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Aparchit April 2nd Week Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts April-2023 Set 02 By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Who has been ranked as the top most influential person in the world in the TIME Magazine's 2023 TIME100 poll?

A) Prince Harry

B) Lionel Messi

C) Shah Rukh Khan

D) Mukesh Ambani

Answer : C

- ✓ Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has achieved the top spot on 2023 TIME100 poll, the TIME magazine's annual list of the most influential people.
- ✓ Out of the 1.2 million votes cast, 4% of them went to Shah Rukh.
- ✓ The Iranian women who are protesting for their rights stood second in the list, with 3% of the votes.
- ✓ The healthcare workers who've been at the frontlines of the pandemic since 2020, stood third with 2% of the overall votes.
- ✓ Third position was shared by Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex.
- ✓ Fourth place went to Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex.
- ✓ Fifth spot was gained by Lionel Messi

TIME MAGAZINE'S IN NEWS 2022-23.

- Shah Rukh Khan has achieved the top spot on 2023 TIME100 poll, the TIME magazine's annual list of the most influential people.
- Odisha's Mayurbhanj and Ladakh among TIME magazine's list of 'World's Greatest Places of 2023'.
- Time magazine named President Volodymyr Zelensky as well as "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 person of the year.
- Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani listed on Time's 100 Emerging Leaders'.
- Ahmedabad and Kerala, have been featured in TIME magazine's list of world's greatest places of 2022.



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Q. Who will be the head of the committee formed by Ministry of Finance to review the National Pension Scheme (NPS) and suggest any changes in it to meet demand of Government employees

A) T.V. Somanathan

B) Samant Goel

C) Rajiv Gauba

D) P.K. Mishra

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee to review the National Pension Scheme (NPS) and suggest any changes in it, keeping in mind the interest of government employees.
- ✓ The committee will be headed by Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- ✓ The other members of the committee will comprise of Secretary, Personnel, Special Secretary, Personnel, and Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- ✓ The panel will suggest ways for higher pensionary benefits to the government employees covered under the NPS, amid growing demand for the old pension system (OPS) with assured benefits without contribution.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee forms panel to suggest changes to National Pension Scheme (NPS); Headed By- Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has set up a 14-member committee to look into stalled real estate projects; Headed By – Amitabh Kant.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'.Chaired By - Bhuvnesh Kumar.
- 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. Chaired By - G. Padmanabhan.
- A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) will now be made by a high-power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.



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- The five-judge Constitution Bench was headed by Justice K M Joseph.
- Supreme Court has formed a six-member expert committee to examine Hindenburg Research firm's report on the Adani Group and probe the stock price crash in Adani stocks. Headed By - AM Sapre.
- Government of India (GoI) constituted a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to analyse the need for a separate law for competition in the digital market and to draft a digital competition act within three months. Headed By - Manoj Govil
- The Shipping Ministry has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for operationalization of Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. Headed By- Sanjay K. Mehta
- BCCI has reappointed former cricketer Chetan Sharma as the Chairman of the five-member selectors committee for national men's cricket team.

Q. Based on the report of India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, the total forest cover in the country is 7,13,789 square kilometer. This is an increase of how much sqkm compared to ISFR 2019?

A) 1,540

B) 1,240

C) 1,340

D) 1,140

Answer : A

- ✓ As per latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, the total forest cover in the country is 7,13,789 square kilometer.
- ✓ This is 21.71% of the geographical area of India.
- ✓ The ISFR report is released by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, biennially, since 1987 based on forest cover.
- ✓ The last survey was done in 2019.
- ✓ As per the report, between ISFR 2019 and ISFR 2021, the forest cover has increased by 1,540 square kilometer.
- ✓ FSI is an organisation under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, founded in June 1981.



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- ✓ It conducts forest surveys, studies and researches to monitor the changing situations of land and forest resources and present the data for national planning, conservation and sustainable management of environmental protection as well for the implementation of social forestry projects.

Q. Name the high resolution space based air-quality monitoring instrument launched by NASA, onboard SpaceX rocket recently to monitor air quality over North America?

- A) TOUR
B) TEMPO
C) TORPOR
D) TURBO

Answer : B

- ✓ The US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched an air-quality monitor called TEMPO (Tropospheric Emissions Monitoring of Pollution instrument) on April 07, 2023, in collaboration with Elon Musk's SpaceX.
- ✓ TEMPO was launched from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- ✓ It will be the first space-based instrument to measure air quality over North America hourly during the daytime and at spatial regions of four square miles, far better than existing limits of about 100 square miles in the U.S.
- ✓ TEMPO is merely the size of a dishwasher.
- ✓ TEMPO slogan is 'It's about time,'. It signifies at TEMPO's ability to provide hourly air pollution data, to help improve life on Earth by revolutionizing the way scientists observe air quality from space.

