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Aparchit April 1st Week Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts April-2023 Set 01
By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. ISRO has recently successfully conducted Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) from the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) at_.

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh B) Chitradurga, Karnataka
C) Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu D) Wheeler Island, Odisha

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 2 April successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX).
- ✓ The test was conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- ✓ A Chinook Helicopter of the Indian Air Force carried the launch vehicle to a height of 4.5 kms and released it in mid-air.
- ✓ The RLV took off at 7.10 am and landed at the ATR airstrip at 7.40 am.
- ✓ It is noteworthy that the rocket can be launched again with the help of a reusable launch vehicle.
- ✓ This has successfully achieved the autonomous precise landing of the Space vehicle.
- ✓ ISRO had developed the navigation system, instrumentation and sensors on its own.
- ✓ With this successful test, the dream of developing a reusable spacecraft in India can become a reality.

ISRO IN NEWS 2022-23

- ISRO has successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- ISRO has successfully launched India's largest Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) rocket/OneWeb India-2 Mission with 36 satellites onboard from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ISRO successfully launched a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -C52(PSLV-C52) on 14 February 2022 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- The PSLV-C52 rocket carried three satellites EOS-04 ,INSPIR Esat-1and INS-2TD).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch OneWeb India-2 mission from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.



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- Under a commercial agreement with NewSpace India Ltd, will launch 72 satellites of UK-based Network Access Associates Ltd and place them in low Earth orbit.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently successfully carried out a controlled descent of its 12-year-old low earth orbit satellite Megha Tropiques-1 (MT-1) into the Pacific Ocean.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently released images of Earth captured by the EOS-06 satellite.
- Earth Observation satellite (EOS-6) is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series.
- Indian Space Research Organization has launched its smallest rocket SSLV-D2 into space from Satish Dhawan Space Center (Sriharikota).
- ISRO's SSLV-D2 flew into space carrying three satellites with it.
- These include ISRO's satellite EOS-07, Chennai-based space startup Spacekidz's satellite Azad SAT-2 and American company Antaris's satellite JANUS -1.
- All these three satellites will be placed in circular orbit 450 km apart.
- An Earth-observation satellite jointly developed by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and ISRO will be sent to India in late February 2023 for a possible launch in September.
- India's first ever private Vikram-S (Suborbital) rocket was launched on 18 November from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- Vikram-S, designed by Skyroot Aerospace.
- ISRO has successfully launched its heaviest rocket LVM3-M2, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota spaceport, Andhra Pradesh on 23 October 2022. The mission, which was named LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1, carried 36 broadband communication satellites of OneWeb Company.
- ISRO will launch 36 satellites of OneWeb, the UK's global communications network, on October 23, 2022.
- The name of the rocket is LVM3, it was earlier called GSLV Mk III.
- ISRO 'Shukrayaan I' mission to planet Venus reportedly shifted to 2031.
- ISRO is doing to boost the use of 'NAVigation with the Indian Constellation' (NavIC), India's version of GPS.



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- ISRO has unveiled spectacular images of the Earth taken by its Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-06), also known as Oceansat-3.
- CE-20 cryogenic engine, which will power the nation's rocket for the third moon mission, Chandrayaan-3, had a flight acceptance hot test that was successfully completed, according to the ISRO.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Founded : 15 August 1969
- HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka
- Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India

Q. The blue bird logo of social media giant Twitter has recently been changed. What is the new logo?

- A) Arrow facing upward B) 8 Bar in Blue bird
C) Letter 'T' D) Doge Meme

Answer : D

- ✓ The classic blue bird logo of the social media giant Twitter, has been replaced with the "doge" meme, which is also the logo of the Dogecoin cryptocurrency.
- ✓ The 'doge' meme has the face of a Shiba Inu.
- ✓ Twitter CEO Elon Musk, who took control of the social media giant in October 2022 under \$44 billion deal, confirmed the change in logo from Blue Bird to Doge via his Twitter account on April 04, 2023.
- ✓ However, the change will be only visible on the web version of Twitter and not on the Twitter app.
- ✓ Twitter



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- ✓ Founded : 2006
- ✓ Founder(s) : Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone & Evan Williams
- ✓ CEO : Elon Musk
- ✓ Twitter, Inc. is based in San Francisco, California, US.
- ✓ On April 25, 2022, the Twitter board of directors agreed to a \$44 billion buyout by Elon Musk.

Q. The World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) is being merged with which entity to form a new sports and entertainment company?

- A) Professional Fighters League B) Ultimate Fighting Championship
C) CONCACAF D) ONE Championship

Answer : B

- ✓ The pro wrestling giant World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and the mixed martial arts (MMM) franchise Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) are soon going to merge to form a new entity.
- ✓ UFC owner Endeavor Group will buy WWE and form a new sports entertainment company, worth around \$21 billion.
- ✓ The deal will value WWE at \$9.3 billion and UFC at \$12.1 billion.
- ✓ Upon the completion of this deal, Endeavor will own a 51% stake in the new company, while WWE shareholders will hold remaining 49%.

Q. MF Hydra is world's first liquid hydrogen-powered ferry. It has been launched by which country?

- A) Netherlands B) Germany
C) Finland D) Norway

Answer : D

- ✓ The world's first liquid hydrogen-powered ferry, MF Hydra, became operational on April 04, 2023 in Norway after the Norwegian Maritime Administration granted MF Hydra the clearance to sail, following rigorous development and testing.
- ✓ The MF Hydra has been launched by the Norwegian shipping company Norled.
- ✓ This 82.4-meter-long MF Hydra ferry will cover zero-emission journey on a triangular route in Norway between Hjelmeland, Skipavik, and Nesvik.



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- ✓ The exercise SLINEX-2023 will be conducted in two phases – the Harbour Phase and Sea Phase – of three days each.
- ✓ The Indian Navy will be represented by INS Kiltan and INS Savitri, in addition to Indian Navy Chetak helicopter and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft
- ✓ The Sri Lanka Navy will have SLNS Vijayabahu and SLNS Samudura, Sri Lanka Air Force Dornier and BEL 412 helicopters.
- ✓ SLINEX-2023 will enhance inter-operability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices and procedures in multi-faceted Maritime operations between both Navies.
- ✓ SRI LANKA
- ✓ Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)
- ✓ Colombo (executive and judicial)
- ✓ Currency : Rupee
- ✓ President : Ranil Wickremesinghe
- ✓ Prime Minister : Dinesh Gunawardena
- ✓ Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- ✓ Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- ✓ Parliament : parliamenthua (225 seats)
- ✓ National day : 4 February 1948

Q. The first-ever fernarium has been set up inside which of these National Parks in India?

- A) Periyar National Park B) Eravikulam National Park
C) Bandipur National Park D) Silent Valley National Park

Answer : B

- ✓ A fernarium has been set up inside the Eravikulam National Park (ENP) in Kerala.
- ✓ It is for the first time that a fern collection is being set up in the hill station.
- ✓ Eravikulam National Park in Munnar, Kerala has a new attraction – a fernarium and it is the first fern collection set up in a hill station
- ✓ Already 52 varieties of ferns are planted in the new fernarium.
- ✓ The objective of the Fernarium is to educate visitors about the biodiversity of the park and to showcase the flora in a unique way



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- ✓ About Eravikulam National Park
- ✓ Location: Eravikulam National Park is located in the Western Ghats of India, within the state of Kerala.
- ✓ **History:** The park was initially established as a game sanctuary in 1975, with the primary objective of protecting the endangered Nilgiri tahr, a type of mountain goat that is endemic to the Western Ghats.
- ✓ **National Park Status:** In 1978, the sanctuary was declared a National Park and now it is spread over an area of 97 square kilometres.
- ✓ **Biodiversity:** The park is famous for its rich biodiversity, which houses a number of wildlife species including Nilgiri Tahr, Macaque, Leopard and many bird species

Q. The International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 was virtually addressed by PM Modi on April 04, 2023. Which edition of ICDRI is being held in 2023?

- A) 5th
- B) 4th
- C) 3rd
- D) 2nd

Answer : A

- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi virtually addressed the 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023.
- ✓ The fifth edition of the flagship conference has been organised in a hybrid format from 4-5 April 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The theme of the conference is 'Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments'.
- ✓ The Member Countries, organizations, institutions and infrastructure actors and stakeholders of Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) will come together at this annual conference to discuss solution for disaster and climate resilient infrastructure.
- ✓ About Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
- ✓ India officially launched the CDRI on 23 September 2019 at the 2019 United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York.
- ✓ Its aim is to promote disaster-resilient infrastructure.
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi, India (Interim Secretariat)
- ✓ Founder countries - India, Australia, Bhutan, Fiji, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom. (13 countries).



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Q. Neeraj Nigam has been roped in by RBI as___.

