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Aparchit March 3rd Week Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts March-2023 Set 03
By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

- Q. India and the World Bank have signed a loan agreement to construct the Green National Highway Corridors Project in How many States?**
- A) Five States
 - B) Four States
 - C) Three States
 - D) Two States

Answer : B

- ✓ India and the World Bank have signed a loan agreement for the construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in four States.
- ✓ These four states are-Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Agreement has been signed for construction of 781 kilometer green national highway corridor in these states with a line of credit of \$500 million.
- ✓ Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari gave this information in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha on March 15.
- ✓ About Green National Highways Corridor Project
- ✓ It will assist the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to construct 781 km of highways.
- ✓ It will integrate safe and green technology designs such as local and marginal materials, industrial by-products and other bioengineering solutions.
- ✓ It will also support the Bharatmala Pariyojana programme.
- ✓ Components of the project
- ✓ Sustainable development and maintenance of National Highways.
- ✓ Institutional Capacity Enhancement and Road Safety.
- ✓ Research and Development.
- ✓ Objective of GNHCP
- ✓ To demonstrate safe and green highways keeping in mind climate resilience and use of green technologies by incorporating provisions for conservation of natural resources, use of cement-treated reclaimed asphalt pavement.



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WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2022-23

- India and the World Bank have signed a loan agreement for the construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in four States.
- These four states are-Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- World Bank has signed two complementary loans with India worth USD 500 million each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.
- Indian Origin Ajay Banga to be next World Bank President.
- World Bank chief David Malpass has announced his resignation nearly a year early.
- India will be the first country in the world to receive \$100 billion from remittances during 2022, the World Bank.
- World Bank forecast Pakistan's economic growth to slow further to two percent during the current year; according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.
- World Bank Predicts India's Economic Growth to Slow to 6.9% in FY23.
- International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector investment arm of the World Bank, has introduced a new, \$6 billion funding facility to boost the private sector's.
- World Bank to loan \$150 million to Punjab government for major reforms.
- A Gender Toolkit based on "Enabling gender-responsive urban mobility and public spaces" was launched in a session conducted by the World Bank and the Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority.
- World Bank towards emergency COVID-19 response in India to USD 2 billion.
- A USD 1 billion support was announced last month towards immediate support to India's health sector.
- Auguste Tano Kouame of Côte d'Ivoire appointed as Country Director for India by World Bank.
- World Bank clears US\$1 billion loan for PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.
- World Bank approved USD 245 million loan to modernize India's railway logistics infra.
- Sri Lanka receives \$160 mln in bridge financing from World Bank.
- World Bank approved USD 250 million loan for India's road safety programme.
- World Bank has approved additional financing of USD 250 million for Outcomes for Accelerated Learning.



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- World Bank has approved a Rs 1,000 crore project to take rainfed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand.
- Global Economic Prospects report released, the World Bank
- World Bank announces up to \$30 bn to address food security crisis.
- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project of Gujarat.
- World Bank approved \$47 million program for India's Mission Karmayogi program.
- World Bank provided USD 600 million in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to make payments for essential imports.
- World bank Report States Extreme Poverty in India Decline by 12.3% between 2011-2019.
- World Bank cuts global economy growth forecast to 3.2% for 2022.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIIB.
- Junaid Ahmad World Bank's India Director, appointed as vice president of operations.
- India and World Bank inks US\$125 million loan to support access to Social Protection Services in West Bengal.
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- Founded : 1944
- Headquarters : Washington Dc
- MD&CFO : Anshula Kant
- Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart
- Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar
- Member Countries :189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).
- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID



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Q. What is India's rank in the list of most polluted countries on the World Air Quality Index?

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th

Answer : D

- ✓ World's eighth most polluted country according to Swiss firm IQAir report: India.
- ✓ Swiss firm IQAir Report has released its 'World Air Quality Report', according to which India has moved up to the eighth position in the list of world's most polluted countries in 2022 as compared to fifth position last year.
- ✓ According to this report, 39 of the world's 50 most polluted cities are in India.
- ✓ The top 10 most polluted countries include Chad, Iraq, Pakistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Kuwait, India, Egypt and Tajikistan.
- ✓ According to it, the transport sector is responsible for 20-35% of PM 2.5 pollution in India.
- ✓ Lahore in Pakistan and Hotan in China are the two most polluted cities in the world, followed by Bhiwadi in Rajasthan at the third place and Delhi at the fourth place
- ✓ India has been placed at the eighth position in the latest report with PM_{2.5} level at 53.3.
- ✓ According to this report, India and Pakistan have the worst air quality in the Central and South Asian region. About 60% of the population lives in areas where the concentration of PM_{2.5} particles is seven times higher than the WHO recommended levels.
- ✓ The report concludes that globally, one in 10 people live in an area where air pollution is a health risk.
- ✓ Top 10 most polluted countries in world
 - 1 Chad
 - 2 Iraq
 - 3 Pakistan
 - 4 Bahrain
 - 5 Bangladesh
 - 6 Burkina Faso
 - 7 Kuwait
 - 8 India
 - 9 Egypt
 - 10 Tajikistan
- ✓ About Air Pollution
- ✓ Air pollution can have significant impacts on both human health and the environment.
- ✓ The effects of air pollution vary depending on the type and concentration of pollutants, as well as the duration and frequency of exposure.



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- ✓ On human health, air pollution can cause respiratory problems, such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, and lung cancer

Q. Which company has recently got the status of Infrastructure Finance Company from RBI?

- A) NTPC
B) IREDA
C) Coal India
D) Bharat Dynamics

Answer : B

- ✓ IREDA gets 'Infrastructure Finance Company' status from RBI
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted an 'Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC)' status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- ✓ It was earlier classified as 'Investment and Credit Company (ICC)'.
- ✓ With IFC status, IREDA will be able to take higher exposure in renewable energy financing.
- ✓ The IFC status will help the company access a wider investor base to raise funds, resulting in competitive rates for raising funds.
- ✓ This will boost investor confidence, enhance brand value and create a positive outlook in the market.
- ✓ The awarding of IFC status is recognition of IREDA's 36 years of infrastructure financing and renewable energy development.
- ✓ With IFC status, IREDA will contribute to the government's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel installed capacity by 2030.
- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- ✓ It was incorporated as a Public Limited Company in the year 1987 as a 'Non-Banking Financial Institution'.
- ✓ It is a Miniratna (Category 1) type company functioning under the administrative control of 'Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- ✓ Its function is to encourage projects related to new and renewable energy sources and to provide them financial assistance for their development.
- ✓ It has been notified as a 'Public Financial Institution' under section 4'A' of the 'Companies Act, 1956'.
- ✓ Chairman and Managing Director - Pradip Kumar Das

Q. In India, who is appointed as the ambassador of the initiative 'She Changes Climate'?

- A) Anushka Sharma
B) Shreya Ghodawat
C) Licypriya Kangujam
D) Poornima Devi Burman



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Answer : B

- ✓ Climate entrepreneur Shreya Ghodawat appointed as India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- ✓ In honour of International Women's Day, a global non-profit organisation launched a special initiative called 'Embrace Equity'.
- ✓ The initiative aims to amplify women's voices about the effects of climate change.
- ✓ The campaign promotes the role of women in accelerating climate change.
- ✓ According to UN Women, more than 150 countries have laws that discriminate against women.

Q. Who is the brand ambassadors of the IBA Women's World Championships 2023?

- A) Lovlina Borgohain B) Hima Das
C) Nikhat Zareen D) Mary Kom

Answer : D

- ✓ The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) appointed legendary boxer MC Mary Kom and actor Farhan Akhtar as the brand ambassadors of the IBA Women's World Championships 2023.
- ✓ Indian women's boxing owes everything to six-time World Champion and Olympic medallist MC Mary Kom.
- ✓ BFI also unveiled the title sponsor, Mahindra Automotive for the event.
- ✓ The championship is scheduled from 15 March to 26 March 2023 at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Championship is taking place in India for the third time after 2006 and 2018, the most for any country
- ✓ IBA World Boxing Championships
- ✓ The IBA World Boxing Championships, and the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, are biennial boxing competitions.
- ✓ This is organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA), which is the sport governing body.

LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2022-23

- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi



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- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Praseon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus
- Janhvi Kapoor : Marico's Saffola Fittify
- Deepa Malik : Ambassador of Nikshay Mitra (TB Campaign)
- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.
- Yuvraj Singh : T20 World Cup for the Blind
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank
- Smriti Mandhana : Gulf Oil Lubricants
- Ram Charan : Hero MotoCorp
- Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh : Max Life Insurance
- Vanessa Nakate : UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- Shah Rukh Khan : UAE healthcare provider Burjeel Holdings
- Sunil Chhetri : Pintola
- Anushka Sharma : L'Oréal Paris
- Amitabh Bachchan : Dabur India
- Kiccha Sudeep : Punyakoti Dattu Yojana (Karnataka Govt)
- Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty : Mastercard
- Sourav Ganguly : DreamSetGo
- Rishabh Pant : Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand



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

Q. Who has launched the 'Learning Science via Standards' series for students?

- A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- B) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- C) International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Answer : A



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- ✓ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has announced the launch of 'Learning Science through Standards', a unique initiative for students to learn science through standards.
- ✓ Learning Science through Standards' initiative
- ✓ The initiative focuses on a range of lesson plans aimed at using scientific concepts, principles and rules.
- ✓ It helps the students to understand their practical applications in manufacturing, working and testing the quality characteristics of various products as stated in the respective Indian Standards. ,
- ✓ The topics of the lesson plans are largely related to products used in daily life and are selected on the basis of their relevance to education as part of the curriculum as well as industrial applications.
- ✓ BIS officials and resource personnel will administer the lesson plans to the students for an interactive learning experience
- ✓ About Bureau of Indian Standards
- ✓ Bureau of Indian Standards is thenational standards body of India under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.
- ✓ Headquarter- Manak Bhawan, Old Delhi
- ✓ Director General- Pramod Kumar Tiwari
- ✓ Established- 23 December 1986

Q. Reliance Industries Ltd to acquire the German firm Metro AG's wholesale operations in India for __ crore.

- A) ₹2,320 crore B) ₹2,500 crore
C) ₹2,720 crore D) ₹2,850 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of METRO Cash and Carry India by Reliance Retail Ventures, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries
- ✓ The proposed combination involves acquisition of 100% of the issued and paid-up equity share capital of METRO Cash and Carry India (target) by the Reliance Retail Ventures (acquirer).
- ✓ Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), on 22 December 2022, had signed definitive agreements to acquire 100% equity stake in METRO Cash & Carry India (METRO India) for a total cash consideration of Rs 2,850 crore, subject to closing adjustments.



