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- Aravindh Chithambaram has emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain.
- India's GrandMaster D. Gukesh (From Chennai) wins Gijon Chess Masters.
- 44th Chess Olympiad: All India Chess Federation (AICF) and Tamil Nadu government sign MoU.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess.
- Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world

Q. Reserve Bank of India will issue Sovereign Green Bonds of how much rupees in two tranches on January 25 and February 9?

- A) Rs 6,000 crore A) Rs 8,000 crore
C) Rs 1,000 crore D) Rs 5,000 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India on 6 January said that maiden Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) would be issued in two tranches of Rs 8,000 crore each on January 25 and February 9
- ✓ The central government is issuing these sovereign green bonds as part of its total market borrowing. These bonds are being issued to promote green infrastructure.
- ✓ The Central Government had released the framework of Sovereign Green Bond on 9 November 2022.
- ✓ Sovereign green bonds worth Rs 8000 crore will be issued on January 25, 2023. In this, green bonds worth Rs 4000 crore will be issued for 5 years and sovereign green bonds worth Rs 4000 crore will be issued for 10 years.
- ✓ Apart from this, Sovereign Green Bonds worth Rs 8000 crores will be issued as the next instalment on 9 February 2023. In which green bonds worth Rs 4000 crore will be issued for 5 years and sovereign green bonds worth Rs 4000 crore will be issued for 10 years.
- ✓ What are Sovereign Green Bonds?
- ✓ These are bonds that are used by the government to finance projects that have a positive impact on the environment.
- ✓ The Green Bond was launched in 2007 by the European Investment Bank and the World Bank.
- ✓ A Green Bond is an instrument that helps in raising funds for green projects.



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Answer : A

- ✓ India will host a special virtual Summit on 12th and 13th of January 2023 called 'Voice of Global South Summit'.
- ✓ The theme of the Summit is 'Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose. More than 120 countries have been invited for this summit.
- ✓ The initiative is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas and India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
- ✓ The summit is India's attempt to provide a common platform to discuss concerns affecting developing countries.
- ✓ India will work to ensure that the valuable inputs generated by participating countries in the Voice of the Global South deliberations receive due cognizance globally.

Q. In which state of India, the world's first palm-leaf manuscripts museum has been inaugurated?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ World's first Palm-leaf Manuscript Museum in Thiruvananthapuram
- ✓ Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala has opened the world's first museum of palm leaf manuscripts, enriching the state culturally and educationally.
- ✓ The museum, which opened last week, has 187 manuscripts chronicling a mine of stories based entirely on primary sources.
- ✓ These documents are written on clean and clear palm leaves, which are furnished in the record rooms. In that period these palm leaves were treated before writing the description.
- ✓ The museum is a repository of curious nuggets of administrative, socio-cultural and economic facets of the Travancore kingdom which lasted for 650 years till the end of the 19th century.
- ✓ It had been the Central Vernacular Records Office since 1887 before becoming a museum.



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Q. Who has launched the themes of the Y20 summit, logo, and website in New Delhi in the curtain raiser event of Y20 Summit India?

- A) Narendra Modi
B) Piyush Goyal
C) Anurag Thakur
D) Amit Shah

Answer : C

- ✓ Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has launched the themes of the Y20 summit, logo, and website in New Delhi in the curtain raiser event of Y20 Summit India.
- ✓ Youth 20 (Y20) is the official youth engagement group of G20.
- ✓ It provides a platform that allows youth to express their vision and ideas on the G20 priorities.
- ✓ During the event, panel discussions of young achievers will also take place in the second session.
- ✓ India is hosting the Y20 summit for the first time. In Youth 20 Engagement Group, India's key focus is to bring young leaders from all across the globe together and discuss ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action.

Q. Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar has inaugurated Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity in which state?

- A) Odisha
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Rajasthan
D) Goa

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar has inaugurated 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity', India's first festival of inclusion in Goa.
- ✓ To showcase how we can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone.
- ✓ The Purple Fest will feature a variety of thrilling live performances, sporting events, major exhibitions, immersive experience zones, accessible movie screenings, and talks on important topics such as inclusive education, tourism, employment, and independent living.
- ✓ Purple Fest is the first festival of its kind in Goa. It is an inclusive event that aims to highlight how we can work together to make the world a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

Q. Which state government has begun caste surveys in different parts of the State?

- A) Bihar
B) Jharkhand
C) Odisha
D) Uttar Pradesh



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- ✓ The East-West corridor of the Kolkata Metro is 15 Km-long and spans from Salt Lake Stadium to Howrah.
- ✓ This metro line between Salt Lake Sector-5 to Salt Lake Stadium has Karunamayi, Central Park, City Center, and Bengal Chemical metro stations.
- ✓ It costs about ₹120 crore per kilometre to build the tunnel but the manufacturing cost of the tunnel underwater, which is deep in the Hooghly river costs increased to around 157 crores by per kilometre.
- ✓ First metro in India, Kolkata Metro which started its operation 24 October 1984 between Dum Dam to Tollygunge. It was started with the help of the Soviet Union.
- ✓ Largest metro rail in operation in India, Delhi Metro (390.14 km). It started operation on 24 December 2002.
- ✓ Smallest Metro- Ahmedabad metro (6 km)
- ✓ The metro rail systems in operation in India are in the cities of Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Noida, and Pune.

Q. Who has inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield recently?

A) Amit Shah

B) Piyush Goyal

C) Pralhad Joshi

D) Narendra Modi

Answer : C

- ✓ Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield.
- ✓ The 14-km-long Angul-Balram rail link is the first phase of a total 68-km inner corridor connecting Angul with Putugadia, Jarapada, and Tentuloi, which will cater to coal mines of Talcher coalfields.
- ✓ The project was constructed by Mahanadi Coal Railway Ltd, a joint venture entity of MCL, IRCON International Ltd, and IDCO, an industrial infrastructure development agency of the Odisha government.
- ✓ The internal corridor is being implemented by Mahanadi Coal Railway Ltd (MCRL) in two phases.
- ✓ In phase two, the Balram-Putugadia-Jarapada-Tentuloi rail link would be completed.
- ✓ The project is likely to enable Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) to increase its daily dispatch of coal by around 40,000 tonnes



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Q. Non-banking financial company Shriram Finance Ltd. has secured a \$100 million loan from which of the following organizations?

- A) ADB B) IMF
C) AIIB D) NDB

Answer : A

- ✓ Non-banking financial company Shriram Finance Ltd. has secured long-term funding of \$100 million from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance its purchase of new and used vehicles across India.
- ✓ The loan amount will be used by Shriram Finance to provide loans to customers to buy new or used BS VI-compliant vehicles and electric vehicles”, besides providing financial support to women entrepreneurs and under-developed states.
- ✓ Shriram Finance Limited is the largest retail NBFC in India. It was formed after the merger of mainly Shriram City Union Finance and Shriram Transport Finance

Q. The government has increased interest rates on various small savings schemes for the fourth quarter of the current Financial Year starting from 1st January 2023. The interest rate on Kisan Vikas Patra has increased to how much percent from 7 percent?