- A) Governor
B) Deputy Governor
C) Executive Director
D) Principal Chief General Managers

Answer : C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Neeraj Nigam as the new Executive Director (ED) with effect from April 03, 2023.
- ✓ As Executive Director of RBI, Mr Nigam will handle
- ✓ Consumer Education and Protection Department.
- ✓ Financial Inclusion and Development Department.
- ✓ Legal Department
- ✓ Secretary's Department

Q. Which player has won the men's singles title at the 2023 Miami Open Tennis Tournament?

- A) Daniil Medvedev
B) Santiago Gonzalez
C) Edouard Roger
D) Jannik Sinner

Answer : A

- ✓ Russian Tennis star Daniil Medvedev beat Jannik Sinner (Italian) 7-5, 6-3, to claim his first title at the Miami Open.
- ✓ This was Medvedev's fourth title of the year, 5th ATP Masters 1000 title and 19th ATP title overall.
- ✓ Complete Overview of Result
- ✓ Men's Single – Daniil Medvedev
- ✓ Women's Single – Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)
- ✓ Men's Double – Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico) and Édouard Roger-Vasselin (France)
- ✓ Women's Double – Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula of USA

Q. Which bank recently opened its first branch for startups?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra has opened its first branch for startups in Pune.



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- ✓ This will help in promoting the startups of the country. Bank of Maharashtra's Executive Director Ashish Pandey was also present at the inauguration of its branch.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the Bank of Maharashtra also signed an MoU with SIDBI Venture Capital for active funding of start-ups
- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra
- ✓ Founded : 1935
- ✓ Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra
- ✓ MD & CEO : A. S. Rajeev
- ✓ Tagline : One Family One Bank/ Ek Parivar Ek Bank

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director by Suzuki Motorcycle India?

- A) Rajiv Kumar
- B) Abhishek Goyal
- C) Kenichi Umeda
- D) S Vishwanathan

Answer : C

- ✓ Suzuki Motorcycle India Private Limited has appointed Kenichi Umeda as the new Managing Director of the company.
- ✓ Umeda has replaced Satoshi Uchida whose term has recently ended.
- ✓ Suzuki Motorcycle India, Private Limited (SMI) is the wholly owned Indian subsidiary of Suzuki, Japan.[2] It was the third Suzuki automotive venture in India, after TVS Suzuki (1982–2001) and Maruti Suzuki (1982). In 1982, the joint-venture between Suzuki Motor Corporation and TVS Motor Company incorporated and started production of two wheelers in India.
- ✓ The company has set up a manufacturing facility at Gurgaon, Haryana

Q. Which African country is going to launch its first operational Earth observation satellite?

- A) Kenya
- B) Namibia
- C) Morocco
- D) Zimbabwe

Answer : A

- ✓ African country Kenya is recently going to launch its first operational Earth observation satellite named 'Taifa-1' by April 11, 2023.
- ✓ The Kenya Space Agency will blast this spacecraft with a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.



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- ✓ According to Kenya's Ministry of Defence, the satellite will provide data for diverse sectors including agriculture and food security.
- ✓ Kenya is an East African country and its capital is Nairobi
- ✓ About Kenya
- ✓ Kenya is a country in East Africa.
- ✓ President: William Ruto
- ✓ Capital: Nairobi
- ✓ Currency :Kenyan shilling

Q. Who took over as the 40th President of the FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO)?

- A) Sudha Shivkumar B) Jai Yashvardhan
C) Ajay Kapur D) Soumya Swaminathan

Answer : A

- ✓ Sudha Shivakumar has taken over as the 40th President of the FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO).
- ✓ The organization is the oldest women-led and women-centred trade body in South East Asia.
- ✓ Sudha is a lawyer and investment banker by profession.

Q. Proba-3 Mission', which will be launched aboard ISRO's PSLV, is associated with which space agency?

- A) NASA B) JAXA
C) CNSA D) ESA

Answer : D

- ✓ The European Space Agency's Proba-3 Mission will be launched aboard the ISRO's PSLV in 2024.
- ✓ Its two satellites will study the Sun's faint corona and surrounding atmosphere.
- ✓ The 340-kilogram spacecraft will be deployed by PSLV in a high Earth orbit with an orbital period of 19.7 hours.

Q. Which organization has set up 'Corporate Debt Market Development Fund'

- A) RBI B) SEBI
C) NSE D) BSE

Answer : B



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- ✓ Fino Payments Bank has renewed its association with Rajasthan Royals (RR) for season 16 of India's biggest premier cricket competition.
- ✓ Fino Bank will be RR's official Digital Banking Partner.
- ✓ The Bank made its maiden foray with the mega sporting event last season by partnering with RR as the Digital Payments Partner.

Q. Who has been appointed as an expert member of the National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Board by the union health ministry?

- A) Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla B) Dr. RG Patel
C) Dr. Krishna Ella D) Dr. Rajiv I. Modi

Answer : B

- ✓ Renowned gynecologist and obstetrician, Dr. RG Patel has been appointed as an expert member of the National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Board by the union health ministry.
- ✓ Dr Patel's appointment to the National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Board, which functions under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, is for the purposes of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021 and the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021.
- ✓ Dr Patel is a gynaecologist, infertility and In-vitro fertilisation (IVF) and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) specialist.
- ✓ He has been performing IVF, Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) and ovum donation procedures for more than 22 years.
- ✓ He performs around 1,500 IVF and ICSI procedures a year and has facilitated 20,000+ live births through such procedures. He has also successfully conducted 2,800 Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) procedures.

Q. Who has become the first woman President of TiE Rajasthan for the two-year term 2023-2025?

- A) Chhavi Rajawat B) Sheenu Jhawar
C) Vandana Bahadur D) Sumaira Abdulali

Answer : B



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- ✓ Dr. Sheenu Jhawar has been appointed as the new President of TiE Rajasthan for a two-year term from 2023 to 2025.
- ✓ Dr. Jhawar is the first woman to hold this position in the 21 year history of TiE Rajasthan.
- ✓ He succeeds Dr. Ravi Modani, who was leading it with effect from 2021.
- ✓ She has been associated with TiE Rajasthan for many years and has contributed significantly to its growth and success.
- ✓ As chairman, Dr. Jhawar aims to continue promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in Rajasthan and support women entrepreneurs in particular.
- ✓ About The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Rajasthan
- ✓ It is a chapter of TiE Global and has been recognized as the best chapter in 2021.
- ✓ TiE Rajasthan since its inception in 2002 has been a pioneer in the state of Rajasthan and has contributed significantly to the start-up ecosystem.
- ✓ TiE Rajasthan was honoured with the highly coveted Best TiE Chapter Award in 2021.
- ✓ The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) is a non-profit organisation established in 1992 in Silicon Valley, working globally with 58 chapters in 14 countries, with the main objective of promoting entrepreneurship.
- ✓ Through various initiatives such as mentoring, networking, education, incubation and funding, TiE aims to support and foster the next generation of entrepreneurs around the world.

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Sheenu Jhawar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dhani becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.



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- Rae Bareilly's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Lance Naik Manju became the Indian Army's first woman skydive.
- Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as the first female President of Slovenia.
- Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Nallathambiyal Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Draupadi Murmu may become India's First Tribal and Second Female President.
- Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8,000 metres.
- Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- Lisa Sthalekar becomes first female president of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA).
- Abhilasha Barak becomes the Indian Army's first woman combat aviator.
- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit named as first woman Vice Chancellor of JNU.
- Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups.
- Justice Ayesha Malik to be Pakistan's first woman Supreme Court judge.
- Xiomara Castro sworn in as first female President of Honduras
- Dhriti Banerjee appointed first woman director of Zoological Survey of India.
- Mawya Sudan becomes IAF's 1st woman fighter pilot from J&K.
- Costa Rica's Rebeca Grynspan first female secretary-general of UNCTAD.
- Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match.



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➤ Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO).

Q. Who has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, Wearing Lunachari is traditional dress of Himachal Pradesh?

A) Anjali Sud

B) Amrapali Gan

C) Anjali Sharma

D) Revathi Advaiti

Answer : C

- ✓ Anjali Sharma conquer Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, wearing Luanchari.
- ✓ Dharamshala's daughter Anjali Sharma has brought glory to Himachal and the country by conquering Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro peak wearing a Gaddi dress (Luanchadi).
- ✓ She has become the first girl from India to scale Mount Kilimanjaro in Gaddi costume.
- ✓ Anjali Sharma is working to promote Gaddi culture on the peaks of the mountains.
- ✓ Earlier, at the age of 15, Anjali had conquered the peak of 5289 meters in the first attempt.
- ✓ She has also conquered Hanuman Tibba and Pahar Deo with a height of 6001 meters.
- ✓ Lunachari is a traditional dress of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Mount Kilimanjaro
- ✓ Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa's tallest mountain and the world's largest free-standing mountain.
- ✓ It is located in Tanzania, has an elevation of 5,895 meters (19,340 ft) and is the highest peak on the African continent.
- ✓ The mountain is a snow-capped volcano.
- ✓ It is also called a stratovolcano (a term for a very large volcano made of ash, lava, and rock).
- ✓ It is made up of three cones: Kibo, Mawenzi and Shira.
- ✓ It was included as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.