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- ✓ Reliance Retail is the subsidiary company of RIL which operates the retail business of Reliance and is the largest retail company in India.
- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited was founded by Dhirubhai Ambani in 1973
- ✓ It is the largest private sector company in India
- ✓ Headquarters: Mumbai
- ✓ Chairman: Mukesh Ambani.

Q. Who has launched the new Artificial Intelligence Chatbot GPT-4?

- A) OpenAI
- B) Google Bard
- C) Signature AI
- D) Twitter AI

Answer : A

- ✓ Chatbot ChatGPT launched a new version (Chatbot GPT-4) of its artificial intelligence technology, saying it was more powerful and predictable than previous versions and capable of analyzing images and handling much larger blocks of text.
- ✓ The announcement from OpenAI—a startup backed by billions of dollars from Microsoft Corp.—is the latest in a string of generative AI announcements as companies try to get ahead in the race to build and use the buzzy new technology
- ✓ OpenAI introduced a more powerful version of the technology behind ChatGPT called GPT-4.

Q. Who is unveiled the department's annual publication, the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022' on 15th March 2023?

- A) Sanjeev Balyan
- B) Nitinbhai Patel
- C) Parshottam Rupala
- D) G. Kishan Reddy

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister (FAHD) Shri Parshottam Rupala unveiled the department's annual publication, the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022' on 15th March 2023 in presence of Minister of State of both Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department along with Secretary (AHD) and other Senior Officers of the Ministry.
- ✓ The Minister congratulated Animal Husbandry Statistics Division for coming out with this publication.



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- ✓ It is the primary source of data on production estimates of four Major Livestock Products (MLPs) like Milk, Egg, Meat and Wool for the year 2021-22 and other technical aspects of Integrated Sample Survey (ISS).
- ✓ The major highlights of “Basic Animal Husbandry statistics 2022” are given below :
- ✓ Total milk production in the country during 2021-22 is 221.06 million tonnes.
- ✓ In the current year 2021-22, the milk production has registered an annual growth rate of 5.29%.
- ✓ Top five major milk producing States are Rajasthan (15.05%), Uttar Pradesh (14.93%), Madhya Pradesh (8.06%), Gujarat (7.56%) and Andhra Pradesh (6.97%).
- ✓ In 2021-22, the total egg production in the country is 129.60 billion nos which has increased by 6.19% as compared to previous year.
- ✓ Total five major egg producing States are Andhra Pradesh (20.41%), Tamil Nadu (16.08%), Telangana (12.86%), West Bengal (8.84%) and Karnataka (6.38%).
- ✓ The total meat production in the country is 9.29 million tonnes for the year 2021-22 with an annual growth rate of 5.62%.
- ✓ The total five major meat producing States are Maharashtra (12.25%), Uttar Pradesh (12.14%), West Bengal (11.63%), Andhra Pradesh (11.04%), and Telangana (10.82%).
- ✓ The total wool production in the country during 2021-22 is 33.13 thousand tonnes which has decline by 10.30% as compared to previous year.
- ✓ The top five major wool producing States are Rajasthan (45.91%), Jammu and Kashmir (23.19%), Gujarat (6.12%), Maharashtra (4.78%) and Himachal Pradesh (4.33%).
- ✓ The per-capita availability of milk is 444 gram/day during 2021-22 increased by 17 gram/day over previous year.
- ✓ In 2021-22, the per-capita availability of egg is 95 nos/annuum increased by 5 nos/annuum over previous year.
- ✓ The per-capita availability of meat is 6.82 kg/annuum during 2021-22 increased by 0.30 kg/annuum over previous year.
- ✓ During 2014-15 and 2020-21, the value addition of sector grew at a compound annual growth rate of 7.93%.
- ✓ In 2020-21, the share of Livestock at constant prices in Agriculture Sector and total GVA was 30.13% and 4.9% respectively.



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Q. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)?

A) Dr. Amartya Sen

B) Dr. Manmohan Singh

C) Jagdish Bhagwati

D) Deepak Mohanty

Answer : D

- ✓ The government has appointed Deepak Mohanty as chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- ✓ He replaced Supratim Bandyopadhyay, whose term ended in January 2023
- ✓ Prior to this, Mohanty, a former executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), served as a member of PFRDA.
- ✓ PFRDA is the regulatory body for NPS.
- ✓ Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- ✓ Founded : 23 August 2003
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Deepak Mohanty

Q. Who has formally recognized the McMahon Line as the international boundary between India's Arunachal Pradesh and China?

A) US

B) UK

C) Russia

D) Bangladesh

Answer : A

- ✓ United States has recognized the McMahon Line as the international boundary between Arunachal Pradesh and China in a recently passed bipartisan resolution, calling it an "integral part of India".
- ✓ The resolution rejected Beijing's claim that the northeastern state Arunachal Pradesh falls under Chinese territory.
- ✓ In addition to recognizing the McMahon Line, the resolution also condemned Chinese provocations in the region, including the use of military force by China to change the status quo at the Line of Actual Control.
- ✓ The resolution also condemned the construction of villages in disputed areas, the publication of maps of cities in Arunachal Pradesh, and the expansion of Beijing's territorial claims on Bhutan.



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- ✓ The resolution, titled 'Reaffirmation of Arunachal Pradesh as Indian territory and condemnation of China's provocative activities in South Asia', came after a major clash between the Indian and Chinese forces in Arunachal's Tawang in December last year
- ✓ What is the McMahon Line?
- ✓ India and China share a 3,500 km long border which is disputed.
- ✓ The line that delineates the boundary between the two countries is called the McMahon Line.
- ✓ The border of India and China can be divided into three parts. Western Zone, Central Zone and Eastern Zone.
- ✓ The line separating India and China is the McMahon Line although China considers the McMahon Line illegal.
- ✓ The McMahon Line was drawn during the Simla Convention of 1914, officially described as a convention between Great Britain, China and Tibet.

Q. The Indian government has allocated a budget of ____ Crore towards achieving the objectives of Gaganyaan mission.

A) Rs. 9023 Crore

B) Rs. 9782 Crore

C) Rs. 10216 Crore

D) Rs. 10569 Crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Gaganyaan mission allocated Rs 9023 crore to achieve its objectives: MoS Jitendra Singh
- ✓ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh 15th March 2023 informed that the budget of Rs. 9023 Crore is allocated towards achieving the objectives of Gaganyaan mission.
- ✓ ISRO is developing indigenous technologies for Human rated launch vehicle, Habitable Crew Module, Life Support System, Crew Escape System, Ground Station Network, Crew Training and Recovery.
- ✓ Government has created the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), as the single window agency to promote, enable, authorize and supervise the non-Government entities in Space Sector in India.
- ✓ Gaganyaan Mission of ISRO



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- ✓ Mr Das has been heading the central bank since December 2018.
- ✓ He has been awarded for successfully navigating the financial markets through various crises, including the pandemic and inflation caused by the war in Ukraine.
- ✓ About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the central bank of India and was established on April 1, 1935.
- ✓ It is responsible for regulating India's monetary policy and managing the country's currency and foreign exchange reserves.
- ✓ RBI also acts as the banker to the Government of India, commercial banks and other financial institutions.
- ✓ RBI is headquartered in Mumbai and operates through various regional offices across India

Q. Which bank has become the official banking partner of Mumbai Indians?

- A) HDFC bank B) IDFC First Bank
C) State Bank of India D) Axis Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ IDFC First Bank has tied up with Mumbai Indians as the official banking partner for three years.
- ✓ IDFC First Bank is India's first universal bank which has introduced services like monthly interest credit on the savings accounts, zero charges on all savings account services and a lifetime free credit card.
- ✓ The IPL opening ceremony will be held at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Significantly, IPL is starting on March 31, in the first match, Gujarat Titans will face four-time IPL champions Chennai Super Kings.

IDFC First Bank IN NEWS 2022-23

- IDFC FIRST Bank Partners with Mumbai Indians as Official Banking Partner.
- IDFC FIRST Bank launched ZERO Fee Banking savings accounts.
- Indian Navy, IDFC FIRST bank bring 'Honour FIRST' banking solutions.
- IDFC First Bank
- Founded : October 2015
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Non-Exe. Chairman : Rajiv Lall
- MD & CEO : V. Vaidyanathan



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Q. K Krithivasan has been named as the CEO-designate of TCS. He will succeed whom as the CEO and MD of TCS?