- A) 7.2% B) 7.3%
C) 7.4% D) 7.5%

Answer : A

- ✓ Government has increased interest rates on various small savings schemes for the fourth quarter of the current Financial Year starting from 1st January 2023.
- ✓ The interest rate of five year National Saving Certificate has been increased to 7 percent from 6.8 percent.
- ✓ The interest rate on the senior citizen saving scheme increased to 8 percent from 7.6 percent. The Monthly Income Account Saving has also been increased to 7.1 percent from 6.7 percent.
- ✓ The interest rate on Kisan Vikas Patra will now be 7.2 percent and will mature in 120 months.
- ✓ The interest rate of small savings deposit of one year time period has been increased to 6.6 percent from 5.5 percent.
- ✓ However, the interest rate on the Public Provident Fund scheme, Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme, and Saving Deposit have been kept unchanged



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Answer : B

- ✓ Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- ✓ Prior to taking up the new role, Srivastava was serving as an executive director in the bank.
- ✓ He replaced Partha Pratim Sengupta whose tenure ended on 31 December 2022.
- ✓ He started his banking career as a probationary officer in 1991 with Allahabad Bank where he worked in various capacities in different parts of the country
- ✓ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- ✓ Founded : 1937
- ✓ Founder : M. Chidambaram Chettyar
- ✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- ✓ Tagline : Good People to Grow With

Q. Who has won India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan?

- A) Koneru Humpy B) Tania Sachdev
C) Vaishali Rameshbabu D) Harika Dronavalli

Answer : A

- ✓ Former world rapid champion Koneru Humpy has won India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Humpy defeated China's Zhongyi Tan to win Silver in the 17th and final round.
- ✓ Fourth-seeded Humpy scored an impressive 12.5 points, just half a point behind the gold medal winner Bibisara Balabayeva of Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Humpy is the second Indian to win a medal at World Blitz, after Viswanathan Anand.

Q. Which state has clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar?

- A) Haryana
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Maharashtra
D) Tamil Nadu



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Answer : B

- ✓ In hockey, Madhya Pradesh clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ Jamir Mohammad was the star of the final, scoring a hat-trick, while Ali Ahmed, Mohammad Zaid Khan, and Captain Ankit Pal scored one goal each for Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Haryana claimed third place in the competition with a win against Jharkhand 2-0 in the 3rd and 4th place clash. Amandeep and Roshan scored goals for Haryana.
- ✓ With this, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana, and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year

Q. Which state has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0 in the final at Bhubaneswar?

- A) Haryana B) Maharashtra
C) Karnataka D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Hockey Haryana's women's team has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0 in the final at Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ In the final match, Pooja and Gurmail Kaur scored a goal each for Haryana to end the contest in their favour.
- ✓ Odisha stepped up to claim third place after beating Hockey Jharkhand 2-1 in the 3rd and 4th place encounter.
- ✓ Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.

Q. Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan, Mayur Stambh, National Flag Post, statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Maharana Pratap at which city?

- A) Chennai B) Bengaluru
C) Jaipur D) Ahmedabad

Answer : C

- ✓ The President of India, Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan, Mayur Stambh, National Flag Post, statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Maharana Pratap at Raj Bhavan, Jaipur on January 3, 2023.



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- ✓ Strategic Significance of Siachen Glacier
- ✓ The Siachen Glacier is the highest battleground on earth, where India and Pakistan have fought intermittently since 1984. The Glacier is of strategic significance for India namely
- ✓ Operation Meghdoot was launched by the Indian Armed Forces to take control of Siachen Glacier on the morning of April 13, 1984 before the Pakistani army did so.

Q. The Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the ___.

- A) UNESCO
- B) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C) United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- D) United Nations Trusteeship Council (UNTC)

Answer : C

- ✓ The year 2023 is being observed all over the world as the International Year of the millets. The Government of India aims to make the International Year of the millets a 'People's Movement' and position India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'. India is the largest producer of millets in the world
- ✓ The Government of India proposed to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to declare 2023 as the International Year of the Millets.
- ✓ The proposal was accepted and passed by the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2021 and 2023 was declared as the International Year of Millets.
- ✓ Celebration of the International Millet Year in India
- ✓ In the month of January 2023 the government of India and its ministries in collaboration with the state government will undertake a series of events to celebrate the International Years of Millets.
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries which will be organizing Millet Fair-cum-exhibitions in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare along with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) will participate in a trade show on millets in Belgium.
- ✓ The Indian High Commission in Nigeria has planned a Millets Food Festival and a Millets Food preparation competition in January 2023.
- ✓ Millet is one of the oldest known foods to humans. However its consumption in the world has declined due to the emphasis given to wheat and rice by the governments.



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- ✓ It is also called coarse cereals or nutri cereals due to its high nutritive value. To increase the consumption of millets in India the government of India declared millets as nutri-cereals and 2018 was declared as the National Millets Year in India.
- ✓ The Government of India has set a target of production of 205 lakh tonnes of Nutri Cereals in the country by 2022-23.
- ✓ Rajasthan is the largest producer of nutri-cereals in India followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Q. Which of the following organization has builds the K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers?

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) BHEL

Answer : C

- ✓ Defence Ministry has started the process for procurement of 100 more K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers which are built in India by Larsen & Toubro (L&T).
- ✓ The howitzers are built using technology transferred from South Korean defence major Hanwha Defense. The K9-Vajra is a 155 mm, 52-calibre tracked self-propelled howitzer.

Q. What is the total investment made by the Department of Science & Technology in the Science and Technology system in 2022-23?

- A) Rs 2002 crore
- B) Rs 4002 crore
- C) Rs 6002 crore
- D) Rs 8002 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ The total investment made by the Department of Science & Technology in Science and Technology system in 2022-23 is Rs 6002 crore.
- ✓ In the last 8 years, the investment has doubled from about Rs 2900 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 6002 crore in 2022-23.
- ✓ The Gross Expenditure on R&D (GERD) has increased more than three times in the last 10 years, as per the year-end review report of the Ministry



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- FSSAI is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan
- CEO : G Kamala Vardhana Rao

Q. Which nation recently adopted Euro as its currency?

- A) Croatia
B) Armenia
C) Belarus
D) Denmark

Answer : A

- ✓ Croatia has formally embraced the euro as its currency, making it the 20th member state of the European Union.
- ✓ The Balkan country joined the EU about a decade ago but had to wait until now to become a Eurozone member.
- ✓ When the clock struck midnight, Finance Minister Marko Primorac and National Bank Governor Boris Vuji took the first euro notes from a Croatian cash machine.

Q. Which Department under the 'Ministry of Finance notifies changes in rates on small savings schemes?

- A) Department of Expenditure
B) Department of Economic Affairs
C) Department of Revenue
D) Department of Financial Services

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Finance's Department of Economic Affairs announces modifications in rates on modest savings plans.
- ✓ The government recently raised the interest rates on many minor savings plans, including the senior citizen savings scheme, for the January-March quarter.



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- ✓ The PPF will continue to earn 7.10%, while the Sukanya Samridhi account programme will earn 7.6%.
- ✓ Public Provident Fund (PPF).
- ✓ The Public Provident Fund was introduced by the National Savings Institute of the Ministry of Finance in 1968. The aim of the scheme is to mobilize small savings by offering an investment with reasonable returns along with income tax benefits. The latest amendment in PPF is the Public Provident Fund Amendment Scheme, 2017.
- ✓ Eligibility: Public Provident Fund (PPF) account can be opened by resident Indian Individuals above the age of 18 years and individuals on behalf of minors.
- ✓ Maturity Period: 15 years. But the same can be extended within one year of maturity for further 5 years and so on.
- ✓ Investment Limits: An individual can open account with INR 100/- but has to deposit minimum of INR 500/- in a financial year and maximum INR 1,50,000/- . Investments can be made in lump sum or in a maximum of 12 installments per year.
- ✓ Minimum investment: Rs 500/year
- ✓ Maximum investment: Rs. 1,50,000/year
- ✓ Deposit Frequency: Deposit into a PPF account has to be made at least once every year for 15 years but a maximum of 12 investment is allowed each year.
- ✓ PPF Withdrawal: One can close a PPF account only upon maturity i.e. after completion of 15 years. However the scheme permits partial withdrawals from year 7 i.e. on completing 6 years.

