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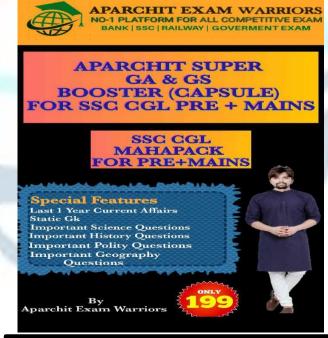




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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts February 2023 Set 01
By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Who has been ranked as the world's top most billionaire in 2023 Forbes Real Time Billionaire list?

A) Jeff Bezos

B) Elon Musk

C) Bernard Arnault

D) Bill Gates

Answer: C

- ✓ Bernard Arnault (France) continues to lead the list with a net worth of \$215 billion
- ✓ In the recently released Forbes Real Time Billionaire list, India's richest businessman Gautam Adani has slipped from the fourth position to the seventh position. His wealth has reached \$ 96.6 billion with a decline of \$ 22.6 billion.
- ✓ After the report of Hindenburg Research came out, there has been a huge decline in the wealth of Gautam Adani. In which there has been talk of disturbances in the books of the Adani group
- ✓ At the same time, Tesla CEO Elon Musk is at number two with \$ 170.1 billion in assets.
- ✓ Amazon co-founder Jeff Bezos is third on the list with a net worth of \$122.4 billion.
- ✓ India's second richest industrialist Mukesh Ambani is at number 10 in this list with a net worth of \$83.6 billion.

✓ OTHER LISTS RECENTLY RELEASED BY FORBES

- ✓ Annual list of highest-paid female athletes in the world
- ✓ The list is topped by tennis player Naomi Osaka (Japan) with a net worth of \$51.1 million.
- ✓ PV Sindhu (12th rank) is the only Indian in the top 25 of the annual list of female athletes.
- ✓ Annual list of the 100 most powerful women in the world
- ✓ The list is topped by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.
- ✓ In which six women of India have been included. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (36th), Roshni Nadar Malhotra (53rd), Madhavi Puri Buch (54th), Soma Mandal (67th), Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (72nd), Falguni Sanjay Nair (89th).
- ✓ <u>Highest-Paid Athletes 2022</u>
- ✓ Football star Lionel Messi topped the list with total earnings of \$130 million (Rs 1007 crore).
- ✓ <u>List of richest actors in the world</u>
- ✓ In this list, Jerry Seinfeld (American) is at number one with assets of Rs 8200 crores.



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- ✓ Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has become the fourth richest actor in this list with a net worth of Rs 6,300 crore.
- Q. Gautam Adani is the Indian to feature among top 10 in the 2023 Forbes Real Time Billionaire list. What is the global rank of Gautam Adani?

A) 8th

B) 10th

C) 9th

D) 7th

Answer: D

- ✓ In the recently released Forbes Real Time Billionaire list, India's richest businessman Gautam Adani has slipped from the fourth position to the seventh position. His wealth has reached \$ 96.6 billion with a decline of \$ 22.6 billion.
- ✓ India's second richest industrialist Mukesh Ambani is at number 10 in this list with a net worth of \$83.6 billion.
- Q. Which player has won the Men's Single title at Australian Open 2023?

A) Daniill Medvedev

B) Novak Djokovic

C) Rafael Nadal

D) Andy Murray

Answer: B

- ✓ Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open title for the 10th time by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 7-6, 7-6 in the first Grand Slam Australia Open of 2023.
- ✓ With this victory, Novak Djokovic has equaled Spain's Rafael Nadal's record of winning 22 Grand Slam titles.
- ✓ Djokovic won the first Australian Open title in the year 2008. After that he has won this title in the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023.
- ✓ In addition to 10 Australia Open, Djokovic won the French Open in 2016 and 2021, a total of 7 Wimbledon between 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 while the US Open in 2011, 2015, 2018.
- ✓ Novak Djokovic is a Serbian professional tennis player. He is currently ranked world No. 1 in singles by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).
- ✓ Stefanos Tsitsipas is a Greek professional tennis player. He has been ranked as high as world No. 3 by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).



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

A) Danielle Collins

B) Naomi Osaka

C) Karolína Pliskova

D) Aryna Sabalenka

Answer: D

- ✓ In the Australian Open 2023, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus has won the women's singles title by defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan. Sabalenka has won a Grand title for the first time.
- ✓ Sabalenka defeated Elena Rybakina 4–6, 6–3, 6–4 in the final match played at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne on 28 January.
- ✓ It was Sabalenka's 11th win since the start of 2023, meaning the Belarusian player will now reach a career-best No. 2 ranking
- ✓ Barbora Krejcikova and Katarina Siniakova of Czech Republic defeated Japanese pair Shuko Oyama and Ina Shibahara to win the women's doubles title at Australian Open 2023.
- ✓ In the Australian Open Tennis, the Brazilian duo of Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos won the Mixed Doubles title.
- ✓ The Brazilian pair defeated the Indian pair of Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza 7-6, 6-2 at the Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne
- ✓ Sania Mirza was the first Indian to win a WTA singles title in her hometown Hyderabad in 2005.

GRAND SLAM 2022-23 WINNER WITH AMAZING FACTS

- CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER :-
 - 1. Australian open
 - 2. French open
 - 3. Wimbledon open
 - 4. US open
- > 1. AUSTRALIAN OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded: 1905

Surface: Hard Court Period: Mid January Edition: 111th (2023)

Venue: Melbourne, Australia



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> AUSTRALIA OPEN 2022

Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)

Women's Singles – Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

> 2. FRENCH OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded: 1891

Surface : Clay court Period : May -June Edition : 126 (2022) Venue : Paris, France

> FRENCH OPEN 2022

Men's Singles: Rafael Nadal (Spain)

Women's Singles: Iga Świątek (Poland)

> 3. WIMBLEDON OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded: 1877

Surface: Grass court Period: June - July Edition: 135 (2022) Venue: London, UK

➤ WIMBLEDON OPEN 2022

Men's Single – Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Women's Single – Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)

> 4. US OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded: 1881

Surface : Hard Court

Period : Aug - Sep Edition : 142 (2022)

Venue: New York, US

➤ US OPEN 2022

Men's single – Carlos Alcaraz Garfia (Spain)

Women's single – Iga Świątek (Poland)



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> AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2023 (TENNIS)

Men's Singles: Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greek)

Women's Singles: Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) defeated Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)

➤ US OPEN 2022

Men's single - Carlos Alcaraz Garfia (Spain)

Women's single –Iga Świątek (Poland)

➤ WIMBLEDON OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Men's Single – Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Women's Single – E. Rybakina (Kazakhstan)

> FRENCH OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Men's Singles: Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat Casper Ruud (Norwegian)

Women's Singles: Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Coco Gauff (US)

> ITALIAN OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Men's singles: Novak Djokovic (Serbia) beat Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)

Women's singles : Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)

➤ MADRID OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Men's singles: Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) beat Alexander Zverev (Germany)

Women's singles : Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)

> SERBIA OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Andrey Rublev (Russian) defeated world No. 1 Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

➤ MIAMI OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Men's Single: Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) beat Casper Ruud (Norway)

Women's Single: Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Naomi Osaka (Japan)

➤ BNP Paribas Open Tournament 2022 (Indian Wells Masters)

Women's singles: Iga Świątek (Poland)

Men's Singles: Taylor Fritz (United States)

➤ MEXICAN OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)



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Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat Cameron Norrie (Britian)

> SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC 2022

Men's Single : Aslan Karatsev (Russia)

Women's Single: Paula Badosa (Spain)

> RIO OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)

Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) beat Diego Schwartzman.

Carlos Alcaraz creates history, becomes youngest ATP 500 winner.

➤ MELBOURNE SUMMER SET 1 2022 (TENNIS)

Men's singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain)

Women's singles: Simona Halep (Romania)

> ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2022

Men's single : Gaël Monfils (France)

Women's single : Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

> SWISS OPEN 2022(TENNIS)

Casper Ruud (Norway)

Q. Which country has won FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in Kalinga Stadium Bhubaneswar, Odisha?

A) Germany

B) France

C) Argentina

D) Brazil

Answer : A

- ✓ Germany has won the Men's Hockey World Title 2023. Germany defeated defending champions Belgium 5-4 in a shootout in the final played at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 29 January.
- ✓ With this, Germany has won the World Cup three times, first in 2002 and second in 2006
- ✓ In a thrilling final, the two teams were tied 3-3 after regular time, but the Germans then won 5-4 in penalty shootout at the Kalinga Stadium.
- ✓ Nicklas Wellen (29th), Gonzalo Peillat (41st) and captain Mats Grembusch (48th) scored for Germany.
- ✓ Florent van Obel (10th minute), Tengas Kossins (11th minute) and Tom Boon (59th minute) scored for Belgium



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- ✓ Germany had earlier won the quarter-finals against England and the semi-finals against Australia after coming from two goals down.
- ✓ Germany also took their world title tally to three, equaling Australia and the Netherlands.
- ✓ The record of winning the most titles in the Men's Hockey World Cup is recorded in the name of Pakistan, who have won this title four times.
- ✓ Awards of Hockey World Cup 2023
- ✓ Best Player- Niklas Wellen (Germany)
- ✓ Best Goalkeeper- Vincent Vanasch (Belgium)
- ✓ Best Junior Player- Mustapha Cassiem (South Africa)
- ✓ Hero Top Scorer- Jeremy Hayward (Australia)
- ✓ Best Team Goal Celebration Award- Korea
- ✓ Fan's Choice Award- Christopher Ruhr (Germany)
- ✓ Fair Play Award- Belgium
- ✓ Maximum Team Goals Award- Netherlands
- ✓ Best Forward of the Tournament Award- Niklas Wellen (Germany)
- ✓ Best Midfielder of the Tournament Award- Victor Wegnez (Belgium)
- ✓ Best Defender of the Tournament Award- Jeremy Hayward (Australia)
- ✓ Total Team -16 (Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Australia, England, Spain, New Zealand, Korea, Argentina, India, South Africa, Wales, France, Malaysia, Chile, Japan)
- Q. India has defeated which country to win the first edition of the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup?

A) Australia

B) South Africa

C) England

D) New Zealand

Answer: C

- ✓ In the first edition of the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup, India defeated England by seven wickets to win the tournament
- ✓ Indian player Shweta Sehrawat scored the most runs in the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023. She scored 292 runs in 6 matches.
- ✓ Maggie Clarke was the top wicket-taker in the tournament with 12 wickets in 5 matches
- ✓ Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup



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- ✓ Host South Africa
- ✓ Event date 14 January 2023 29 January 2023
- ✓ Participants 16 teams
- ✓ Player of the match in the final Tita Sadhu
- ✓ Player of the Tournament Grace Scrivens (Captain England)
- ✓ Indian Captain Shafali Verma.
- Q. Which player has won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2022?

A) Smriti Mandhana

B) Nat Sciver

C) Tammy Beaumont

D) Fatima Sana

Answer: B

- ✓ England Test captain Ben Stokes and all-rounder Nat Sciver have won ICC cricketer of the year 2022 awards
- ✓ All-rounder Stokes was named the Men's Test Cricketer of the Year, while Sciver won the Rachael Hayhoe Flint Trophy for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year.
- ✓ Stokes previously won the overall Men's Cricketer of the Year award in 2019.
- ✓ Babar Azam has been given the Men's ODI Player of the Year award (Sobers Trophy), before Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi won the award for 2021
- ✓ ICC awards winners for 2022
- ✓ Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy: Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- ✓ Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy: Nat Sciver (England)
- ✓ Men's Test Cricketer of the Year: Ben Stokes (England)
- ✓ Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year: Babar Azam
- ✓ Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year: Nat Sciver
- ✓ Men's T20 International Cricketer of the Year: Suryakumar Yadav (India)
- √ Women's T20 International Cricketer of the Year: Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
- ✓ Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year: Marco Jansen (South Africa)
- ✓ Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year: Renuka Singh (India)
- ✓ Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year: Gerhard Erasmus (Namibia)



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- ✓ Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year: Esha Oza (India)
- ✓ David Shepherd Trophy: Richard Illingworth (England)
- ✓ Spirit of Cricket Award: Aasif Sheikh (Nepal)
- Q. Name the player who has been conferred with the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2022?
 - A) Shaheen Afridi

B) Mohammad Rizwan

C) Joe Root

D) Babar Azam

Answer : D

- ✓ Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy: Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- ✓ Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy : Nat Sciver (England)
- Q. Which player has won the ICC Men's T20 International Cricketer of the Year 2022?