A) Salil Parekh

B) Thierry Delaporte

C) C Vijayakumar

D) Rajesh Gopinathan

Answer : D

- ✓ Kriti Krithivasan has been appointed as the CEO of the country's largest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) after the current CEO and MD Rajesh Gopinathan stepped down on March 16.
- ✓ Prior to this, Krithivasan was the global head and president of TCS's banking, financial services and insurance businesses.
- ✓ His responsibility is to create a growth strategy for the company, improve financial performance, customer mindshare and strengthen the company's position in the market.
- ✓ He has helped the company's key clients drive digital transformation, change management cycles, drive cost optimization and establish IT program governance.
- ✓ K Krithivasan joined TCS in 1989. He has held various positions in the company in delivery, sales and various top management positions in his career.
- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS), a subsidiary of Tata Sons Pvt Ltd, is a provider of information technology (IT) services.

TCS IN NEWS 2022-23

- K Krithivasan Appointed CEO Designate of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- Telefónica Germany Selects TCS as Transformation Partner to Build Future-Ready Operations Support.
- Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys grew their brand value to retain their positions as the second and third most valuable IT services brands, according to the 'IT Services 25' list prepared by UK-based consultancy Brand Finance for the year 2023.
- Accenture retained the top slot for the fifth year straight, with a brand valued at \$39.8 billion.



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- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been named to FORTUNE® magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,821 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey..
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Founded : 1968
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- MD & CEO : Kriti Krithivasan

Q. Which country has topped SIPRI's annual analysis as the world's top arms importer in 2022?

- A) South Africa
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Bangladesh

Answer : B

- ✓ India has retained its place as the world's top arms importer, despite a decline in arms imports in the last five years, according to an analysis by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- ✓ As per the annual SIPRI report, India was the world's biggest importer of major arms in 2018-22.
- ✓ During this period, out of the total global arms import, India's share was 11 percent.
- ✓ The country is the top arms importer since 1993-2022.
- ✓ Russia was the largest arms supplier to India during 2018-2022. India largely imports arms from Russia, France, and Israel.
- ✓ India was followed by Saudi Arabia (9.6%), Qatar (6.4%), Australia (4.7%), and China (4.7%) as world's largest arms importer.
- ✓ About SIPRI
- ✓ The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is a global non-profit research institute.



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- ✓ SIPRI focuses on resolving conflicts, controlling arms and promoting disarmament.
- ✓ The institute provides data, analysis and advice regarding armed conflicts, military expenditure and the arms trade.
- ✓ Establishment - 6 May 1966
- ✓ Founders - Tage Erlander, Alva Myrdal
- ✓ Chairman - Stefan Lofven
- ✓ Director - Dan Smith
- ✓ Headquarter - Solna, Sweden.

Q. Which company has been named as an official sponsor of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023?

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Maruti Suzuki
- C) Honda Motor
- D) Mahindra Automotive

Answer : D

Q. In which city is the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship being organized?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ IBA Women's World Boxing Championships began on 15 March in New Delhi.
- ✓ Mahindra Automotive named as title sponsor for IBA Women's World Championships.
- ✓ Healthium Medtech announced as the 'Official Healthcare Partner' by Boxing Federation of India for the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023
- ✓ Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated it at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex.
- ✓ International Boxing Association (IBA) President Umar Kremlev, and Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President Ajay Singh were present on the occasion.
- ✓ BFI is hosting the biggest boxing event till the 26th of March.
- ✓ The Championship is taking place in India for the third time after 2006 and 2018, the most for any country.
- ✓ The tournament will witness the participation of more than 350 boxers from around 74 countries.



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- ✓ The Indian team of 12 boxers for the event includes 2020 Tokyo Bronze medallist, Lovlina Borgohain and the current world champion in the 50kg category, Nikhat Zareen.
- ✓ India has moved up from 44th position to 3rd position in the latest International Boxing Association, IBA world rankings.
- ✓ IBA World Boxing Championships
- ✓ The IBA World Boxing Championships, and the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, are biennial boxing competitions.
- ✓ This is organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA), which is the sport governing body.

Q. With which country's Central Bank has the RBI signed an agreement to promote innovation in financial products?

- A) Australia
- B) Japan
- C) UAE
- D) Italy

Answer : C

- ✓ RBI and Central Bank of UAE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote innovation in financial products and services.
- ✓ The MoU involves both the central banks working together to explore Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and examine interoperability between the CBUAE and the CBDCs of the RBI.
- ✓ The cooperation aims to increase efficiency and reduce costs in cross-border transactions, which further the economic ties between India and the UAE.
- ✓ The MoU also includes technical cooperation and knowledge sharing on matters related to fintech and financial products and services.
- ✓ The collaboration between RBI and CBUAE is an important step towards fostering innovation and collaboration in the area of FinTech.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established through the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934 and began operations on April 1, 1935.
- ✓ The Government of India nationalised the RBI in 1949, and since then it is wholly owned by the government.
- ✓ Under the Banking Regulation Act of 1949, RBI has the authority to regulate banks in India.



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- ✓ RBI is also empowered to regulate Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) under the RBI Act of 1934.
- ✓ The Payment and Settlement Act of 2007 designates the RBI as the regulator for digital payment systems.
- ✓ United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- ✓ Capital : Abu Dhabi
- ✓ Currency : Dirham
- ✓ President : Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- ✓ Prime Minister : Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Honeywell International?

- A) Vimal Kapoor
- B) Ajay Mathur
- C) Ravi Chikara
- D) Mridul Agarwal

Answer : A

- ✓ Honeywell International has recently appointed Vimal Kapoor as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.
- ✓ He is currently the President and Chief Operating Officer of the company and he will assume his post on June 01.
- ✓ Honeywell International is an American publicly traded conglomerate headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- ✓ Adamjic, who has been Honeywell's CEO since 2017, will continue to serve as executive chairman.

Q. Which airport topped the list of the world's best airports released by Skytrax?

- A) Munich Airport
- B) Zurich Airport
- C) Singapore Changi Airport
- D) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Answer : C

- ✓ The Changi Airport of Singapore has once again won the title as the world's best airport, as per the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2023.
- ✓ Since last two years, Singapore had lost its long-held crown to Qatar.
- ✓ The Hamad International Airport, Doha stood in second place, and Tokyo's Haneda Airport bagged third position.



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- ✓ This is the twelfth time that Changi Airport is honored as World's Best Airport.
- ✓ India's Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is placed at 36th spot in the list
- ✓ World's top 10 airports for 2023
- ✓ 1st - Singapore Changi Airport
- ✓ 2nd - Hamad International Airport
- ✓ 3rd - Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)
- ✓ 4th - Incheon International Airport
- ✓ 5th - Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport
- ✓ 6th - Istanbul Airport
- ✓ 7th - Munich Airport
- ✓ 8th - Zurich Airport
- ✓ 9th - Narita International Airport
- ✓ 10th - Madrid-Barajas Airport

Q. Which Indian-American has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force?

- A) Ravi Chaudhary B) Neal Mohan
C) Vivek Ramaswamy D) Arun Subramanian

Answer : A

- ✓ The US Senate has appointed Ravi Chaudhary, an American citizen of Indian origin as the Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force, giving him important responsibility.
- ✓ He has become the first Indian-American to reach this position.
- ✓ Presently Ravi is working as an American flight test engineer.
- ✓ Ravi will be responsible for matters related to energy, installation and environment in the Air Force.
- ✓ Ravi Chowdhary has served as an active Air Force pilot for more than two decades.
- ✓ He served as a US Air Force pilot between 1993 and 2015.

Q. The Union Home Ministry has announced a 10 per cent reservation for ex-Agniveers in which security force?

- A) CISF B) CRPF
C) RAF D) ITBP

Answer : A



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- ✓ The Union Home Ministry has announced a 10 per cent reservation for ex-firefighters in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- ✓ Ex-Agniveers will get relaxation in the upper age limit and they will also be exempted from physical efficiency tests.
- ✓ The announcement comes days after the ministry announced a similar 10 per cent reservation for ex-firefighters in the Border Security Force (BSF).
- ✓ The central government has started the Agneepath scheme for recruitment in the armed forces.
- ✓ The objective of this scheme is to recruit youth in the age group of 17 ½ years to 21 years on a short-term contract basis for 4 years.
- ✓ Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- ✓ Founded : 1969
- ✓ HQ : New Delhi
- ✓ Motto : Protection and Security
- ✓ Director General : Sheel Vardhan Singh

Q. In which city the Union Agriculture Minister inaugurated 'AgriUnifest'?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated 'AgriUnifest' on 15 March 2023 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✓ It is conducted by the Bangalore Agricultural University in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- ✓ It is a 5 days cultural programme which had various participants including more than 2500 students from 60 universities.
- ✓ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous body that coordinates agricultural education and research in India.



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- ✓ He was best known for her role in the 1980s Doordarshan's popular serial 'Nukkad'.
- ✓ Since then he had become famous. He had worked in the best films like Shahenshah, Mera Shikar, Guru, Parinda, and Hatred Ki Aandhi.
- ✓ Apart from this, Sameer was also seen in G5's web series Sunflower. In recent times he appeared in the Prime Video series 'Farzi'.