Q. The incubation Centre at the National Research Development Corporation has been inaugurated in which city?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science and Technology, has inaugurated the Incubation Centre at the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Centre will provide StartUps with multifaceted assistance



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Q. In which state of India did the first IVF unit for animals start?

- A) Andhra Pradesh B) Bihar
C) Uttar Pradesh D) Gujarat

Answer : D

- ✓ Gujarat's Amreli, India received its first In vitro fertilization (IVF) mobile device on January 1, 2023. Purushottam Rupala, union minister, launched the mobile IVF lab.
- ✓ The IVF mobile van, according to the minister, was "dedicated in a collaborative endeavor of the Government of India and Amar Dairy."

Q. Which country took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first six months of 2023?

- A) Finland B) Germany
C) Italy D) Sweden

Answer : D

- ✓ Sweden assumed the Presidency of the European Union Council for the first six months of the year on January 1, 2023, succeeding the Czech Republic, which led the Council in the second half of 2022.
- ✓ Sweden is taking up the Presidency of the Council for the third time.
- ✓ The EU Council Presidency is rotated every six months among EU Member States.

Q. How many people will be awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards this year?

- A) 12 B) 20
C) 27 D) 25

Answer : C

- ✓ Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards have been announced for this year. 27 people were chosen on January 2, 2023, the highest honour for overseas Indians.
- ✓ The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, from January 8 to 10, 2023.
- ✓ The President will present the honours during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas festivities' valedictory session.
- ✓ A jury-cum-awards committee led by the vice president selected the honorees.



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Q. Who has been appointed as the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission of India?

- A) Shatrughan Sinha B) Manoj Vajpayee
C) Maithili Thakur D) Pawan Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ Election Commission named folk singer Maithili Thakur as Bihar's state icon on January 2, 2023.
- ✓ Thakur, who studied Indian classical and folk music, was recently awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for her contribution to Bihar folk music in 2021.
- ✓ The singer will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process

Q. Who sworn in as 39th president of Brazil?

- A) Jair Bolsonaro B) Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
C) Fernando Haddad D) Simone Tebet

Answer : B

- ✓ Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been sworn in as the 39th president of Brazil following the 2022 Brazilian general election.
- ✓ 77-year-old Lula narrowly defeated Jair Bolsonaro in October to win an unprecedented third presidential term after a hiatus that saw him spend a year and a half behind bars on corruption convictions that were later overturned

Q. India's unemployment rate rises at ____% in Dec 2022.

- A) 7.34% B) 7.89%
C) 8.30% D) 8.85%

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the data, released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in December 2022 has been increased to a 16-month high at 8.30% from 8% in November 2022.
- ✓ The urban unemployment rate has been increased to 10.09% in December from 8.96%.
- ✓ While, the rural unemployment rate has been slipped to 7.44% from 7.55%.
- ✓ In December, the unemployment rate rose to 37.4% in Haryana, followed by Rajasthan (28.5) and Delhi (20.8%)..



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Q. Which state received the largest outlay in the total expenditure of Rs 13,000 crore on cleaning the Ganga since 2014?

- A) Bihar
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand
D) West Bengal

Answer : B

- ✓ The Union government spent more than Rs 13,000 crore on cleaning the Ganga since 2014.
- ✓ The Ganga Council recently met in Kolkata and Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the meeting through video conference.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh received the largest outlay among states at 4,205 crore. Bihar is in second place at 3,516 crores.
- ✓ Bengal (1,302 crore), Delhi (1,253) and Uttarakhand (1,117) are the other regions in the top five states

Q. As per a recent UN survey, which region has the highest unemployment rate in the world?

- A) African
B) Arab
C) South-Asian
D) North-American

Answer : B

- ✓ According to the latest UN survey, the Arab region registered a 12 per cent unemployment rate in 2022, which is the highest in the world.
- ✓ Poverty measured against national lines also surged, affecting 130 million people in Arab countries. More than one-third of the region's population is affected, excluding Libya and Gulf Cooperation Council countries.
- ✓ The survey showed an expected 3.4 per cent growth next year throughout the Arab region

Q. What is the name of the difference between the total revenue and total expenditures of a country in a year?

- A) Fiscal Deficit
B) Revenue Deficit
C) Primary Deficit
D) Budget Deficit

Answer : A

- ✓ Fiscal Deficit is the difference between the total revenue and total expenditures of a country in a year.
- ✓ The Fiscal Deficit at the end of November touched 59 per cent of the full year budget estimate.



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- ✓ Commandos and airborne infantry would participate in the war-games, dubbed 'Zolfaghar-1401' along with drones, fighter jets, helicopters, military transport aircraft and submarines.
- ✓ The strait is located at the mouth of the Persian Gulf and is crucial to global energy supplies.

Q. Which of the following entity has urged stock exchanges to set up Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform?

- A) RBI
B) SEBI
C) NITI Aayog
D) SIDBI

Answer : B

- ✓ Markets regulator SEBI has asked stock exchanges to set up an Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform
- ✓ The platform will give investors an opportunity to square off their position or cancel pending orders in case of disruption of trading services.
- ✓ There is a rise in instances of glitches in systems of trading members, some of which lead to disruption of trading services.

Q. What is the target for agricultural and processed food products from India for 2022-23?

- A) USD 15.56 billion
B) USD 13.56 billion
C) USD 23.56 billion
D) USD 43.56 billion

Answer : C

- ✓ India's agricultural and processed food products exports rose by 16 per cent in the first eight months (April-November) of the current financial year 2022-23 on an annual basis.
- ✓ For the year 2022-23, an export target of \$23.56 billion has been fixed for the agricultural and processed food products basket.
- ✓ At present, the agricultural exports attained 74 per cent of its annual export target.

Q. What is the name of the fund to be launched by the Government of India for catalysing deep tech start-ups?

- A) Digital India Innovation Fund
B) Start Up Integration Fund
C) Deeptech Innovation Fund
D) Bharat Innovation Fund



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Answer : A

- ✓ The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced Government of India is going to launch a Digital India Innovation Fund.
- ✓ The Fund aims to catalyse Deep-tech Startups.
- ✓ He announced this during his address in the event of 'New India for Young India: Techade of Opportunities' program at the Catholic Bishop House Campus in Kerala

Q. According to the government of India's Public Enterprise survey 2021-22, which is the most profitable Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) in 2021-22?