A) Rohit Sharma

B) Virat Kohli

C) KL Rahul

D) Suryakumar Yadav

Answer: D

- ✓ Men's T20 International Cricketer of the Year: Suryakumar Yadav (India)
- ✓ Women's T20 International Cricketer of the Year : Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
- Q. Which player has won the ICC Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2022?

A) Renuka Singh

B) Deepti Sharma

C) Yastika Bhatia

D) Richa Ghosh

Answer: A

- ✓ Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year: Marco Jansen (South Africa)
- ✓ Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year : Renuka Singh (India)
- Q. Who has won the ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2022?

A) Marco Jansen

B) Gerhard Erasmus

C) Babar Azam

D) Ben Stokes

Answer: D

✓ Men's Test Cricketer of the Year : Ben Stokes (England)



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- Q. Which among the following ministry has becomes the largest buyer of MSME goods in 2022?
 - A) Ministry of Finance
- **B) Ministry of Home affairs**
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) informed through a tweet that in 2022, the Ministry of Defense emerged as the largest buyer through MSME sellers.
- ✓ In 2022, the Ministry of Defense envisages procurement of goods and services worth Rs 16,747 crore from the MSME sector. This was 250% more than the purchases made in 2021.
- ✓ Among the states, Uttar Pradesh procured the maximum. Uttar Pradesh procured goods and services worth Rs 9,642 crore through GeM.
- ✓ GeM business in 2022
- ✓ GeM's turnover in 2022 is Rs 1,06,647 crore, which is expected to double in 2023.
- ✓ Compared to 2016, when GeM was first launched, its business has grown 17 times.
- ✓ Government-e-Marketplace (GeM) Platform
- ✓ Launch 9 August 2016
- ✓ Objective To bring transparency and efficiency in the government procurement process.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- ✓ GeM works on inclusion, transparency and efficiency
- ✓ Who registers on GeM Artisans, weavers, SHGs, startups, women entrepreneurs and MSMEs are
 registered.
- Q. January 30 is observed every year as the Martyrs' Day of Mahatma Gandhi. the year 2023 marks which death anniversary of the Father of Nation?

A) 70

B) 78

C) 71

D) 75

Answer: D

- ✓ On January 30, 2023, India is observing Martyr's Day to pay homage to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. The day is also marked as the death anniversary of the country's 'Bapu', Mahatma Gandhi
- ✓ Nathuram Godse killed Mahatma Gandhi on the evening of January 30, 1948.



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- ✓ 30th January is observed as Martyr's Day every year in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and his contributions to the nation.
- ✓ Every year 23 March is also celebrated as Martyr's Day to pay homage to the three revolutionaries of India Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev.
- ✓ About Mahatma Gandhi
- ✓ Birth 2nd October 1869 in Porbandar (Gujarat)
- ✓ Brief Introduction Lawyer, politician, social activist and writer who became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India.
- ✓ In South Africa (1893–1915), he successfully fought racist rule with a new method of mass movement, which he called satyagraha.
- ✓ He returned to India from South Africa on 9 January 1915.
- ✓ The Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 was the first Satyagraha movement led by Gandhi in India.
- ✓ In 1918, he went to Ahmedabad to organise a Satyagraha movement among cotton mill workers.
- ✓ In 1919, he decided to launch a nationwide satyagraha against the Rowlatt Act (1919).
- ✓ The Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place on April 13, 1919. Seeing the spread of violence, he called
 off the movement (April 18, 1919).
- ✓ The non-cooperation movement was adopted in the Congress session in Nagpur in December 1920.
- ✓ His Social Work
- ✓ He worked for the upliftment of the untouchables and gave them a new name 'Harijan' which means child of God.
- ✓ His symbol of self-reliance, the spinning wheel, became a popular symbol of the Indian independence
 movement.
- ✓ He was instrumental in preventing Hindu-Muslim riots as tensions escalated before and during the country's partition.
- ✓ Hind Swaraj, My Experiments with Truth (Autobiography) are popular books written by him.
- Q. The World Leprosy Day is marked every year on which of these days?

A) Last Monday of January

B) Last Sunday of January

C) January 30

D) January 31

Answer: B



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- ✓ World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January. In 2023, World Leprosy Day was observed on 29 January.
- ✓ The date was chosen as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi by French humanitarian, Raoul Folreau, who did a lot of work with persons affected by leprosy.
- ✓ In India, it is celebrated every year on 30 January to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ It is organised by leprosy and leprosy-focused NGOs including the Leprosy Mission.
- ✓ The theme for World Leprosy Day 2023 is 'Act Now: End Leprosy'.
- ✓ The aim of the day is to raise awareness about leprosy.
- ✓ What is Leprosy?
- ✓ Leprosy is a neglected tropical disease (NTD) that still occurs in more than 120 countries with more than 200000 new cases reported every year.
- ✓ It is an infectious disease caused by the Mycobacterium leprae.
- ✓ It mainly affects the skin, nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract and eyes.
- ✓ Its infection occurs due to close and frequent contact with the patient.
- ✓ Leprosy is curable with multi drug therapy (MDT). If left untreated, it can cause permanent damage to the skin, nerves, organs and eyes.
- ✓ The prevalence rate of leprosy cases in India has decreased from 0.69 per ten thousand population in 2014-15 to 0.45 in 2021-22.
- ✓ Dr Bharti also launched the National Strategic Plan and Roadmap for Leprosy 2023-2027.
- ✓ The aim of the plan is to eradicate leprosy in the country by 2027.
- Q. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) celebrated which edition of its Raising Day ceremony on February 01, 2023?

A) 47th

B) 42nd

C) 44th

D) 49th

Answer: A

- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is celebrating its 47th Raising Day on 01 February 2023.
- ✓ The ICG was formally established on February 1, 1977, under the Coast Guard Act, 1978 of the Parliament of India.
- ✓ ICG operates under the Ministry of Defence.
- ✓ India has the fourth-largest Coast Guard in the World.



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Q. Who has appointed as the first female PM of Equatorial Guinea?

A) Une Bastholm

B) Manuela Roka Botey

C) Erna Solberg

D) Sylvi Listhaug

Answer: B

- ✓ Equatorial Guinea has appointed Manuela Roka Botey as prime minister
- ✓ She is the first woman in the country to reach this position.
- ✓ She was appointed by President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo who has ruled the country since 1979.
- ✓ Bote, who was the deputy minister of education in the West African country, replaced Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, who held the position of prime minister for nearly eight years.
- ✓ The country of about 1.5 million people has had only two presidents since independence from Spain in 1968.
- ✓ Obiang overthrew his uncle, Francisco Macías Nguema, in a coup in August 1979.
- ✓ Equatorial Guinea
- ✓ It is located on the west coast of Africa.
- ✓ Capital: Malabo
- ✓ Currency : franc
- ✓ President: Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- > 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.



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- 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

Q. The science 20 Inception Meeting was held on 30 January 2023 at which place?

A) Ladakh

B) Jammu and Kashmir

C) Puducherry

D) Chandigarh

Answer: C

- ✓ The science 20 Inception Meeting was held on 30 January 2023 at Puducherry.
- ✓ Indian National Science Academy (INSA) President Dr. Ashutosh Sharma was the country's chair of the deliberations.



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- ✓ It was focused on scientific and technological aspects that would help the growth of nations.
- ✓ The theme of the meeting is "disruptive science for innovative and sustainable development"
- Q. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) reported that in 2022, the Ministry of Defense has emerged as the largest buyer through MSME vendors. In 2022, Defense Ministry has procured goods and services worth how many rupees from the MSME sector?

A) Rs 16,747 crores

B) Rs 20,747 crores

C) Rs 23,747 crores

D) Rs 12,747 crores

Answer: A

- ✓ Government e-Marketplace (GeM) informed that in 2022, the Ministry of Defense emerged as the largest buyer through MSME sellers.
- ✓ In 2022, the Defence Ministry procured Rs 16,747 crores worth of goods and services from the MSME sector. This was 250% higher than that of the procurement made in 2021.
- ✓ Among the states, Uttar Pradesh procured the maximum. Uttar Pradesh procured goods and services worth Rs 9,642 crore through GeM.
- ✓ In 2022, the turnover of GeM was Rs 106,647 crores. This is expected to double in 2023. As compared to 2016, when GeM was first launched, its turnover had increased by 17 times
- ✓ About GeM
- ✓ The Government e–Marketplace was launched in 2016.
- ✓ It is an online platform used for procuring goods and services online.
- ✓ Objective To increase transparency, promote Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, and support small and local sellers.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Q. Samatha Kumbh will be held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal in which state from 2 to 14 February 2023?

A) Kerala

B) Telangana

C) Karnataka

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- ✓ This event will be held from February 2 to February 14.



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- ✓ On Feb 5, Kalyanotsavam will also be held for all 108 Divya Deshas.
- ✓ The program will commence with the offering of abhisheka to the Ramanujacharya statue.
- ✓ The Statue of Equality was inaugurated at the Samatha Moorti Spoorthi Kendram in Telangana by PM Narendra Modi in 2022.
- Q. Yaya Tso lake has been proposed as __ first biodiversity heritage site (BHS) under the Biological Diversity Act.

A) Goa

B) Uttarakhand

C) Ladakh

D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : C

- ✓ The Biodiversity Management Committee, the panchayat of Chumathang village, along with SECURE
 Himalaya Project recently resolved to declare "Yaya Tso" as Ladakh's first biodiversity heritage site
 (BHS) under the Biological Diversity Act.
- ✓ Yaya Tso, known as birds' paradise for its beautiful lake located at an altitude of 4,820 metres, has
 been proposed as Ladakh's first biodiversity heritage site (BHS).
- ✓ The Secure Himalaya project is funded by the Global Environment Facility
- Q. Which state signed an MoU with Patanjali Foods Ltd for the palm oil cultivation?

A) Sikkim

B) Nagaland

C) Meghalaya

D) Manipur

Answer: B

- ✓ Nagaland government and Patanjali Foods Ltd have signed a MoU for development and area expansion under palm oil cultivation and processing for Zone-II (Mokokchung, Longleng and Mon districts) of Nagaland under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).
- ✓ Patanjali Foods Ltd is already working in the states of Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Tripura in the North East
- Q. Which country has announced that it will remove the portrait of the British monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II from its A \$5 banknotes?

A) Canada

B) France

C) Singapore

D) Australia



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Answer: D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of Australia has announced that it will remove the portrait of the British monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II from its A \$5 banknotes.
- ✓ The new currency notes of the \$5 would feature an Indigenous design rather than an image of King Charles III.
- Q. Who has inaugurated the biggest book fair of Bangladesh 'Ekushey Boi Mela' in Dhaka?

