution of iNCOVACC is two to eight degrees Celsius.
- ✓ iNCOVACC has the potential to block SARS-CoV-2 and prevent the transmission of Covid-19.



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Q. Which Indian poet has been elected as the corresponding member of the Academy of Letters of Brazil?

- A) A K Mehrotra B) Dilip Chitre
C) Shiv K Kumar D) Abhay K

Answer : D

- ✓ In a Plenary Session held on January 19, 2023, the Academy of Letters of Brazil (ALB) accepted the election of poet-diplomat Abhay K as a foreign corresponding member of the Academy.
- ✓ Abhay Kumar is a poet-diplomat from India who presently works as the Deputy Director General of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations in New Delhi.

Q. Which Indian-American has been nominated for appointment to the grade of Air Force Brigadier General?

- A) Darshan Shah B) Bhagvati Bose
C) Uday Singh Tounke D) Raja J Chari

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian-American Astronaut Raja J Chari has been nominated for the appointment of Air Force Brigadier General in the American Air Force.
- ✓ It is a United States Air Force one-star General Officer rank, slightly above Colonel and below Major General.
- ✓ Chari is now the Commander and Astronaut for Crew-3 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Johnson Space Center in Texas.

Q. For the Aditya L1 project of ISRO, who has made the Visible Line Emission Coronagraph payload?

- A) Bhabha B) DRDO
C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics D) HAL

Answer : C

- ✓ The Visible Line Emission Coronagraph (VELC) payload for the Aditya-L1 mission was handed over to ISRO by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) on January 26, 2023, at the Centre for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST) Campus at Hosakote, near Bengaluru.



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- ✓ The VELC payload was conceived and built on the CREST site. At URSC, the payload would be integrated with the satellite.

Q. Which Indian movie has been nominated for the Best Documentary Short in Oscar Awards 2023?

- A) All that Breathe B) The Elephant Whisperers
C) RRR D) Tell it like a women

Answer : B

- ✓ The Oscar nominations were announced on January 24, 2023, and India received three nominations for the 95th Academy Awards.
- ✓ The Elephant Whisperers, a 41-minute short by Kartiki Gonsalves, was also nominated for Best Documentary Short.
- ✓ SS Rajamouli's RRR received only one nomination in the Best Original Song category for "Naatu Naatu," despite the fact that it has a big fan base in the United States.
- ✓ The film did not receive nominations for Best Picture or Best Director.
- ✓ All That Breathes by Shaunak Sen was nominated for Best Documentary Feature Film.

Q. Which Ministry is going to organize Six-day mega event Bharat Parv at Red Fort in Delhi?

- A) Ministry of Tourism B) Ministry of foreign affairs
C) Ministry of Education D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer : A

- ✓ As part of the Republic Day celebrations, the six-day mega event Bharat Parv will be held at the Red Fort in Delhi from the 26th to the 31st of this month.
- ✓ According to the Union Tourism Ministry, some of the top Republic Day Parade tableaux will be displayed throughout the event.
- ✓ There will also be cultural performances by Zonal Cultural Centres as well as cultural troupes from States and Union Territories, a pan-India Food Court, and a Crafts Bazaar with 65 crafts vendors.

Q. How many personnel have been awarded the Fire Service, Home Guard, and Civil Defence Medal on Republic Day 2023?

- A) 24 B) 47
C) 36 D) 54



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Answer : D

- ✓ In India, the National Tourism Day is celebrated every year on 25th January to promote tourism and raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy.
- ✓ The Indian government established the National Tourism Day to cultivate awareness among the global community on the importance of tourism and to demonstrate how it affects social, political, financial, cultural worth and economic values worldwide..
- ✓ The theme for National Tourism Day 2022 is 'Rural and Community Centric Tourism'.
- ✓ The World Tourism Day is observed worldwide on September 27 since 1980.

Q. What is the theme for the National Voters' Day in 2023?

- A) No Voter to be Left Behind
- B) Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed.
- C) Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy
- D) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure

Answer : D

Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of JP Morgan Chase & Co (India)?

- A) Thierry Delaporte
- B) Prabdev Singh
- C) Nikesh Arora
- D) Guenter Butschek

Answer : B

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to appoint Prabdev Singh as the new CEO of JP Morgan Chase & Co (India) for three years.
- ✓ Singh had been JP Morgan's interim CEO since November, replacing Madhav Kalyan who was named head of payments for Asia Pacific.
- ✓ Singh, a trained engineer, had worked for a decade at HSBC Holdings Plc before joining JPMorgan in 2010.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Tata Trusts?

- A) Shantanu Narayen
- B) Rajesh Gopinathan
- C) Kalanithi Maran
- D) Siddharth Sharma

Answer : D



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- ✓ Tata Trusts, one of the country's oldest public charitable foundations, has appointed Siddharth Sharma as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Trusts and Aparna Uppaluri as the Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- ✓ Their appointment will come into effect from 1 April 2023.
- ✓ 54-year-old Sharma, the chief sustainability officer at Tata Sons, will succeed N Srinath, who stepped down from the CEO's post in 2022 following his retirement.
- ✓ The company will create the COO post for the first time to accommodate Uppaluri, who is currently the programme director for India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka at the Ford Foundation.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn"?

- A) Rajnish Kumar
- B) Ashwin Fernandes
- C) Pooja Singh
- D) Ramesh Kandula

Answer : B

- ✓ A new book titled "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" written by Dr. Ashwin Fernandes was released globally.
- ✓ This book was launched by Minister of Education of India Dharmendra Pradhan, at an event at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre.
- ✓ This New book launched focuses on India's knowledge supremacy, journey showcasing changing trends in newly emerging India.
- ✓ The book is published by Bloomsbury Publishing, a leading independent publishing house, established in 1986, with authors who have won the Nobel, Pulitzer and Booker Prizes, and is the originating publisher and custodian of the Harry Potter series.

Q. Which state has celebrated the 3rd edition of the annual Orange Festival 2023?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Nagaland has celebrated the 3rd edition of the annual Orange festival 2023 at Rusoma village, under Kohima district.
- ✓ The Festival is being organized by the department of Horticulture, Agriculture, Rural Development, Land Resources and Kohima Smart City.



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- ✓ The Festival is conceptualized to recognize the hard work of orange growers while facilitating them the market linkages to sell their produce.
- ✓ Popular Festivals of Nagaland
- ✓ Hornbill festival
- ✓ Moatsu festival
- ✓ Ngada festival
- ✓ Monyu festival
- ✓ Aoleng Festival

Q. Who among the following has chaired the 10th meeting of the Group of Infrastructure Committee in New Delhi?

- A) Nitin Gadkari B) Piyush Goyal
C) Narendra Modi D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Road Transport and Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari has chaired the 10th meeting of the Group of Infrastructure Committee in New Delhi.
- ✓ To address existing inter-Ministerial issues concerning the implementation of various infrastructure projects.
- ✓ During the meeting, the committee discussed upon issues related to pending environmental clearances, land approvals, fund releases, etc.
- ✓ The Infrastructure Committee was formed in 2009.

Q. Which state has launched Phase 2 of India's first government-run veterinary ambulance network by flagging off an additional 165 veterinary ambulance units?

- A) Uttarakhand B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Rajasthan

Answer : B

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched Phase 2 of India's first government-run veterinary ambulance network by flagging off an additional 165 veterinary ambulance units from Tadepalli.