Q. Who is the winner of 2023 Saraswati Samman?

- A) Sivasankari
- B) Ram Darash Mishra
- C) Vasdev Mohi
- D) Sharankumar Limbale

Answer : A

- ✓ Noted Tamil writer Sivasankari has been conferred with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2022.
- ✓ The award is for his book "Surya Vamsam", a memoir published in Tamil in 2019
- ✓ Sivasankari is a prolific writer who has made significant contributions to Tamil literature, and the award is a recognition of his talent and dedication.
- ✓ Sivasankari's recognition with the Saraswati Samman will help bring greater visibility to Tamil literature and inspire new generations of writers in the language.
- ✓ About Saraswati Samman
- ✓ It is given annually to an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language and published during the last 10 years.
- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 15 lakh, a citation and a plaque.
- ✓ The award has been received by some of India's most prominent writers, including Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Mahasweta Devi, M.T. Vasudevan Nair, and S.L. Bhairappa.
- ✓ The Saraswati Samman has played an important role in promoting Indian literature and recognizing the contribution of Indian authors to the global literary scene
- ✓ First winner : 1991 : Harivansh Rai Bachchan for his four volume autobiography, Kya Bhooloon Kya Yaad Karoon, Needa Ka Nirman Phir, Basere Se Door and Dashdwar se Sopan Tak



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Q. Two Indian places have found place in TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places of 2023', which lists '50 extraordinary destinations across the world to explore'. Apart from Ladakh, which other place from India is on the list?

A) Balasore

B) Kalahandi

C) Mayurbhanj

D) Sambalpur

Answer : C

- ✓ The TIME Magazine has unveiled its list of the 'World's Greatest Places of 2023', which lists '50 extraordinary destinations across the world to explore'.
- ✓ This list contains two locations from India as well. They are Odisha's Mayurbhanj district and the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- ✓ While Mayurbhanj has been selected for their rare tigers and ancient temples, Ladakh has been chosen for its adventures and eats.
- ✓ The complete list of 'World's Greatest Places of 2023'
 - 1 Tampa, Florida
 - 2 Willamette Valley, Oregon
 - 3 Rio Grande, P. R.
 - 4 Tucson, Arizona
 - 5 Yosemite National Park, California
 - 6 Bozeman, Montana
 - 7 Washington, D.C.
 - 8 Vancouver
 - 9 Churchill, Manitoba
 10. Dijon, France
- ✓ 31- Ladakh, India
- ✓ 32 - Mayurbhanj, India

TIME MAGAZINE'S IN NEWS 2022-23

- Odisha's Mayurbhanj and Ladakh among TIME magazine's list of 'World's Greatest Places of 2023'.



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- Mauganj, a tehsil of Rewa, becomes Madhya Pradesh's 53rd district.
- Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur and Sakti as the 32nd and 33rd districts of the State (2nd week of September 2022).
- Sakti is carved out from Janjgir-Champa, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur has been demarcated from the Koriya district.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has inaugurated three new districts in the state. (1st week of September 2022)
- The new districts -- Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, and Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai.
- West Bengal to form 7 new districts, making a total of 30 districts (Earlier 27 District)
- Andhrapradesh Proposed to Re-organize the current 13 districts to 26 new districts.
- Nagaland creates 3 new districts Niuland, Tseminyu, Chumukedima (Total 15 District)
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves creation of new district named Eastern West Khasi Hills District (total 12 District).
- Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel announces 4 new districts (Mohla Manpur, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Shakti, Manendragarh) : total 32 district .
- Punjab CM Declares Malerkotla as 23rd District (carved out of the Sangrur district)

Q. Ernie Bot is an AI based product launched by which company?

- A) Baidu
- B) Google
- C) Amazon
- D) Apple

Answer : A

- ✓ The Chinese search engine company Baidu has launched an artificial intelligence-powered chatbot known as Ernie Bot.
- ✓ This AI product is similar to ChatGPT, a product by OpenAI.
- ✓ Ernie is built on Baidu's in-house models – Enhanced Representation through Knowledge Integration (ERNIE) and Pre-trained Dialogue Generation Model (PLATO).



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- ✓ ERNIE is capable of literary creation, mathematical calculation, business writing, understanding the Chinese language and multi-modal generation, comprehend human intentions and deliver logical responses that are human-like and fluent.

Q. The Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference was recently organised in New Delhi. Which country is the largest producer of millets in the world?

- A) India
B) Sri Lanka
C) Bangladesh
D) Russia

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in New Delhi on March 18, 2023.
- ✓ The Conference has been organised by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India to stimulate the exports of millets from India and provide market linkage to the producers.
- ✓ The two-day global conference will focus on promotion and awareness of millets among producers, consumers and other stakeholders; millets' value chain development; health and nutritional aspects of millets; market linkages; research and development etc.
- ✓ India is the largest producer of millets

Q. Which state has the highest literacy rate of 94% according to the data shared by the Ministry of Education?

- A) Karnataka
B) Kerala
C) Gujarat
D) Maharashtra

Answer : B

- ✓ According to the Ministry of Education, Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in India at 61.8%, while Kerala has the highest at 94%.
- ✓ Apart from Bihar, other states with low literacy rates are Arunachal Pradesh at 65.3% and Rajasthan at 66.1%, while Lakshadweep with 91.85% and Mizoram with 91.33% follow Kerala.
- ✓ The literacy rate in rural India is 67.77%, while the literacy rate in urban areas is 84.11%
- ✓ About Saakshar Bharat Scheme



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- ✓ Saakshar Bharat Yojana was implemented in rural areas of 404 districts of 26 states and one union territory to improve the adult literacy rate. The program targets areas with a female literacy rate of 50% or less as per the 2001 census.
- ✓ The objective of the plan was to raise the country's overall literacy rate to 80% and reduce the gender gap to 10% by the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The program was extended till March 31, 2018.
- ✓ The objective of the Samagra Shiksha scheme is to provide universal access and retention in education, bridge gender and social category gaps, and enhance learning levels from pre-school to senior secondary level.
- ✓ The Central Government assists the States and Union Territories in implementing the Samagra Shiksha Yojana as a programme.

Q. Which country researchers find terrifying plastic rocks on remote island?

A) China

B) United States

C) Brazil

D) Mexico

Answer : C

- ✓ The geology of Brazil's volcanic Trindade Island has fascinated scientists for years, but the discovery of rocks made from plastic debris in this remote turtle refuge is sparking alarm.
- ✓ Melted plastic has become intertwined with rocks on the island, located 1,140 km (708 miles) from the southeastern state of Espirito Santo, which researchers say is evidence of humans' growing influence over the earth's geological cycles.
- ✓ The pollution on this island comes from fishing nets, which are very common debris on Trinidad Island's beaches.

BRAZIL IN NEWS 2022-23

- Brazil and Argentina to Begin Preparations for Common Currency.
- Inacio Lula da Silva Sworn in As the President of Brazil for the 3rd Time.
- Brazilian Government Declares Medical Emergency in Yanomami
- Brazil Appoints Sonia Guajajara as First Minister of Ministry of Indigenous People
- Brazilian football legend Edson Arantes do Nascimento, famously called Pelé, has passed away.
- Brazil landscape garden Sitio Burle Marx receives UNESCO World Heritage status.



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- BRAZIL
- Capital : Brasília
- Currency : Real
- President : Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

Q. The 3rd annual edition of International SME Convention 2023 (ISC) is to be organized from 19th to 21st March 2023 in Which City?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The 3rd annual edition of the International SME Convention 2023 (ISC) is going to be organized jointly by the Ministry of MSME & Ministry of External Affairs , India SME Forum, along with Govt. of Madhya Pradesh as a Key State Partner and Govt. of Uttar Pradesh as Associate State Partner.
- ✓ International Network for SMEs (INSME) and World Union of Small and Medium Enterprises (WUSME) are the international partners and TATA AIA is the insurance partner for the ISC 2023 from 19th – 21st March 2023 in New Delhi.

Q. Prime Minister Modi and Sheikh Hasina to be jointly inaugurated the Friendship Pipeline of which countries?

- A) India-Nepal
- B) India-Bangladesh
- C) India-Russia
- D) India-Afghanistan

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline through video conference on March 18, 2023.
- ✓ The India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline is a proposed 130 km long pipeline for high-speed diesel transport from Siliguri in India to Parbatipur in Bangladesh.
- ✓ Maitri Pipeline is the first cross-border energy pipeline between India and Bangladesh with an estimated cost of Rs 377 crore.



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- ✓ The pipeline has a capacity to transport 1 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of high-speed diesel (HSD), and will be constructed by India's Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) at an estimated cost of USD 1.6 billion.
- ✓ Initially, the pipeline will supply high-speed diesel to seven districts in northern Bangladesh.
- ✓ The operationalization of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline will provide a sustainable, reliable, cost-effective and environment-friendly mode of HSD transportation from India to Bangladesh
- ✓ The pipeline will enhance cooperation in energy security between India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ This is part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Bangladesh in April 2017 to strengthen cooperation in the energy sector.
- ✓ The pipeline will help Bangladesh meet its growing energy demand and reduce its dependence on imported fuel, while providing an opportunity for India to expand its energy exports to neighbouring countries.
- ✓ About Bangladesh
- ✓ Prime Minister - Sheikh Hasina
- ✓ Currency - Bangladeshi Taka
- ✓ Capital - Dhaka

Q. Which government has cancelled 813-gun licenses in the state to clamp down on the gun culture?

- A) Punjab
- C) Bihar

- B) Maharashtra
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Punjab AAP government has cancelled the 813 gun licenses across the state in a bid to clamp down on the “gun culture” in the state,
- ✓ Why is Punjab clamping down on gun culture?
- ✓ The Punjab government has been under pressure from the opposition over “worsening” law and order after the murders of kabaddi player Sandeep Nangal Ambian in March 2022, singer Sidhu Moosewala in May 2022, the November 2022 killings of Shiv Sena leader Sudhir Suri and Dera Sacha Sauda follower Pardeep Singh



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Q. Which Company has signed MoU with Shell Energy India Private Ltd to explore prospects of importing and handling of ethane and other hydrocarbons?