A) Sheikh Hasina

B) Saima Wazed

C) Khaleda Zia

D) Mohammad Abdul Hamid

Answer: A

- ✓ The biggest book fair of Bangladesh 'Ekushey Boi Mela' was inaugurated in Dhaka by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
- ✓ It is for the first time after three years that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the book-fair in person at the Bangla Academy venue.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 book fair : The Theme is 'Poro Boi, Goro Desh: Bangbandhur Bangladesh'- Read books, build the country, a country of Bangabandhu's dream.
- ✓ Ekushey Book Fair started in 1972 to commemorate the sacrifices of people killed by Pakistani forces on 21 February 1952 demanding Bangla as the mother language for the then East Pakistan. It has been organised every year by the Bangla Academy since 1978.
- Q. Which Country Trade and Investment Commission has signed an MoU with the CII to collaborate on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes?

A) France

B) Japan

C) Australia

D) South Korea

Answer: C

- ✓ Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade Australian Government agency) has signed an MoU with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to collaborate on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes.
- ✓ The MoU will focus on Australian training standards.
- ✓ Focus Areas: automotive, allied health, mining, IT, cyber security, renewable energy, logistics, supply chain and water management.



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Q. Who has announced that India will be invited as the focal country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025?

A) Denis Alipov

B) Jose Maria Ridao

C) Elizabeth Jones

D) Dr Philipp Ackermann

Answer: B

- ✓ India will be invited as the focal country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025, the Ambassador of Spain to the India "Jose Maria Ridao"
- ✓ Spain is the theme country at the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair, organized in Kolkata from 31st Jan 2023 to 12th Feb 2023.
- ✓ We are inviting India as the theme country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025. It is usually for publishers only.
- Q. Who joins Oversight Committee panel formed against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)?

A) Babita Phogat

B) Sakshi Malik

C) Pawan Kumar

D) Bajrang Punia

Answer: A

- ✓ Former wrestler Babita Phogat has joined the Oversight Committee panel formed to probe allegations against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).
- ✓ She has been added to the panel of the Oversight Committee formed by the Sports Ministry to undertake the day-to-day administration of the WFI.
- ✓ The Oversight Committee is also conducting an enquiry into the allegations of sexual misconduct, harassment, intimidation, financial irregularities and administrative lapses of the WFI.
- ✓ Babita Phogat has become the 6th member of the Oversight Committee, which is being headed by Khel Ratna Awardee MC Mary Kom..
- Q. Who has appointed by RBI to the advisory committees of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL).?

A) Madhabi Puri Buch

B) Girish Chandr Chaturvedi

C) M V Srinivasamoorthi

D) V Ramachandra

Answer : D



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- √ V Ramachandra, former chief general manager of Canara Bank, was named by the Reserve Bank India to the Advisory Committees of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL).
- ✓ The RBI created a three-member advisory council to assist the administrator of the two crisis-ridden enterprises after overriding the boards of SIFL and SEFL in October 2021.
- ✓ Venkat Nageshwar Chalasani, former deputy managing director of State Bank of India, and T T Srinivasaraghavan, former managing director of Sundaram Finance Limited, are the committee's other two members.
- ✓ The RBI filed applications for the beginning of a corporate insolvency resolution process against SIFL and SEFL before the National Company Law Tribunal's (NCLT) Kolkata Bench in October 2021..
- ✓ Srei Group owes over Rs 18,000 crore to approximately 15 lenders, including Axis Bank, UCO Bank, and State Bank of India, in addition to nearly Rs 10,000 crore in external commercial borrowings and bonds.
- ✓ Srei Equipment Finance claimed in a regulatory filing earlier this month that its administrator had received a report from the transaction auditor about several fraudulent transactions in 2019-20 and 2020-21, with a monetary impact of about Rs 3,025 crore on the Srei group
- Q. Pakistan's inflation reached a how many year high as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) visited for emergency talks?

A) 32 Years

B) 40 Years

C) 48 Years

D) 56 Years

Answer : C

- ✓ Inflation has risen to a 48-year high in crisis-hit Pakistan, where the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is visiting for urgent talks
- ✓ Year-on-year inflation in January 2023 was recorded at 27.55%, the highest since May 1975, with thousands of containers of imports held up at Karachi port.
- ✓ Inflation Rate In Pakistan :
- ★ Food prices rose by a staggering 43 percent in January year-on-year. The inflation rate in Pakistan averaged 8.05 per cent from 1957 until 2023, reaching an all-time high of 37.8 per cent in December 1973 and a record low of minus 10.32 per cent in February 1959.



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- ✓ * Pakistan's finance ministry said in its monthly outlook released that inflation for January was forecast
 in the range of 24%-28%, citing supply-side factors and economic and political uncertainty.
- Q. Which countries are launched the 'initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)' and 'Innovation Bridge'?

A) India and France

B) India and Unied States

C) India and Russia

D) India and Unied Kingdom

Answer: B

- ✓ National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, US counterpart Jake Sullivan launched the US-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) in Washington.
- ✓ iCET reflects conv.of strategic, commercial, and scientific approaches in the field of technology.
- √ iCET was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Biden
- ✓ The United States and India concluded the US-India iCET meeting and also decided to launch a new Innovation Bridge.
- ✓ In May 2022, US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced iCET to enhance and expand their strategic technology partnership and defence industrial cooperation between governments, businesses and academic institutions of the two countries.
- ✓ Both countries also underlined their commitment to work to resolve issues related to regulatory barriers, trade and talent mobility through a permanent mechanism under the iCET.
- Q. The first week of February has been designated by the UN General Assembly to be observed as _

A) World Interfaith Harmony Week

B) World Space Week

C) World Immunization Week

D) Disarmament Week

Answer : A

- ✓ World Interfaith Harmony Week is observed annually during the first week of February, which means from February 01 to 07.
- ✓ The observation aims to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith.
- ✓ World Interfaith Harmony Week was designated by the UN General Assembly in 2010.
- ✓ It was proposed by King Abdullah II of Jordan at the United Nations in 2010.



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Q. The World Wetlands Day is observed every year on which day?

A) February 04

B) February 02

C) February 03

D) February 01

Answer: B

- ✓ The World Wetlands Day is observed every year on February 2 all over the world.
- ✓ The day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.
- ✓ World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in 1997.
- ✓ 2023 marks 52 years of the Convention on Wetlands.
- ✓ The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2023 is It's time for wetlands restoration
- ✓ With 75 Ramsar sites spread over an area of over 1.3 million hectares, India has the largest number of wetlands in South Asia.
- ✓ The total number of Ramsar sites in the country has increased to 75. Whereas before 2014 it was only 26
- ✓ The theme of World Wetlands 2023 is "It's time for wetlands restoration".
- ✓ The theme emphasises the urgent need to prioritise wetland restoration.
- ✓ In the Union Budget 2023-24, the government has proposed two schemes Amrit Dharohar and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Income (Mishti) to protect wetlands and mangroves.
- ✓ What are Wetlands?
- ✓ Wetlands are vital not only for the ecosystems but our climate, providing essential services such as water regulation, flood control, and water purification.
- ✓ Wetlands are also capable of absorbing carbon dioxide.
- ✓ Wetlands are called "Kidneys of the Earth".
- ✓ What are Ramsar sites?
- ✓ A Ramsar site is a wetland site specifically designated for international importance as a waterfowl habitat under the Ramsar Convention.
- ✓ Ramsar Convention is an intergovernmental environment treaty established in 1975 by UNESCO.
- Ramsar refers to wetlands of international importance in terms of site ecology, botany, zoology or hydrology



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Q. Who won the Tata Steel Masters Tournament 2023 held in Wijk aan Zee?

A) Abhijeet Gupta

B) Jaykumar Sammed

C) Aravindh Chithambaram

D) Anish Giri

Answer : D

- ✓ Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.
- ✓ Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2023 is the 85th edition of the annual chess tournament held in Wijk aan Zee.a
- ✓ The field of 14 players in the Masters section included the numbers 1 and 2 of FIDE World ranking, Magnus Carlsen and Ding Liren.

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- > Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.
- > 16-year-old from Tamilnadu, M Pranesh became India's 79th chess grandmaster.
- ➤ Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.
- Aditya Mittal Becomes India's 77th Chess Grandmaster.
- Magnus Carlsen (From Norway) wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022.
- R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in New Delhi.
- D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.
- > Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster.
- Alireza Firouzja wins Singuefield Cup & The Grand Chess Tour.
- Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi wins 28th Abu Dhabi Masters.
- > 4th edition of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament will be held in Kolkata.
- > Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa has defeated world champion, Magnus Carlsen, in the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, an international chess Championship.
- > 2026 Chess Olympiad to be hosted by Uzbekistan.
- Chess prodigy V Pranav (from Tamil Nadu) becomes India's 75th Grandmaster.
- Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand becomes FIDE deputy president.



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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. According to data released by RBI, the total number of micro ATMs across the country will reach __ lakh by December 2022.

A) 14.19

B) 14.64

C) 14.97

D) 15.35

Answer: A

- ✓ According to data, released by the RBI, as of December 2022, the total number of micro ATMs across the country has reached 14.19 lakh.
- ✓ But, there has been no significant surge in the value of money withdrawn through these devices since June 2022
- ✓ There were just about 3.56 lakh micro ATMs in India in 2020
- * The cash withdrawal in Dec 2021 was ₹25.2-lakh crore.
- ✓ It grew to only about ₹25.5-lakh crore by November 2022, when the number of micro ATMs stood at 13.3 lakh
- Q. Which ministry has inaugurated the G20 Cyber Security Exercise and Drill for more than 400 domestic and international participants under India's G20 presidency?
 - A) National Human Rights Commission
 - B) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 - C) National Legal Services Authority
 - D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer: D



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- ✓ Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, inaugurated the G20 Cyber Security Exercise and Drill for over 400 domestic and international participants under India's G20 Presidency in New Delhi
- ✓ This cyber security exercise and drill was conducted in hybrid mode (physical and virtual) by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team.
- ✓ International participants from more than 12 countries participated in it through online mode.
- ✓ Domestic participants from various sectors such as Finance, Education, Telecom, Ports & Shipping, Energy and IT/ITES participated in person as well as in virtual mode.
- ✓ Cyber incidents are changing rapidly and affecting not only one nation but also having international ramifications.
- ✓ Countering cyber attacks requires resilience for which there is an urgent need to act collectively.
- ✓ The first table top exercise focused on Crisis Management and Crisis Communication was conducted for the Board and Top Management on the theme "Synergy to Counter Global Cyber Crisis".

Q. Who among the following has launched the Visit India Year-2023 initiative in New Delhi?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Piyush Goyal

C) G Kishan Reddy

D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: C

- ✓ Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy launched the Visit India Year-2023 initiative in New Delhi on 31 January and also unveiled its logo
- ✓ The Tourism Minister also unveiled the logo of the campaign which is inspired by the image of 'Namaste'.
- √ The logo represents India as a microcosm of countless stories.
- ✓ It imbibes the philosophy of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' along with the heritage of India to the art of cooking divine food and our rich wildlife.
- ✓ The emblem depicts elements of India's heritage and its monuments.
- ✓ The campaign aims to encourage travel in the country that currently holds the G-20 presidency. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Tourism, the G-20 chairmanship provides an excellent opportunity to highlight the specialties of the country's tourism sector.



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Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the Krishnaguru Eknaam Akhanda Kirtan for World Peace in which state?