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- ✓ With this, the government will be providing quality medical services with a total of 340 veterinary ambulances.
- ✓ CM Jagan flagged off 175 ambulance units as part of the first batch of 'Dr YSR Sanchara Pasu Aarogya Seva' (Veterinary Ambulances) with state-of-the-art facilities, in May 2021.
- ✓ Each ambulance will have one doctor, a qualified Assistant and a driver-cum assistant.

Q. Which of the following Small Finance Bank has launched the SwipeUp platform?

- A) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited
- B) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited
- C) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited
- D) AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ India's largest Small Finance Bank, AU Small Finance Bank has launched the SwipeUp platform.
- ✓ The platform will provide an opportunity to other bank credit cardholders to upgrade their card to one of AU credit cards.
- ✓ The bank has provided a platform to compare existing credit cards of customers within seconds. Thereafter, within minutes they can upgrade credit limit, cashback, reward point etc.
- ✓ The cards issued in SwipeUp platform are different from current credit cards offered by AU Small Finance Bank. While the new range of cards offer high value proposition to customers, the card plastic is biodegradable which is another step towards a better environment.
- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded :1996
- ✓ Founder : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Tagline : Chalo Aage Badhein

Q. The European Space Agency's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) will be launched from the agency's spaceport in French Guiana in which year?

- A) April 2023
- B) December 2024
- C) September 2023
- D) December 2023



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Answer : A

- ✓ European Space Agency's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) will be launched from the agency's spaceport in French Guiana in April 2023.
- ✓ Objective – To explore the large, frigid worlds that orbit Jupiter, Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa
- ✓ Out of the 80 moons of the planet, these three were selected for their large oceans. The satellite is to be launched from French Guiana.
- ✓ Ariane 5 will carry the satellite. JUICE is the first satellite from the earth to enter the orbit of Ganymede.
- ✓ If launched in April 2023, the satellite is expected to enter Jupiter orbit by 2034 and will be deorbited in 2035

Q. Which railway station has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with the highest rating of Platinum' by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for adopting green concepts?

- A) Visakhapatnam Railway Station B) Lucknow Railway Station
C) Jaipur Railway Station D) Patna Railway Station

Answer : A

- ✓ Visakhapatnam railway station of East Coast Railway has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with the highest rating of Platinum' by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for adopting green concepts.
- ✓ Visakhapatnam is one of the few railway stations to get this prestigious certificate. Visakhapatnam secured 82 out of 100 points in six environmental categories.
- ✓ The Green Railway Station Rating System has been developed by the Environment Directorate of Indian Railways in collaboration with IGBC.
- ✓ The system addresses national priorities such as water conservation, waste management, energy efficiency, limited use of fossil fuels, minimal reliance on the use of natural materials, and health and well-being of users.

Q. Indian Railways has introduced which module for maximum capacity utilization and income generation by regularly analyzing the movement of demand in each train in reserved express trains?

- A) Ideal Train Profile B) Train Expert
C) All Train Profile D) Reserved Expressed Trains



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Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Railways has introduced 'Ideal Train Profile' for maximum capacity utilization and income generation by regularly analyzing the movement of demand in each train in reserved express trains.
- ✓ The pilot project was started on seven zonal railways – Eastern, Central, Northern, Southern, South Central, Western, and West Central Railway.
- ✓ The pilot project has so far been rolled out in over 200 trains in Indian Railways. It is expected that the utility will also help to enhance confirmed seat availability and increase the occupancy of a train by up to 5 percent.
- ✓ Ideal Train Profile — a seat capacity optimization decision support — is done due to the fact that the number of ticket-class combinations on a single train journey date can exceed 5,000

Q. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Film Festival will be organized in which city from 27 – 31 January 2023?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Film Festival will be organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in Mumbai from 27 to 31 January 2023.
- ✓ The SCO Film Festival is being organized during the Presidency of India in the SCO.
- ✓ The opening ceremony will be held at Jamshed Bhabha Theatre of the National Centre for the Performing Arts, NCPA, Mumbai on 27th January.
- ✓ Veteran director Priyadarshan's Tamil film 'Appatha', which also marks the 700th film of lead actor Urvashi, will be the opening film of the festival.

Q. Who has inaugurated the demo-run of Inland Water Vessel powered by Methanol blended Diesel (MD15)?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer : D



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- ✓ Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the demo-run of Inland Water Vessel powered by Methanol blended Diesel (MD15).
- ✓ The boat ride was conducted on a 50-seater motor launch marine vessel named 'SB Gangadhar'.
- ✓ The marine vessel is equipped with two Ruston make diesel engines (each engine of 105 hp). The boat will be run on MD-15 (15% methanol blended HSD).
- ✓ Methanol is a low-carbon hydrogen carrier fuel produced from high-ash coal, agricultural residue, CO₂ from thermal power plants, and natural gas. It is the best pathway for meeting India's commitment to COP 21.

Q. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has hosted the 2nd International Conference in which city?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| A) New Delhi | B) Mumbai |
| C) Chennai | D) Hyderabad |

Answer : A

- ✓ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has hosted the 2nd International Conference in New Delhi.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – Use of Technology and Elections Integrity
- ✓ The Chief Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel, inaugurated the two-day international conference.

Q. Who has been nominated as a special envoy for human rights in North Korea by US President Joe Biden?

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| A) Nancy Pelosi | B) Julie Turner |
| C) Hillary Clinton | D) Tulsi Gabbard |

Answer : C

- ✓ US President Joe Biden has nominated Julie Turner as special envoy for human rights in North Korea
- ✓ The move to fill the post, which has been vacant since 2017, comes amid debate over human rights issues as well as efforts to counter Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.
- ✓ Julie Turner is currently the director for East Asia and the Pacific in the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.
- ✓ Turner has served in the office for East Asia and the Pacific for more than 16 years, primarily focusing on initiatives related to the promotion of human rights in North Korea.



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Q. **Padma Bhushan awardee Balkrishna Doshi passed away recently at the age of 95. Who was she?**

- A) Historian
B) Writer
C) Social Worker
D) Architect

Answer : D

- ✓ Noted architect and Padma Bhushan awardee Balkrishna Doshi passed away recently at the age of 95.
- ✓ Doshi was awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Award in the year 1995 for the architecture of 'Aranya Low-Cost Housing' township.
- ✓ Doshi was also awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award in the year 2020 and Padma Shri in 1976.
- ✓ He was awarded the most prestigious award in the field of architecture "Pritzker" in the year 2018. He was the first Indian to receive this honour.

Q. **International Customs Day (ICD) is marked annually on which day?**

- A) 23 January
B) 26 January
C) 25 January
D) 24 January

Answer : B

- ✓ On the occasion of 74th Republic Day, another important day is being celebrated all over the world on 26 January which is called International Customs Day.
- ✓ The role and contribution of customs agencies is remembered on this day.
- ✓ The day marks the contribution of officers as well as their challenging working conditions.
- ✓ Customs agencies play an important role in the smooth flow of goods across borders.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 International Customs Day is- 'Nurturing the next generation: promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs'.
- ✓ The day was first established in 1953 and ratified by the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) for the first time.
- ✓ The session was inaugurated in Brussels, Belgium. Many delegates from 17 European countries participated in it.
- ✓ Later in the year 1994, CCC was renamed as World Customs Organization (WCO).
- ✓ Presently, WCO consists of 182 member states around the world.