Q. Who has been ranked as the richest person in the world in Forbes Billionaire 2023?

A) Elon Musk

B) Bernard Arnault

C) Jeff Bezos

D) Warren Buffett

Answer : B

- ✓ Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani has been ranked as the richest man in India, as per the Forbes Billionaire 2023 list, released on April 04, 2023.



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- ✓ Hyderabad-based space tech startup Skyroot Aerospace successfully test fired an advanced fully 3D-printed cryogenic rocket engine 'Dhawan-II' on April 04, 2023.
- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace is India's first private rocket builder.
- ✓ The endurance test of 'Dhawan-II' was carried out at Solar Industries propulsion test facility in Nagpur, Maharashtra. It lasted for a long duration of almost 200 seconds.
- ✓ The 'Dhawan-II' Cryogenic engine will power the upper stage of Vikram-2.

Q. E-commerce app 'Pincode' has been launched by which company?

- A) Amazon
- B) GPay
- C) PhonePe
- D) Paytm

Answer : C

- ✓ Walmart-owned fintech company PhonePe has launched a new consumer application named 'Pincode', which is powered by the government's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) network.
- ✓ The service is currently live only in Bangalore, and will be launched in other cities soon.
- ✓ The app aims to promote local shopkeepers and sellers by digitally connecting consumers with all the neighbourhood stores that they usually buy from offline.
- ✓ Pincode will launch in six major categories including grocery, food, pharma, electronics, home decor and fashion.
- ✓ Customers can search for stores by browsing for category and can have multiple carts at the same time with one active cart per store. Buyers can also save multiple carts.
- ✓ PhonePe
- ✓ Founded : 2015
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Founder & CEO : Sameer Nigam
- ✓ Co-Founder & CTO : Rahul Chari
- ✓ It is owned by Flipkart, a subsidiary of Walmart.
- ✓ PhonePe app, based on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), went live in August 2016.
- ✓ Walmart completed the acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart in August 2018



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Q. Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL) has partnered with which bank for the distribution of health insurance products through the bank's branches across India?

A) Canara Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) UCO Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL), the health insurance joint venture of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. (ABCL) has announced its bancassurance partnership with UCO Bank, for the distribution of health insurance products through the bank's branches across India.
- ✓ This partnership will enable ABHICL to expand its national footprint by leveraging UCO Bank's widely distributed network of 3,164 branches and reach out to more than 40 million customers of the bank across India.
- ✓ United Commercial Bank (UCO) Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1943
- ✓ Headquarteres : Kolkata
- ✓ MD & CEO : Soma Shankar Prasad
- ✓ Tagline : Honours your Trust

Q. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have transferred unclaimed deposits worth how much rupees to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by February 2023?

A) Rs 42,923 crore

B) Rs 29,109 crore

C) Rs 35,012 crore

D) Rs 51,347 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ Public sector banks (PSBs) have transferred unclaimed deposits of Rs 35,012 crore as of February 2023 to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ These deposits have not been operated for 10 years or more.
- ✓ SBI tops the list with an unclaimed amount of Rs 8,086 crore, while Punjab National Bank has Rs 5,340 crore and Canara Bank has Rs 4,558 crore.
- ✓ These unclaimed deposits belong to 10.24 crore accounts transferred to the RBI.
- ✓ Banks have been advised by RBI to play a more proactive role in finding the whereabouts of the account holders whose accounts have remained inoperative.



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Q. Which bank has recently launched a mobile application, 'Digital Dukaan' to empower merchants and to accept payments through various digital modes?

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) HDFC Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Axis Bank and VISA have jointly launched a mobile application, 'Digital Dukaan' to empower merchants to accept payments through various digital modes.
- ✓ The app 'Digital Dukaan' has been specifically designed to address business requirements such as accepting digital payments, inventory management and billing, among others.
- ✓ Digital Dukaan will also enable merchants to set up an online store and grow their business effortlessly by creating new channels.

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2022-23.

- Axis Bank and VISA have jointly launched a mobile application, 'Digital Dukaan' to empower merchants to accept payments through various digital modes.
- Axis Bank launches 'MicroPay' based on 'Pin on Mobile' technology for digital payments.
- Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank announced that it would pay a consideration of up to Rs 12,325 crore to Citibank for the acquisition.
- Spice Money Partnered with Axis Bank for Financial Inclusion in Rural India.
- Axis Bank launches 7th edition of knowledge summit 'Evolve' for MSMEs.
- Axis Bank and Square Yards launched 'Open Doors', a co-branded Home Buyer Ecosystem.
- Axis Bank signed an MoU with FCI to provide "Ultima Salary Package".
- Axis Bank launches "House Work is Work" Initiative.
- IRDA fines Axis Bank Rs 2 crore and Max Life Insurance company Rs 3 crore.
- Axis Bank and Airtel tie-up to boost India's digital ecosystem 2022.
- Axis Bank takes Citibank's India consumer business in a Rs 12,325 crores.
- One of India's largest financial deals, Axis Bank-Citi merger, gets approved by CCI.
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.



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- ✓ The Bastille Day military parade is a French military parade held on the morning of 14 July each year in Paris since 1880.
- ✓ It is one of the oldest regular military parades in the world.
- ✓ The fall of the Bastille on July 14, 1789 is widely regarded as the beginning of the French Revolution.
- ✓ The Bastille was a fortress prison located in the heart of Paris, which became a symbol of royal tyranny and oppression
- ✓ FRANCE
- ✓ Capital : Paris
- ✓ Currency : Euro
- ✓ President : Emmanuel Macron
- ✓ Prime Minister : Elisabeth Borne

Q. Which company has signed a deal with Russia's largest oil producer Rosneft to substantially increase oil supplies and diversify oil grades delivered to India?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Russia's largest oil producer Rosneft and India's top refiner Indian Oil Corp have signed a term agreement to substantially increase oil supplies and diversify oil grades delivered to India.
- ✓ The parties also discussed ways of expanding cooperation between Rosneft Oil Company and Indian companies in the entire value chain of the energy sector, including possibilities of making payments in national currencies.
- ✓ India has been the biggest buyer of Russia's benchmark Urals grade crude in March. Deliveries to India are set to account for more than 50% of all seaborne Urals exports this month, with China in second place.
- ✓ Russia for the first time has become one of the five largest trading partners of India as the volume of trade between the countries reached \$38.4 billion in 2022.
- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)



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- ✓ Vikamsey will replace current MD Rustom Irani.
- ✓ Vikamse was earlier the CEO of Cash Business at Hitachi Payment Services.
- ✓ About Hitachi Payments
- ✓ It is a payment solutions company which is working since 15 years.
- ✓ The company offers a range of payment solutions that cover various stages of the payment process, including ATM services, Cash Recycling Machines, White-label ATMs, POS solutions, Toll and Transit solutions, Payment Gateway solutions, SoftPOS, Value-added POS Services and digital merchant onboarding included.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has recently given in-principle approval to Hitachi Payments to start its payment aggregator business.
- ✓ Hitachi Payments has set up its first in-house cash management unit in Noida

Q. Which country has successfully launched the “Ofek-13” spy satellite into space by the Shavit launch vehicle, from Palmachim Airbase spaceport?

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) Israel
- D) Russia

Answer : C

- ✓ Israel has successfully launched the “Ofek-13” spy satellite into space by the Shavit launch vehicle, from Palmachim Airbase spaceport.
- ✓ This satellite was manufactured by state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).
- ✓ The ‘Ofek 13’ is the most advanced of its kind with unique radar observation capabilities and will enable intelligence collection in any weather and conditions of visibility.
- ✓ It is the latest in a series of domestically produced satellites that were first put into orbit in 1988.
- ✓ Israel joined the club of space powers in 1988 with the deployment of its first Ofek (Horizon in Hebrew) satellite.

ISRAEL IN NEWS 2022-23

- Israel successfully launched a new spy satellite, named Ofek-13, into orbit. The satellite, Ofek-13, launched from the Palmachim Airbase in central Israel.
- Adani Group acquired the strategic Israeli port of Haifa for USD 1.2 billion.



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- Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) to Manufacture Israel's LORA Ballistic Missile for Indian Tri-Services.
- Benjamin Netanyahu Sworn in as the Prime minister of Israel for a Record 6th Time, Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister.
- India and Israel have started a series of events to mark the 30 years of establishment of diplomatic relationship between the two countries.
- ISRAEL
- Capital : Jerusalem
- Currency : New Shekel
- President : Isaac Herzog
- Prime Minister : Benjamin Netanyahu
- Parliament : Knesset

Q. Sanjita Chanu, who has been handed a ban of 4 years by NADA, is associated with which sports?

A) Shooting

B) Weightlifting

C) Boxing

D) Gymnastic

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian weightlifter and two-time Commonwealth Games champion, Sanjita Chanu has been handed a four-year ban by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) for failing a dope test.
- ✓ The 29-year-old Athlete has violated Article 2.1 & 2.2 of the Nada ADR, 2021, she is hereby sanctioned with an ineligibility of four (04) years as per Article 10.2.1 of the NADA ADR, 2021.
- ✓ Her ban will be considered from November 12, 2022.
- ✓ She tested positive for an anabolic steroid — Drostanolone Metabolite — that features in the World Anti-doping Agency's (WADA) prohibited list.
- ✓ India's triple jumper Aishwarya Babu and sprinter MV Jilna have been banned by India's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- ✓ India's Triple-Jumper Aishwarya Babu Banned by NADA for Four Years. (in news March 2023)



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Q. Retired British player Amir Khan has been imposed a ban of 2 years by UK Anti-Doping agency. He is associated with which sports?