- A) ONGC
B) NHPC
C) Coal India
D) GAIL India

Answer : D

- ✓ GAIL (India) Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shell Energy India Private Limited to explore prospects of importing and handling of ethane and other hydrocarbons.
- ✓ It will be transported further through GAIL's 14,830 km of natural gas pipelines to demand centres.
- ✓ Reliance Industries has also begun to import ethane from the United States (US) to replace natural gas and naphtha as fuel at its petrochemical plants.
- ✓ Ethane is expected to be produced in large volumes in North America due to the shale gas revolution, which has generated an abundance of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Q. Who has taken over as the new chairman and managing director (MD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)?

- A) G Krishnakumar
B) Pushp Kumar Joshi
C) Rakesh Kumar Jain
D) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Answer : A

- ✓ G Krishnakumar has taken over as the new chairman and managing director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).
- ✓ Krishnakumar replaces Arun Kumar Singh, who retired as chairman in October 2022.
- ✓ Krishnakumar will hold the position of chairman and managing director till April 2025.
- ✓ Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- ✓ Headquarteres : Mumbai

Q. Which company unveils India's first homegrown quadruped robot and exoskeleton?

- A) Grene Robotics
B) Svaya Robotics
C) Seven robotics
D) ARi (Automotive Robotics India Pvt. Ltd.)

Answer : B



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- ✓ The indigenous robots and wearable exoskeletons were developed by Hyderabad-based Svaya Robotics in collaboration with the DRDO Labs, Research and Development Establishment (R&DE), Pune, and the Defence Bioengineering and Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL), Bengaluru, as technology demonstrators with their design inputs.

Q. United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has appointed which person from India as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan?

- A) Vasant Narasimhan
- B) Arvind Krishna
- C) Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy
- D) Laxman Narasimhan

Answer : C

- ✓ India's Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy, who has served in leading roles at the World Food Programme in Türkiye and Afghanistan, has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan.
- ✓ United Nations Resident Coordinator, Parvathy served as Representative and Country Director for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Türkiye.

Q. Who has informed in the Lok Sabha, that Solar projects of an aggregate capacity of 64,380 MW have been installed in the country ?

- A) R. K. Singh
- B) Smriti Irani
- C) Jitendra Singh
- D) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of Renewable Energy & Power, R. K. Singh informed in the Lok Sabha, that Solar projects of aggregate capacity 64,380 MW have been installed in the country, as on 28.02.2023, including 106 MW in Ramtek Parliamentary Constituency.
- ✓ The solar capacity of the country has increased from 21,651 MW to 64,380 MW i.e. increase by 197% in last 5 years.
- ✓ The Government has set a target of achieving 500 GW of installed capacity from non-fossil fuels, including around 270 GW of solar capacity, by 2030.
- ✓ Solar projects of capacity 3772 MW are installed in Maharashtra.



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- ✓ MEASURES TAKEN TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY INCLUDING SOLAR ENERGY IN THE COUNTRY
- ✓ Waiver of Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for inter-state sale of solar and wind power for projects to be commissioned by 30th June 2025;
- ✓ Declaration of trajectory for Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) up to the year 2029-30;
- ✓ Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), Solar Rooftop Phase II, 12000 MW CPSU Scheme Phase II, etc;
- ✓ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100 percent under the automatic route continued.
- ✓ Launch of Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) to facilitate sale of Renewable Energy Power through exchanges

Q. The World Sleep Day 2023 was observed on March 17. What is the theme of the day in 2023?

- A) Sleep is Essential for Health
- B) Better Sleep, Better Life, Better Planet
- C) Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World
- D) Regular Sleep, Healthy Future

Answer : A

- ✓ The World Sleep Day is held every year on the Friday before Spring Vernal Equinox.
- ✓ In 2023, the World Sleep Day falls on March 17, 2023.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 is “sleep is essential for health.”

It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of World Sleep Society with the objective to lessen the burden of sleep problems on society through better prevention and management of sleep disorders

Q. Tim Paine has recently announced retirement from cricket. He played for which country?

- A) New Zealand
- B) England
- C) Australia
- D) South Africa

Answer : C

- ✓ Former Australia Test captain and Wicketkeeper, Tim Paine has announced his retirement from cricket.
- ✓ His last match was Marsh Sheffield Shield on 17 March 2023 in which his team Tasmania played against Queensland at the Bellerive Oval.



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- ✓ Paine has played 35 Tests for Australia, including 23 as skipper, and 35 ODIs.

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the Global Recycling Day annually?

- A) March 15 B) March 16
C) March 17 D) March 18

Answer : D

- ✓ The Global Recycling Day is observed every year on 18th March to recognise the importance of recycling as a resource, not waste.
- ✓ Theme for 2023 is “Creative Innovation”.
- ✓ The Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 by the London-based Global Recycling Foundation to promote the concept and practice of recycling and reuse.

Q. Naatu Naatu song from the Indian film RRR has won the Oscar Award 2023 in the category of Best Original Song. Who is the Director of this film?

- A) S. S. Rajamouli B) M. M. Keeravani
C) N.T.Rama Rao D) Trivikram Srinivas

Answer : A

- ✓ The song 'Naatu Naatu' from the Indian film RRR has won the Oscar in the Best Original Song category at the 95th Oscar Awards
- ✓ It is noteworthy that the song 'Jai Ho' from the UK film 'Slumdog Millionaire' directed by Danny Boyle is the first Hindi song to win an Academy Award in the Best Original Score and Original Song categories.
- ✓ Its music was composed by AR Rahman and its lyrics were written by Gulzar
- ✓ Naatu Naatu (Best Original Song)
- ✓ Film Name – RRR
- ✓ Music – M. M. Keeravani
- ✓ Lyrics – Chandrabose
- ✓ Director – S. S. Rajamouli
- ✓ Producer – D. V. V. Danayya
- ✓ Movie 'RRR'
- ✓ 'RRR' directed by SS Rajamouli is based on nationalism and brotherhood.
- ✓ It stars famous actors Ram Charan and Jr. NTR in lead roles.



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- ✓ The film is based on the lives of real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem.
- ✓ The song 'Naatu Naatu' is composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaal Bhairav and Rahul Sipligunj.
- ✓ RRR Full Form is: Roudram Ranam Rudhiram.

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- Song 'Naatu Naatu' from the Indian film RRR has won the Oscar in the Best Original Song category at the 95th Oscar Awards.
- South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony, the film's Telugu song 'Naatu Naatu' has won the Best Song award.
- SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.
- RRR has bagged three big awards at the Hollywood Critics Association (HCA) Film Awards 2023.
- Directed by SS Rajamouli, the film has been given the HCA Film Award for Best Action Film, Best Stunts, Best International Film and Best Song for the song Natu Natu

Q. Which Indian film has won the Oscars Award 2023 in the Best Documentary Short Subject category?

- A) The Miniaturist Of Junagadh B) The Elephant Whisperers
C) Ladies First D) Bunkar: The Last of the Varanasi Weavers

Answer : B

- ✓ The Elephant Whisperers (Best Documentary Short Subject)
- ✓ Director – Kartiki Gonsalves
- ✓ Producer – Douglas Blush; Kartiki Gonsalves; Guneet Monga; Achin Jain

Q. Which among the given films has been awarded the Best Picture Award at the 2023 Oscars Award?

- A) The Banshees of Inisherin B) The Whale
C) All Quiet on the Western Front D) Everything Everywhere All at Once

Answer : D



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- ✓ Oscars 2023: Naatu Naatu from RRR wins Best Original Song; 'The Elephant Whisperers' wins Best Documentary Short category
- ✓ Also known as the 95th Academy Awards, the OSCARS 2023 was held on March 12, 2023, by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) in Los Angeles to honor films released in 2022.
- ✓ Two Indian films won awards at the Oscars 2023. They are given below
- ✓ 1. Naatu Naatu (Best Original Song)
- ✓ Film Name – RRR
- ✓ Music – M. M. Keeravani
- ✓ Lyrics – Chandrabose
- ✓ Director – S. S. Rajamouli
- ✓ Producer – D. V. V. Danayya
- ✓ 2. The Elephant Whisperers (Best Documentary Short Subject)
- ✓ Director – Kartiki Gonsalves
- ✓ Producer – Douglas Blush; Kartiki Gonsalves; Guneet Monga; Achin Jain

Complete List of Winners of Oscars 2023

- Best Picture : Everything Everywhere All at Once
- Best Director : Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert for Everything Everywhere All at Once
- Best Actor : Brendan Fraser (The Whale as Charlie)
- Best Actress : Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once as Evelyn Quan Wang)
- Best Supporting Actor : Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All at Once as Waymond Wang)
- Best Supporting Actress : Jamie Lee Curtis (Everything Everywhere All at Once as Deirdre Beaubeirdre)
- Best Original Screenplay : Everything Everywhere All at Once (Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert)
- Best Adapted Screenplay : Women Talking (Sarah Polley; based on the novel by Miriam Toews)
- Best International Feature Film : All Quiet on the Western Front (Germany); Director – Edward Berger
- Best Documentary Feature : Navalny – Daniel Roher, Odessa Rae, Diane Becker, Melanie Miller, and Shane Boris



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- Best Documentary Short Subject : The Elephant Whisperers
- Best Live Action Short Film : An Irish Goodbye – Tom Berkeley and Ross White
- Best Animated Short Film : The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse – Charlie Mackesy and Matthew Freud
- Best Original Score : All Quiet on the Western Front – Volker Bertelmann
- Best Original Song : “Naatu Naatu” from RRR
- Best Sound : Top Gun: Maverick – Mark Weingarten, James H. Mather, Al Nelson, Chris Burdon, and Mark Taylor
- Best Production Design : All Quiet on the Western Front – Production Design: Christian M. Goldbeck; Set Decoration: Ernestine Hipper
- Best Cinematography : All Quiet on the Western Front – James Friend
- Best Makeup and Hairstyling : The Whale – Adrien Morot, Judy Chin, and Anne Marie Bradley
- Best Costume Design : Black Panther: Wakanda Forever – Ruth E. Carter
- Best Film Editing: Everything Everywhere All at Once
- Best Visual Effects : Avatar: The Way of Water

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

- A) 9th
- B) 27th
- C) 13th
- D) 33rd

Answer : C

- ✓ India Ranks 13th; Afghanistan Tops Global Terrorism Index 2023
- ✓ Afghanistan has retained its position as the country most impacted by terrorism for the fourth consecutive year, with a score of 8.822, in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) for 2023.
- ✓ A total of 163 countries have been analysed in the GTI 2023.
- ✓ Afghanistan is followed by Burkina Faso and Somalia.
- ✓ The GTI 2023 is the tenth edition of the annual report which provides summary of the key global trends and patterns in terrorism over the last decade.
- ✓ The GTI report is produced by the Australia-based Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP).
- ✓ India's rank in the index is 13th.