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Q. Which day is observed as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day every year?

- A) 26 January B) 27 January
C) 28 January D) 25 January

Answer : B

- ✓ Every year on 27th January, United Nation Educational Scientific and Educational Organisation (UNESCO) pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence.
- ✓ Holocaust refers to the mass killing of the Jews or genocide of the Jews by Adolf Hitler led Nazi Germany between 1941 to 1945. An estimated sixty lakhs Jews were killed in concentration camps set up by Hitler across German occupied Europe .
- ✓ United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed in November 2005 to commemorate this day as International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

Q. Himachal Pradesh has celebrated its 53rd Statehood Day on which day?

- A) 25 January B) 24 January
C) 26 January D) 23 January

Answer : A

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh celebrated its 53rd Statehood Day on January 25.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1971 that Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state of India.
- ✓ After India's independence, Himachal Pradesh was formed on 15 April 1948, by uniting 30 hill princely states of the region.
- ✓ It was granted the status of a Union Territory on November 1, 1956.
- ✓ After this, in the year 1966, the hilly areas of Punjab were included in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ On 18 December 1970, the Parliament passed the Himachal Pradesh Act, and on 25 January 1971, Himachal Pradesh came into existence as a full-fledged state and became the 18th state of India.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ Capital – Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
- ✓ Chief Minister – Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
- ✓ Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar



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Q. Who inaugurated North India's largest floating Solar project of 2000kWp at Water Works in Chandigarh?

- A) Banwari Lal Purohit B) Acharya Devvrat
C) Gurmit Singh D) Vinai Kumar Saxena

Answer : A

- ✓ Administrator Balwari Lal Purohit inaugurated a 2MWp capacity solar plant on January 23, 2023, with the aim of making the city self-sufficient in power generation by the Chandigarh administration.
- ✓ North India's largest floating solar plant has been installed at Chandigarh's Water Works.
- ✓ Apart from this, Balwari Lal Purohit also inaugurated a 500 kWp floating solar power plant in Dhansa Lake.
- ✓ The solar plant with 2MWp capacity will generate 28 million units of electricity. Also, due to the installation of panels on water, this project will reduce the evaporation of about 382 million litres annually.

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- North India's largest floating solar plant in Chandigarh.
- World's largest floating solar power plant will be built on Omkareshwar Dam on the Narmada River in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh at an estimated cost of over Rs 3000 crores with a capacity of 600 Megawatt .
- NTPC Commissions India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 MW will be set up at Ramagundam in Telangana.
- Tata Power commissions India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala.
- South Korea to get world's first floating city by 2025.
- SBI has opened a floating ATM on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- India's largest Floating Solar PV Project commissioned in Simhadri thermal station Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh by NTPC.

Q. India to celebrate its ____ Republic Day on 26th January 2023.

- A) 73rd B) 74th
C) 75th D) 76th



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Answer : B

- ✓ India celebrated its 74th Republic Day on 26 January. This year's parade was special with many events taking place for the first time.
- ✓ Programs to be organised for the first time in 74th Republic Day Parade
- ✓ This was the first Republic Day celebrations hosted at the ceremonial boulevard after Rajpath was renamed to 'Kartavya Path' last year.
- ✓ For the first time, 12 women riders were part of the Border Security Force's (BSF) camel contingent and 16 march contingents of the armed forces.
- ✓ The old howitzers with 25-pounder guns, which traditionally thundered during the 21-gun salute during Republic Day celebrations, were replaced by 105 mm Indian field guns this year.
- ✓ A team of "Daredevils" motorcycle riders from the Corps of Signals, co-led by a woman officer, became part of the parade for the first time.
- ✓ Nine Rafale aircraft and the Navy's IL-38 participated in the air show for the first time.
- ✓ Besides the IL-38 aircraft, the formations like 'Bheem' and 'Vajrang' showcased over the Kartavya Path for the first time.
- ✓ It is the first time that the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, has been invited as the chief guest on the Republic Day.
- ✓ During the Beating Retreat Ceremony 2023, 3-D anamorphic projection was held for the first time on the façade of North and South Block.
- ✓ Newly appointed Agniveer was also a part of the parade for the first time.
- ✓ The Narcotics Control Bureau also presented a tableau for the first time.

Q. President Droupadi Murmu has approved How many Gallantry awards and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others on 26th Jan 2023?

A) 412

B) 427

C) 474

D) 492

Answer : A

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu on 25 January approved 412 Gallantry awards, including six Kirti Chakras and 15 Shaurya Chakras for Armed Forces personnel and others on the eve of the 74th Republic Day.
- ✓ These include six Kirti Chakras, including four posthumous, and 15 Shaurya Chakras including two posthumous.



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- ✓ These include one Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 92 Sena Medals, including four posthumous, one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry), seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry) and 29 Param Vishisht Seva Medals.
- ✓ The Kirti Chakra is India's second highest gallantry award after the Ashoka Chakra. The Shaurya Chakra is the country's third highest gallantry award.
- ✓ The President has also awarded the President's Tatrakshak Medal to Indian Coast Guard personnel for conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and distinguished service.
- ✓ Kirti Chakra Awardees
 - ✓ Major Shubhang of the Dogra Regiment from Indian Army
 - ✓ Naik Jitendra Singh of the Rajput Regiment from Indian Army
 - ✓ Jammu and Kashmir police constable Rohit Kumar (Posthumous)
 - ✓ Sub Inspector Deepak Bhardwaj (Posthumous)
 - ✓ Head constable Sodhi Narayan (Posthumous)
 - ✓ Head constable Shrawan Kashyap (Posthumous)

Q. 30th National Child Science Congress started in which state?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The 30th National Child Science Congress began at Science City in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 27 January.
- ✓ It was inaugurated by Vijay Nahera, Secretary, Gujarat Science and Technology Department.
- ✓ The Gujarat Council on Science and Technology, Gujarat Council of Science City, and SAL Education are hosting the five-day Congress, which will conclude on January 31.
- ✓ More than 1400 delegates including child scientists, escort teachers, evaluators and government officials will participate in it.
- ✓ More than 850 students from across the country will be showcasing their unique projects at the Congress



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2022-23

- BJP's Bhupendra Patel sworn-in as Gujarat CM for 2nd consecutive term.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel announces first-ever Cinematic Tourism Policy 2022-2027.
- HDFC Bank unveils 'Bank on Wheels' in Gujarat.
- Reliance Industries has announced to build of India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat.
- National Maritime Heritage Complex to be built at the historic Indus Valley civilization region of Lothal in Gujarat with a total cost of 3500 crores rupees.
- Gujarat becomes first Indian state to launch semiconductor policy 2022-27.
- Gujarat's IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority) Headquarters Building will officially break ground thanks to PM Modi.
- 36th National Games also known as National Games Gujarat 2022, will be hosted by Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launches 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'.
- Gujarat government inked an agreement with Isha Outreach to conserve soil.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the renovated Shree Kalika Mata temple at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panchmahal district.
- India's first 'Balika Panchayat' constituted in five villages of Gujarat.
- Gujarat to host the National Education Ministers' Conference.
- Tata Motors Inks Pact For Potential Acquisition Of Ford India's Plant In Gujarat.
- PM has launched the country's first liquid nano urea plant at Kalol, Gujarat.
- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project to Gujarat.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- Gujarat government inked an agreement with Isha Outreach to conserve soil.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi used video conferencing to address the Utkarsh Samaroh in Bharuch, Gujarat.
- The country is set to get its first high-speed rail training center at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Exide and Switzerland's Leclanché's joint venture Nexcharge begins production in Gujarat.
- Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022.
- PM Modi inaugurated development projects worth Rs 22,000 crores in Dahod, Gujarat.