- A) Football
B) Cricket
C) Boxing
D) Tennis

Answer : C

- ✓ The UK Anti-Doping agency (UKAD) has handed a two-year ban on former light-welterweight world champion Amir Khan for testing positive for a prohibited substance.
- ✓ British boxer Amir Khan has been banned from all sports.
- ✓ Khan's ban will be effective from April 6, 2022 to April 5, 2024.
- ✓ He has tested positive for anabolic agent ostarine, a drug present on the World Anti-Doping Agency's prohibited list.

Q. Which bank has launched the 'MicroPay', India's first pocket-sized swipe machine for accepting digital payments.

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
B) HDFC Bank
C) ICICI Bank
D) Axis Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ India's third largest private sector lender Axis Bank has launched 'MicroPay', country's first pocket-sized swipe machine, for accepting digital payments.
- ✓ The 'MicroPay' has been launched along with Ezetap by Razorpay and MyPinpad as the technical solution partners.
- ✓ MicroPay is based on 'Pin on Mobile' technology, that converts a merchant's smartphone into a Point-of-Sale (POS) terminal
- ✓ How it works?
- ✓ MicroPay is a pocket-sized, small, low-cost card reader which supports "insert" and "tap" options for debit and credit cards.
- ✓ The card reader can be connected to the merchant's smartphone through Bluetooth and allows customers to punch in their PIN directly on the merchant's smartphone, for accepting digital payments.



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- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- Axis Bank and EazyDiner collaborate to introduce Dining Delights.
- Axis Bank won 'Asian Bank of the Year' at IFR Asia Awards 2021.
- Axis Bank and IDBI Bank have each been fined Rs 93 lakh by the RBI.
- Axis Bank & CRMNEXT won IBSi Innovation Awards 2021.
- Axis Bank has launched the 'HouseWorksWork' project.
- Axis Bank tie-up with MinkasuPay for biometric-based banking payments.
- Axis Bank is 2nd largest in PoS machines.
- **AXIS BANK**
- Founded : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija



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- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi.

Q. Which team has won the Women's Premier League 2023 title?

- A) Delhi Capitals B) UP Warriors
C) Mumbai Indians D) Royal Challengers Bangalore

Answer : C

- ✓ Mumbai Indians has defeated the Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets and with that they become the first-ever Women's Premier League champions.
- ✓ Mumbai Indians Captain : Harmanpreet Kaur
- ✓ Delhi Capitals Captain : Meg Lanning
- ✓ Player of the match : Nat Sciver-Brunt (Mumbai Indians)
- ✓ Catch of the season : Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)
- ✓ Purple cap : Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians)
- ✓ Orange cap : Meg Lanning (Delhi Capitals)
- ✓ Most valuable player : Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians).
- ✓ India's star opener Smriti Mandhana has become the costliest player in the ongoing player auction for the Women's Premier League (WPL).
- ✓ Mandhana joined Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 3.4 crore.
- ✓ Viacom 18 has acquired the media rights of the Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL).
- ✓ Viacom18 has bought the media rights of the women's IPL for five years from 2023 to 2027 for Rs 951 crore.
- ✓ Women's Premier League 2023: Team List And Their Owners
- ✓ Team Gujarat Giants is owned by Gautam Adani. ...
- ✓ Team Royal Challengers Bangalore Woman is owned by Diageo.
- ✓ Team Delhi Capital Woman is owned by JSW Group, GMR Group.
- ✓ Team UP Warriorz is owned by Capri Global.
- ✓ Team Mumbai Indians Woman is owned by Reliance Industries.



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- ✓ This initiative will provide access to digital payments even when there is no network.
- ✓ The Swedish company Crunchfish introduced this one-of-a-kind digital payment system for merchants and customers as part of the RBI's Regulatory Sandbox Program.
- ✓ This project will allow offline retail payments in India's payment ecosystem using a Digital Cash platform.
- ✓ IDFC FIRST Bank will be one of the first few banks to participate in HDFC Bank's pilot initiative

IDFC First Bank IN NEWS 2022-23

- IDFC FIRST Bank has teamed with Crunchfish to participate in the RBI's pilot programme to facilitate offline payments.
- 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
- Tagline : Always You First.

Q. Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been appointed as Vice-President of which country?

A) Kuwait

B) Qatar

C) UAE

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : C

- ✓ President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has appointed Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, his brother, as the Vice President of the country.
- ✓ The incumbent Vice president Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, will also continue in the same role.
- ✓ Sheikh Mansour has been active in UAE politics since 2004, when he was appointed as Minister of Presidential Affairs.



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- ✓ Union Government has sanctioned 800 crore rupees under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) Scheme Phase -2 for setting up 7432 public fast charging stations across the country.
- ✓ The government has formulated Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) India Scheme in 2015 to improve the infrastructure required for the large-scale use of electric vehicles.
- ✓ At present, there are about 6,586 charging stations across the country. The addition of the new 7,432 public charging stations will be a significant push to Electric Vehicles charging ecosystem.
- ✓ This move will boost the electric vehicle ecosystem in India and encourage more people to switch to cleaner modes of transportation.

Q. Who has initiated Captive Employers, a unique initiative under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) in New Delhi?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister for Rural Development Giriraj Singh initiates 'Captive Employment' initiative under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY).
- ✓ 19 captive employers have been included in the unique initiative.
- ✓ 19 captive employers signed MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development to train and place over 31,000 rural youth in subsidiary companies under the DDU-GKY scheme.
- ✓ Captive employers will train rural poor youth and provide employment to the trained youth in their company or subsidiary.
- ✓ 10 candidates being trained under the DDU-GKY program and undergoing on-the-job training were handed over the appointment letters during the event.
- ✓ Two candidates were awarded with appreciation letters for their performance during their current tenure of employment
- ✓ About Captive Employment
- ✓ It aims to create a dynamic and demand-driven skilling ecosystem that caters to the needs of industry partners ensuring sustainable placements for rural poor youth.
- ✓ The initiative is an initiative for the DDU-GKY scheme, which assures placement after training the candidates for at least six months with a minimum CTC of Rs 10,000.



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Answer : A

- ✓ Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the Aravalli Green Wall Project at Tikli village in Haryana in a program organized on the occasion of International Forest Day
- ✓ The project will increase the green cover and biodiversity of Aravallis through afforestation, reforestation and restoration of water bodies.
- ✓ It will also improve soil fertility, water availability and climate resilience of the region.
- ✓ The project will benefit the local communities by providing them with employment opportunities, income generation and ecosystem services.
- ✓ The objective of this initiative is to green a buffer zone of about 5 km of Aravalli mountain range spread over five states.
- ✓ The project will also involve massive tree plantation drive and conservation of water resources in the Aravalli region.
- ✓ The project will cover barren land in Gurgaon, Faridabad, Bhiwani, Mahendragarh and Rewari districts of Haryana
- ✓ About Aravali Green Wall Project
- ✓ The project is part of the Union Forest Ministry's vision of creating green corridors across the country to combat land degradation and desertification.
- ✓ The project covers the states of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi where the Aravalli hills are spread over an area of 6 million hectares.
- ✓ The project will involve rejuvenation and restoration of ponds, lakes and rivers as well as planting of native species of trees and shrubs on scrub, barren land and degraded forest land.
- ✓ The project will also focus on agro-forestry and grassland development to enhance the livelihood of local communities.
- ✓ About Aravalli Range
- ✓ It extends from Himmatnagar in Gujarat to Delhi for a distance of about 720 km, which extends to Haryana and Rajasthan.
- ✓ It is thousands of years old, formed when the Indian subcontinental plate collided with the mainland of the Eurasian plate.
- ✓ Its height is between 300 m to 900 m.



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- ✓ Its highest peak is Guru Shikhar (1,722 m) on Mount Abu.

Q. The government has recently launched a new centrally sponsored scheme named 'New India Literacy Programme' with a financial outlay of over ___ for implementation during the financial years 2022-23 to 2026-27.