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- ✓ It has also been listed among countries with a “high” impact of terrorism with a score of 7.175

Q. Which country has topped the Global Terrorism Index 2023, as the country most impacted by terrorism?

- A) Iraq
B) Mali
C) Afghanistan
D) Myanmar

Answer : C

- ✓ Afghanistan has retained its position as the country most impacted by terrorism for the fourth consecutive year, with a score of 8.822, in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) for 2023.

Q. LIC has recently sold what percent of its share held in NMDC, to bring its total share in the company to 11.69%?

- A) 2%
B) 1%
C) 3%
D) 4%

Answer : A

- ✓ The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has sold 2 percent of its equity stake in state-owned NMDC, as of March 14, 2023.
- ✓ This will take the total shareholding of LIC in NMDC to 11.69 percent from 13.69% earlier through open market transaction. The deal was executed at an average price of Rs 119.37 per share.
- ✓ Under the deal, LIC received Rs 702 crore, as it sold about 5.88 lakh shares at an average price of Rs 119.37 per share.
- ✓ The national miner NMDC is engaged in exploration and production of iron ore

Q. Who has been elected as the new President of FIFA in 2023 election?

- A) Gianni Infantino
B) Michel Platini
C) Issa Hayatou
D) Sepp Blatter

Answer : A

- ✓ Gianni Infantino has been re-elected as the President of FIFA, the world football’s governing body.
- ✓ This will be his third term as the FIFA President. His four year term will end in 2027.
- ✓ The 52-year-old Swiss lawyer, Gianni Infantino took over his first four year term in 2016, where he succeeded Sepp Blatter.



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- ✓ The election was held at FIFA's 73rd Congress in Kigali, Rwanda, where Gianni Infantino was the only candidate for the election.

Q. Indian-origin Neel Moudgal has won the 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search. It is the prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors organised by which country?

- A) Japan
B) United States
C) France
D) Singapore

Answer : B

- ✓ An Indian-origin American teen, Neel Moudgal has won the 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search.
- ✓ It is the the oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors, in the United States.
- ✓ It is also known as the US' Junior Nobel in math and science.
- ✓ The award carries \$250,000 prize for the top winner.
- ✓ The 17-year-old Neel hails from Saline, Michigan.
- ✓ He won the first place, from among 40 finalists, for developing a computer model that can rapidly and reliably predict the structure of various RNA molecules using only easily accessible data.
- ✓ Emily Ocasio of Fairfax, Virginia won second place, while the Ellen Xu of San Diego, California, won the third place..

Q. Which players have won the ICC Players of the Month February 2023?

- A) Amelia Kerr and Vriitya Aravind
B) Mithali Raj and Dipendra Singh Airee
C) Tamsin Beaumont and Babar Azam
D) Ashleigh Gardner and Harry Brook

Answer : D

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for January 2023 and February 2023.
- ✓ The winners are as follows:
- ✓ January 2023 ICC Women's Player of the Month -England's Grace Scrivens
- ✓ January 2023 ICC Men's Player of the Month – India's Shubman Gill



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- ✓ February 2023 ICC Women's Player of the Month – Australia's Ashleigh Gardner
- ✓ February 2023 ICC Men's Player of the Month – England's Harry Brook

Q. Aleem Dar has stepped down from the ICC's Elite Panel after 19 years of service. He represented which country?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) India
- C) Pakistan
- D) South Africa

Answer : C

- ✓ Pakistani umpire Aleem Dar has stepped down from the ICC's Elite Panel after being a part of it for 19 years.
- ✓ The 54-year-old has officiated in a record 435 men's Tests (144), ODIs (222) and T20Is including four World Cup finals.
- ✓ Dar was the first Pakistan umpire to be named on the Elite Panel.
- ✓ Additionally, ICC has onboarded two new umpires onto their Elite Panel. This takes the total number of Umpires on the list to 12 from 11.
- ✓ They are Adrian Holdstock (South Africa) and Ahsan Raza (Pakistan).
- ✓ Other umpires on the list are Chris Gaffaney (New Zealand), Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka), Marais Erasmus (South Africa), Michael Gough (England), Nitin Menon (India), Paul Reiffel (Australia), Richard Illingworth (England), Richard Kettleborough (England), Rodney Tucker (Australia), Joel Wilson (West Indies).

Q. How many number of Umpires are there on the ICC Elite Panel?

- A) 12
- B) 11
- C) 10
- D) 09

Answer : A

- ✓ ICC has onboarded two new umpires onto their Elite Panel. This takes the total number of Umpires on the list to 12 from 11.. They are Adrian Holdstock (South Africa) and Ahsan Raza (Pakistan).



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Q. What is the name of the Multi-lateral Maritime Exercise which was conducted in the Indian Ocean Region among Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy and the United States Navy in March 2023?

- A) Sangam
B) Cutlass Express
C) RIMPAC
D) La Perouse

Answer : D

- ✓ The two-day Multi-lateral Maritime Exercise 'La Pérouse' was held in the Indian Ocean Region on March 13 and 14, 2023.
- ✓ The personnel, ships and integral helicopters of Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy and the United States Navy participated in the drill.
- ✓ Indigenously built guided missile frigate INS Sahyadri and fleet tanker INS Jyoti participated in this exercise from India.
- ✓ It was the third edition of the biennial Exercise La Perouse. It is conducted by the French Navy, to enhance maritime domain awareness and coordination amongst the participating navies in the Indo-Pacific Region..

Q. Which team has won the 2023 Irani Cup?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Rest of India
C) Mumbai
D) Saurashtra

Answer : B

- ✓ Rest of India defeated Madhya Pradesh with a 238-run in finals of the Irani Cup held at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium, Gwalior.
- ✓ The Irani Trophy is a first-class cricket tournament organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- ✓ It is played annually between the winners of the Ranji Trophy and a Rest of India cricket team

Q. Exercise Sea Dragon 23 is a multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) between India, USA, Japan, Canada and South Korea. The exercise is being held at which place?

- A) Pithoragarh
B) Guam
C) Busan
D) Tokyo

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Indian Navy is participating in multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23', organised at Guam, USA from 15-30 March 2023.
- ✓ Other nations participating in this drill are USA, Japan, Canada and South Korea.
- ✓ This is the third edition of the coordinated multi-lateral ASW exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft.
- ✓ The exercise is organised by the US Navy to test the capabilities of participating aircraft in tracking simulated and live underwater targets, besides sharing mutual expertise.
- ✓ The aircrafts that will participate in Ex Sea Dragon 23 includes Indian Navy's P8I, P8A of the US Navy, P1 from the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, CP 140 from the Royal Canadian Air Force and P3C from the RoKN

Q. UN has named India's Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy as the United Nations Resident Coordinator to which country?

- A) Tajikistan B) Azerbaijan
C) Ukraine D) Moldova

Answer : A

- ✓ Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy has been appointed as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan, by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on March 15, 2023.
- ✓ Prior to this, Parvathy served as Representative and Country Director for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Turkiye.
- ✓ She has also worked as Representative and Country Director for WFP in Liberia and as Deputy Country Director (Programme and Operations) for WFP in Afghanistan.

Q. When is International Day of Happiness celebrated every year?

- A) 19 March B) 18 March
C) 21 March D) 20 March

Answer : D

- ✓ Every year the International Day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20.
- ✓ The day aims to promote happiness as a fundamental human right for all human beings across the world.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 International Day of Happiness campaign is "Be Mindful. Be Grateful. Be Kind." .
- ✓ The first International Day of Happiness was officially held on 20 March 2013.



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- ✓ It was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 June 2012.

Q. When is World Sparrow Day celebrated every year?

- A) 18 March B) 21 March
C) 20 March D) 19 March

Answer : C

- ✓ World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20.
- ✓ Theme of 2023 World Sparrow Day "I LOVE Sparrows"
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations.
- ✓ The first World Sparrow Day was celebrated in 2010.
- ✓ The day was initiated by the Nature Forever Society of India in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France) and numerous other national and international organisations across the world.

Q. When is the World Frog Day celebrated?

- A) 21 March B) 20 March
C) 19 March D) 18 March

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Frog Day is observed annually on March 20.
- ✓ The purpose of the day is to raise awareness about the tailless amphibian frogs: found on land and water both.
- ✓ The day was created in 2009 with the intention to save many different species of frogs from going extinct.

Q. The United Nations has how many official languages?

- A) 5 B) 6
C) 7 D) 8

Answer : B

- ✓ There are six official languages of the UN. These are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.



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- ✓ The day is an initiative of FDI World Dental Federation; an organization that brings together the world of dentistry with the aim of achieving optimal oral health for everyone

Q. Which of these military units have recently been awarded with the President's Color by Indian President Droupadi Murmu?