A) Odisha

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Rajasthan

D) Assam

Answer: D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the Krishnaguru Eknaam Akhanda Kirtan for World Peace at Barpeta in Assam via video conferencing.
- ✓ Prime Minister also addressed the devotees of Krishnaguru Sevashram.
- ✓ Paramguru Krishnaguru Ishwar established the Krishnaguru Sevashram in 1974, at Nasatra village in Barpeta, Assam.
- ✓ He is the ninth descendant of Mahavaishnab Manohardeva, who was a follower of the great Vaishnavite saint Srimanta Sankardeva.
- ✓ Krishnaguru Eknaam Akhanda Kirtan for World Peace is a month-long kirtan being held from 6th January at Krishnaguru Sevashram.
- Q. Reliance Consumer Products Limited announced a strategic partnership with Maliban Biscuit Limited. Maliban Biscuit Limited is based in which country

A) Sri Lanka

B) Nepal

C) Bangladesh

D) Maldives

Answer: A

- ✓ Reliance Consumer Products Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited announced a strategic partnership with Sri Lanka-based Maliban Biscuit Limited.
- ✓ It was signed to bring Indian consumers a bouquet of domestic and globally recognized consumer brands and product choices that offer superior value propositions with exceptional quality.
- ✓ Maliban, a heritage brand and a household name in Sri Lanka, is a pioneering biscuit manufacturer well-known for the last 70 years for its range of quality products.
- ✓ The company has expanded its products to reach global markets and now exports to over 35 countries across 5 continents
- ✓ Sri Lanka
- ✓ Legislative capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte



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✓ Executive and Judicial capital: Colombo

✓ Currency : Rupee

✓ President : Ranil Wickremesinghe

✓ Prime Minister : Dinesh Gunawardena

Q. The Adani Group has acquired the strategic Haifa Port for USD 1.2 billion recently. Haifa Port is located in which country?

A) Philippines

B) Maldives

C) Israel

D) Germany

Answer : C

- ✓ The Adani Group has acquired the strategic Israeli port of Haifa for USD 1.2 billion.
- ✓ The deal was signed by Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani in presence of Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu.
- ✓ The Haifa Port is the second largest port in Israel in terms of shipping containers and the biggest in shipping tourist cruise ships.
- ✓ The Adani group will also develop real estate at the port to transform the Haifa skyline.
- ✓ In July last year, the group announced the acquisition of Haifa Port with a local partner, Gadot, for \$1.15 billion.
- ✓ India-Israel friendship dates back to September 23, 1918, when soldiers from the Indian cities of Mysore, Hyderabad and Jodhpur battled here for the freedom of Haifa.
- ✓ Israel

✓ Capital : Jerusalem

✓ Currency : New Shekel

✓ President : Isaac Herzog

✓ Prime Minister : Benjamin Netanyahu

- Q. Which insurance company has launched a "Pay As You Drive" (PAYD) policy for vehicles recently?
 - A) Universal Sompo General Insurance
 - B) New India Assurance Insurance
 - C) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 - D) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance



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Answer: B

- ✓ The New India Assurance has launched a "Pay As You Drive" (PAYD) policy for vehicles.
- ✓ It is a comprehensive motor insurance policy that charges premiums based on the usage of the vehicle.
- ✓ The policy has two components third-party cover and own-damage cover.
- ✓ This policy offered features like discounts on renewals, coverage beyond the distance limit, and enhanced protections.
- ✓ The discount will be applied to the basic own damage premium.
- Q. Who was conferred a Lifetime Achievement Honour by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London?
 - A) Raghuram Rajan
 - **B) Arvind Subramanian**
 - C) Raja Chelliah
 - D) Dr Manmohan Singh

Answer: D

- ✓ Former prime minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh was conferred a Lifetime Achievement Honour by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London for his contribution to economic and political life
- ✓ The award will be handed over to Dr Singh in New Delhi by the National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK.
- ✓ The India-UK Achievers Honors is organised by the National Association of Indian Students and Alumni UK in partnership with the British Council in India and the UK's Department for International Trade (DIT).
- ✓ The 'Life Time Achievement Honor' recognizes Dr Manmohan Singh's contribution to the Universities
 of Oxford and Cambridge.
- √ 75 people who have achieved achievements in various fields have been honoured with this honour
 while some people have been honoured with 'Outstanding Achievers'.
- ✓ Lord Karan Bilimoria, a British citizen of Indian origin, was honoured with the 'Living Legend Honor' at a ceremony held on 25 January.
- ✓ Britain's opposition Labor Party MP Virendra Sharma was also honoured with the 'Living Legend Honor'.
- ✓ Dr. Manmohan Singh, a 90-year-old economist, served as the Prime Minister of India from 2004–2014.



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Q. Where did Indian Army and CAPF conduct a joint training exercise "Exercise Trishakti Prahar"?

A) Mizoram

C) Rajasthan

C) West Bengal

D) Uttarakhand

Answer: C

- ✓ Indian Army carries out military exercise Trishakti Prahar in Bengal
- ✓ The aim of the exercise was to practice battle preparedness of Security Forces using the latest weapons and equipment in a networked, integrated environment, involving Army, the Indian Air Force, and CAPFs.
- ✓ It culminated with an Integrated Fire Power Exercise in Teesta Field Firing Ranges.
- ✓ The conduct of "Exercise TRISHAKTI PRAHAR" enabled rehearsal and coordination amongst various agencies for quick movement and employment of forces across North Bengal.
- Q. Who has won the final of the \$25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Al Zahra, Kuwait?

A) Prajnesh Gunneswaran

B) Somdev Devvarman

C) Saketh Myneni

D) Mukund Sasikumar

Answer : A

- ✓ Prajnesh Gunneswaran has won the final of the \$25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Al Zahra, Kuwait.
- ✓ He won by beating Khumoyun Sultanov of Uzbekistan in finals.
- ✓ It was the first title in 5 years for Prajnesh, who had won two \$150,000 Challengers in 2018 in Bengaluru and Anning.
- ✓ It was the 11th title in the professional circuit for Prajnesh, who was ranked a career-high 75th in 2019.
- Q. Which of the following city will be made the new capital of Andhra Pradesh?

A) Guntur

B) Vijayawada

C) Visakhapatnam

D) Ananthapuram

Answer : C

✓ Visakhapatnam will be declared the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said at the International Diplomatic Alliance meeting in New Delhi.



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- ✓ When Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh in 2014, the new state got Hyderabad as its capital.
- ✓ The Andhra government in 2015 led by TDP's N Chandrababu Naidu, operating out of Hyderabad in the interim, had declared that Amaravati, in the Vijayawada-Guntu region on the banks of the river Krishna, would come up as the new capital.
- ✓ Then in 2020, the state planned to have three capital cities Visakhapatnam for the executive, Amaravati for the legislature, and Kurnool for the judiciary.
- Q. Which bowler has become the highest wicket-taker for Team India in T201 Cricket history?

A) Jasprit Bumrah

B) Ravichandran Ashwin

C) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

D) Yuzvendra Chahal

Answer : D

- ✓ Yuzvendra Chahal has become the highest wicket-taker for Team India in T201 Cricket history.
- ✓ He achieved the landmark during the second T201 against New Zealand in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Chahal has taken 91 wickets in 75 matches, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar is second on the list with 90 wickets in 87 T201s.
- ✓ The third bowler in this list is Rayichandran Ashwin with 72 wickets.
- ✓ Highest wicket-taker for team India in T201 history
- ✓ Highest wicket-taker for team India in T201 history
- ✓ Yuzvendra Chahal 91 wickets in 75 matches
- ✓ Bhuvneshwar Kumar 90 wickets in 87 matches
- ✓ Ravichandran Ashwin 72 wickets in 65 matches
- √ Jasprit Bumrah 70 wickets in 60 matches
- ✓ Hardik Pandya 64 wickets in 86 matches
- Q. Who has been conferred with FIH's President's Award 2023?
 - A) Sanjay Kumar Verma

B) V Karthikeyan Pandian

C) Prasad K Panicker

D) Rajesh Verma

Answer : B

✓ An IAS officer, and private secretary to Odisha CM, V Karthikeyan Pandian has been conferred with FIH's President's award.



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- ✓ Pandian was awarded for successfully hosting the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 in Bhubaneswar and Sundargarh.
- ✓ Previously, He successfully organized other hockey tournaments like the Champions Trophy, Hockey World League, and FIH Pro-League.
- Q. The government has extended Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme till __.

A) March 2026

B) June 2027

C) September 2028

D) December 2029

Answer: A

- ✓ The government has extended PM-KUSUM scheme till March 2026 as its implementation was significantly affected due to the pandemic.
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) Launched in 2019
- ✓ PM-KUSUM Aim: At adding solar capacity of 30,800 MW by 2022 with total central financial support of Rs 34,422 crore, including service charges to the implementing agencies.
- ✓ The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has also conducted a third party evaluation of the scheme and based on the recommendations, the scheme has been extended till 31.3.2026,"
- ✓ The scheme consists of three components:
- ✓ Component A is for installation of 10,000 MW of solar capacity by installing small power plants of capacity up to 2 MW.
- ✓ Component B aims at installation of 20 lakh standalone solar-powered agriculture pumps.
- ✓ Component C is for solarisation of 15 lakh grid-connected agriculture pumps

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- The government has extended PM-KUSUM scheme till March 2026.
- Government of India has extended the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme beyond March, 2022.
- ➤ The extension of the lending period will be till December 2024.
- > The government the rooftop solar programme has been extended till March 31, 2026.
- ➤ Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program has been approved to continue till 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.



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- Q. The Union Ministry of Education has released the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021. According to this report, which state has the maximum number of colleges in the country?
 - A) Maharashtra

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Kerala

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Ministry of Education has released the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021.
- ✓ According to the report Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of colleges in the country, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- ✓ The top 10 states in terms of number of colleges in India Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Telangana and Kerala, each having at least 29 or more colleges per lakh population.
- √ There are 8,114 colleges in Uttar Pradesh and 32 colleges per one lakh population.
- ✓ Similarly, Maharashtra is at number two with 4,532 colleges and 34 colleges per lakh population.
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- ✓ Similarly, Maharashtra is at number two with 4,532 colleges and 34 colleges per lakh population.
- ✓ Karnataka ranks third with 4,233 colleges and 62 colleges per lakh population, while Rajasthan ranks fourth with 3,694 colleges and 40 colleges per lakh population.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu ranks fifth with 2,667 colleges and a college density of 40.
- ✓ The report shows a nationwide increase of 7.5% in student enrollment in 2020-21 as compared to 201920.
- √ Gender Parity Index (GPI)
- ✓ The Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) for the age group 18-23 years has increased from 25.6% in 2019-20 to 27.3% in 2020-21.
- ✓ Gender Parity Index (GPI), the ratio of female GER to male GER, has increased from 1 in 2017-18 to 1.05 in 2020-21.
- ✓ The female enrollment in North East states in 2020-21 is 6.14 lakh, which is higher than the male enrollment of 5.92 lakh, for every 100 male students, there are 104 female students in the North East region.
- ✓ About AISHE Survey



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- ✓ The Ministry of Education has been conducting this survey since 2011, it includes higher educational institutions located in India.
- ✓ The survey collects information on various parameters such as student enrolment, teacher data, infrastructural, financial etc.
- ✓ In AISHE 2020-21, for the first time data collection has been done using a completely online data collection platform developed by the Department of Higher Education through National Informatics Center (NIC).
- Q. Which country will be the theme country for the 2023 International Kolkata Book Fair?

A) Russia

B) Spain

C) France

D) Germany

Answer: B

- ✓ Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on 30 January inaugurated the 46th edition of the International Kolkata Book Fair.
- ✓ The fair is being organised at Boimela Courtyard, Central Park Fair Ground, Karunamayee, Salt Lake Kolkata.
- ✓ Mara José Gálvez Salvador from the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sports and Ambassador of Spain to India, Jose Maria Ridao Domínguez were present at the inauguration.
- ✓ The fair will be open for visitors from January 31 to February 12.
- ✓ Around 20 countries from all over the world are participating in the fair. Spain is the focal country for the second time this year.
- ✓ Thailand is participating for the first time
- √ About International Kolkata Book Fair
- ✓ It is the largest book fair in Asia and the most attended book fair by the people.
- ✓ It is the world's third largest annual collection of books after the Frankfurt Book Fair and the London Book Fair.
- ✓ The book fair was started in 1976 on a small scale by the Kolkata Publishers and Booksellers Guild.
- Q. A meeting of the Quad Senior Cyber Group was held in New Delhi to strengthen cyber security cooperation. Which country is not a part of the Quad nation?