- A) Rs 500 crore B) Rs 800 crore
C) Rs 1000 crore D) Rs 700 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ The government has recently launched a new centrally sponsored scheme named 'New India Literacy Programme' with a financial outlay of over Rs 1000 crore for implementation during the financial years 2022-23 to 2026-27.
- ✓ The scheme aims to cover five crore illiterates in the age group of 15 years and above.
- ✓ Beneficiaries under this scheme are identified through door to door survey on mobile app by the surveyors in the States and Union Territories.
- ✓ About New India Literacy Program
- ✓ The program has been launched for the period FY 2022-2027 to align with the National Education Policy 2020 and cover all aspects of adult education.
- ✓ The scheme has been approved with a financial outlay of Rs 1037.90 crore, which includes central share of Rs 700.00 crore and state share of Rs 337.90 crore.
- ✓ The center and state share for all states is in the ratio of 60:40 while for North Eastern Region (NER) and Himalayan states the share between center and state is in the ratio of 90:10.
- ✓ The scheme will cover non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above in all the States/UTs of the country.
- ✓ It aims to cover 1 crore learners per year (total target of 5 crore) using "Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment System (OTLAS)" in collaboration with National Informatics Centre, NCERT and NIOS
- ✓ Five components of the scheme
- ✓ Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
- ✓ Critical Life Skills
- ✓ Vocational Skills Development
- ✓ Basic Education
- ✓ Continuing Education



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Q. The Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal has slapped a penalty of ₹10 crore on which state government for its failure to check the indiscriminate pollution of the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes?

A) Karnataka

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Kerala

D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ The Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites
- ✓ A principal bench headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said that as per the 'polluter pays principle', the fines imposed should be deposited in the ring-fenced account.
- ✓ These wetlands have become polluted due to the accumulation of pharmaceutical waste, plastic waste, domestic waste and slaughterhouse waste.
- ✓ Vembanad, the largest wetland ecosystem in Kerala was designated as a Ramsar site in the year 2002.
- ✓ According to a study by the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, the water holding capacity and ecology of Vembanad Lake has decreased by 85% in the last 120 years due to encroachment and destruction.
- ✓ Ashtamudi Lake is home to many plant and bird species, which was included in the Ramsar list in August 2002.
- ✓ Presently there is a problem of waste accumulation at this site.
- ✓ Wetlands are also capable of absorbing carbon dioxide.
- ✓ Wetlands are called "Kidneys of the Earth"
- ✓ National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- ✓ It deals with cases relating to the environment protection and conservation of forest.
- ✓ It was set up in 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010.
- ✓ Chairperson : Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel

Q. Who has assumed charge as the assistant police chief in the US state of Connecticut?

A) Revathi Advaiti

B) Manish Bapna

C) Sonia Aggarwal

D) Manmeet Colon

Answer : D



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- ✓ 37-year-old Indian-origin Sikh woman officer, Manmeet Colon has assumed charge as the assistant police chief in the US state of Connecticut.
- ✓ She became the department's first-ever second-in-command of Asian descent.
- ✓ Colon, a 15-year New Haven Police Department (NHPD) veteran, was sworn in as the city's third assistant police chief in a ceremony.

Q. Who has been conferred with a Special literary award?

- A) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman B) William Nordhaus
C) Leonardo DiCaprio D) Greta Thunberg

Answer : A

- ✓ Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman honoured with literary award.
- ✓ The Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL) honoured Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with a special literary award for his trilogy - Unfinished Memoirs, The Prison Diaries and The New China 1952.
- ✓ The award was presented at the ceremony to Bangladeshi writers and researchers Ramendu Majumdar and Mofidul Haque by eminent Punjabi novelist and founder president of FOSWAL Ajit Kaur.
- ✓ The award was given to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his outstanding literary excellence, as he is a towering figure of national emancipation of the oppressed people of the world.
- ✓ A citation by the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature compares him with Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, saying that no power on earth can erase him from history.
- ✓ About SAARC Writers and Literature Foundation (FOSWAL)
- ✓ It was established in 1987 as a non-profit organisation with the objective of promoting regional cooperation and cultural exchange among SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries through literature and the arts.
- ✓ Its founding members were writers and poets from SAARC countries including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives.
- ✓ Its main objective is to promote peace and understanding among the people of the SAARC region through literature, cultural exchange and dialogue.



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- ✓ It has been recognized for its efforts to promote regional cooperation and cultural exchange and has received several awards and honours, including the SAARC Literary Prize and the Mother Teresa International Prize for Social Justice.
- ✓ About Bangladesh
- ✓ Capital -Dhaka
- ✓ Currency -Taka
- ✓ President -Mohammad Shahabuddin
- ✓ Prime Minister - Sheikh Hasina

Q. The second G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting has begun in which city?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Jaipur
- C) Bhopal
- D) Siliguri

Answer : D

- ✓ The second G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting will be held in West Bengal's Siliguri and Darjeeling from 1-3 April 2023.
- ✓ This meeting will carry a message about the prospects and potential of the North Eastern part of India.
- ✓ The meeting is to be attended by more than 130 Delegates from the G20 Member Countries, Invitee Countries, and International Organizations along with Tourism Industry partners, State Tourism, and local tour operators.
- ✓ The main aim behind holding this meeting at Siliguri is to showcase the typical features of the area, tea ploughing to the foreign delegates as well as to expose the opportunities for adventure tourism and local art and culture.

Q. Who has recently won the Delhi International Open chess title?

- A) Sayantan Das
- B) Aravindh Chithambaram
- C) Dibyendu Barua
- D) Saptarshi Chowdhury

Answer : B

- ✓ Aravindh Chithambaram has won the Delhi International Open chess title.
- ✓ Aravindh, who aggregated a massive 9.5 points from 10 rounds, collected Rs 6 lakh and the winner's trophy from an event that offered Rs 45 lakh in prize money.



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- ✓ It is available as black and green teas.

LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Gamocha : Assam
- Beypore Uru : Kerala
- Bird's eye chilli' : Mizoram
- Mithila Makhana : Bihar
- Classical wind music instrument narasinghapettai nagaswaram : Tamil Nadu
- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Kashmiri carpet : Jammu and Kashmir
- Sojat Mehndi : Rajasthan
- Judima rice : Assam
- Sweet Cucumber : Nagaland
- Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange : Manipur
- Gucchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam
- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- Moira Bananas , Harmal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- Telia Rumal : Telangana
- Sohrai Khovar Painting : Jharkhand
- Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Kholra Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-



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GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.

The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.

A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.

Karnataka has the highest number of GI tags i.e. 47 products followed by Tamil Nadu (39).

➤ What is GI tag?

A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q. Which of the following interest rate on small savings scheme is not correct under the April to June quarter of financial year 2023-2024?

- A) Senior Citizen Savings Scheme – 8.2%
- B) National Savings Certificate – 7.7%
- C) Public Provident Fund Scheme – 7.4%%
- D) Sukanya Samriddhi Account – 8.0%

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Ministry of Finance has raised the interest rates on different small savings schemes between 10-70 basis points for the April to June quarter of financial year 2023-2024.
- ✓ The revised interest rates will be applicable from the financial year starting April 01, 2023.
- ✓ This is the third time in past 9 months, that the interest rates on small savings schemes have been increased.
- ✓ The interest rates on small savings schemes range from 4.0 percent to 8.2 percent for April-June 2023.
- ✓ Only, the interest rate for Public Provident Fund (PPF) scheme and Post Office Savings Account have been kept unchanged during this period.
- ✓ Various Interest Rates for Quarter-1 (April-June) of 2023-24 are listed below.
- ✓ Savings Deposit : 4.0%



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- ✓ Maturity of deposit : After 21 years from date of opening of account. (No interest will be earned after this.)
- ✓ Sukanya Samridhi Accounts Interest rate : 8.0%

Q. The interest rate on Kisan Vikas Patra for April to June quarter of financial year 2023-2024 is set at 7.5 percent. What is the maturity period of this scheme?

- A) 125 months
- B) 120 months
- C) 115 months
- D) 100 months

Answer : C

- ✓ Kisan Vikas Patra : 7.5% (115 months)

Q. Which of these insurers have not been listed as the Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2022-23 by IRDAI?

- A) National Insurance Company Limited
- B) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- C) General Insurance Corporation of India
- D) The New India Assurance Co. Ltd

Answer : A

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has retained the following insurers as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2022-23:
- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation of India;
- ✓ General Insurance Corporation of India; and
- ✓ The New India Assurance Co. Ltd.
- ✓ Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) are the insurance companies that are considered "Too Big (or Too Important) to Fail". i.e its failure will impact the economy and insurance sector to a great extent.
- ✓ IRDAI has chosen these three insurers on the basis of their size, market importance and domestic and global interconnectedness whose distress or failure would cause significant dislocation in the domestic financial system.
- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- ✓ Founded : 1999



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Answer : D

- ✓ The Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has acquired the Karaikal Port.
- ✓ Karaikal Port is an all-weather deep-water port on the eastern coast of India in Karaikal District of Puducherry. It was commissioned in 2009.
- ✓ The port is around 300 km south of Chennai Port and around 360 km north of Tuticorin Port.
- ✓ With this acquisition, APSEZ now operates 14 ports in the country.
- ✓ APSEZ is the subsidiary and port unit of Gautam Adani's conglomerate Adani Group.