- A) ONGC
- C) SAIL

- B) Indian Oil Corporation
- D) NTPC

Answer : A

- ✓ According to the government of India's Public Enterprise survey 2021-22, ONGC was the top profit making central public sector enterprises (CPSE) in 2021-22. After ONGC the other most profit making CPSE were Indian Oil Corporation, Power Grid, NTPC and SAIL.
- ✓ The net profit of operating public sector enterprises jumped 50.87 per cent to Rs 2.49 lakh crore during 2021-22. It was Rs 1.65 lakh crore in 2020-21.
- ✓ The net loss of loss-making CPSEs reduced to Rs 0.15 lakh crore in 2021-22 from Rs 0.23 lakh crore in 2020-21, showing a decrease of 37.82 per cent.
- ✓ Major loss-making CPSEs were Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Ltd (MTNL), Air India Assets Holding Ltd, and Eastern Coalfields Ltd.
- ✓ Total gross revenue from the operations of operating CPSEs during 2021-22 was Rs 31.95 lakh crore as against Rs 24.08 lakh crore in 2020-21, showing an increase of 32.65 per cent.
- ✓ Dividend declared by operating CPSEs in 2021-22 stood at Rs 1.15 lakh crore, as against Rs 0.73 lakh crore in 2020-21, an increase of 57.58 per cent.
- ✓ The survey attributed the revenue rise in 2021-22 to better performance by the petroleum (refinery and marketing), crude oil and transport, and logistics segments.
- ✓ Petroleum (refinery and marketing), trading and marketing, and power generation, together contributed 69.08 per cent to the gross revenues in 2021-22.



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- ✓ The contribution of all CPSEs to the central exchequer by way of excise duty, custom duty, GST, corporate tax, interest on central government loans, dividend, and other duties and taxes stood at Rs 5.07 lakh crore in 2021-22, as against Rs 4.97 lakh crore in 2020-21, showing an increase of 2.14 per cent.
- ✓ The top five CPSEs contributing to the central exchequer were Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd and Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
- ✓ Besides, the corporate social responsibility (CSR) expenditure of all CSR eligible CPSEs (160) stood at Rs 4,600 crore in 2021-22 compared to Rs 4,483 crore in 2020-21, an increase of 2.61 per cent.
- ✓ The top five CPSEs contributing the highest under CSR were ONGC, NTPC, Indian Oil Corporation, NMDC and Power Grid.

Q. Which financial Institutions has agreed to provide a \$1.22 billion loan to the government of India for Infrastructure development in various states?

- A) ADB
- B) AIIB
- C) World Bank
- D) NDB

Answer : A

- ✓ The Manila based Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide a \$1.22 billion loan to the government of India for Infrastructure development in various states.
- ✓ An agreement to this effect was signed between the Indian Government and ADB in New Delhi on 3 January 2023. India is the largest borrower of ADB.
- ✓ The agreements would cover projects for improving the power sector and highways in the Northeastern states of Tripura and Assam, metro rail connectivity in the southern city of Chennai, and improvement of key economic areas in the western state of Maharashtra.

Q. Koustav Chatterjee has recently become the 78th Chess Grandmaster of India. He hails from which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Karnataka
- D) West Bengal

Answer : D



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- ✓ 19 year old Koustav Chatterjee of West Bengal became India's 78th chess Grandmaster, securing the third and final GM norm at the MPL 59th National Senior Chess Championship 2022 being held in New Delhi. He is the 10th Grandmaster from West Bengal.
- ✓ **Chess rating System**
- ✓ Chess rating system is used in chess to estimate the strength and skill of a player.
- ✓ In chess, the Elo rating system is used to grade the players by International chess governing body FIDE.
- ✓ The highest rating for a chess player is Grand Master or GM followed by International Masters or IM and then Masters etc.
- ✓ Players are invited to various chess tournaments in the world depending upon their grading.
- ✓ FIDE
- ✓ The International Chess Federation or French acronym FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) is an international organization that was set up on 20 July 1924 in Paris, France.
- ✓ Headquarters of FIDE: Lausanne, Switzerland

Q. The government has exempted public sector entities from the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norm which mandates at least ____ public float for all listed companies.

- A) 25 per cent
- B) 20 per cent
- C) 30 per cent
- D) 15 per cent

Answer : A

- ✓ The government of India has exempted public sector entities from the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norm which mandates at least 25 per cent public float for all listed companies.
- ✓ The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022 was notified by the government on 2 January 2023.
- ✓ According to the notification "any listed entity in which the Central Government or State Government or public sector company, either individually or in any combination with others, holds directly or indirectly, majority of the shares or voting rights or control of such listed entity, are exempted from any or all of the provisions of this rule".
- ✓ Listed Company means that the capital instrument of the company (shares, debenture or bonds etc) is listed on any stock exchange and it can be bought and sold in the market



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Q. Which company commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat?

- A) Reliance Industries B) TATA Group
C) Adani Group D) NTPC Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat. The piped natural gas (PNG) blended with green hydrogen gas is being supplied through the Gujarat Gas limited piped natural gas (PNG) network in the NTPC Kawas township, Surat.
- ✓ In April 2022 the NTPC signed an agreement with Gujarat Gas for blending of green hydrogen in the piped natural gas (PNG) to be supplied to the NTPC Kawas Township.
- ✓ Green Hydrogen refers to the breaking down of the water molecule into hydrogen and oxygen using renewable sources of energy.
- ✓ The Central government owned NTPC provides the green hydrogen produced at its 1 megawatt (MW) floating solar project of NTPC Kawas in the Surat district of Gujarat for blending purposes.
- ✓ Initially, the percentage of hydrogen blending in the PNG shall be around 5% and after successful completion, it will be increased. The Hydrogen blended PNG will be used for cooking purposes

Q. Who assumed the charge as the Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU)?

- A) Vinay Prakash Singh B) Ravindra Bhat
C) Ashok Kumar Pradhan D) Abhishek Singhvi

Answer : A

- ✓ Dr Vinay Prakash Singh assumed the charge as the Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) on 1 January 2023.
- ✓ This is the first time that an Indian is leading an international organization in the postal sector. Dr Singh will remain in office for 4 years
- ✓ Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) is an intergovernmental organization of 32-member countries of the Asian-Pacific region. APPU is the only Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in the region, which is a specialized agency of the United Nations.



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- ✓ The headquarters of the Asian Pacific Postal Union is in Bangkok, Thailand.

Q. MOIL has registered its best December production of__ manganese ore .

- A) 1,21,987 tonnes B) 1,31,456 tonnes
C) 1,41,321 tonnes D) 1,51,567 tonnes

Answer : C

- ✓ MOIL has registered its best December production of 1,41,321 tonnes of manganese ore in December, 2022.
- ✓ MOIL has registered an increase of 18 percent in production as compared to November 2022.
- ✓ Along with this, sales of 1,64,235 tonnes have also been done for the month of December with an increase of about 91 percent as compared to November 2022.
- ✓ Besides this, the company has increased prices in an effective range of 2.7-15%.
- ✓ About MOIL
- ✓ It is a Schedule-A, Miniratna category-1 Company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, Government of India.
- ✓ It is the largest producer of manganese ore in the country with about 45% market share, operating eleven mines in the states of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The company aims to almost double its production to 3 million tonnes by 2030.
- ✓ It is also looking for business opportunities in the state of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Odisha apart from other regions of the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Q. Which state government has abolished the revenue/Patwari policing system?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Uttarakhand
C) Bihar D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ The Uttarakhand government has abolished the revenue/Patwari policing system in the state. This was notified by the Pushkar Singh Dhami government on 3 January 2023. All the revenue villages will now be under the regular policing system.
- ✓ According to the Chief Minister's Office the law and order in 1,800 revenue villages of Uttarakhand will now be handled by the state police.