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- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- India and the WHO have agreed to establish a global traditional medicine centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIIB.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel unveils new Biotechnology Policy 2022-27 to strengthen innovation ecosystem.
- Adani Group inks MoU with South Korea's largest steelmaker POSCO to develop steel mill in Gujarat.
- Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited team up to establish bioethanol plant in Gujarat.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp.
- Gujarat became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub, according to data from the RBI
- Gujarat CM launches 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' from Mahemdabad near Ahmedabad
- Gujarat launches e-Sarkar app on pilot basis for paperless administration
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched 'Go Green' Scheme
- India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat
- Bhupendra Patel has been chosen as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gujarat's Gandhinagar from March 2022.
- Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Q. Which country is building a new Dam on the Mabja Zangbo river, near north of the trijunction border with India and Nepal?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Bangladesh
- D) China

Answer : D



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- ✓ Recently it has been revealed through a satellite picture that China is building a new dam on the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) river in Tibet near the tri-junction of India, Nepal and Tibet, which remains a matter of concern for India.
- ✓ By increasing the construction activities in the areas adjacent to the Indian border, China is installing military equipment and its related equipment there.
- ✓ The Chinese dam follows the announcement of plans to build a large dam downstream of the Yarlung Zangbo in 2021 to generate 70 gigawatts of electricity.
- ✓ This is nearly three times the power produced by China's Three Gorges Dam, the largest hydroelectric power plant in terms of installed capacity.
- ✓ This came after China unveiled plans to build a super dam close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Tibet on the lower reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo river which flows into Arunachal Pradesh and then in Assam..
- ✓ Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) River:
- ✓ The Brahmaputra River is known as the Yarlung Tsangpo in China.
- ✓ Origin Source:- Mansarovar Lake
- ✓ Total length 2,880 km.
- ✓ Tibet:- 1,700 km.
- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh and Assam :- 920 kms.
- ✓ Bangladesh:- 260 km.

CHINA IN NEWS 2022-23

- China is building a new dam on the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) river in Tibet near the tri-junction of India, Nepal and Tibet, which remains a matter of concern for India.
- The biggest decline in the population of China has been recorded after the year 1961. Negative population growth has now started in China.
- China became the first country in Asia and second in the world to launch Hydrogen powered urban trains. Germany was the first country to introduce hydrogen powered trains in September 2022.
- China has launched the world's first Earth-science satellite, named Guangmu or SDGSAT-1.



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- Chinese President Xi Jinping on 23 October 2022 was re-elected as the General Secretary of the ruling Communist Party of China for a record third five-year term.
- India's diplomatic prowess at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) forced China to withdraw its proposal against AUKUS (United Group of Australia, Britain and America) .
- Continuing with infrastructure build-up on its side of the area near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, China is building a new bridge on Pangong Tso.
- First China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Development Cooperation held in China, India not invited.
- According to the official data released by the Chinese customs, the India-China bilateral trade touched a record high of over USD 125 billion in 2021, up 43.3% from 2020 when bilateral trade was worth 87.6 billion USD.
- China on 1 November, 2022 launched its third and final permanent space station module (Tiangong space station).The name of this lab module is Mengtian.
- According to projections by the World Population Review (WPR), India has surpassed China as the world's most populous nation.
- As per WPR, India's population was 141.7 crore as of the end of 2022.
- Chinese women's football team defeated the South Korean women's football team 3-2 in the Asian Football Confederations(AFC) women Asian cup final held at the D.Y.Patil stadium in Navi Mumbai on 6 February 2022.
- This was the 9th title win for the Chinese women's football team also known as "Steel Roses".
- China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) announced that three Shenzhou-14 astronauts successfully entered the Tiangong Space Station on June 6 with the Tianzhou-4 cargo craft.
- According to a report by the United Nations released on 11 July India will surpass China as the most populous country on earth in 2023.
- As per a UN report, the world's population is growing at its slowest pace since 1950. It has fallen under 1% in 2020.
- Qin Gang Appointed As China's New and Youngest Foreign Minister.



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world leading capabilities to help solve complex data problems and could be used in a variety of sectors such as finance, transportation, environmental modelling, and health, Xinhua news agency reported.

- ✓ CANADA
- ✓ Capital : Ottawa
- ✓ Currency : Dollar
- ✓ Prime Minister : Justin Trudeau

Q. Central Government has sanctioned _ crore rupees to Uttarakhand under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

- A) 2,100 Crore
- B) 2,600 Crore
- C) 3,300 Crore
- D) 4,500 Crore

Answer : B

- ✓ The Central Government has sanctioned 2,600 crore rupees to Uttarakhand under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for the construction of new power lines, sub-stations, and underground power lines.
- ✓ State Energy Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram said that the State's project has been approved in the Regional Power Committee meeting in New Delhi.
- ✓ AIM : To strengthen the power supply system, the capacity of sub-stations will be increased in several districts including Dehradun.

Q. Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has launched a massive District Outreach Programme ___ on 27th Jan 2023.

- A) Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0
- B) Nidhi Aapke Nikat 3.0
- C) Nidhi Aapke Nikat 4.0
- D) Nidhi Aapke Nikat 5.0

Answer : A

- ✓ **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0"**- A District Outreach Program for expanding its presence in more than 685 districts of the country on 27 January.
- ✓ It was e-launched by Arti Ahuja, Secretary (Ministry of Labour & Employment) from the EPFO Headquarters, in the presence of Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) and officers of EPFO.
- ✓ It is a massive district outreach program in all the districts of the country through Nidhi Aapke Nikat program.



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- ✓ Ghazal singers Ahmed Hussain and Mohd Hussain, and Bollywood actor Raveena Tandon are also among Padma Shri awardees.
- ✓ Super 30 founder Anand Kumar has been selected for the Padma Shri award for distinguished service in the field of literature and education.

Padma Vibhushan Receptients List

Name	Field	State/Country
1. Shri Balkrishna Doshi (Posthumous)	Others	Gujarat
2. Shri Dilip Mahalanabis (Posthumous)	Medicine	West Bengal
3. Mulayam Singh Yadav(Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Uttar Pradesh
4. Shri Zakir Hussain	Art	Maharashtra
5. Shri S M Krishna	Public Affairs	Karnataka
6. Shri Srinivas Varadhan	Science & Engineering	USA

Padma Bhushan Receptients List

Name	Field	State/Country
1. Shri S L Bhyrappa	Literature & Education	Karnataka
2. Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
3. Shri Deepak Dhar	Science & Engineering	Maharashtra
4. Ms. Vani Jairam	Art	Tamil Nadu
5. Swami Chinna Jeeyar	Others-Spiritualism	Telangana
6. Ms Suman Kalyanpur	Art	Maharashtra
7. Shri Kapil Kapoor	Literature & Education	Delhi
8. Ms Sudha Murty	Social Work	Karnataka
9. Shri Kamlesh D Patel	Others- Spiritualism	