Q. What is the rank of India in "The Passport Index" 2023, released by financial advisory firm Arton Capital?

A) 144

B) 138

C) 126

D) 112

Answer : A

- ✓ India's Rank drop by 6 positions at 144 in The Passport Index 2023 by Arton Capital.
- ✓ India has been ranked at 144th spot in "The Passport Index" 2023.
- ✓ The mobility score of India in the 2023 index is 70.
- ✓ The Passport Index 2023 ranked passports of 199 countries..
- ✓ In 2022, India's rank was 138, with a mobility score of 73.
- ✓ The index is released by financial advisory firm Arton Capital, to rank a country's passport, based on its access to other nations.
- ✓ The countries are ranked on the basis of the mobility score, which is calculated on provisions like a visa-free visit, visa on arrival, an eVisa (if used within three days), and electronic travel authorisation.
- ✓ The Passport Index 2023 ranking is topped by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), having mobility score of 181.
- ✓ UAE is followed by Sweden, Germany, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria, have joint mobility score of 174.
- ✓ DON'T CONFUSED
- ✓ Japan has world's most powerful passport in 2023; India ranks 85th: Henley Passport Index.
- ✓ India's Rank drop by 6 positions at 144 in The Passport Index 2023 by Arton Capital : UAE top



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Q. Which country has topped the Passport Index 2023, released by financial advisory firm Arton Capital?

- A) United Arab Emirates (UAE) B) Luxembourg
C) Netherlands D) Austria

Answer : A

- ✓ The Passport Index 2023 ranking is topped by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), having mobility score of 181.
- ✓ UAE is followed by Sweden, Germany, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria, have joint mobility score of 174.

Q. As per the 2023 Foreign Trade Policy, the Government of India has set the vision to achieve the target of \$2 trillion goods and services exports by which year?

- A) 2030 B) 2025
C) 2035 D) 2040

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal announced the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, on March 31, 2023.
- ✓ The 2023 foreign trade policy has the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.
- ✓ The FTP 2023 will come into effect from April 1, 2023.
- ✓ Key highlights of the 2023 FTP
- ✓ 1. The policy will be dynamic. There is no end date to the policy, unlike the previous FTP's which has duration of five years. The policy will be updated or changed as and when necessary, based on the feedback received.
- ✓ 2. The new FTP seeks to make the Indian rupee a global currency and allow international trade settlement in the domestic currency.
- ✓ 3. Target to achieve the goal of \$1 trillion merchandise exports and \$1 trillion services exports by 2030.
- ✓ 4. 4 new towns, namely, Faridabad, Moradabad, Mirzapur and Varanasi declared as towns of export excellence. These are in addition to the existing 39 towns under the category
- ✓ Faridabad will be the town of export excellence for apparels.



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- ✓ The stadium will be completed in phases.
- ✓ A 40,000 capacity is planned to be completed by October, 2023.
- ✓ The overall project cost in the first phase is estimated at Rs. 400 crores.
- ✓ Out of this Rs. 300 crores will be borne by HZL. Remaining amount of Rs. 100 crores will borne by RCA.
- ✓ The Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, (earlier known as Sardar Patel Stadium and Motera Stadium) is the largest cricket stadium in India. It has seating capacity of 1.32 lakh spectators.
- ✓ The second largest stadium is Australia's Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) which has a capacity of 1,00,024 spectators.
- ✓ Stadium named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman to get this honour.
- ✓ While previously the stadium was named the 'MCF Rae Bareli', it has now been renamed as 'Rani's Girls Hockey Turf'.

STADIUM IN NEWS 2023

- India's second largest and World's third-largest cricket stadium to be developed in Jaipur.
- The stadium would be named as Anil Agarwal International Cricket Stadium, Jaipur.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurates "Birs Munda Hockey Stadium" in Rourkela ahead of Hockey World Cup 2023.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the world's largest dedicated hockey stadium at Rourkela ahead of the men's FIH Hockey World Cup .
- It has a capacity of hosting over 20,000 spectators.
- England's Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after India's legendary cricketer, Sunil Gavaskar.

Q. PM Modi recently inaugurated a Vande Bharat Express Train from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station to New Delhi. In which city is the Rani Kamlapati Railway Station located?

- A) Kochi
- B) Ranchi
- C) Bhopal
- D) Nagpur

Answer : C



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- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat Express train between Bhopal and New Delhi on April 01, 2023, from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The Rani Kamlapati – New Delhi Vande Bharat Express is the 12th Vande Bharat train in the country and 11th Vande Bharat in service.
- ✓ However, this will be the first Vande Bharat Express for Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ It is also the second fastest Vande Bharat Express to operate in India.
- ✓ The New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express is the fastest
- ✓ About Vande Bharat Express Train
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019.
- ✓ These trains have a self-propelled engine which can save diesel and reduce electricity usage by up to 30%.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- ✓ It was manufactured under the 'Make in India' programme, at a cost of about Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ These trains can achieve a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- ✓ In the Union Budget for 2022-2023 the government has proposed the development and manufacture of 400 new Vande Bharat trains in the next three years.

Q. Which state observes the Utkala Dibasa every year on April 01 to commemorate the foundation day of the state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Every year, Odisha Day is celebrated on 1st April, to commemorate the foundation day of the state.
- ✓ The day is also known as Utkala Dibasa.
- ✓ It was on 1st April 1936, that the state of Odisha came into existence.
- ✓ Odisha was separated from the Bengal province.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to honour the struggle of the people of Odisha for a separate state and to promote unity among the citizens



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Q. Which US state has become the first American State to pass a resolution condemning Hinduphobia?

- A) Florida
B) Washington
C) Georgia
D) Alaska

Answer : C

- ✓ In the United States, Georgia Assembly has passed a resolution condemning Hinduphobia and anti-Hindu bigotry.
- ✓ With this Georgia has become the first American State to take such a legislative measure.
- ✓ The resolution was introduced by Representatives Lauren McDonald and Todd Jones from Forsyth County in the suburbs of Atlanta, which is the home to one of the largest Hindu and Indian-American diaspora communities in Georgia.
- ✓ The resolution observed that the American-Hindu community in the state has been a major contributor to diverse sectors such as medicine, science and engineering, information technology, hospitality, finance, academia, manufacturing, energy, and retail trade, among others

Q. The 95-year-old Indian player Bhagwani Devi Dagar has recently won 3 gold medals for India in which game?

- A) Marathon
B) Chess
C) Shooting
D) Athletics

Answer : D

- ✓ India's 95-year-old player Bhagwani Devi Dagar has won three gold medals for the country at the 9th World Masters Athletics Indoor Championship at Torun in Poland. The championship was held from 25 to 31 March 2023.
- ✓ The veteran athlete from Haryana won the three gold medals in 60m running, shot put and discus throw categories in the 95-99 age division.
- ✓ Bhagwani Devi Dagar is nicknamed as "Sprinter Dadi". Her athletic career began at the age of 94

Q. Name the Indian-origin American engineer who has been roped in by NASA as the first head of space agency's newly-established Moon to Mars programme?

- A) Kartik Sheth
B) Amit Kshatriya
C) Kalyani Sukhatme
D) Hashima Hasan



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- ✓ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) engages in export promotion activities for agricultural and processed food products.

Q. Which payment bank in collaboration with Airtel has recently launched WhatsApp Banking Services to provide easy and convenient banking services to its customers?

- A) Jio Payments Bank B) Paytm Payments Bank
C) Airtel Payments Bank D) India Post Payments Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has announced the launch of WhatsApp Banking service in collaboration with Airtel, a leading private sector telecom company
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Communications, with this new service of India Post Payments Bank, customers can now easily access various banking services from their WhatsApp account through their mobile phones.
- ✓ Under this new arrangement, it will be delivered to customers through WhatsApp messaging solution Airtel IQ.
- ✓ Airtel will enable IPPB customers to seamlessly connect with the bank on WhatsApp.
- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- ✓ Founded : 1 September 2018
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ MD & CEO : J Venkatramu
- ✓ Tag line : Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar
- ✓ 100% equity owned by Government of India

Q. Ministry of Defence has inked a Rs 1,700 crore contract with which company for procurement of next-generation maritime mobile coastal batteries and BrahMos missiles?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
B) Tata Advanced Systems
C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
D) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited

Answer : D



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Q. Which state has topped the world's busiest airport list in 2022, by the Airports Council International (ACI)?

- A) Denver International Airport
- B) Atlanta International Airport
- C) Guangzhou Bai Yun International Airport
- D) Orlando International Airport

Answer : B

- ✓ The United States-based Atlanta airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport. It handled 9.37 crore passengers in 2022.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2022-23

- Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi ranked 9th busiest airports globally in 2022 , as per Airports Council International (ACI). United States-based Atlanta airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport.
- According to the Airport Council International (ACI), Delhi International Airport has been ranked among the cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27 February 2023 launched the newly built Shivamogga airport along with various development projects worth over Rs 3,600 crore in Shivamogga, Karnataka.
- Bangalore's Kempegoda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport both ranked second and seventh in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022.
- Mopa International Airport Goa named after former CM Manohar Parrikar.
- Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".
- Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022.
- The busiest airport in the world as of October 2022 is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.