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- ✓ It was introduced by the British in the hilly state 150 years back. Under the system the civil officials/patwari of the Revenue department had the power to investigate and arrest the offenders just like police.
- ✓ According to the government the revenue police lacked the necessary skill required for criminal investigations hence a need was felt to transfer the areas of revenue police to regular police in a phased manner

Q. Who has launched the world's longest river cruise, which will travel from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh?

- A) Draupadi Murmu B) Nitin Gadkari
C) Narendra Modi D) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the world's longest river cruise, which will travel from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh on 13 January 2023. This will be the single largest river journey by a single river ship in the world.
- ✓ The cruise, which has been named 'Ganga Vilas cruise will cover 4000 Kilometers along 27 river systems, including Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly, Brahmaputra, and West Coast Canal in 50 days
- ✓ The Ganga Vilas cruise will start from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh. In Bangladesh it will cover an 1100 Kilometers route before entering India again.
- ✓ This will be possible under the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route, which has already opened trade and transit channels connecting the two countries on Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers.
- ✓ 50 significant tourist destinations will be visited throughout the journey, including some historical monuments, the iconic Varanasi Ganga Aarti, and protected areas like Kaziranga National Park, Assam and the Sundarbans Delta in West Bengal during the cruise.
- ✓ Who will operate the cruise?
- ✓ The Varanasi-Dibrugarh cruise is expected to be run on a public-private partnership (PPP) model. The government's Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed an agreement with Antara Luxury River Cruises and JM Baxi River Cruises for the initiative. The ticket price would be decided by the operators without Centre's intervention.
- ✓ Union Minister for Port, Shipping and Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal



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Q. Which country has become the first country in Asia and second in the world to launch Hydrogen powered urban trains?

- A) France
B) India
C) Russia
D) China

Answer : D

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Chinese company CRRC Corporations Ltd built a train that has a top speed of 160 KM per hour and can run without refuelling for 600 Km . The German Coradia iLint serial train developed by French company Alstom has set a record 1175 Km range without refuelling.
- ✓ According to the Chinese officials, the operation of the train will reduce CO2 emissions compared to diesel traction by 10 tons per year.
- ✓ Hydrogen powered Trains
- ✓ Hydrogen is considered to be the green fuel of the future. The Hydrogen fuel cell is environment friendly and it does not emit any greenhouse gasses. The hydrogen fuel cell uses hydrogen and air to generate electricity. The combination of air and hydrogen will produce water as a by-product which will be released by the Train.
- ✓ India is committed to achieve zero net carbon emission by 2070.
- ✓ Hydrogen Train in India
- ✓ As per Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, India will most likely get its first-ever indigenous Hydrogen trains by December 2023. As per the minister, like Vande Bharat Express, the Indian Railways is working on the new environment-friendly trains and the engineers are designing it. "The design process is already going on and we should be able to roll out the first hydrogen train in the country by December 2023," he added.

Q. Every year January 1 is observed as which day globally?

- A) World Environment Day
B) Global Family Day
C) World Yoga Day
D) World Ocean Day

Answer : B



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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on 16th December 2022, along with Hon'ble Minister of State Smt. Darshana Jardosh and other women parliamentarians

Q. Which state government has launched CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh?

- A) Uttarakhand B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Bihar D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh with an outlay of Rs 101 crore on 1 January 2023.
- ✓ All the Ministers and Congress MLA will contribute their first salary to the fund. The Congress party has 40 MLA in the 68 member Himachal Legislative Assembly. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government was sworn in on 11 December 2022.
- ✓ Aim of the CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh
- ✓ The scheme will aim to provide the facility of higher education to needy children and destitute women.
- ✓ The state government will bear the expenditure on skill development education, higher education, and vocational training of such children. They will also be given financial assistance as per their requirement so that they can lead a respectable life.

Q. Which city will become the first city in India to have hundred per cent sewerage facilities by May 2023?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023 .
- ✓ According to the Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, IT and Industries of Telangana, K. T. Rama Rao said that Hyderabad will become the first city in India to have hundred per cent sewerage facilities by next April-May.
- ✓ He made this statement on 1 January 2023 while inaugurating a flyover in Hyderabad.
- ✓ He said that 31 new Sewage treatment plants (STP) are being built in the city with an investment of Rs ₹3,866 crores.



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- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- SBI, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank to launch Rupay based Credit card on UPI platform by March 2023.
- ICICI bank has announced a new bank account “The HomeVantage Current Account (HVCA)” for Indian students in UK.
- ICICI Bank’s board of directors has reappointed Sandeep Bakshi as the MD and CEO for a period of 3 years.
- ICICI Bank launches ‘Smart Wire’, an easy online solution for inward remittances..
- ICICI Bank launches 'ICICI Bank Mine' comprehensive banking program.
- ICICI Bank and NMDFC ink an Agreement for development of banking software.
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- ICICI Bank launched a digital platform 'Campus Power' for the student ecosystem.
- ICICI Bank Partners with ZestMoney to Expand 'Cardless EMI' Facility.
- ICICI Bank and Santander UK Partner for business ease between India and UK.
- ICICI Bank launched India’s ‘open-for-all’ digital ecosystem for MSMEs.
- ICICI Bank’s Sandeep Bakhshi named Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.
- ICICI Bank launches online platform 'Trade Emerge' for exporters and importers.
- ICICI Bank surpasses HUL to occupy 5th spot in m-cap.
- RBI approves re-appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as ICICI Bank MD & CEO.
- ICICI Bank, HSBC and Standard Chartered enters India’s 1st swaption deal.
- Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK
- Founded : 1994
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi
- Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka



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Q. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved Central Sector Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme with an outlay of how many rupees up to 2025-26?

- A) Rs 1578.87 crore B) Rs 2539.61 crore
C) Rs 3467.21 crore D) Rs 4289.51 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding the Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” (BIND).
- ✓ The BIND scheme is aimed to bring modernization to the public broadcaster Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).
- ✓ The outlay of the scheme is Rs.2,539.61 crore and is for the time period upto 2025-26.
- ✓ Prasar Bharati played a critical role during the COVID-19 pandemic in disseminating important public health messages and awareness to the public.
- ✓ At present, DD operates 36 TV channels including 28 regional channels and AIR operates from more than 500 broadcasting centres.
- ✓ The Scheme will increase coverage of AIR FM transmitters in the country to 66% by geographical area and 80% by population up from 59% and 68% respectively.
- ✓ The Scheme also envisages free distribution of over 8 lakh DD Free Dish STBs to people living in remote, tribal, LWE, and border areas.

Q. Which railway station has been awarded a 5- star ‘Eat Right Station’ certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for providing quality and nutritious food to passengers recently?

- A) Gorakhpur railway station B) Sealdah railway station
C) Bangalore City Railway Station D) Varanasi Cantt Railway Station

Answer : D

- ✓ The Varanasi Cantt railway station has been awarded a 5- star ‘Eat Right Station’ certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for providing quality and nutritious food to passengers.



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- ✓ The “Eat Right Station” certification is awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to the railway stations that set benchmarks (as per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006) in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.
- ✓ The 5-star rating indicates full compliance by the station to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.
- ✓ The other railway stations with this certification include Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Station (Delhi), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Mumbai Central Railway Station (Mumbai), Vadodara Railway Station, Chandigarh Railway Station.