Padma Shri Receptients List

Name	Field	State/Country
1. Dr. Sukama Acharya	Others- Spiritualism	Haryana
2. Ms. Jodhaiyabai Baiga	Art	Madhya Pradesh
3. Shri Premjit Baria	Art	Dadra and Nagar Haveli
4. Ms Usha Barle	Art	Chhatisgarh
5. Shri Munishwar Chanddawar	Medicine	Madhya Pradesh
6. Shri Hemant Chauhan	Art	Gujarat
7. Shri Bhanubhai Chitara	Art	Gujarat
8. Ms Hemoprova Chutia	Art	Assam
9. Shri Narendra Chandra Debbarma	Public Affairs	Tripura
10. Ms Subhadra Devi	Art	Bihar



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11. Shri Khadar Valli Dudekula	Science & Engineering	Karnataka
12. Shri Hem Chandra Goswami	Art	Assam
13. Ms. Pritikana Goswami	Art	West Bengal
14. Shri Radha Charan Gupta	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
15. Shri Modadugu Vijay Gupta	Science & Engineering	Telangana
16. Shri Ahmed Hussain & Shri Mohd Hussain	Art	Rajasthan
17. Shri Dilshad Hussain	Art	Uttar Pradesh
18. Shri Bhiku Ramji Idate	Social Work	Maharashtra
19. Shri C I Issac	Literature & Education	Kerala
20. Shri Rattan Singh Jaggi	Literature & Education	Punjab
21. Shri Bikram Bahadur Jamatia	Social Work	Tripura
22. Shri Ramkuiwangbe Jene	Social Work	Assam
23. Shri Rakesh Radheshyam Jhunjhunwala (Posthumous)	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
24. Shri Mahipat Kavi	Art	Gujarat
25. Shri Ratan Chandra Kar	Medicine	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
26. Shri Mahipat Kavi	Art	Gujarat
27. Shri M M Keeravaani	Art	Andhra Pradesh
28. Shri Areez Khambatta (Posthumous)	Trade & Industry	Gujarat
29. Shri Parshuram Komaji Khune	Art	Maharashtra
30. Shri Ganesh Nagappa Krishnarajanagara	Science & Engineering	Andhra Pradesh
31. Shri Maguni Charan Kuanr	Art	Odisha
32. Shri Anand Kumar	Literature & Education	Bihar
33. Shri Arvind Kumar	Science & Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
34. Shri Domar Singh Kunvar	Art	Chhatisgarh
35. Shri Risingbor Kurkaland	Art	Meghalaya
36. Ms Hirabai Lobi	Social Work	Gujarat
37. Shri Moolchand Lodha	Social Work	Rajasthan
38. MS Rani Machaiah	Art	Karnataka
39. Shri Ajay Kumar Mandavi	Art	Chhatisgarh
40. Shri Prabhakar Bhanudas Mande	Literature	Maharashtra
41. Shri Gajanan Jagannath Mane	Social Work	Mahrashtra
42. Shri Antaryami Mishra	Literature & Education	Odisha
43. Shri Nadoja Pindipapanahalli Munivenkatappa	Art	Karnataka
44. Prof(Dr.) Mahendra Pal	Science & Engineering	Gujarat
45. Shri Uma Shankar Pandey	Science & Engineering	Gujarat
46. Shri Ramesh Parmar & Ms. Shanti Parmar	Art	Madhya Pradesh
47. Dr. Nalini Parthasarathi	Medicine	Puducherry



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48. Shri Hanumantha Rao Pasupuleti	Medicine	Telangana
49. Shri Ramesh Patange	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
50. Ms Krishna Patel	Art	Odisha
51. Shri K Kalyanasundaram Pillai	Art	Tamil Nadu
52. Shri V P Appukuttan Poduval	Social Work	Kerala
53. Shri Kapil Dev Prasad	Art	Bihar
54. Shri S R D Prasad	Sports	Kerala
55. Shri Shah Rasheed Ahmed Quadri	Art	Karnataka
56. Shri C V Raju	Art	Andhra Pradesh
57. Shri Bakshi Ram	Science & Engineering	Haryana
58. Shri Cheruvayal K Raman	Others	Kerala
59. Ms Sujatha Ramdorai	Science & Engineering	Canada
60. Shri Pareshbhai Rathwa	Art	Gujarat
61. Shri B Ramakrishna Reddy	Literature & Education	Telangana
62. Shri Mangala Kanti Roy	Art	West Bengal
63. Ms K C Runremsangi	Art	Mizoram
64. Shri Vadivel Gopal & Shri Masi	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
65. Shri Manoranjan Sahu	Medicine	UP
66. Shri Patayat Sahu	Others	Odisha
67. Shri Ritwik Sanyal	Art	UP
68. Shri Kota S S	Art	Andhra Pradesh
69. Shri Sankurathri Chandra Sekhar	Social Work	Andhra Pradesh
70. Shri K Shanathoiba Sharma	Sports	Manipur
71. Shri Nekram Sharma	Others	Himachal Pradesh
72. Shri Gurcharan Singh	Sports	Delhi
73. Shri Laxman Singh	Social Work	Rajasthan
74. Shri Mohan Singh	Literature	J & K
75. Shri T C Singh	Public Affairs	Manipur
76. Shri P C Sood	Literature	Andhra Pradesh
77. Ms Neihunuo Sorhie	Art	Nagaland
78. Janum Singh Soy	Literature	Jharkhand
79. Shri Kushok Thiksey Nawang Chamba Stanzin	Others	Ladakh
80. Shri S Subraman	Others	Karnataka
81. Shri Moa Subong	Art	Nagaland
82. Shri P K Sundaram	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
83. Ms Raveena Ravi Tandon	Art	Maharashtra
84. Shri V P Tiwari	Literature	UP
85. Shri Dhaniram Toto	Literature	WB
86. Shri T R Upreti	Others	Sikkim
87. Dr Gopalsamy Veluchamy	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
88. Dr Ishwar Chander Verma	Medicine	Delhi
89. Ms Coomi Nariman Wadia	Art	Maharashtra



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90. Shri Karma Wangchu (Posthumous)	Social Work	Arunachal Pradesh
91. Shri G M Zaz	Art	Jammu & Kashmir

Q. Who among the following received the Padma Shri Award 2023 in the field of Trade & Industry?

- A) Jamshed J Irani B) Rakesh Jhunjunwala
C) MG George Muthoot D) Cyrus Mistry

Answer : B

- ✓ Rakesh Jhunjunwala was awarded the Padma Shri in the field of trade and industry.
- ✓ Rakesh Jhunjunwala was an Indian billionaire business magnate, Chartered Accountant, stock trader, and investor.
- ✓ He was also a founder of Akasa Air.
- ✓ He began investing in 1985 with a capital of ₹5,000, with his first major profit in 1986.
- ✓ Big Bull Rakesh Jhunjunwala, Indian billionaire investor, locally known as India's Warren Buffett .

Q. Who among the following was given the Padma Vibhushan (posthumous) award 2023?

- A) Brinda Somaya B) Raj Rewal
C) Achyut Kanvinde D) Balkrishna Doshi

Answer : D

- ✓ Noted architect Balakrishna Doshi honored with Padma Vibhushan posthumously
- ✓ Balakrishna Doshi who has contributed a lot to the field of architecture in India
- ✓ Balkrishna Doshi was an Indian architect.
- ✓ Doshi was awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Award in the year 1995 for the architecture of 'Aranya Low Cost Housing' township.
- ✓ He was awarded the most prestigious award in the field of architecture "Pritzker" in the year 2018. He was the first Indian to receive this honour.
- ✓ Doshi was also awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award in the year 2020.
- ✓ Royal Gold Medal for Architecture, Government of United Kingdom, 2022
- ✓ Padma Shri, Government of India, 1976



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Q. Who was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan award in the field of art (musician) from Maharashtra in 2023?