A) Australia

B) Japan

C) Pakistan

D) United States



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Answer: C

- ✓ A meeting of the Quad Senior Cyber Group was held in New Delhi to strengthen cyber security cooperation.
- ✓ The group also discussed cyber security capacity building for Quad members and for partners in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ✓ The meeting discussed how Quad members can prevent cyber incidents and respond to such cyber incidents along with building national and international capabilities for security.
- ✓ QUAD or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
- ✓ Quad or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue is a group of four countries US, Japan, Australia and India.
- ✓ The concept of QUAD was given by former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007 for maritime cooperation between these countries after the Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster in 2004.
- ✓ Now the group is mainly seen as a group to counter the Chinese influence in the region.
- ✓ The 2022 Quad summit meeting was held in Japan and next will be held in Australia in 2023.
- Q. Who has the authority to call a joint session of the two houses of parliament?

A) Prime Minister

B) President

C) Speaker of Lok Sabha

D) Chairman of Rajya Sabha

Answer: B

- ✓ Focusing on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', President Droupadi Murmu addressed her maiden joint session (Lok Sabha and Rajay Sabha) of Parliament on 31st January.
- ✓ President Murmu said, India has entered the Amrit Kaal by completing 75 years of its independence.
- ✓ Amrit Kaal is the period of 100 years of independence and the making of a developed India. These 25 years is a period for all citizens to focus on their duty.
- ✓ She said that the government is trying to get rid of every sign of slavery, an example of which is the renaming of Rajpath to Kartavya Path.
- ✓ She said that the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign has been successful, due to which the number of women in India is more than men for the first time.
- ✓ The government's priority is the 11 crore small farmers who were deprived of government benefits for decades.



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- ✓ Earlier there was a long wait for the tax refund, but today the refund is received within a few days of filing the income tax return.
- ✓ Indian Railways is fast moving towards becoming the largest electric railway network in the world.
- ✓ India is trying to find collective solutions to global challenges along with the G20 member countries.
- ✓ Parliamentary Sessions
- ✓ In general, the parliamentary sessions are of three types:
- ✓ 1.Budget Session
- ✓ It is the longest Session, starts at the end of January and concludes by the end of April or the first week of May.
- ✓ The session has a recess so that Parliamentary Committees can discuss the budgetary proposals.
- ✓ This session begins every year with the President's address to both the Houses
- ✓ 2. Monsoon Session
- ✓ Monsoon session is held every year from July to September. It begins after a gap of two months from the budget session.
- ✓ Matters of public interest are discussed in this session.
- ✓ 3. Winter Session
- ✓ This session is held every year from mid-November to mid-December. This is the shortest session.
- ✓ It takes up those matters which could not be considered earlier.
- √ Joint Sitting of Parliament
- ✓ The Constitution of India provides for a joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament to resolve a deadlock between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ The joint sitting of the Parliament is called by the President of the country.
- ✓ The speaker presides over the joint sitting. In the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha presides over it.
- ✓ If none of the above is present, any other member of Parliament may preside with the consensus of both the Houses.
- ✓ Article 108 of the Indian Constitution provides for a joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament.
- ✓ According to the provision given in Article 87 of the Constitution, the President addresses both the Houses of the Parliament twice under the legislative powers-
- ✓ 1. After each new election



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- ✓ 2. Every year on the first session of the Parliament
- Q. Saba Korosi is currently serving as the President of the 77th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). He is from which country?

A) Spain

B) Maldives

C) Denmark

D) Hungary

Answer : D

- ✓ President of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Csaba Korosi arrived in New Delhi today on a three-day visit to India
- ✓ The urgent need for reforms in the United Nations, ongoing Ukraine conflict and developmental issues
 figured prominently during talks between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and United Nations
 General Assembly (UNGA) President Csaba Korosi.
- ✓ The crucial hurdle in the way of reforming the United Nations comes from the disunited state of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), said Csaba Korosi, President of the 77th UNGA, in New Delhi on January 30, 2023
- ✓ The landmark resolution contains measures to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Development System (UNDS) to better support countries in implementing the
- ✓ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provides guidance to the Secretary-General and the UNDS on their implementation
- ✓ United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

√ Founded: 1945

✓ Headquarteres: New York City, US

√ 77th President : Csaba Korosi (Hungary)

Q. Who is the author of a new book titled "The Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abandoned the Poor"?

A) Kiran Desai

B) Meghnad Desai

C) Mahashweta Devi

D) Ismat Chughtai

Answer: B

✓ India-born British economist Meghnad Desai has authored a new book titled "The Poverty of Political Economy – How Economics Abandoned the Poor".



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- ✓ It highlights how the discipline of economics, since the time it evolved from the late 18th century, systematically kept the interests of the poor at the periphery.
- ✓ The book is published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
- Q. Who has bagged the inaugural Shane Warne Award as the men's Test player of the year?

A) Steve Smith

B) David Warner

C) Usman Khawaja

D) Pat Cummins

Answer: C

- ✓ Australia's opening batsman Usman Khawaja has bagged the inaugural Shane Warne Award as the men's Test player of the year.
- ✓ It is named in honour of the legendary leg-spinner Shane Warne, who passed away in March 2022.
- ✓ Khawaja polled 22 votes to win ahead of Marnus Labuschagne (20) and Steve Smith (16).
- ✓ Khawaja has been Australia's top run-scorer in test cricket with 1020 runs at 78.46 during the voting period
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)?

A) Sanjay K Jha

B) Ashok Vemuri

C) Rajeev Singh

D) Niraj Shah

Answer: C

- ✓ The Union Public Service Commission has recommended the name of Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi
 as the new Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).
- ✓ He will replace Dr. VG Somani who was appointed as the Drugs Controller General of India in August 2019.
- ✓ DCGI heads the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), which is responsible for ensuring the quality of drug supply in India.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new head of Morgan Stanley for India?

A) George Kurian

B) Arun Kohli

C) Rangarajan Raghuram

D) Punit Renjen

Answer: B

✓ Arun Kohli has been appointed as the new head of Morgan Stanley (India).



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- ✓ He has replaced Sanjay Shah, who is set to retire.
- ✓ He has been associated with Morgan Stanley for the past 15 years.
- ✓ Currently, he is serving as the chief operating officer (COO) for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) region.
- ✓ Earlier, he was the MD for firm strategy and execution for five years, stretching from 2007 to 2012.
- Q. Who has inaugurated the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals, organized by the National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) in New Delhi?

A) Mansukh Mandaviya

B) Jitendra Singh

C) Narendra Modi

D) Piyush Goyal

Answer: A

- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals, organised by the National Institute of Biologicals (NIB), in New Delhi.
- ✓ The National Summit will act as platform to bring together various stakeholders for interaction on various aspects of quality assurance of biologicals.
- ✓ The summit will help in upgrading the infrastructure and technologies of the country's biopharmaceuticals and in-vitro diagnostic industry.
- ✓ National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) is an apex autonomous institute under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- Q. Who has inaugurated IndiaOne Air's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Flight Operations for Jamshedpur-Kolkata under the UDAN scheme?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Piyush Goyal

C) Jyotiraditya Scindia

D) Draupadi Murmu

Answer: C

- ✓ Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has inaugurated IndiaOne Air's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Flight Operations for Jamshedpur-Kolkata under the UDAN scheme.
- ✓ IndiaOne Air is an example of the UDAN Yojana how airlines were getting shut down one after the other in 20 years, three new airlines have come to the fore.



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- ✓ There were only 74 airports in the country till 2013-14, there are 147 airports today. 1.15 crore such people who have never undertaken flight service have been benefited through this UDAN Yojana. 2.15 lakh flights were operated.
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- ✓ UDAN scheme was launched in October, 2016, to provide connectivity to un-served and under-served regions through revival of existing air strips and airports.
- Q. Which company is first in India to supply critical Rotating Parts for Nuclear Turbines?
 - A) Heavy Water Board
- B) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Private Ltd.
- C) Azad Engineering Private Ltd
- D) Nuclear Power Corporation of India

Answer: C

- ✓ Azad Engineering Private Limited, a Hyderabad-based precision engineering market leader, has been approved as the first Indian company to supply critical rotating components for nuclear turbines
- Q. Which Ministry signed a MoU with 'Engineers India Limited' to develop Waste to Energy and bio-methanation projects?
 - A) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - C) Ministry of Rural Development
 - D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: B

- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Engineers India Limited to develop Waste to Energy and bio-methanation projects in cities with a population of million plus as a part of furthering the 'Green Growth' agenda.
- ✓ The MoU was signed in the presence of Manoj Joshi, Secretary, MoHUA and Vartika Shukla, C&MD, EIL.
- ✓ The thrust on sustainable solid waste management is strengthened under the ambit of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, with the overall vision of creating garbage-free cities.



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Q.	Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) launched its WhatsApp chatbot
	named

A) Vidya Mitra

B) Bal Vidya

C) Sisu Mitra

D) Bal Mitra

Answer: D

- ✓ Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) launched its WhatsApp chatbot on Wednesday with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, terming it an important initiative to make governance citizen-friendly.
- ✓ The chatbot, called 'Bal Mitra', is an effort to enable two-way communication between people and the child rights panel.
- ✓ The chatbot will help citizens and the commission to interact more effectively
- Q. Which government has launched the 'Vision for All School Eye Health' program?

A) Goa

B) Gujarat

C) Karnataka

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A

- ✓ The government of Goa has launched the "Vision for All School Eye Health" program in partnership with OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation and Prasad Netralaya.
- ✓ The programme is an extension of the current Vision for All Goa eye health program.
- Q. Graham Reid has resigned as the chief coach of the India men's hockey team. He is from which country?

A) Australia

B) New Zealand

C) Denmark

D) Spain

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian men's hockey team head coach Graham Reid on January 30 resigned from his post following the host nation's exit from the recently concluded World Cup.
- ✓ The 58-year-old Australian coach submitted his resignation to Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey a day
 after the World Cup concluded in Bhubaneswar, where Germany emerged as champions after beating
 Belgium in a penalty shoot-out.



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- ✓ Reid, who was appointed India's coach in April 2019, led the team to a historic bronze medal win at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.
- ✓ After taking over as the head coach of the Indian men's hockey team in 2019, Graham Reid went on to coach the team to a historic bronze medal win at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- ✓ After this, under his leadership, the Indian men's hockey team was successful in winning the silver medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 held in Birmingham and India finished third in the FIH Pro League 2021-22.
- Q. Every year 4th of February is observed as which day globally?

A) World Hypertension Day

B) World Cancer Day

C) World Science Day

D) World Girl Child Day

Answer: B

- ✓ The World Cancer Day is observed every year globally on 4th February by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness and education about cancer, and encourage governments and individuals across the world to take action against the prevention, detection, and treatment of the disease.
- ✓ World Cancer Day 2023 theme: 'Close The Care Gap'
- Q. What is the theme of the World Cancer Day 2023?

A) Not Beyond Us

B) We can. I can

C) Close The Care Gap

D) I Am And I Will

Answer : C

- Q. The 'International Day of Human Fraternity' is observed on which day?
 - A) February 03

B) February 04

C) February 01

D) February 02

Answer: B

- ✓ The 'International Day of Human Fraternity' is celebrated across the world on 4th February.
- ✓ The first International Day of Human Fraternity was held in 2021.