FSSAI IN NEWS 2022

- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station awarded ‘Eat Right Station’ with a certification by FSSAI.
- G Kamala Vardhana Rao has taken over the charge as the CEO of food regulator FSSAI.
- Bulandshahr prison foods becomes the 2nd jail in UP to be rated five star by FSSAI.
- Himalayan Yak has been approved as a ‘food animal’ by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).
- FSSAI awarded Bhopal Railway Station a 4-star ‘Eat Right Station’ certification for providing “high-quality, nutritious food to passengers”.
- Fatehgarh Central jail in Uttar Pradesh’s Farrukhabad district has earned a five-star rating from the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the quality of food it serves to inmates.
- 4th State Food Safety Index 2022
- Released by : FSSAI
- Major states Top : Tamil Nadu
- 2nd : Gujarat
- 3rd : Maharashtra
- Smallest states Top : Goa
- UTs Top : Jammu and Kashmir.
- National Food laboratory of FSSAI Inaugurated in Raxaul, Bihar.
- FSSAI launched ‘Project Dhoop’, an initiative aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.



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- FSSAI is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan
- CEO : G Kamala Vardhana Rao

Q. Which of the following Union Territories will host the first G-20 meeting on January 31?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir
- B) New Delhi
- C) Puducherry
- D) Lakshadweep

Answer : C

- ✓ Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan said that the first G-20 meeting will be held in Puducherry on January 31.
- ✓ The Lt Governor released stickers, badges, and posters with the G20 logo and also inaugurated a selfie booth in the presence of Puducherry Chief Minister N Rangasamy at an event.
- ✓ Representatives of different countries will participate in the meeting and many important decisions will be taken.
- ✓ These programs will be organized in different parts of the country in different segments. Kolkata will host the first meeting on the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion.

Q. In which of the following city the 36th Strategic Dialogue between India and France has been held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Paris
- C) Mumbai
- D) Hyderabad

Answer : A

- ✓ India and France held the 36th Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi.
- ✓ The two sides discussed a wide range of bilateral and global issues.



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- ✓ National Security Advisor Ajit Doval led the Indian delegation while the French delegation was led by Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Advisor to the French President.
- ✓ The last edition of the Strategic Dialogue was to be held in Paris in November 2021.
- ✓ During the 36th Strategic Dialogue, both sides also agreed to deepen the most significant three pillars of the India-France strategic partnership, including defence to counter-terrorism, civilian nuclear energy, space, and cybersecurity
- ✓ FRANCE
- ✓ Capital : Paris
- ✓ Currency : Euro
- ✓ President : Emmanuel Macron
- ✓ Prime Minister : Elisabeth Borne

Q. Who has chaired the third meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Skill Development Mission in New Delhi?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan has chaired the third meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Skill Development Mission in New Delhi.
- ✓ The progress made in the skill development efforts and the road map ahead were discussed in the meeting.
- ✓ The minister also discussed various issues such as convergence of skill development schemes, skill gap analysis and skill mapping, connecting Indian youth to global opportunities, developing a curriculum to reflect emerging trends, etc
- ✓ About National Skill Development Mission
- ✓ It was launched in 2015 to provide a strong institutional framework to implement skill development efforts across the country and provide training to one crore youth every year.
- ✓ Aim – To provide a strong institutional framework at the Center and in all States for the implementation of skilling activities in the country.
- ✓ Under- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



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- ✓ The report titled 'Issues relating to Untraceable Monuments and Protection of Monuments in India' was submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism, and Culture on December 8.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Culture report titled 'Issues relating to Untraceable Monuments and Protection of Monuments in India' submit to the Parliamentary Standing Committee, 50 of India's 3,693 centrally protected monuments have gone missing.
- ✓ Rapid urbanization has engulfed 14 monuments. As many as 12 monuments have been submerged by the construction of reservoirs and dams, while 24 have gone missing.
- ✓ The missing monuments include: 11 in Uttar Pradesh, two each in Delhi and Haryana, and in states like Assam, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Q. Which insurance company has launched iTerm Prime Insurance plan catering to the need of self-employed individuals with a special 10% discount on the first-year premium?

- A) Bharti AXA Insurance B) Aegon Life Insurance
C) Bajaj Allianz Insurance D) Max Life Insurance

Answer : B

- ✓ Aegon Life Insurance has launched iTerm Prime Insurance plan catering to the need of self-employed individuals with a special 10% discount on the first-year premium.
- ✓ iTerm Prime offers a minimum sum assured of ₹25 lakhs, with no upper limit on a consumer's requirement.
- ✓ The product also offers a 'Special Exit Value' option that allows the policyholder to get all premiums back when they turn 55 years old.

Q. The Reserve Bank of India has lifted the restriction on which of the following non-banking financial companies on loan recovery through third-party services recently?

- A) PNB Housing Finance Limited
B) LIC Housing Finance
C) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services
D) Shriram Transport Finance Corporation

Answer : C



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HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2022

- HDFC Bank collaborates with Microsoft as part of its digital transformation.
- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee issued by HDFC Bank.
- HDFC Bank has unveiled its state-of-the-art 'Bank on Wheel' van in Gujarat.
- HDFC Bank, Precision selected by RBI for retail payments test phase.
- HDFC Bank opened new SMS banking facility for its customers.
- HDFC Bank introduced "Vigil Aunty" to promote secure banking practices.
- HDFC Bank and Tata Neu, the "super app" of the Tata Group, announced their collaboration to introduce co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- HDFC Bank inks an agreement with TReDs platform M1xchange.
- HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks.
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- HDFC Bank, a private sector bank, has signed a relationship with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm.
- HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture, to digitally transform its lending business.
- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.



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- ✓ Founded : 2001
- ✓ Founder : Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- ✓ Headquarters : Kolkata
- ✓ MD & CEO : Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- ✓ Chairperson : Anup Kumar Sinha

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- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Praseon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus
- Janhvi Kapoor : Marico's Saffola Fittify
- Deepa Malik : Ambassador of Nikshay Mitra (TB Campaign)
- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.
- Yuvraj Singh : T20 World Cup for the Blind
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank
- Smriti Mandhana : Gulf Oil Lubricants
- Ram Charan : Hero MotoCorp
- Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh : Max Life Insurance
- Vanessa Nakate : UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- Shah Rukh Khan : UAE healthcare provider Burjeel Holdings
- Sunil Chhetri : Pintola
- Anushka Sharma : L'Oréal Paris
- Amitabh Bachchan : Dabur India
- Kiccha Sudeep : Punyakoti Dattu Yojana (Karnataka Govt)
- Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty : Mastercard



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- Sourav Ganguly : DreamSetGo
- Rishabh Pant : Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand
- Vaani Kapoor : Noise X-Fit 2 smartwatch
- Shahid Kapoor : PokerBaazi
- Ravi Shastri : FanCode
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Garuda Aerospace
- A. R. Rahman : India/UK Together Season of Culture
- Deepika Padukone : Louis Vuitton
- Robin Uthappa : Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)
- Amir Khan : PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare “super app,”
- Shubman Gill & Rituraj Gaikwad : My11Circle
- Mary Kom : Lupin
- Vidya Balan : Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- Shahrukh Khan : Thums Up
- Rishabh Pant : Dish TV India
- Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia : ‘Beti Bachao Beti Padhao’ scheme for the Gurugram, Haryana
- Shah Rukh Khan : Gaming app A23
- Manoj Tiwari : Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar
- Pankaj Tripathi : Krishi Network
- Akshay Kumar : Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
- Disha Patani : Bata India
- Amitabh Bachchan : MediBuddy
- Neeraj Chopra : GoodDot
- Vijay Shekhar Sharma : Universal Acceptance Steering Group
- RajKummar Rao : RenewBuy

Q. Which state has won the UN-Habitat’s World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state?

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Meghalaya

D) Kerala



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- ✓ The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is being organized in partnership with the Madhya Pradesh Government from 08-10 January 2023 in Indore.
- ✓ Theme 2023 : The theme of this PBD Convention is "Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal"

Q. 'Bailey Suspension Bridge' has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh B) Jammu and Kashmir
C) Assam D) Karnataka

Answer : B

- ✓ In Jammu and Kashmir, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually launched the Bailey Suspension Bridge across the Chenab River.
- ✓ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) constructed the 240-foot-high Bailey Suspension Bridge a month ahead of schedule.
- ✓ The new Bailey suspension reinforced bridge was initiated in October 2022.