- A) Bismillah Khan B) Shivkumar Sharma
C) Zakir Hussain D) R.D. Burman

Answer : C

- ✓ Tabla maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain has been conferred with Padma Vibhushan 2023 For their contributions to art.
- ✓ Ustad Zakir Hussain is an Indian tabla player, composer, percussionist, music producer and film actor.
- ✓ Born : Bombay, Maharashtra
- ✓ Occupation : Musician
- ✓ Instrument : Tabla
- ✓ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1988, the Padma Bhushan in 2002, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2023, by the Government of India.
- ✓ He was also awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1990, given by the Sangeet Natak Academy, India's National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama.
- ✓ In 1999, he was awarded the United States National Endowment for the Arts' National Heritage Fellowship, the highest award given to traditional artists and musicians

Q. Who among the following is a recipient of Padma Shri for the year 2023 in the field of Art-Music?

- A) Vedala Hemachandra B) N. C. Karunya
C) M. M. Keeravani D) Sid Sriram

Answer : C

- ✓ RRR music composer MM Keeravani will be confer with the Padma Shri Award the fourth highest civilian award of India
- ✓ South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony, the film's Telugu song 'Naatu Naatu' has won the Best Song award.
- ✓ 'Naatu Naatu' is the first Indian song to win this prestigious award.
- ✓ The song was composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj.



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Q. Who among the following got Padma Vibhushan Award 2023 under the Public Affairs category?

- A) Srinivas Varadhan B) Dilip Mahalanabis
C) Balkrishna Doshi D) Mulayam Singh Yadav

Answer : D

- ✓ Mulayam Singh Yadav was posthumously conferred the second-highest civilian award in India, the Padma Vibhushan in the field of public affairs.
- ✓ The other Padma Vibhushan winner are
- ✓ Balkrishna Doshi (Posthumous) : Architecture
- ✓ Zakir Hussain : Art
- ✓ S M Krishna : Public Affairs
- ✓ Dilip Mahalanabis (Posthumous) : Medicine
- ✓ Srinivas Varadhan : Science & Engineering
- ✓ Mulayam Singh Yadav (Posthumous) : Public Affairs

Q. Which of the following person awarded Padma Bhushan in the field of Social Work?

- A) Sudha Murty B) Kamlesh D Patel
C) Kumar Mangalam Birla D) SL Bhyrappa

Answer : A

- ✓ Distinguished educator, author, and philanthropist Sudha Murty was awarded the Padma Bhushan 2023 by the government of India for her contributions in the field of social work.
- ✓ The Chairperson of Infosys Foundation Sudha Murty was born on 19 August 1950.
- ✓ On August 19, 1950, in Shiggaon, Haveri in the Indian state of Karnataka, Sudha Murty was born into a Kannada Deshastha Madhva Brahmin family.
- ✓ In 2006, the Indian government gave Murty the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honour in the country, in recognition of his social services.
- ✓ The other Padma Bhushan winner are:
- ✓ Kamlesh D Patel - Spiritualism (Telangana)
- ✓ Kumar Mangalam Birla - Trade & Industry (Maharashtra)
- ✓ SL Bhyrappa - Literature & Education (Karnataka)



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- ✓ Coal India Ltd to Launch M-Sand Projects in Broader Schemes :
- ✓ Most of the waste is disposed of at the surface which occupies a considerable land area and requires extensive planning and control to minimize the environmental impact of mining.
- ✓ Sand is classified as a 'minor mineral'. The administrative control over minor minerals lies with the State Governments and is regulated through state-specific rules.
- ✓ Sand Mining Framework (2018) prepared by the Ministry of Mines envisages alternative sources of sand in the form of Manufactured Sand (M-Sand) from crushed rock fines (crusher dust), and sand from Overburden (OB) of coal mines.

Q. Woxsen University Launched Project Aspiration for Girls in Which State/UT?

- A) Goa
B) Punjab
C) Maharashtra
D) Telangana

Answer : D

- ✓ Woxsen University has launched Project Aspirations with its firm belief in developing its ecosystem and empowering the community around the campus. Woxsen University has conceptualized the project for the ambitious girls of Classes IX-XII, Telangana Model School & Junior College.
- ✓ Under Project Aspiration, students are selected by the school principal to take part in the "Train the Trainer" workshop which commenced in December 2022

Q. Chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC) Mr. Manoj Kumar 'Khadi Fest- 23' was inaugurated in which city?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Manoj Kumar, Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, inaugurated the Khadi Fest- 23 which will run from January 27 to February 24, 2023 at the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Headquarters in Mumbai.
- ✓ Events and exhibitions like Khadi Fest, Khadi Institutions, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program - PMEGP and Fund Scheme for Regeneration of Traditional Industries - SFURTI units provide a platform to bring thousands of artisan products directly to the customers.



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- ✓ The fest will showcase apparel made of Khadi, Pashmina, Kalamkari, Phulkari, Tussar silk, etc while Dry-fruits, Tea, Kahwa, Honey, Bamboo Products, Carpets, Aloe Vera Products and others will be up for sale.
- ✓ On 2 October this year, Khadi India's Delhi outlet created an all-time record of selling Khadi worth Rs 1.34 crore in a single day.
- ✓ Last year, there was a record sale of one lakh fifteen thousand crore rupees of Khadi and village industry items.
- ✓ Apart from this, the Khadi Fest-2022 held on 3rd October registered a sale of Rs.3.03 crore
- ✓ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- ✓ The Khadi Village Industries Commission was established in 1957 under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act 1956.
- ✓ It is under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- ✓ It is responsible, along with other agencies, for the planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programs for the development of Khadi and other village industries in rural areas.
- ✓ KVIC Chairman: Manoj Kumar

Q. Martyr's Day (or) Shaheed Diwas is observed on _ every year.

A) January 30th

B) January 29th

C) January 28th

D) January 27th

Answer : A

- ✓ Every year on January 30, India pays homage to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi to mark his death anniversary. The day is also observed as Martyrs' Day.
- ✓ 2023 marked his 75st death anniversary.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1948, that Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Ji was assassinated by Nathuram Godse.
- ✓ On January 30, 2023, India will observe Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas to pay tribute to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. The day is also marked as the death anniversary of the nation's 'Bapu', Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ Shaheed Diwas has a rich history : As it was on this day in 1948 that Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in the compound of Birla House in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse.



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Q. India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Luminous to build India's first green solar panel factory in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Luminous Power Technologies on 27 January announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The new manufacturing plant located in Rudrapur is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2023.
- ✓ This state-of-the-art facility will be equipped with the latest technology to design and produce high quality solar panels that will be used for both residential and commercial applications.
- ✓ Spread over 4.5 lakh sq ft/10 acres, the facility will help enable a solar generation capacity of 500 MW per annum, which can be scaled up to 1 GW.
- ✓ It will produce a range of solar panels with power output from 40W to 600W.
- ✓ The plant has been certified as a green facility by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and will reduce CO2 emissions by over 70 million tonnes per year.
- ✓ This solar panel facility is completely robotic and will harness energy from 100 percent solar power

Q. Who has been appointed as the CEO of "Gujarat Maritime Cluster" by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited?