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- ✓ The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to declare 4 February as International Day of Human Fraternity on 21 December 2020.
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance; and to educate people that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect, and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity
- Q. Which Corporation has received Rs. 253.35 crore project from the State Bank of India (SBI) for providing 4G LTE connectivity to 15,000 offsite ATMs across the country?

A) Ircon International

B) Rail Vikas Nigam

C) RailTel Corporation

D) Container Corporation of India

Answer: C

- ✓ RailTel Corporation informed, that the company has received a Work Order from the State Bank of India (SBI) for providing 4G LTE connectivity to 15,000 offsite ATMs across the country.
- ✓ The mini-ratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways will also take care of the operation and maintenance of the entire network for a period of five years.
- ✓ "Besides last mile connectivity, the project also includes the establishment of Network Operations
 Centre (NOC), backhaul connectivity to the Data center & Disaster Recovery center (DC-DR) of SBI,
 live dashboard for SLA monitoring, 24X7 helpdesk, etc".
- ✓ This SBI project is one of the largest projects in providing last-mile connectivity on 4G LTE technology in India.
- ✓ RailTel has been selected through competitive bidding and the total cost of the project is estimated at ₹253.35 Crores

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- ➤ RailTel Corporation informed, that the company has received a Work Order from the State Bank of India (SBI) for providing 4G LTE connectivity to 15,000 offsite ATMs across the country.
- 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).



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- > 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) chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara announced their Next-Gen Contact Centre service.
- > 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.



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



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Q. Which Retail has become the first Indian retailer to introduce Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee)?

A) Reliance Retail

B) DMart

C) Future Retail

D) V-Mart Retail

Answer: A

- ✓ Reliance Retail has become the first Indian retailer to introduce Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), also known as digital rupee.
- ✓ The company has piloted the use of Digital Rupee in one store in Mumbai, and plans to make this facility
 available in all its stores in Mumbai within the next three to four months, in accordance with Reserve
 Bank of India (RBI) norms.
- ✓ The launch of this facility was in collaboration with Innoviti Technologies, ICICI Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank. At the launch event, V Subramaniam, Director of Reliance Retail Ltd, stated that just like the use of Unified Payments Interface (UPI), digital currency will also become a part of India's payment ecosystem.
- Q. Who inaugurated 'India Energy Week 2023' in Bengaluru, which is being held from 6th to 8th February 2023?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) Droupadi Murmu

D) S. Jaishankar

Answer: A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India Energy Week (IEW) 2023 in Bengaluru, Karnataka, on 6th Feb 2023.
- ✓ E20 is a blend of 20% ethanol with petrol. The Government aims to achieve a complete 20% blending
 of ethanol by 2025, and HPCL and other oil marketing companies are setting up 2G-3G ethanol plants
 that will facilitate the progress.
- ✓ Ethanol Blending programme has been a key focus areas of the Government to achieve Aatmanirbharta in the field of energy.
- ✓ Government of India's policy push like Ethanol Blending Program and National Green Hydrogen Mission will fuel Indian economy towards its target of 5 trillion dollar economy and realizing Net Zero by 2070...



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Q. The 6th SCO Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) Leaders Meeting is being hosted by the CAG in Which City?

A) Kanpur

B) Mumbai

C) Lucknow

D) Ahmedabad

Answer : C

- ✓ The 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) Leaders' Meeting is being hosted by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in Lucknow on 6 February
- ✓ It is being attended by delegations from eight member countries of the Organization as well as audit chiefs from India, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.
- ✓ Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, will deliberate on the main theme of the meeting 'Integrating Emerging Technologies in Audit'.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandi Ben Patel will inaugurate the meeting.
- ✓ The delegates attending the meeting will share views on machine intelligence, cyber security and digital technology.
- ✓ India currently holds the presidency of the SCO, which rotates annually among the member states.
- ✓ India's 2023 theme is 'Towards a Secure SCO'
- ✓ Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)
- ✓ CAG is the Constitutional Authority in India.
- ✓ It was established in accordance with Article 148 of the Constitution of India.
- ✓ The Constitution of India provides for an independent office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).
- ✓ He is the head of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department.
- ✓ The CAG is the statutory auditor of Government-owned corporations.
- ✓ It enjoys the same status as the sitting judge of the Supreme Court.
- ✓ Appointment: Appointed by the President of India by a warrant under his hand and seal.
- ✓ Tenure: A period of six years or upto the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ Constitutional Provision
- ✓ Article 148: CAG, his appointment, oath and conditions of service are specified.
- ✓ Article 149: It deals with the duties and powers of the CAG.



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✓ Article 150: The accounts of the Union and the States shall be maintained in such form as the President may, on the advice of the CAG, determine

Q. Bangladesh would receive electricity from the Godda power plant in Which State from March 2023?

A) Odisha

B) Uttarakhand

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Jharkhand

Answer: D

- ✓ Bangladesh will start receiving electricity from the Godda power plant in Jharkhand from the first week of March 2023.
- ✓ Adani Power limited is setting up 1600 MW Godda Power Project in Jharkhand. It is also building a transmission line to evacuate the power to Bangladesh.
- ✓ Nasrul Hamid said 750 megawatt power will come from the first unit of Adani power plant in Godda in March 2023
- ✓ Another 750 megawatt of power will come from the second unit of the Godda power plant in April 2023
- Q. Whic countries are announced a formal trilateral cooperation initiative in the areas of defense, nuclear energy, and technology?

A) India, Russia, and Sweden

B) India, Germany, and UK

C) India, Japan, and USA

D) India, France, and UAE

Answer: D

- ✓ India, France, and the UAE has announced a formal trilateral cooperation initiative in the areas of defense, nuclear energy, and technology.
- ✓ The Foreign Ministers of the three countries held a telephonic meeting to adopt a roadmap for the implementation of this initiative.
- ✓ Aim : To promote the design and execution of cooperation projects in the fields of energy
- ✓ The countries will discuss further collaboration and training between their defense forces...
- Q. Indian Railways Launches WhatsApp Food Delivery Facility _ App.

A) IR-Food

B) Zoop

C) Gusto

D) grubhub



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Answer: B

- ✓ Passengers traveling in Indian Railways can now order food online through WhatsApp while undertaking a journey by using their PNR number.
- ✓ This comes as a step further towards making e-catering services more customer-centric in Indian Railways.
- ★ * The Indian Railways has recently started WhatsApp Communication for railway passengers to order food through e-catering services.
- ✓ * "Business WhatsApp number +91-8750001323 has been started for the purpose."
- ✓ Indian Railways Launches WhatsApp Food Delivery Facility 'Zoop' :
- ✓ The Indian Railways initially planned a two-stage implementation of e-catering services through WhatsApp Communication.
- ✓ Approximately 50,000 meals are served in a day to customers through IRCTC e-catering services enabled through its website..
- Q. Which company appoints 'Raul Rebello' as new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

A) Muthoot Finance

B) Tata Capital

C) Mahindra Finance

D) Manappuram Finance

Answer: C

- ✓ Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd's Board of Directors appointed Raul Rebello as Managing director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) designate.
- ✓ He will replace Ramesh lyer, who will be retiring on April 29, 2023.
- ✓ Currently, he is serving as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company
- Q. Who approved the appointment of five new Supreme Court judges on 4th February 2023?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Jagdeep Dhankhar

C) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud

D) Droupadi Murmu

Answer : D

✓ Five judges were elevated to the Supreme Court after the Centre cleared the proposal made by the Collegium. The strength of judges in the top court rose to 32 with President Droupadi Murmu's approval.



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- ✓ The sanctioned strength of the number of judges in the Apex Court is 34. Currently, the Supreme Court is functioning with 27 judges, including the Chief Justice of India
- ✓ Five appointed judges are:
 - (1) Pankaj Mithal (CJ of Rajasthan)
 - (2) Sanjay Karol, (CJ of Patna)
 - (3) PV Sanjay Kumar, (CJ of Manipur)
 - (4) Ahsanuddin Amanullah (judge, Patna HC)
 - (5) Manoj Misra (judge, Allahabad HC)
- ✓ The Supreme Court collegium led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on December 13, 2022 recommended the names of five judges for appointment as apex court judges and three for elevation as Chief Justices (CJ) of High Courts (HC)
- ✓ Once the five take oath as judges of the Supreme Court, its working strength will go up to 32.
- ✓ The sanctioned strength of the top court is 34, including the Chief Justice of India. Its present working strength is 27.
- ✓ Collegium System in India
- ✓ The collegium system in India refers to the process of appointment and transfer of judges in the higher judiciary, which includes the Supreme Court and the High Courts.
- ✓ Under this system, a collegium of the Chief Justice of India and four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court recommend appointments and transfers to the President of India, who has the power to make the appointments.
- ✓ The system was established by a 1993 judgement of the Supreme Court and has been the subject of controversy and criticism
- Q. Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of a ₹ 450-crore 'Nano Urea' plant and township of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) in Which State?

A) Bihar

B) Jharkhand

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Telangana

Answer: B

✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of a ₹ 450-crore "Nano Urea" plant and township of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) in Jharkhand's Deoghar.



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- ✓ This will be India's fifth nano urea plant. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's first nano urea plant in Gujarat last year (2022), according to IFFCO
- ✓ Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority (JIADA) has allotted 20 acres of land to IFFCO for the complex in Jasidih area in Deoghar district
- Q. Which country celebrated its 75 years of Independence from British rule on 4th February 2023?

A) Nepal

B) Sri Lanka

C) Maldives

D) Bangladesh

Answer: B

- ✓ Sri Lanka celebrated 75 years of Independence on 4 February under the theme Namo Namo Matha A step towards a century.
- ✓ The main ceremony of the National Independence Day Celebrations was held at Galle Face Green in Colombo.
- ✓ A special cultural arts festival Lankaralanka was held at Independence square in Colombo.
- ✓ India's Union Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan participated in the Independence Day celebrations
- ✓ Sri Lanka Independence Day
- ✓ Known as Ceylon, Sri Lanka was a major economic center for the British Empire, which granted it semiindependent 'dominionship' status in 1948.
- ✓ Sri Lanka became a full-fledged republic on May 22, 1972, and is formally known as the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- ✓ The first Prime Minister of Sri Lanka was Don Stephen Senanayake, who is regarded as the Father of the Nation.
- ✓ In 1972, William Gopalwa became the first President of Sri Lanka.
- ✓ Sri Lanka
- ✓ Legislative capital– Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- ✓ Executive and Judicial capital

 Colombo
- ✓ Currency– Sri Lankan rupee
- ✓ President– Ranil Wickremesinghe
- ✓ Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawarden



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- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a helicopter manufacturing plant of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in which state recently?
 - A) Tamil Nadu
 - B) Uttar Pradesh
 - C) Kerala
 - D) Karnataka

Answer: D

- ✓ The helicopter manufacturing unit of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Tumkuru, Karnataka has been dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ It is the largest helicopter manufacturing facility in Asia.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of this manufacturing unit in the year 2016 with an aim to promote the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.
- ✓ Initially, the Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) will be produced in this helicopter factory.
- ✓ The factory would later be expanded to manufacture Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Indian Multirole Helicopter (IMRH) as well as repair LCH, LUH, civil ALH and IMRH.
- ✓ This helicopter manufacturing unit is spread over 615 acres, which is by far the largest helicopter manufacturing unit in India.
- ✓ This manufacturing unit will manufacture 30 helicopters per year, which will be increased to 90 helicopters per year in a phased manner.
- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited plans to manufacture over 1,000 helicopters in the 3-15 tonne range with a total turnover of over Rs 4 lakh crore in 20 years.
- ✓ <u>Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).</u>
- ✓ It was established as Hindustan Aircraft Limited in 1940 by Walchand Hirachand in Bangalore (now Bengaluru), Karnataka.
- ✓ The name was changed to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on 1 October 1964 after it was merged with Aeronautics India Limited by the Government of India
- ✓ It comes under the Ministry of Defence.
- ✓ Headquarters: Bengaluru



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- Q. Who launched the Mascot, Theme Song, and Jersey for the 3rd edition of Khelo India Winter Games in Jammu & Kashmir?
 - A) Kiren Rijiju

B) Amit Shah

C) Anurag Singh Thakur

D) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer : C

- ✓ In Jammu and Kashmir, the Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur along with the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha on 4 February launched the Mascot, Theme Song and Jersey for the 3rd edition of Khelo India Winter Games at Raj Bhawan, Jammu.
- ✓ The third edition of Khelo India Winter Games is scheduled to be held from February 10 to 14 and is supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ✓ It is being organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council as well as the Winter Games Association of Jammu and Kashmir
- Q. NTPC host G20 international seminar on Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) on 5 February 2023 in Which City?