Q. In which city/region will India deploy the largest platoon of women peacekeepers in the UN mission?

- A) Mogadishu B) Kyiv
C) Tehran D) Abyei

Answer : D

- ✓ India will deploy a platoon of women peacekeepers to UN Mission in Abyei. According to the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, this would be India's largest single unit of women Peacekeepers in a UN Mission since it deployed the first-ever all-women force in Liberia in 2007.
- ✓ The deployment in Abyei will also signal India's intention to dramatically increase the number of Indian women serving in peacekeeping contingents.

Q. The former captain of the women's Australian cricket team, Belinda Clark bronze statue is unveiled in which stadium?

- A) Melbourne Cricket Ground B) Wankhede Stadium
C) Sydney Cricket Ground D) Lord's Cricket Ground

Answer : C



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- ✓ Former Australia captain Belinda Clark has been the first female cricketer to have a bronze sculpture of herself unveiled at the Sydney Cricket Ground. At the SCG, the statue joins those of Richie Benaud, Steve Waugh, Stan McCabe, and Fred Spofforth, among others.

Q. In which city does Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurate National Genome Editing & Training Centre?

- A) Punjab
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Arunachal Pradesh
D) Sikkim

Answer : A

- ✓ Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister, today launched the "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" at the National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) in Mohali, Punjab.
- ✓ The "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" (NGETC) is a one-of-a-kind institution that will serve as a national platform to adapt multiple genome editing technologies, including CRISPR-Cas9-driven genome alteration.

Q. The Union Government has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of how many rupees?

- A) Rs 19,744 crore
B) Rs 26,876 crore
C) Rs 33,123 crore
D) Rs 11,766 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ The Union Government has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of 19,744 crore rupees.
- ✓ The Mission aims to make India a Global Hub for the production, utilization, and export of Green Hydrogen.
- ✓ This Mission will play an important role in dealing with climate change. India will be the global hub of Green Hydrogen.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the launch of the National Hydrogen Mission during his Independence Day speech on the 15th of August 2021.
- ✓ He said, 50 lakh tonnes of green hydrogen will be produced per year, with an associated renewable energy capacity addition of about 125 Giga Watt.



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- ✓ The targets by 2030 are likely to bring in over 8 lakh crore rupees investments and create over 6 lakh jobs.
- ✓ The Mission will help save one lakh crore rupees in the import of fossil fuels. Through this mission, 50 million metric tonnes of carbon emissions will be averted annually.

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with six UAE-based companies worth Rs 18,590 crore ahead of the Global Investors Summit?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government has signed MoU with six UAE-based companies worth Rs 18,590 crore ahead of the Global Investors Summit to be held in Lucknow in February 2023.
- ✓ This agreement will help in the creation of over 20,000 new employment opportunities.
- ✓ The two companies, Astha Green Energy Venture and Shree Siddharth Infratech and Services will invest in renewable energy worth Rs 4480 and Rs 8000 crore respectively to create 2560 and 4800 new jobs.

Q. The Gaan Ngai festival of the Zeliangrong community has been celebrated in which state?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The Gaan Ngai festival is one of Manipur's major festivals, which is celebrated every year after harvesting.
- ✓ This festival also marks the end of the year when the farmers have stored their foodgrain in their granaries.
- ✓ During the festival, the Zeliangrong community shows their gratitude by offering to the almighty a good harvest and praying for a better and prosperous life in the coming year.
- ✓ It is a custom to produce new fire by rubbing dry wood and split bamboo pieces and distributing them to every household on the day of the festival to mark the beginning of the New Year.
- ✓ The Zeliangrong community comprises Rongmei, Liangmei, and Zeme tribes.
- ✓ List of Festivals of Manipur



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- ✓ Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited (formerly known as Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited) has signed a corporate agency agreement with Sundaram Finance Limited
- ✓ Objective – To offer Niva Bupa’s select range of indemnity plans to its growing range of existing and past customers.
- ✓ This partnership can provide an opportunity to Sundaram Finance customers to secure themselves and their families against medical expenditures related to Covid-19 or any other critical illnesses.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled ‘Ambedkar: A Life’?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) Chetan Bhagat
- C) Arundhati Roy
- D) Arvind Adegga

Answer : A

- ✓ A book titled ‘Ambedkar: A Life’, authored by Shashi Tharoor has been launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event.
- ✓ The event was organized by Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) at the ITC Sonar presented by Shree Cement.
- ✓ The event was attended by bibliophiles young and old, members of Ehsaas Women and FICCI FLO.
- ✓ The biography of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar is neither the first one nor the last, but Shashi Tharoor’s meticulously-researched work adds a new perspective to one of India’s most revered icons and an intellectual giant.
- ✓ Other notable books of Shashi Tharoor – India: From Midnight to the Millennium (1997), Riot: A Love Story(2001), Why I Am A Hindu (2018), The Paradoxical Prime Minister (2018)



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

STATUE IN NEWS 2022

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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AIRPORT IN NEWS 2022

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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



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Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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- ✓ Literary events : University of Kerala
- ✓ About the Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV) : The SPMVV is hosting the event for the third time in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). In all, there will be 27 competitive events during the five-day festival. Of the eighteen universities that deputed student contingents to the event, Kerala ranked first with seven varsities.

Q. Which Indian state has become the first fully digital banking state?

- A) Delhi
- B) Kerala
- C) Gujarat
- D) Telangana

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala has become the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service, declared Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan adding that this recognition would boost the state economy.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also said the ambitious Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project of the state government, which was almost 90 per cent completed, will reduce the digital divide

Q. Which lawmakers have passed new rules that let local chip firms turn 25% of their annual research and development expenses into tax credits?

- A) Japan
- B) Taiwan
- C) Singapore
- D) Russia

Answer : B

- ✓ Taiwanese lawmakers have passed new rules that let local chip firms turn 25% of their annual research and development expenses into tax credits, part of efforts to keep cutting-edge semiconductor technologies at home and maintain the island's technology leadership.
- ✓ Officials there have repeatedly said they will ensure the latest chip technologies remain in Taiwan, a point that has been reaffirmed by executives at Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.
- ✓ The new incentives should take effect sometime from 2023. Chip companies in Taiwan can also claims tax credits on 5% of the annual costs of buying new equipment for advanced process technologies, the ministry said in what's been dubbed the local version of America's Chips Act. Any credits earned, however, cannot exceed 50% of the total annual income taxes a firm owes.
- ✓ Procurement of equipment is the largest cost in setting up a new chip plant.