- A) Madhvendra Singh
B) Alok Joshi
C) Rahul Dayal
D) Ashneer Grover

Answer : A

- ✓ Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- ✓ Gujarat Maritime Cluster (GMC)
- ✓ GMC was envisioned as a dedicated ecosystem of ports, ocean shipping and logistics service providers.
- ✓ The Gujarat Maritime Cluster will host an array of maritime, shipping industry companies and service providers along with relevant government regulatory agencies at GIFT City in Gandhinagar.



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- ✓ India's largest car manufacturer company Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) has announced that it will use cow dung to power its CNG cars.
- ✓ An MoU has been signed between Maruti Suzuki and Asia's largest dairy manufacturer National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), SMC stated while announcing its growth strategy for 2030.

Q. The iconic Mughal Gardens in Rashtrapati Bhavan has been renamed as the __.

- A) Amrit Udyan B) Bharat Udyan
C) Nation Udyan D) Suryodhaya Udyan

Answer : A

- ✓ The Central government on 28 January renamed the Mughal Gardens in New Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan as 'Amrit Udyan.
- ✓ In keeping with the theme of 'Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of India's independence, the Union Government has renamed the Mughal Gardens as Amrit Udyan.
- ✓ On the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the President of India has given a common name to Rashtrapati Bhavan Gardens as Amrit Udyan.
- ✓ The Central Government had last year renamed Delhi's iconic Rajpath as "Kartavya Path".
- ✓ Rashtrapati Bhavan has a rich variety of gardens. Basically, they include East Lawn, Central Lawn, Long Garden and Circular Garden.
- ✓ About Mughal Gardens
- ✓ The Mughal Gardens were designed by Edwin Lutyens in 1917, and the first saplings were planted in 1928–1929.
- ✓ Like the Rashtrapati Bhavan building, which has two different styles of architecture, Indian and Western.
- ✓ Lutyens brought together two different horticultural traditions, the Mughal style and the English flower garden, for the gardens.
- ✓ More gardens namely Herbal-I, Herbal-II, Tactile Garden, Bonsai Garden and Arogya Vanam were developed during the tenure of former Presidents Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Ram Nath Kovind.

Q. MeitY and Meta have jointly released the list of how many startups and innovators for the XR Startup Programme?

- A) 101 B) 112
C) 120 D) 134



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Answer : C

- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Meta have jointly released the list of 120 startups and innovators for the Extended Reality (XR) Startup Programme
- ✓ It includes an Accelerator and a Grand Challenge.
- ✓ Aim : To boost the emerging Tech ecosystem
- ✓ Out of the startups selected in the Accelerator Programme, over 30% are from tier II or tier III cities across India.
- ✓ It will discover, nurture, and accelerate Extended Reality (XR) Technology startups and innovators

Q. NMDC signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with World Boxing Champion, __ to represent NMDC as its brand ambassador.

A) Mary Kom

B) Nikhat Zareen

C) Lovlina Borgohain

D) Manisha Moun

Answer : B

- ✓ Hyderabad-based Navratna mining PSU NMDC, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with World Boxing Champion and gold medal winner of Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games , Nikhat Zareen to represent NMDC as its brand ambassador.
- ✓ The company has chosen to be represented by someone who has proven his commitment to bring laurels to the country.
- ✓ Nikhat Zareen represents the strength, courage, agility and national pride associated with the brand NMDC
- ✓ Nikhat Zareen
- ✓ She won the gold medal at the women's boxing world championships on May 20, 2022, in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ✓ She became the fifth Indian woman to win a boxing world championships gold medal.
- ✓ She joins an elite list of Indian boxers, including Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC, who have become world champions.
- ✓ She was born on June 14, 1996, in Nizamabad, Telangana.
- ✓ Medal won by Nikhat Zareen
- ✓ Gold medal : World Boxing Championships 2022, Istanbul
- ✓ Gold medal : Commonwealth Games 2022, Birmingham



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- ✓ Bronze medal : Asian Boxing Championships 2019, Bangkok
- ✓ Gold medal : Women's Junior and Youth World Boxing Championships, Istanbul
- ✓ Silver medal : Youth World Boxing Championships 2013, Albena

Q. Who released special ₹ 75 Coins on the Occasion of completion of 75 years of National Cadet Corps (NCC) at the Delhi ?

A) Amit Shah

B) Arvind Kejriwal

C) Droupadi Murmu

D) Narendra Modi

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 January released a special day cover and a commemorative specially minted coin of Rs 75 denomination on the occasion of 75 successful years of the National Cadet Corps (NCC).
- ✓ NCC rally was organised on the occasion of 75 years commemoration at Cariappa Maidan, Delhi on 28th January.
- ✓ 196 officers and cadets from 19 foreign countries participated in the rally.
- ✓ On this occasion, PM Modi addressed the annual NCC Rally at Cariappa Parade Ground in Delhi.
- ✓ At the event, PM Modi released a specially minted coin of Rs 75 denomination to commemorate 75 successful years of NCC.
- ✓ National Cadet Corps (NCC)
- ✓ The NCC was formed in 1948 on the recommendation of H N Kunzru Committee-1946 under National Cadet Corps Act, 1948.
- ✓ NCC is the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world.
- ✓ It is a voluntary organisation in which cadets are recruited from high schools, colleges and universities across India.
- ✓ The motto of NCC is "Unity and Discipline"
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ✓ Director General - Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh
- ✓ The Defence Ministry deals with NCC at the National level and the Education Ministry deals with NCC in all States



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Q. Which of the following state is launched first survey of migrants recently?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Jharkhand

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently the first survey of migrants has been started by the Government of Jharkhand
- ✓ This survey will be done in 11 thousand houses in 24 districts of the state.
- ✓ The objective of the survey is to create a robust database of migrants and migration patterns in the state.
- ✓ The results of the survey will be used for state level policy making.
- ✓ The survey will collect information about migrants coming into the state, migrants going out of the state, quality of life of migrants, understanding the mindset of migrants etc.



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Q. Which government announces 'Ladli Bahna' scheme?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the implementation of Ladli Bahna Yojana on the occasion of Narmada Jayanti.
- ✓ Through this scheme, ₹ 1000 per month will be given to the sisters of poor and middle class families of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Scheme Benefits / Eligibility
- ✓ To get the benefit of the scheme, the woman must be a resident of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Women of all castes of the state – General, Backward, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes will be able to get the benefit of this scheme.
- ✓ The benefits of the scheme will be given to such sisters who are not income tax payers.
- ✓ 65% sisters of Madhya Pradesh will be able to get the benefit of this scheme.
- ✓ Through the scheme, an amount of ₹ 60000 will be added to each sister's account by the government in 5 years

Q. Which Cabinet has approved a state floriculture mission with an initial investment of Rs 150 crore that covers 20,000 farmers?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Assam Cabinet approves floriculture mission, invests ₹ 150 crore covering 20,000 farmers
- ✓ Under it, the area of flower cultivation will be expanded from 2,200 hectares to 3,288 hectares within three years.
- ✓ “After paddy and fishery, we are now focusing on achieving self-sufficiency in floriculture,” the chief minister said.
- ✓ He also announced a slew of projects and schemes worth around Rs 1,500-2,000 crore for Dibrugarh district..