A) Chennai

B) Mumbai

C) Hyderabad

D) Bengaluru

Answer: D

- ✓ NTPC hosts an international seminar on 'Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage' (CCUS) at First Energy Transitions Working Group meeting in Bengaluru under the aegis of G20 India Presidency on 5 February.
- ✓ In India's presidency of G20 the first Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG) meeting was held from 5th February to 7 February 2023.
- ✓ CCUS aims to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- ✓ Energy PSUs including NTPC and ONGC are looking to tap the potential of this sector in India.
- ✓ The "Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) Technology Gaps and International Collaboration", commissioned under the G20 India Presidency, was unveiled.
- ✓ A 3D model of NTPC's flagship project on Methanol Synthesis from Flue Gas CO2 was displayed at the event.
- ✓ What is Carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS)?



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- ✓ It is a technology that can capture and effectively utilize high concentrations of carbon dioxide emitted by industrial activities.
- ✓ This allows the captured carbon dioxide (CO2) to be used in other industrial processes or in the manufacture of consumer products, instead of being stored.
- Q. The 36th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela commenced in which state on February 3, 2023 to February 19, 2023?

A) Haryana

B) Rajasthan

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: A

- ✓ Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice President of India inaugurated the 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Faridabad, Haryana on 3 February 2023.
- ✓ The fair will be organized between 3 -19 February 2023.
- ✓ This year the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is thepartner nationfor the Surajkund International Crafts Fair.
- ✓ The theme state for the year 2023 is North Eastern Region (NER), while Jammu and Kashmir was the theme state for the year 2022.
- ✓ Its purpose was to encourage groups of skilled artisans who used indigenous technology but were troubled by the problem of cheap machine-made imitations
- ✓ Surajkund International Crafts Mela
- ✓ This fair was started in the year 1987 to promote the pool of skilled artisans.
- ✓ The fair was upgraded to an international level fair in the year 2013.
- ✓ The fair is organized every year in the month of February by the Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism in collaboration with the Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
- ✓ Surajkund Mela showcases the richness and diversity of India's handicrafts, handlooms and cultural heritage, besides being the largest crafts fair in the world.
- Q. Who has inaugurated SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023 in Jammu and Kashmir?

A) Satya Pal Malik

B) Manoj Sinha

C) Farooq Abdullah

D) Piyush Goyal

Answer: B



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- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on 4 February inaugurated the SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023 at Aquaplex Crown at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu
- ✓ Women self-help groups from around 25 states and union territories across the country are participating in the fair.
- ✓ The 11-day fair is the first of its kind in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
- ✓ SARAS Aajeevika Mela
- ✓ It is an initiative of the Deen Dayal Dayal Upadhyaya Yojana of the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
- ✓ It aims to provide an opportunity to rural women self-help groups to showcase their skills, sell products and make direct contact with bulk buyers.
- ✓ This fair serves as an integrated approach for women empowerment. This has been linked with the Atmanirbhar Bharat approach
- Q. Which government has announced Rs 200 crore for setting up green hydrogen hubs over next 2 years?

A) Gujarat

B) Punjab

C) Kerala

D) Maharashtra

Answer: C

- ✓ Kerala government announced a scheme of Rs 200 crore for developing green hydrogen hubs at Trivandrum and Kochi.
- ✓ "A scheme of Rs 200 crore is announced for viability gap funding, grant, equity support to set up green hydrogen hubs in Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram over the next two years,"
- ✓ Main Objective of the National Green Hydrogen Mission
- ✓ The aim of the National Hydrogen Mission is to enable India to meet its climate change target of net zero carbon emission by 2070 and make India a production and export hub of hydrogen fuel.
- ✓ Achieve the capacity to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen per year by 2030 ,
- ✓ Capacity addition of 125 GW of renewable energy by 2030.
- Q. Dholavira, an archaeological site associated with the Indus Valley Civilization lies in which state?

A) Gujarat

B) Karnataka

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Madhya Pradesh



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Answer: A

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism recently stated that the first G20 Tourism Working Group meeting will be held in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch and the delegates of Rann of Kutch meeting will be taken to Dholavira which is a UNESCO world heritage site.
- ✓ Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy, Union Fisheries Minister Purushottam Rupala and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will officially inaugurate the meeting.
- ✓ The participants will be senior representatives from G20 member states, invited countries and international organisations.
- ✓ This will be the second G20 event in the state after the 'Business 20 Inception' event held in Gandhinagar last month.
- ✓ First Global Tourism Investors' Summit (GTIS)
- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism will organise the first Global Tourism Investors Summit (GTIS) in April/May 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The aim of the conference is to attract global investment in the Indian tourism and hospitality sector along with investments in tourism infrastructure, technology, skill development, startups and more.
- Q. How many million dollars Google invested in Artificial Intelligence (AI) startup 'Anthropic'?

A) \$750 million

B) \$500 million

C) \$300 million

D) \$150 million

Answer: C

- ✓ Google has invested about \$300mn in artificial intelligence start-up Anthropic, days after Microsoft announced a new multiyear, multibillion-dollar investment with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI.
- ✓ Anthropic was founded in January 2021 by the team behind AI breakthroughs such as GPT-3 and Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF).
- Q. Who has NASA partnered with to build AI foundation models to advance climate science?

A) Apple

B) IBM

C) Google

D) Microsoft

Answer: B



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- ✓ NASA and IBM have collaborated to develop artificial intelligence (AI) based models that will make it easier to mine vast datasets to advance scientific knowledge about Earth, and help the world to adapt to a changing environment.
- ✓ The joint work will apply AI foundation model technology to NASA's Earth-observing satellite data for the first time, NASA
- ✓ One project will train an IBM geospatial intelligence foundation model on NASA's Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2 (HLS) dataset, a record of land cover and land use changes captured by Earth-orbiting satellites.
- * IBM has developed a natural language processing (NLP) model trained on nearly 300,000 Earth science journal articles to organise the literature and make it easier to discover new knowledge.
- Q. The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed every year on which day?
 - A) 06 February
 - B) 05 February
 - C) 07 February
 - D) 04 February

Answer: A

- ✓ International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is a United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day that takes place on February 6 every year to eradicate female genital mutilation (FGM).
- ✓ It was first held in 2003.
- ✓ Theme 2023: "Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and gender Norms to End FGM".
- Q. Which University will soon receive the 'heritage' tag from UNESCO to take the distinction of world's first living heritage university?
 - A) Banaras Hindu University
 - B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
 - C) Visva-Bharati University
 - D) Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University

Answer : C



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- √ Visva-Bharati University is expected to get the status of the world's first "Living Heritage University" from UNESCO by April-May 2023
- ✓ Usually the heritage tag is given by UNESCO to the intangible monument. But for the first time in the world, a tangible university will be given the legacy tag.
- ✓ Visva-Bharati University:
- ✓ It was established in the year 1921 by Rabindranath Tagore. It is located in Santiniketan, West Bengal.
- ✓ Until the Visva-Bharati Society was registered as an organisation in May 1922, it was named after Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.
- ✓ According to UNESCO, Visva-Bharati was inaugurated in the year 1922 as a cultural centre with explorations in arts, languages, humanities, music.
- ✓ The institute was granted the status of a Central University in the year 1951 through a Central Act.
- ✓ It is the only university whose Vice-Chancellor is the Prime Minister.

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



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- ➤ 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)

Member countries : 193

Total UNESCO sites in india: 40.



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- Q. Name the Indian musician who took home the 2023 Grammy Award for Best Immersive Audio Album for the album Divine Tides?
 - A) Prakash Sontakke
 - B) Ricky Kej
 - C) Mickey J Meyer
 - D) Sandeep Chowta

Answer: B

- ✓ The most prestigious 65th Grammy Awards in the music world have been organized on 5 February 2023 in Los Angeles
- ✓ The 65th Grammy Awards were hosted by Trevor Noah.
- ✓ India's Ricky Cage wins his third Grammy Award
- ✓ India's music composer Ricky Kej along with rock legend Stewart Copeland has won the Grammy Award for Best Immersive Audio Album for the album Divine Tides.
- ✓ Cage has become the only Indian to win three Grammy Awards.
- ✓ Ricky Cage won this award for the first time in the year 2015 for 'Winds of Samsara'.
- ✓ At the 64th Grammy Awards 2022, he won his second Grammy Award in the category 'Best New Age Album'.
- ✓ Beyoncé became the most Grammy winning celebrity
- ✓ American pop star Beyoncé won 2 Grammys at the 65th Grammy Awards.
- ✓ Beyoncé has become the only celebrity in the world to win the most Grammy Awards (32) in her career.
- ✓ At the same time, the record of winning the most Grammy Awards in a single night is in the name of Late King of Pop Michael Jackson.



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GRAMMY AWARDS WINNERS 2023

Category	Winner	Album
Album of the Year	Harry Styles	Harry's House
Song Of The Year	Bonnie Raitt	Just Like That
Best Musica Urbana Album	Bad Bunny	Un Verano Sin Te
Best pop solo performance	Adele	Easy On Me
Best Pop Duo/Group Performance	Sam Smith / Kim Petras	Unholy
Best dance/electronic album	Beyoncé	Renaissance
Best Rap Album	Kendrick Lamar	Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers
Best Country Album	Willie Nelson	A Beautiful Time
Record of the Year	Lizzo	About Damn Time

Q. Which of these has won the Album of the Year award at the Grammy Awards 2023?

A) Black Pumas

B) Everyday Life

C) Chilombo

D) Harry's House

Answer : D

Q. Grammy Award is given in which field?

A) Sports

B) Literature

C) Films

D) Music

Answer: D



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- Q. The Grammy Awards are the annual awards by which country to recognise achievements in the music industry?
 - A) United States

B) France

C) United Kingdom

D) Switzerland

Answer: A

Q. Who has chaired the CEO Conclave at PLASTINDIA 2023 in New Delhi?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Piyush Goyal

C) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

D) Amit Shah

Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has chaired the CEO Conclave at PLASTINDIA 2023 in New Delhi
- ✓ The conference was attended by more than 90 CEOs from the plastics industry both from India and abroad.
- ✓ Exhibitors from more than 45 countries of the world as well as more than 2,00,000 trade visitors from around the world participated in it.
- √ About PLASTINDIA 2023
- ✓ It refers to a series of exhibitions under the PlastIndia Foundation, the 11th International Plastics Exhibition and Conclave being organized from February 1 to 5, 2023 at ITPO Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ✓ The exhibition will provide employment generation opportunities, facilitate the growth of the Indian plastics industry and make India a hub for sourcing plastics for global needs
- Q. Indian Railways is introducing Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train under which scheme?