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

- A) Karnataka B) Gujarat
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Rajasthan



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

- A) Rahul Sipligunj
- B) Chandrabose
- C) A.R. Rehman
- D) MM Keeravani

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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Q. Which country has topped the Henley Passport Index 2023

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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- ✓ This aircraft has been displayed by DRDO at the 108th Indian Science Congress held in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ✓ This UAV can fly with a load of 5 to 25 kg. and is also capable of dropping bombs in enemy territory.
- ✓ The aircraft can conduct autonomous missions within a radius of five kilometres and automatically return to the origin after delivering the cargo to the designated location.
- ✓ This UAV is equipped with landing accuracy as well as ground vehicle follow mode and modular design, due to which this UAV can prove to be very useful during the war.
- ✓ This multi-copter payload has been successfully tested by DRDO at an altitude of 14 thousand feet in Sikkim. After two more trials, this UAV will be inducted into the Armed Forces.
- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- ✓ It is a premier defence research and development agency under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
- ✓ It aims to make India self-reliant in critical defence technology and systems.
- ✓ It was established in 1958.
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman - Sameer V Kamath

Q. India's star female tennis player Sania Mirza has announced her retirement in January 2023. How many mixed doubles title has he won so far?

- A) 3
- B) 2
- C) 4
- D) 6

Answer : A

- ✓ India's star female tennis player Sania Mirza has announced her retirement in January 2023. This year's Australian Open and Dubai Tennis Championships will be her last tournaments
- ✓ She will play in women's doubles at the Australian Open in January 2023 with Kazakhstan's Ana Danilina, which will be her last appearance at any Grand Slam.
- ✓ Sania missed the US Open last year due to an elbow injury.
- ✓ International Tennis Career of Sania Mirza
- ✓ Sania has won the mixed doubles title of Australian Open in 2009, French Open in 2012, US Open in 2014.



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Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D



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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala's Kumarakom in Kottayam and Beypore in Kozhikode has been chosen for development under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme.
- ✓ The two locations are among 34 others chosen from 19 states and union territories under the Ministry of Tourism's initiative.



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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



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Answer : C

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

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

A) Abhilasha Barak

B) Arti Sarin

C) Surabhi Jakhmola

D) Lance Naik Manju

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

Q. When is the Armed Forces Veterans Day observed?

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

Answer : A

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



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

✓ Cariappa led the Indian Army in the 1947 war.

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

A) Alwar, Rajasthan

B) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

C) Hyderabad, Telangana

D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

✓ Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Regional Office of Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at Alwar, Rajasthan on 13th January.

✓ The opening of the regional office will benefit around 2 lakh workers, 12,000 establishments and 8500 pensioners in Alwar and neighbouring districts of Bharatpur and Dholpur.

✓ Jaipur is divided into two Regional Offices namely Regional Office Jaipur and Regional Office Alwar for the management of EPFO

✓ About EPFO

✓ Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is a statutory organisation set up under the Union ministry of Labour and Employment was set up in 1951 by an Ordinance issued by the President.

✓ Later Parliament passed the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, act 1952.

✓ It is the country's largest social security organisation.

✓ EPFO assists the Central Board of Trustees in the administration of a provident fund scheme, pension scheme and an insurance scheme for the registered establishments in India.

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

A) Egypt

B) Poland

C) Saudi Arabia

D) UAE

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Uttarakhand

D) Rajasthan

Answer : C

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



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

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

A) Assistance

B) Advisory

C) Association

D) Application

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A



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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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- ✓ 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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SBI IN NEWS 2022

- 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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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. 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. 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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- ✓ 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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- ✓ 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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- 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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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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✓ 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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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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- ✓ 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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- ✓ 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

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2022 – 23

- Chris Hipkins : 41st PM of New Zealand
- 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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- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar
- ✓ Every year, the Government of India presents the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' for exceptional achievement to children in the age group of 5 to 18 years.
- ✓ The awards are given to the children for their achievements in 6 categories - Art & Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports which are worthy of national recognition.
- ✓ Each awardee receives a medallion, a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, a certificate and a citation.

S. no	Name	Category	State
1.	Aadithya Suresh	Art & Culture	Kerala
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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- ✓ 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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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.

FLOATING IN NEWS 2022 – 23

- 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 Kutchch 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.

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- 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. Consider the following statement in the context of Padma Award 2023

- (a) Tabla maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain has been conferred with Padma Vibhushan.
- (b) Music composer MM Keeravani and actor Raveena Tandon have been conferred with Padma Shri
- (c) Super 30 founder Anand Kumar Anand Kumar has been selected for the Padma Shri award for distinguished service in the field of literature and education
- (d) Gujarat Tribal Woman Hirbai Ibrahim Lobi Conferred With Padma Vibhushan

A) Only (a), (b)

B) Only (c), (d)

C) Only (a), (b), (c)

D) Only (a), (c), (d)

Answer : C

- ✓ A Siddi tribe woman from Jambur village of Junagadh, Hirbai Ibrahim Lobi, has been honoured with the Padma Shri award, the fourth-highest civilian award by the government of India..

Q. Consider the following statement in the context of Padma Award 2023.

1. Padma awards are given in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.
2. Dilip Mahalanobis will be posthumously awarded the Padma Bhushan in the field of medicine.
3. 6 were awarded the Padma Vibhushan, 9 named for the Padma Bhushan and 91 named for Padma Shri.

Select the correct answer by using the code mentioned below.

A) Only 2 and 3

B) Only 1 and 2

C) Only 1 and 3

D) None of the above

Answer : C

- ✓ Padma awards are given in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri.
- ✓ Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) pioneer Dilip Mahalanobis will be posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the field of medicine (paediatrics).



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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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- ✓ 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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- Praseon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus
- Janhvi Kapoor : Marico's Saffola Fittify
- Deepa Malik : Ambassador of Nikshay Mitra (TB Campaign)
- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.
- Yuvraj Singh : T20 World Cup for the Blind
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank
- Smriti Mandhana : Gulf Oil Lubricants
- Ram Charan : Hero MotoCorp
- Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh : Max Life Insurance
- Vanessa Nakate : UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- Shah Rukh Khan : UAE healthcare provider Burjeel Holdings
- Sunil Chhetri : Pintola
- Anushka Sharma : L'Oréal Paris
- Amitabh Bachchan : Dabur India
- Kiccha Sudeep : Punyakoti Dattu Yojana (Karnataka Govt)
- Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty : Mastercard
- Sourav Ganguly : DreamSetGo
- Rishabh Pant : Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand
- Vaani Kapoor : Noise X-Fit 2 smartwatch
- Shahid Kapoor : PokerBaazi
- Ravi Shastri : FanCode
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Garuda Aerospace
- A. R. Rahman : India/UK Together Season of Culture
- Deepika Padukone : Louis Vuitton
- Robin Uthappa : Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)
- Amir Khan : PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app,"



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- Mary Kom : Lupin
- Vidya Balan : Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- Shahrukh Khan : Thums Up
- Rishabh Pant : Dish TV India
- Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia : 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme for the Gurugram, Haryana
- Shah Rukh Khan : Gaming app A23
- Manoj Tiwari : Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar
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- Akshay Kumar : Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
- Disha Patani : Bata India
- Amitabh Bachchan : MediBuddy
- Neeraj Chopra : GoodDot
- Vijay Shekhar Sharma : Universal Acceptance Steering Group
- RajKummar Rao : RenewBuy

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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- ✓ 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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