- A) INS Dronacharya B) INS Shivalik
C) INS Vikrant D) INS Kochi

Answer : A

- ✓ The President of India, Droupadi Murmu awarded the President's Colour to INS Dronacharya on March 16, 2023, in Kochi.
- ✓ The President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed on a military unit for its exceptional services to the nation.
- ✓ The award is also called Nishaan.
- ✓ It represents an emblem that is worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.

INS IN NEWS 2022-23

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu awarded the President's Colour to INS Dronacharya on March 16, 2023, in Kochi.
- The fifth Kalvari class submarine "Vagir" will be commissioned (commissioned) by the Indian Navy on 23 January 2023.
- The 6 Kalvari class submarines are being built in India by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai in collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) handed over the country's first indigenously built aircraft carrier (IAC-1) 'Vikrant' to the Indian Navy.
- INS Sunayna becomes the first naval ship to participate in a Combined Maritime Forces Exercise held at Seychelles.
- Indian Navy's Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS Trikand, Offshore Patrol Vessel INS Sumitra and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) Dornier participated in the 13th edition of the bilateral exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO).
- Indian Naval Ship, INS Sumedha on 27 August visited Port Klang of Malaysia..



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- INS Tarkash reached Port Gqeberha (also known as Port Elizabeth), South Africa to participate in the 7th edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant in Kochi.
- The aircraft carrier has been built at the Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi at a cost of ₹20,000 crore.
- 'Ikshak' is the third of the four Survey Vessels (Large SVL) Project, being built by GRSE/L&T for the Indian Navy was launched on 26th November 2022 at Kattupalli, Chennai.
- The Indian Navy launched 'Arnala', the first of the eight indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC), at the shipbuilding facility of L&T in Chennai's Kattupalli. Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- INS Mormugao is the second ship of Project 15B stealth destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).
- INS Ajay was decommissioned after rendering 32 years of service to the nation. The decommissioning of INS Ajay was conducted at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai..
- Indian Navy guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash, while on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French naval ships in the North Atlantic Ocean.
- Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea.

Q. What is the rank of India in the UN's World Happiness Report for the year 2023?

A) 133

B) 126

C) 129

D) 138

Answer : B

- ✓ India Ranks 126th; Finland tops 2023 World Happiness Index.



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Q. Which company is acquiring the Swiss investment banking company Credit Suisse, in an all stock deal?

- A) UBC
B) Swiss Re
C) Goldman Sachs
D) Morgan Stanley

Answer : A

- ✓ Switzerland's biggest bank, UBS Group AG, is acquiring its rival Swiss bank, Credit Suisse, for CHF 3 billion (approximately \$3.25 billion).
- ✓ Both the financial units are headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.
- ✓ The deal is expected to close by the end of 2023.
- ✓ As part of the merger, all shareholders of Credit Suisse will get 1 equity share in UBS for their 22.48 shares in Credit Suisse.
- ✓ Once the merger is completed, Colm Kelleher will be Chairman and Ralph Hamers will be Group CEO of the merged entity.
- ✓ The takeover of 167-year-old Credit Suisse by UBS will secure financial stability in the global banking market and protect the Swiss economy.
- ✓ It shall further strengthen UBS's position as the leading Swiss-based global wealth manager.
- ✓ This deal will be the first mega-merger of systemically important global banks since the 2008 financial crisis.

Q. Which city has topped the list of most expensive destination in the world in 2022 for business travel as per the report of consulting firm ECA International?

- A) New York
B) London
C) Zurich
D) Los Angeles

Answer : A

- ✓ New York has been named as the most expensive destination in the world in 2022 for business travel, according to the UK-based consulting firm ECA International.
- ✓ New York was noted to have an average daily costs at a rate of \$796 per day.
- ✓ Other cities in top 10 included Geneva, Washington DC, Zurich, San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Los Angeles, London, Luanda and Paris
- ✓ The following expenses are counted to rank a city:



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- ✓ Hotel room (3, 4 and 5 star)
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Alcoholic and soft drinks
- ✓ Incidental costs
- ✓ Journeys by taxi
- ✓ Hong Kong was the most expensive destination in Asia.
- ✓ The average daily costs in Hong Kong is of \$520.

Q. India and Japan recently inked document for 4th tranche loan for India's bullet train from Mumbai-Ahmedabad. What is the approx overall deal price?

- A) Rs 12,000 crore B) Rs 15,000 crore
C) Rs 10,000 crore D) Rs 18,000 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ India and Japan have signed the documents for the fourth tranche of loan for India's bullet train from Mumbai-Ahmedabad.
- ✓ The documents for the fourth tranche of the total of Rs 18,000 crore loan by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the high speed train was signed on March 20, 2023, during the visit of Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to India.
- ✓ In 2017, JICA had committed a loan package of approximately Rs 18,000 crore for the construction of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail.

Q. Padma Lakshmi has recently become the first transgender lawyer of which state?

- A) Kerala B) Maharashtra
C) Karnataka D) Bihar

Answer : A

- ✓ Kerala-based Padma Lakshmi has become the first transgender lawyer in the state.
- ✓ Lakshmi was one among the 1,529 law graduates who were admitted on the rolls of the Kerala Bar Council as advocates.
- ✓ It must be noted that the first trans advocate in the country was Tamil Nadu based Satyashri Sharmila who got enrolled in 2018



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Q. Who has recently been appointed as the new CEO of American coffee giant Starbucks?

- A) Lakshmanan Krishna Kumar B) Sunil Alaric Dsouza
C) Harish Ramananda Bhat D) Laxman Narasimhan

Answer : D

- ✓ India-origin Laxman Narasimhan has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of global coffee giant Starbucks.
- ✓ He succeeds the founder of the company Howard Schultz.
- ✓ Starbucks is one of the largest coffee chains in the world, headquartered at Seattle, Washington in USA.

Q. Sampanna Ramesh Shelar has recently become fastest Indian to swim across the Palk Strait. He is from which city of India?

- A) Pune B) Kochi
C) Chennai D) Gandhinagar

Answer : A

- ✓ Pune-based swimmer, Sampanna Ramesh Shelar has become the fastest Indian in under 21 group to swim across the Palk Strait.
- ✓ Palk Strait is a strait between the Tamil Nadu and Talaimannar in the island nation of Sri Lanka. The total length of the strait is 29kms.
- ✓ Shelar completed his swim in 5 hours and 30 minutes. The previous record was 8 hours and 26 minutes.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled – Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform?

- A) Rachna Bisht Rawat
B) Sudeep Nagarakar
C) Prakash Iyer
D) Devdutt Pattanaik

Answer : A

- ✓ The bestselling author Rachna Bisht Rawat has come out with a book titled “Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform”, as a tribute to India’s first Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat.
- ✓ This book is a highlight of his life, personality and principles and also features in-depth interviews with Bipin Rawat’s friends, family members and comrades.



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- "The World: A Family History of Humanity," : Simon Sebag Montefiore
- "Revolutionaries In India's Freedom Struggle:" : Sanjeev Sanyal
- "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" : Ashwin Fernandes
- "The Light We Carry Overcoming In Uncertain Times" : Michelle Obama
- Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History : Vikram Sampath
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- 'Victory City' : Salman Rushdie
- "The Poverty of Political Economics" : Meghnad Desai

Q. Name the Indian tennis player who recently become the oldest player to win ATP Masters 1000 title by winning men's double final at Indian Wells Masters?

- A) Vijay Amritraj B) Rohan Bopanna
C) Leander Paes D) Mahesh Bhupathi

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian tennis legend Rohan Bopanna created historic moment as has become the oldest player ever to win the ATP Masters 1000 title on March 19, 2023.



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Q. Which Ministry is implementing Research, Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) scheme for capacity building?

- A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B) Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
- C) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- D) Ministry of Education

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Earth Sciences is implementing an umbrella scheme named Research, Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) for capacity building in the area of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ This was informed by the Union Minister of State, PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, M/o Earth Sciences; MoS, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh.
- ✓ This scheme comprise of the following sub-schemes
- ✓ R&D in Earth System Science (RDESS).
- ✓ International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography (ITCOcean).
- ✓ Program for Development of Skilled manpower in Earth System Sciences (DESK).
- ✓ The main objectives of the scheme is
- ✓ Supporting various R&D activities helpful in attaining the National goals set up for MoES.
- ✓ Develop useful collaborations with international organizations for mutual transfer of advanced knowledge in science and technology in Earth Sciences and to provide services to developing countries.
- ✓ Develop skilled and trained manpower in Earth Sciences with the support of academic institutions in the country and abroad.

Q. UNESCO has declared which day to be observed as World Poetry Day?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March every year to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world.
- ✓ Theme of World Poetry Day in 2023 is "Always be a poet, even in prose."



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- ✓ The day was declared by the UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1999.
- ✓ The objective of the day is to “give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional and international poetry movements”, with the aim of supporting linguistic diversity through poetic expression and increasing the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard.

Q. The theme for World Poetry Day in 2023 is __

- A) Always be a poet, even in prose B) The Environment
C) Thanks You Poets D) Poet matters

Answer : A

Q. Which day of the year is marked as the International Day of Forests?

- A) March 19 B) March 20
C) March 21 D) March 22

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day) is celebrated every year on March 21.
- ✓ The theme for International Day of Forests 2023 is “Forests and Health”.
- ✓ The day aims to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests, and trees outside forests, for the benefit of current and future generations as well as to increase the public awareness among communities about the values, significance and contributions of the forests to balance the life cycle on the earth.
- ✓ This day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2012.