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Q. GRSE Ltd has signed an MoU with which German company to manufacture high-quality marine diesel engines at its former plant in Ranchi?

- A) Rolls Royce Solutions B) Komatsu Limited
C) Perkins Engines D) Mercedes-Benz

Answer : A

- ✓ Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Rolls Royce Solutions of Germany for manufacture of high-quality marine diesel engines at the former's plant in Ranchi,

Q. Which state announced giving monthly allowance to unemployed youth from the next FY 2023 - 2024?

- A) Gujarat B) Maharashtra
C) Chhattisgarh D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister "Bhupesh Baghel" announced on January 26, 2023, that unemployed youngsters in the state will be paid a monthly allowance beginning in the next fiscal year (FY 2023-2024).
- ✓ Addressing people on the occasion of Republic Day 2023 in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district, Baghel said: "Unemployed youth will be given an unemployment allowance every month from the next financial year (2023-24)." This was one of the key promises made by the Congress ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls, when the party returned to power in the state after a gap of 15 years.
- ✓ Emphasising the importance of preserving and celebrating tribal culture, he announced a grant of Rs 10,000 to each gram panchayat for organising tribal festivals in Bastar division, Surguja division and scheduled areas of the state.

Q. Which Institute is the best college (2022) to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course in India?

- A) IIM Bengaluru B) IIM Lucknow
C) IIM Kolkata D) IIM Ahmedabad

Answer : D



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- ✓ Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, is the best college to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course in India, according to the latest ranking released by the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF).
- ✓ IIM Ahmedabad is followed by IIM Bengaluru and IIM Kolkata at second and third spots, respectively.
- ✓ The top three have remained unchanged since 2022.
- ✓ The IIM, Lucknow, jumped one place to fourth rank from fifth in 2022, surpassing the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, which was ranked fourth in 2022.
- ✓ Private colleges : The Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur, topped the rankings, followed by the Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon and Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune

Q. Which company appoints Hein Schumacher as new CEO?

A) Nestlé

B) Unilever

C) Danone

D) Johnson and Johnson

Answer : B

- ✓ Unilever named Royal Friesland Campina boss "Hein Schumacher" as its next chief executive officer, bringing forward Alan Jope's replacement after strategy mishaps frustrated investors including Nelson Peltz.
- ✓ The maker of Dove soap and Ben & Jerry's ice cream is accelerating its leadership transition, and the new CEO will take over from Jope on 1 July 2023 instead of at the end of the year, following a one-month handover.

Q. Which State/UT tableau won the best tableau award for Republic Day 2023?

A) Uttarakhand

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- ✓ Uttarakhand's tableau showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites during the ceremonial parade at Kartavya Path on January 26.



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- ✓ In the foreground of the tableau, reindeer, deer and various birds were shown roaming in the world-famous Corbett National Park
- ✓ Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.
- ✓ The tableau of Maharashtra on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav presented “Sade Tin Shaktipithe” and “Nari Shakti”, while that of Uttar Pradesh

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force?

- A) Vijay Kumar Singh B) Amar Preet Singh
C) Abhinandan Varthaman D) Manoj Mukund Naravane

Answer : B

- ✓ Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh will take over as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force, succeeding incumbent Air Marshal Sandeep Singh.

Q. The first G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency has been organized in which city from 30 to 31 January 2023?

- A) Chandigarh B) Rajasthan
C) Bihar D) Maharashtra

Answer : A

- ✓ The first G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency is being organized in Chandigarh from 30th to 31st January 2023.
- ✓ The meeting was inaugurated by Union agriculture minister, Narendra Singh Tomar, and food processing industries minister, Pashupati Kumar Paras.
- ✓ The discussions during the two-day meeting will be jointly steered by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India along with France and Korea who are the co-chairs of the International Financial Architecture Working Group.

Q. Who has inaugurated India's first Model G-20 Summit organized by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini's Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership?

- A) Amitabh Kant B) Narendra Modi
C) Piyush Goyal D) Amit Shah



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Q. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated 'Odesa' a World Heritage in danger site. In which of the following country is it situated?

- A) Ukraine
B) Maldives
C) Egypt
D) Denmark

Answer : A

- ✓ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated Odesa as it faced danger from Russian air strikes.
- ✓ Odesa is a historic centre and strategic port city located on the Black Sea.
- ✓ In July 2022, part of the large glass roof and windows of Odesa's Museum of Fine Arts, inaugurated in 1899, were destroyed.
- ✓ Empress Catherine founded ODESA.

Q. According to the Futures Industry Association (FIA), which of the following Stock Exchange has emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange in 2022, in terms of the number of contracts traded?

- A) Madras Stock Exchange
B) Calcutta Stock Exchange
C) National Stock Exchange
D) Bombay Stock Exchange

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the Futures Industry Association (FIA), the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange in 2022, in terms of the number of contracts traded.
- ✓ NSE has secured the top position for the fourth consecutive year.
- ✓ NSE ranked third in terms of number of deals (Electronic Order Book) in the equity segment in 2022. Whereas last year it was in fourth position.
- ✓ About National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- ✓ NSE is the largest financial market in India.
- ✓ NSE is the first dematerialized electronic exchange in the country.
- ✓ Founded – 1992
- ✓ Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Managing Director & CEO – Ashish Kumar Chauhan



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Q. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is planning to launch which mission by June or July 2023?

- A) Aditya-L1
B) Shukrayaan-1
C) Mangalyaan 2
D) Lunar Polar Exploration Mission

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to launch the Aditya-L1 mission by June or July 2023.
- ✓ Aditya L1 is the first space-based Indian mission to study the Sun from a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1) of the Sun-Earth system.
- ✓ This mission with seven payloads on board to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the Sun (the corona) will provide greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather.
- ✓ The ISRO recently received the Visible Line Emission Coronagraph (VELC), which is the primary payload onboard Aditya-L1, from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).
- ✓ VELC is the first scientific mission of India for studying the sun.

Q. India's Ministry of Culture has signed an MoU with the Government of Egypt to strengthen cultural ties. This MoU has been signed for a period of how many years?

- A) 3 years
B) 5 years
C) 7 years
D) 6 years

Answer : B

- ✓ India's Ministry of Culture signed an MoU with the Government of Egypt to strengthen cultural ties.
- ✓ The MoU was signed by the Culture Minister of India, G. Kishan Reddy and the Foreign Minister of Egypt, Sameh Hassan Shoukry.
- ✓ This MoU has been signed for a period of five years.
- ✓ Under the aegis of the MoU on Cultural Cooperation signed between India and Egypt, both countries will host cultural activities in the fields of music, dance, theatre, literature, libraries, organizing festivals in the respective countries, research and documentation etc.



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- ✓ About Egypt
- ✓ Capital : Cairo
- ✓ Currency : pound
- ✓ Continent : Africa, Asia
- ✓ President : Abdel Fattah El-Sisi

Q. Who inaugurated a "super site" and a mobile van to collect real-time pollution data and tell its constituents?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Arvind Kejriwal
C) Yogi Adityanath D) Bhagwant Mann

Answer : B

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated a "super site" and a mobile van which will collect pollution data in realtime and tell its constituents.
- ✓ Delhi would become the first city in the country to get a realtime source segmentation of air pollution that will help in identifying factors responsible for increase in air pollution at any place in Delhi,
- ✓ "The super site facility is located at Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya premises near ITO. The project has been initiated by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) in collaboration with IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi



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