A) Atmanirbhar Bharat

B) Dekho Aapna Desh

C) Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

D) Saakshar Bharat

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Railways is introducing Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train under the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' Scheme.
- ✓ This "Garvi Gujarat" tour will depart on 28th February from Delhi Safdarjung Station.



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- ✓ This train Tour has been designed on the lines of the "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" scheme to showcase the heritage of vibrant Gujarat.
- ✓ The visit to prominent pilgrimage and heritage sites of Gujarat including the Statue of Unity, Champaner, Somnath, Dwarka, Nageshwar, Beyt Dwarka, Ahmedabad, Modhera and Patan will be the major attractions in the itinerary.
- Q. Who has been appointed as a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?

A) P. K. Mishra

B) Amit Khare

C) Tarun Kapoor

D) Shamika Ravi

Answer : D

- ✓ Economics professor and researcher Shamika Ravi has been appointed as a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- ✓ Shamika is currently non-resident senior fellow of the governance studies program at the Brookings Institution Washington D.C.
- ✓ EAC-PM, chaired by economist Bibek Debroy, currently has one member and six part-time members.
- ✓ Part-time members of the advisory body include economist Rakesh Mohan and Sajjid Z. Chinoy, Managing Director and Chief India Economist at J.P. Morgan
- ✓ ABOUT EAC-PM
- ✓ The EAC-PM is an independent body constituted by the central government that advises the prime minister on economic and related issues.
- ✓ It was reconstituted in October 2021, for a period of two years, after its term came to an end in September 2021.
- ✓ Chairman of EAC-PM Niti Aayog member Bibek Debroy
- Q. Which planet beats Saturn to become the planet with the most moons?

A) Neptune

B) Jupiter

C) Venus

D) Mercury

Answer: B

- ✓ Jupiter beats Saturn to become the planet with most moons
- ✓ Jupiter is not just the largest planet in our solar system, it also has the most moons.



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- ✓ This revelation was made after scientists found another 12 moons orbiting it.
- ✓ So, in total, 92 moons are revolving around the massive planet. The new discovery means there is a 15% rise in the gas giant's known moons.
- ✓ The Minor Planet Center (MPC) operated by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory has published the orbits of the newly found 12 moons of Jupiter, as per a new report from Sky and Telescope.
- ✓ Jupiter planet has overtaken Saturn planet, which has 83 moons at present.
- ✓ The orbits of the 12 hitherto undiscovered moons of Jupiter have been published by the Minor Planet Center (MPC). Of the 12 new moons, nine are particularly distant.
- ✓ The MPC estimates that these nine moons have orbits longer than 550 days.

Q. Padma Bhushan awardee Vani Jairam passed away recently. Who was she?

A) Historian

B) Writer

C) Singer

D) Journalist

Answer: C

- ✓ Padma Bhushan awardee legendary playback singer Vani Jairam passed away on February 4.
- ✓ Vani Jayaram has sung in more than a dozen languages including Tamil, Marathi, Telugu, Hindi and Bhojpuri.
- ✓ She was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award, ahead of Republic Day this year.
- ✓ Jairam started her singing career in Bollywood and got her first break in the Hindi film Guddi (1971) directed by Hrishikesh Mukherjee.
- ✓ The song 'Bole Re Papihara' from this film brought her fame.
- ✓ Born in Vellore, Tamil Nadu to a family of classically trained musicians, Jayaram's career began in 1971.
- ✓ She won the National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer thrice

Q. Who has launched the 'Yuva Sangam' registration portal in New Delhi?

A) Amit Shah

B) Hardeep Singh Puri

C) Smriti Irani

D) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: D

- ✓ Ministry of Education Dharmendra Pradhan launched "Yuva Sangam Portal".
- ✓ "Yuva Sangam Portal" launched at Indira Gandhi Kala Kendra, Delhi by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, chaired by Sports and Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju, Tourism, Culture and North Eastern Affairs Minister G Kishan Reddy Went.



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- ✓ The Ministry of Education has launched a pilot project with the Yuva Sangam portal under Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat.
- ✓ Under the project, 1000 youth in the age group of 18 to 30 years (300 from North East, 700 from other states) will be sent to youth exchange programs in the North East and other states of the country.
- ✓ Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat:
- ✓ Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the year 2015 on the occasion of Sardar Vallabh Patel's 140th birth anniversary and was launched by the Finance Minister in the budget for the financial year 2016-17.
- ✓ It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education
- Q. Which company launched its conversational artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot named 'Bard'?

A) Microsoft

B) Apple

C) Google

D) Twitter

Answer : C

- ✓ Google CEO Sundar Pichai has announced that the tech giant will soon launch an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered chatbot called "Bard".
- √ "Bard" aimed at countering the popularity of the ChatGPT tool backed by Microsoft.
- Q. Former US secretary of state, Hillary Clinton announced a Global Climate Resilience Fund of ___millions for women to fight climate change.

A) \$50 million

B) \$70 million

C) \$85 million

D) \$100 million

Answer: A

- ✓ Former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton announced a Global Climate Resilience Fund of "50 million dollars" for women to fight climate change
- ✓ The fund will empower women and communities to fight climate change and help provide new livelihood resources and education, she said addressing salt pan workers near Kuda village in Gujarat's Surendranagar district.



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- ✓ "Clinton Global Initiative with the American Indian foundation, SEWA (Self Empoyed Women's Association) founded by late activist Ela Bhatt and other organisations, I announce 50 million dollar Global Climate Resilience Fund for women"..
- Q. Which companies are unveiled India's first Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine (H2-ICE) technology solution for heavy duty trucks?
 - A) Larsen & Toubro and Eicher Motors
 - B) Bharat Petroleum and Ashok Leyland
 - C) Adani Group and Mahindra & Mahindra
 - D) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Ashok Leyland

Answer: D

- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and its vehicle partner Ashok Leyland unveiled India's first Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine (H2-ICE) technology solution for heavy-duty trucks.
- ✓ Reliance will first extensively test and validate the H2ICE technology for heavy-duty trucks before its first commercial deployment at scale initially across its captive fleet.
- ✓ Green hydrogen is hydrogen generated by renewable energy or from low-carbon power.
- ✓ India's Niti Aayog said that green hydrogen is critical to India's economic development and net-zero ambitions, adding that the technology can help abate 3.6 gigatons of cumulative CO2 emissions by 2050.
- Q. With whom is ISRO planning to develop astronaut training module?

A) IIT Bombay

B) IIT Madras

C) IIT Kharagpur

D) IIT Guwahati

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, to build training modules for Indian Spaceflight Program, using augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and mixed reality (MR) technologies.
- ✓ The modules will be built at IIT Madras' Experiential Technology Innovation Centre (XTIC), and will also be used to train engineers at Isro's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) to establish a laboratory based on extended reality (XR) technologies.



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- Q. Who inaugurated the VFS Global Visa Application Centre in Lucknow?
 - A) Amit Shah

B) Yogi Adityanath

C) Narendra Modi

D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: B

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh CM, Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the VFS Global Visa Application Centre in Lucknow
- ✓ Aim : To enable citizens of the state to complete the formalities related to the visa application process for 10 countries with ease.
- ✓ 10 Countries : Austria, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, Germany, Italy, and Saudi Arabia
- ✓ VFS Global (Visa Facilitation Services Global) was launched in Mumbai in 2001.
- ✓ VFS Global is the world's largest provider of outsourcing and technical services in the field of visa processing to various governments and embassies/High Commissions. Presently, it is looking after passport and visa services for India in 12 countries around the world..
- Q. Which City Municipal Corporation becomes first civic body to launch green bonds, seeking to raise Rs 244 crore?
 - A) Indore
 - B) Chennai
 - C) Lucknow
 - D) Kolkata

Answer: A

- ✓ Indore Municipal Corporation, ranked top in cleanliness survey for six consecutive years, has become the country's first civic body to launch green bonds, seeking to raise Rs 244 crore for a 60-mw solar plant at its water pumping station.
- ✓ The public issues of the green bonds will be open for subscription from February 10-14, 2023,
 Pushyamitra Bhargav, mayor of Indore, and Divyank Singh, chief executive of the Indore Smart City
 Development Commission,
- ✓ The issue will be listed on the National Stock Exchange, they added.
- ✓ They said the drinking water department of the city administration spends over Rs 300 crore in annual electricity charges



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Q. NASA's 'all-electric' plane __ is soon set to take off, the US space agency?

A) plane AA-25

B) plane X-05

C) plane X-57

D) plane AX-57

Answer : C

- ✓ NASA's "all-electric" plane X-57 is soon set to take off, the US space agency. The plane has 14 propellers along its wings and is powered entirely by electricity.
- ✓ NASA's X-57 Maxwell performed successful thermal testing of its cruise motor controllers.
- ✓ The cruise motor controllers convert the energy stored in the aircraft's lithium-ion batteries to power the aircraft's motors
- ✓ The X-57 uses lithium batteries to run electric motors for its propellers
- √ The X-57 is a modified, four-seater, Italian-built Tecnam P2006T aircraft
- Q. How many buses did India deliver to Sri Lanka at the Presidential Secretariat premises as Sri Lanka celebrated its 75th Independence Day?

A) 150

B) 100

C) 75

D) 50

Answer: D

- ✓ India has supplied 50 buses to Sri Lanka on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence.
- ✓ Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay handed over these buses to Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe.
- ✓ Commercial vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland has bagged a contract for the supply of 500 buses from the Sri Lanka Transport Board.
- ✓ Under the contract, 75 buses have been handed over to Sri Lanka in January 2023. The Indian Import-Export Bank is providing loans for these buses.
- √ About sri lanka
- ✓ The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is a tropical island nation located off the southeast coast of the Indian subcontinent.
- ✓ Sri Lanka is separated from the Indian subcontinent by the Gulf of Munnar and the Palk Strait.
- ✓ Capital: Colombo (Executive and Judicial) and Sri Jayawardenepura (Legislative).
- ✓ Official languages: Sinhala and Tamil



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- ✓ President Ranil Wickremesinghe
- ✓ Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena
- ✓ Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee
- Q. Who has been elected 137th president of the prestigious Harvard Law Review?

A) Ashwiyaa

B) Apsara Iyer

C) Soma Mondal

D) Falguni Nayar

Answer: B

- ✓ Apsara A Iyer, a second year student at Harvard Law School, has been elected as the President of the prestigious Harvard Law Review.
- ✓ Apsara A lyer, 29, has become the first woman to be named to the post in the prestigious publication's 136-year-long history.
- ✓ Iyer will replace Priscilla Coronado.
- ✓ Iyer was elected the 137th president of the Harvard Law Review, which was founded in 1887 and is one of the oldest student-run legal scholarship publications.
- ✓ The Law Review, operated under the Harvard Law School, is an organisation that reviews and selects articles published in the legal field.
- ✓ Who Is Apsara lyer?
- ✓ She graduated from Yale in 2016 with a B A in Economics and Math, and Spanish.
- ✓ She is also a member of the South Asian Law Students Association
- Q. Which country Hackers Steal \$1.7 Billion Cryptocurrency in 2022?

A) China

B) North Korea

C) Nigeria

D) Turkey

Answer: B

- ✓ North Korea-backed hackers stole \$1.7bn (£1.4bn) of crypto in 2022, says blockchain analysis firm Chainalysis.
- ✓ This nearly quadruples the country's previous record for cryptocurrency theft \$429m in 2021.
- ✓ The loot also made up 44% of the \$3.8bn stolen in crypto hacks last year, which the firm called "the biggest year ever for crypto hacking".



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