Q. What is the theme for International Day of Forests 2023?

- A) Forests and Health
B) Forests and Air
C) Forests and Yoga
D) Forests and Future

Answer : A



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- Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea.
- 2023 edition of Indian Navy's major maritime exercise Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX), is currently underway in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Indian Army and the French Army will hold their first joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23, at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces.
- A joint training exercise "Exercise Trishakri Prahar" was conducted in North Bengal.
- The fourth iteration of the biennial training exercise DUSTLIK (2023) will be held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- First joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian and the Egyptian Army, 'Exercise Cyclone – I' started on 14 January at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- A joint counter-terrorism exercise Tarkash between National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF) culminated in Chennai.
- India and Japan has kick started an exercise 'Ex Dharma Guardian' at Camp Imazu in Shiga Province, Japan.
- Indian Air Force to Conduct Exercise 'PRALAY' in Northeastern Part of India.

Q. Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian in 2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List. What is his global ranking in the list?

A) 10th

B) 2nd

C) 9th

D) 8th

Answer : C

- ✓ Mukesh Ambani, the Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), is the only Indian to feature in the list of the world's top 10 billionaires, according to 2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List.
- ✓ The report has been compiled by research platform Hurun in coordination with real-estate group M3M.



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- ✓ The 2023 M3M Hurun Global rich list is the 12th Edition of the annual report.
- ✓ Mr Ambani is placed at ninth rank globally with a net worth of \$82 billion.
- ✓ He has also retained the title of wealthiest Asian for the third consecutive year.
- ✓ **Top 10 Indian Billionaires in M3M Hurun Global Rich List 2023**

Rank	Name	Wealth (US\$ Billion)	Industry
1	Mukesh Ambani	82	Reliance
2	Gautam Adani and Family	53	Adani Group
3	Cyrus Poonawalla	27	Cyrus Poonawalla Group
4	Shiv Nadar and Family	26	HCL Technologies
5	Lakshmi N Mittal	20	ArcelorMittal
6	SP Hinduja and Family	20	Hinduja Group
7	Dilip Shanghvi and Family	17	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
8	Radhakishan Damani and Family	16	Avenue Supermarts Limited
9	Kumar Mangalam Birla and Family	14	Aditya Birla Group
10	Uday Kotak	14	Kotak Mahindra Bank





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Q. What amount of loan has been approved by IMF for war-nation Ukraine to help nation in recovery?

- A) \$15.6 billion B) \$12.5 billion
C) \$11.1 billion D) \$19.0 billion

Answer : A

- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a loan worth \$15.6 billion for Ukraine.
- ✓ This is for the first time in IMF's 77-year history that the agency has set up the loan for nation at war.
- ✓ This comprehensive loan program will span for over four years and is divided into two phases.
- ✓ In the first phase Ukraine will take measures to strengthen fiscal, external, price and financial stability, and in the second phase Ukraine will work to bolster macroeconomic stability and support the nation's recovery and reconstruction.

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- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a loan worth \$15.6 billion for Ukraine.
- Inflation has risen to a 48-year high in crisis-hit Pakistan, where the International Monetary Fund (IMF) .
- Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- IMF Signed Extended Fund Facility(EFF) With Pakistan.
- Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- India's Krishna Srinivasan has been appointed as the director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund.
- IMF approved \$1.4 billion emergency support for Ukraine.
- IMF warns Ukraine's Economy to Shrink Up to 35% in 2022.
- Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas from France has been named as the next chief economist of the IMF.
- Gita Gopinath is set to become the first Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.
- Andorra Joins IMF as its 190th Member.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Founded : 1945



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- ✓ ILMT has been designed and built by the Advanced Mechanical and Optical Systems (AMOS) Corporation and the Centre Spatial de Liège in Belgium.
- ✓ The ILMT is the first liquid mirror telescope designed exclusively for astronomical observations. It is the largest aperture telescope in the country. It is also the first optical survey telescope in India

Q. Who is the head of the committee formed by IFSCA to create roadmap for onshoring Indian Innovations to GIFT City in Gujarat?

- A) G. Padmanabhan
- B) Raghuram Rajan
- C) Urjit Patel
- D) Viral Acharya

Answer : A

- ✓ The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has formed an expert committee to create a roadmap to encourage Indian startups/fintech domiciled abroad to relocate to the GIFT City in Gujarat.
- ✓ The committee will be chaired by G. Padmanabhan, former Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ The committee will consist of representatives from leading Venture Capital funds, Startups, Fintechs, Law firms, Tax firms and other domain experts.
- ✓ Objective of this committee:
- ✓ Identify critical issues necessary for the development of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) IFSC as a global Fintech hub.
- ✓ Suggest measures to encourage new Fintechs having a global outlook to establish their commercial presence in GIFT IFSC.
- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
- ✓ Founded : April 27, 2020
- ✓ Headquarteres : GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- ✓ 1st Chairmam : Injeti Srinivas



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Q. The state government of Himachal Pradesh has signed an MoU worth Rs 817.12 crore with which agency to improve drinking water and sanitation facility in its 5 town?

- A) French Development Agency (AFD)
- B) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- C) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- D) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer : A

- ✓ The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the French Development Agency 'Agence Francaise de Developpment (AFD)', to improve drinking water and sanitation services in five towns of the state.
- ✓ The total value of the project is Rs 817.12 crore.
- ✓ It will be used to develop better sewerage facilities in five towns of the state which includes Manali, Bilaspur, Palampur, Nahan and Karsog

Q. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Invest India to succeed Deepak Bagla?

- A) Debjani Ghosh
- B) Manmeet K Nanda
- C) Pankaj R Patel
- D) Aaroosh Jairath

Answer : B

- ✓ Manmeet K Nanda has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Invest India.
- ✓ He succeeds Deepak Bagla, who resigned from the post recently.
- ✓ Invest India is the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation body under the Ministry of Commerce, to help investors looking for investment opportunities and options in India

Q. Who is the recipient of the Sangita Kalanidhi award for the year 2023 given by The Madras Music Academy?

- A) T V Gopalakrishnan
- B) Aruna Sairam
- C) Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi
- D) Bombay Jayashri

Answer : D

- ✓ Renowned Carnatic vocalist and musician Bombay Jayashri have been chosen for the Sangita Kalanidhi award for the year 2023, by The Music Academy.



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Q. US President Joe Biden presented the National Humanity Medal to which Indian-American actress?

A) Mindy Kaling

B) Amita Naik

C) Sonia Shah

D) Dolly Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ US President Joe Biden has awarded the prestigious 2021 National Humanities Medal to Indian-American actress and producer Mindy Kaling.
- ✓ Reason : For empowering the new generation to tell their stories with irreverence and sincerity
- ✓ The National Medal of Arts is the highest award, given to artists, arts patrons, and groups by the US government.
- ✓ Other notable recipients : Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Bruce Springsteen, Vera Wang, Gladys Knight, Judith Francisca Baca

Q. Who named India's most valuable celebrity of 2022?

A) Ranbir Kapoor

B) Ranveer Singh

C) Shahid Kapoor

D) Salman Khan

Answer : B

- ✓ Actor Ranveer Singh is India's most valued celebrity of 2022, according to a report by corporate investigation and risk consulting firm, Kroll.
- ✓ With a brand value of \$181.7 million, Singh has dethroned cricketer Virat Kohli, who occupied the top spot for five years, according to the report, titled "Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2022: Beyond the Mainstream".
- ✓ Kohli fell to second spot with a brand value of \$176.9 million. His brand value has seen a decline for two consecutive years after he left the captaincy of the men's cricket team. His brand value stood at over \$237 million in 2020, but declined steeply in 2021 to \$185.7 million.
- ✓ Actor Akshay Kumar remained in third position with a brand value of \$153.6 million. With a valuation of \$102.9 million, actress Alia Bhatt also retained the fourth spot and the title of the most valued female celebrity.
- ✓ Deepika Padukone's brand valuation of \$82.9 million earned her the fifth spot.



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Q. Which State observed its 111th foundation day on March 22, 2023?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Bihar is 22nd March 2023 celebrating its 111th foundation day.
- ✓ The state of Bihar was carved out from the Bengal presidency on March 22 in 1912.
- ✓ This day is celebrated as Bihar Divas. The theme of this year's (2023) event is "Yuva Shakti Bihar ki Pragati".
- ✓ Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar have congratulated people on the occasion of Bihar Divas.

Q. Tire manufacturer CEAT has appointed whom as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

- A) Florent Menegaux
B) Rahul Mammen Mappillai
C) Raghupati Singhania
D) Arnab Banerjee

Answer : D

- ✓ CEAT, one of the leading tyre manufacturers in India, has announced a change in its top leadership.
- ✓ The company has appointed Arnab Banerjee as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) while Anant Goenka has been designated as Vice Chairman of the company

Q. Who has signed an MoU with Indian Army for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own, and Operate (BOO) model?

- A) NTPC
B) SJVN
C) NHPC
D) CESC

Answer : A

- ✓ NTPC REL has signed an MoU with INDIAN ARMY for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) model
- ✓ NTPC REL is wholly subsidiary of NTPC Limited and currently it has a portfolio of 3.6 GW RE capacity under construction.
- ✓ NTPC Group has ambitious plans of 60 GW of RE capacity by the year 2032 and currently it has 3.2 GW of installed RE capacity.



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Q. Which Indian company got India's first BIS license to make fire-resistant steel?

A) Tata Steel

B) Jindal Steel

C) JSW Steel

D) Steel Authority of India Ltd

Answer : B

- ✓ Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) will manufacture India's first fire-resistant steel structures at its unit in Raigarh, Chhatisgarh.
- ✓ JSPL has received BIS certification to manufacture India's first fire-resistant steel structures at its rail mill in Chhattisgarh



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