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- Jeypore airport in Odisha gets Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approval for commercial flight.
- Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport makes 100% switch to green energy.
- Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has been awarded the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022 by the Airport Council International (ACI).
- PM Modi has announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- Hyderabad International Airport to Roll Out DigiYatra Platform for Paperless Travel From August 18.
- Arunachal Pradesh 3rd Airport Named 'Donyi Polo Airport.
- PM Modi to inaugurate newly-built Deoghar airport in Jharkhand.
- Airports Council International (ACI) World released the annual World Airport Traffic Dataset
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), United States busiest airports in the world.
- Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi 13th busiest airport in world. {Indian Busiest airport}.
- Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy.

Q. Which airport in India is ranked among top 10 busiest airport in the world for passenger traffic, as per Airports Council International (ACI) report?

- A) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
- B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
- C) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- D) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi has been ranked among the world's top 10 busiest airports by passengers traffic, as per Airports Council International (ACI).



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- ✓ It is the only airport from South and Southeast Asia to feature in ACI's list of the 10 busiest airports for 2022.
- ✓ The global rank of the Delhi airport is at the ninth spot for 2022.
- ✓ It handled almost 5.95 crore passengers in 2022.
- ✓ In 2021, the airport was ranked at 13th and in 2019, at 17th.
- ✓ Top airport – The United States-based Atlanta airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport. It handled 9.37 crore passengers in 2022.
- ✓ Top 10 busiest airport in the world list
 1. Atlanta
 2. Dallas
 3. Denver
 4. Chicago
 5. Dubai
 6. Los Angeles
 7. Istanbul
 8. London Heathrow
 9. New Delhi
 10. Paris

Q. RBI has kept the repo rate unchanged at what percent in the bi-monthly MPC meet on April 06, 2023?

- A) 6.50% B) 6.25%
C) 6.10% D) 6.35%

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI), monetary policy committee (MPC) held its bi-monthly monetary policy meeting on April 3, 5 and 6, 2023.
- ✓ The MPC has decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 percent.
- ✓ Other policy rates have also been also kept unchanged.
- ✓ Policy Repo Rate : 6.50%
- ✓ Standing Deposit Facility Rate : 6.25%
- ✓ Marginal Standing Facility Rate : 6.75%
- ✓ Bank Rate : 6.75%
- ✓ Fixed Reverse Repo Rate : 3.35%
- ✓ CRR : 4.50%
- ✓ SLR : 18.00%
- ✓ The MPC has also decided to continue with accommodative stance.



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- ✓ RBI has projected the GDP growth rate for FY24 to 6.5 percent compared to 6.4 percent estimated in February 2023.
- ✓ The inflation forecast for FY24 has been lowered to 5.2% from 5.3%
- ✓ RBI has also decided to develop a centralised portal to access details of unclaimed deposits by depositors or their beneficiaries across various banks.
- ✓ **What is the Monetary Policy Committee?**
- ✓ Under Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act 1934, the Central government is empowered to constitute a six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to determine the policy interest rate required to achieve the inflation target.
- ✓ The first such MPC was constituted on September 29, 2016.
- ✓ As per the RBI Act, the MPC must meet a minimum of four times in a year.
- ✓ The next meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee will be held from 6 to 8 June 2023.

Q. What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in FY24 as per RBI?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.1%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.9%

Answer : A

- ✓ RBI has projected the GDP growth rate for FY24 to 6.5 percent compared to 6.4 percent estimated in February 2023.

Q. What is the estimated global trade growth rate in 2023 as per the World Trade Organization (WTO)?

- A) 1.0%
- B) 1.5%
- C) 1.7%
- D) 1.9%

Answer : C

- ✓ WTO projects growth rate at 1.7% in 2023
- ✓ The World Trade Organization (WTO) estimates that the global trade growth in 2023 is expected to slow to 1.7 percent.
- ✓ This was 2.7 percent growth in 2022.
- ✓ The decline in trade may be due to multiple factors, such as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, high inflation, tighter monetary policy and financial uncertainty.



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Q. Which state in India has been ranked at first position for having the most number of products recognised with Geographical Indication (GI) tag ?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ As per the data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23
- ✓ The data showed that between April 2022 and March 2023, 6 products from Kerala were selected for GI recognition.
- ✓ These are Attappady Aattukombu Avara, Attappady Thuvara, Onattukara Ellu, Kanthaloov Vattavada Veluthuli, Kodungallur Pottuvellari
- ✓ Overall 12 products were selected for the recognition in FY23. Of them 2 were from overseas.
- ✓ Other Indian products to receive GI tag were Mithila Makhana (aquatic fox nut) from Bihar, Alibag white onion from Maharashtra, Tandur Redgram (the local variety of pea) from Telangana, Ladakh Raktsey Karpo Apricot from Ladakh and Gamosa handicrafts from Assam.
- ✓ The two overseas products include Brandy De Jerez from Spain, and Provolone Valpadana from Italy.
- ✓ For the period between April 2022 and March 2023, a total of 12 products were selected for GI recognition, including two foreign ones - Brandy de Jerez from Spain and Provolone Valpadana from Italy

Q. How many Indians have been inducted in the new cohort of the honorary life membership by Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in 2023?

- A) 3
B) 4
C) 5
D) 7

Answer : C

- ✓ The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has released the list of newly inducted cricket players with the honorary life membership of the club.
- ✓ Overall 17 former players from all across the world have been listed in the latest cohort released on April 05, 2023.
- ✓ MCC, the owner of the famous Lord's cricket stadium in England, gives honorary membership to the finest men and women who have contributed to the game.



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- ✓ He was elected unopposed at the Ordinary Congress of European Soccer's governing body in Lisbon on April 05, 2023
- ✓ Ceferin has been re-elected for a four-year term, until 2027.
- ✓ He was first was elected as UEFA's seventh president in 2016, He replaced Michel Platini

Q. Kim Cotton is the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations. She is from which country?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Auckland, New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- ✓ She achieved the feat in the second T20I held between New Zealand and Sri Lanka in Dunedin on April 05, 2023, in which New Zealand won by nine wickets.
- ✓ Till date, Cotton has officiated in 16 women's one-day international (ODI) games and 44 women's T20Is.
- ✓ She was one of the on-field umpires for 50-over Women's World Cup final in 2022 and the Women's T20 World Cup final in February 2023.
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Capital: Wellington
- ✓ Currency : dollar
- ✓ Prime Minister : Chris Hipkins

Q. FIFA has withdrawn which country from hosting 2023 Men's FIFA Under-17 World Cup?

- A) Peru B) Indonesia
C) UAE D) France

Answer : A

- ✓ The football's governing body FIFA has withdrawn Peru from hosting the 2023 Men's FIFA Under-17 World Cup.
- ✓ As per FIFA, Peru was not ready to stage the 24-team tournament, which is scheduled to be held from November 10 to December 02, 2023.
- ✓ FIFA World Cup 2026 : Canada/Mexico/USA (48 team)



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Q. Who has taken over as the President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?

- A) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo B) Anubhav Sinha
C) Ajay Rajan D) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Answer : A

- ✓ Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, senior vice-president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), took over as the president of the National Rifle Association of India

Q. The Geographical Indications Registry has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Nagari Dubraj, fragrant rice to give a unique identity to the brand. Nagari Dubraj is the rice of which state?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The Geographical Indications Registry has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Nagari Dubraj, a fragrant rice from Chhattisgarh, to give a unique identity to the brand.
- ✓ The Morena and Rewa Mango (Madhya Pradesh) have also been given the GI Tag.
- ✓ The origin of Dubraj is believed to be from Shringi Rishi Ashram area of Sihawa. Its reference is found in Valmiki Ramayana. Sihawa area is considered to be the source of Dubraj in various research papers.
- ✓ About GI Tag
- ✓ It is the short form of Geographical Indication and it is a unique identification of any region, town or state.
- ✓ The tag is given in the name of certain products or signs that symbolise the uniqueness of that particular region.
- ✓ When a GI tag is given to a particular product, it certifies that the product is made by traditional methods, has special qualities.
- ✓ The Geographical Indication came into force on 15 September 2003.
- ✓ Darjeeling tea was given the first GI tag in India in 2004–2005.
- ✓ GI tag is given to products related to agriculture, handicrafts, food items, spirit drinks and industrial products.



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- ✓ It is a leading commercial bank of India.
- ✓ It was established in 1906, by Sri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai.
- ✓ Syndicate Bank was merged with Canara Bank on 1 April 2020. After this merger, Canara Bank has become the fourth largest bank in the country.
- ✓ Headquarters Bangalore, India
- ✓ K. Satyanarayana Raju has taken charge as Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank

Q. Which city has recently banned e-scooters on its streets?

- A) Paris, France
- B) Delhi, India
- C) Berlin, Germany
- D) Oslo, Norway

Answer : A

- ✓ Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo pledged to ban rented e-scooters from the French capital after a huge majority of residents backed the move.
- ✓ In a non-binding referendum, 89.03% of 103,084 votes cast were opposed to the freestanding scooters, which are booked on a short-term basis through apps. There were only two options, "for" or "against."
- ✓ E-scooters launched in Paris in 2018, but in 2020 the number of firms with operating licenses was cut to just three: Lime, Dott, and Tier.

Q. Which IIT has organized the Youth20 (Y20) Consultation under the G20 Presidency of India?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Kanpur
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Guwahati

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur will host the Youth20 Consultation under India's G20 chairmanship from 5 to 6 April 2023.
- ✓ Y20 Consultancy is a platform that brings together youth to connect, share ideas and experiences, and brainstorm on finding innovative solutions to pressing global concerns.
- ✓ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, is the regulatory authority behind Y20 mentorship, and it is a pan-India activity until the final Youth-20 summit in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The consultation Y20 Summit 2023 focuses on two main themes: "The Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation, and 21st Century Skills"; and "Health, Wellbeing and Sport: Agenda for Youth."



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- 'Victory City' : Salman Rushdie
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Q. Which tiger reserve completed 50 years as Project Tiger Reserve on 1st April 2023?

- A) Kanha Tiger Reserve B) Anaimalai Tiger Reserve
C) Bandipur Tiger Reserve D) Nagarhole Tiger Reserve

Answer : C

- ✓ Bandipur completed 50 years as a Project Tiger Reserve 1 April 2023
- ✓ About Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- ✓ This reserve is located in the state of Karnataka and is spread over an area of 912.04 sq km.
- ✓ It is located in two districts of Karnataka, Mysore and Chamarajanagar.
- ✓ It is considered one of the world's premier tiger habitats and is an important component of the country's first biosphere reserve - the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.
- ✓ It was launched by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1973 with the aim of arresting the decline in the tiger population.
- ✓ Bandipur was one of the first nine sanctuaries to be brought under the flagship program of Project Tiger in 1973.
- ✓ Bandipur Tiger Reserve is surrounded by-
- ✓ Nagarhole Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu) in the North West (Kabini Reservoir separates the two).
- ✓ Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu) in the South.
- ✓ Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) in the South West.
- ✓ Project Tiger
- ✓ Project Tiger was started by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in the year 1973.
- ✓ Under this program, central assistance is provided to the states having tiger populations for conservation of tigers.
- ✓ At the time of the launch of Project Tiger in the year 1973, there were only 9 Tiger Reserves in the country, at present the total number of Tiger Reserves in the country has increased to 54.
- ✓ Other Tiger Reserves in Karnataka



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- ✓ Bhadra Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Nagarhole Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve

Q. Who has has been honored with the Young Urologist of the Year Award by the American Urological Association (AUA)?

- A) Nitya Abraham B) Dheeraj Singh
C) Aman Sehrawat D) Amit Kumar Mishra

Answer : A

- ✓ Dr. Nitya Abraham, an Indian-American physician and professor, has been honored with the Young Urologist of the Year Award by the American Urological Association (AUA).
- ✓ She is an Associate Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Program Director for the Montefiore Urology residency programme.
- ✓ Abraham has been chosen from the New York region for her accomplishments and contributions.
- ✓ Young Urologist of the Year Award
- ✓ The American Urological Association recognizes the hard work of young urologists across the country.
- ✓ The award was established by Dr. Michael C. Ost, 2012-2013 AUA Young Urologist Committee (YUC) Chair.
- ✓ The Young Urologist of the Year Award is presented annually to early-career members of the AUA for their progress in their field and commitment to furthering their efforts

Q. Which bank has launched a new investment solution called 'digiPortfolio'?

- A) HSBC India B) Woori Bank
C) DBS Bank India D) SBM Bank India

Answer : C

- ✓ DBS Bank India has launched a new investment solution called 'digiPortfolio', which uses technology and human expertise to provide customised investment options for investors.
- ✓ The platform is available on the bank's digibank platform and offers a one-stop solution for investors to put money into ready-made baskets of mutual funds, with diverse portfolios to cater to different investor risk profiles.



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- ✓ Brazil Para-Badminton International tournament is a Level 2 event and part of the Paris Paralympics pathway for 2023.
- ✓ The funding has been approved under the Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and will provide financial assistance to athletes and their support staff
- ✓ TOPS Para Shuttlers who will be covered under this
- ✓ Pramod Bhagat
- ✓ Manasi Joshi
- ✓ Krishna Nagar
- ✓ Sukant Kadam
- ✓ Nitesh Kumar
- ✓ Manoj Sarkar
- ✓ Suhas Yathiraj
- ✓ Tarun Dhillon
- ✓ Mandeep Kaur
- ✓ Nithya Sre
- ✓ Parul Parmar
- ✓ Manisha Ramadass
- ✓ Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)
- ✓ It was created in July 2014 under the auspices of the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- ✓ It is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ✓ The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028.

Q. Which of the following has successfully conducted field firing trials of its latest third generation man-portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), Amogha-III?

- A) Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) B) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)
C) Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) D) Antrix Corporation Ltd (ACL)

Answer : C



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- ✓ Bharat Dynamics (BDL) has successfully conducted a field firing test of its latest 3rd generation man-portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), Amogha-III.
- ✓ The Amogha-III Missile has been developed indigenously under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
- ✓ It is a third generation fire-and-forget Anti-Tank Guided Missile.
- ✓ Developed by the Research and Development Division of BDL, the missile also has a dual-mode IIR seeker with a range of 200 to 2500 metres.
- ✓ About Anti-tank Guided Missile (ATGM)
- ✓ An anti-tank guided missile is a guided missile designed primarily to hit and destroy heavily armored military vehicles.
- ✓ These missiles can be carried by a single soldier as a large tripod-mounted weapon.

Q. India has agreed with which country to settle trade in Indian Rupee?

- A) Philippines B) Indonesia
C) Malaysia D) Vietnam

Answer : C

- ✓ Ministry of External Affairs announced on 1 April that India and Malaysia have agreed to settle trade in the Indian rupee.
- ✓ In July 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed settlement of international trade in Indian currency.
- ✓ This step has been taken only after this decision of the RBI.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of External Affairs, trade between India and Malaysia can now be settled in Indian Rupee (INR) in addition to the existing methods of settlement in other currencies.
- ✓ Kuala Lumpur-based India International Bank of Malaysia (IIBM) has introduced this system in India by opening a special Rupee Vostro account through Union Bank of India.
- ✓ Vostro accounts are used to make payments in domestic currency.
- ✓ What is a Vostro Account?
- ✓ Vostro is a Latin word meaning "your", hence, Vostro Account means "your account".
- ✓ Vostro account is defined as an account maintained by a correspondent bank on behalf of another bank.



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- ✓ A Vostro account is established to enable a foreign correspondent bank to act as an agent or provide services as an intermediary for a domestic bank.
- ✓ About Malaysia
- ✓ Prime Minister - Anwar Ibrahim
- ✓ Capital - Kuala Lumpur
- ✓ Currency - Malaysian ringgit

Q. In which year was RBI nationalized?

- A) 1935
- B) 1969
- C) 1949
- D) 1947

Answer : C

- ✓ The Foundation Day of the Reserve Bank of India is celebrated on 1st April every year
- ✓ About Reserve Bank of India
- ✓ RBI was established on April 1, 1935 as per the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- ✓ It started functioning from 1 April 1935.
- ✓ The central office of the Reserve Bank was established in Kolkata which was permanently shifted to Mumbai in the year 1937.
- ✓ It was nationalized in 1949 and now the government of India is the owner of RBI.
- ✓ It has the power to regulate Banks under the Banking Regulation Act 1949.
- ✓ It has the power to regulate the Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) under the RBI act 1934.
- ✓ RBI is also the regulator of the digital payment system under the Payment and settlement act 2007.
- ✓ RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 April 1935
- ✓ RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- ✓ 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- ✓ 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh
- ✓ 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- ✓ RBI Deputy Governor (4)



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1. Tavarna Rabi Sankar
 2. Mukesh Kumar Jain
 3. Michael D Patra
 4. M Rajeshwar Rao
- ✓ FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :
1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).
 5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- ✓ India has four currency note printing presses.
- ✓ Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- ✓ Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- ✓ Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "War and Women"?

A) M A Hasan

B) Dilip Singh

C) Om prakash Iyer

D) Anshuman Dubey

Answer : A

- ✓ Dr. M A Hasan's book, "War and Women," was launched during the 52nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ The event was organised by the Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Parliament in Europe.
- ✓ The book was released at the Serpentine Cafeteria inside the United Nations Building.
- ✓ The book throws light on the suffering of Bengali women who were victims of sexual violence during the 1971 war.



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