NASA IN NEWS 2022-23

- NASA launched an air-quality monitor called TEMPO (Tropospheric Emissions Monitoring of Pollution instrument) in collaboration with Elon Musk's SpaceX.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- NASA and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) announced the names of four astronauts, who will venture around the Moon for science and exploration under Artemis II mission.
- They are Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Hammock Koch, from NASA and Jeremy Hansen from CSA.



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- NASA is preparing four individuals to live on Mars on June 2023.
- NASA and ISRO have jointly manufactured an earth science satellite named, NISAR
- Indian-American software and robotics engineer, Amit Kshatriya has been selected by NASA for its new 'Moon to Mars Program'.
- NASA to launch 'Mars mission' on Blue Origin's New Glenn.
- ISRO-NASA 'NISAR' satellite to be launched from India in September.
- NASA's "all-electric" plane X-57 is soon set to take off, the US space agency..
- United States space agency NASA has said the country plans to test a spacecraft engine powered with nuclear fission by 2027.
- NASA will retire International Space Station in 2031.
- SpaceX Awarded shared NASA contract worth up to \$100 million.
- SpaceX launched NASA's Crew-6 mission to orbit en route to the International Space Station.
- NASA's Dragonfly rotorcraft is scheduled to reach the Selk Crater region on Saturn's moon Titan in the year 2034.
- NASA's SpaceX Crew-5 Launches to International Space Station.
- NASA's Artemis 1 moon rocket, formerly known as Exploration Mission-1, returned to the launch pad, to take a step closer to a historic lunar mission.
- Artemis 3, which is scheduled to make a moon landing with a crew by 2025.
- Artemis 1, the first of several missions is intended to successfully land astronauts on the moon.
- NASA launches CAPSTONE mission to the moon.
- NASA is set to launch a mission called "DAVINCI Mission".
- The mission will fly by Venus and explore its harsh atmosphere in 2029.
- NASA's climate research scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig won World Food Prize 2022.
- NASA launches next-generation GOES-T satellite to track hazardous weather in western United States.
- NASA Plans to Retire International Space Station in 2031.
- NASA launches \$1 Million Deep Space Food Challenge jointly with Canadian Space Agency.
- Jahnvi Dangeti becomes first Indian to complete prestigious Nasa programme.
- NASA successfully completes deployment of James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).
- NASA's James Webb telescope reaches final stable position, parked 15,00,000 km from Earth.



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- Indian origin Anil Menon is SpaceX's first flight surgeon.
- NASA's Parker Solar Probe enters the Sun's upper atmosphere.
- NASA launches world's first Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) Mission.
- NASA launches Lucy Mission to study the Jupiter Trojan asteroids.
- NASA is sending two new missions to Venus, which will take place between 2028 and 2030.
- NASA plans to send Rover 'VIPER' on Moon in 2023 to search for water, other resources.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Founded : 1958
- Headquarters : Washington, D.C
- Motto : For the Benefit of All
- 14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

Q. Which city in India has been ranked among the world's 19 best cities for public transport, as per the report by Time Out?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ India's financial capital Mumbai is the only Indian city among the list of the world's 19 best cities for public transport, as per the report by Time Out.
- ✓ Mumbai claimed the last spot, that means 19th spot on the list for great public transit, due to its wide-reaching suburban rail network.
- ✓ More than 20,000 people in 50 cities across the world were surveyed for the rankings.
- ✓ The Time Out's world's best city for public transport went to Berlin in Germany.
- ✓ Second position went to Prague in Czech Republic while Tokyo in Japan ranked third

Q. Name the city which has been ranked as the world's best city for public transport by Time Out?

- A) London
- B) Oslo
- C) Paris
- D) Berlin

Answer : D



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✓ List of world's best 19 cities for public transport

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| 1. Berlin, Germany | 2. Prague, Czech Republic |
| 3. Tokyo, Japan | 4. Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 5. Stockholm, Sweden | 6. Singapore |
| 7. Hong Kong | 8. Taipei, Taiwan |
| 9. Shanghai, China | 10. Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| 11. London, UK | 12. Madrid, Spain |
| 13. Edinburgh, UK | 14. Paris, France |
| 15. New York City, US | 16. Montreal, Canada |
| 17. Chicago, US | 18. Beijing, China |
| 19. Mumbai, India | |

Q. Which among the given statements are true regarding the Indian Space Policy 2023 approved by the Cabinet?

I. Focus of the policy is to increase private sector participation in the space sector

II. ISRO shall focus on research and development of advanced space technologies and not do any operational and production work

III. NSIL to carry out strategic activities related to the space sector

A) Only I & II

B) Only II & III

C) Only I & III

D) All I, II & III are correct

Answer : D

- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Indian Space Policy 2023 on April 06, 2023.
- ✓ The policy seeks to institutionalise the private sector participation in the space sector, and channelise the focus of ISRO on research and development of advanced space technologies.
- ✓ The private sector will be able to take part in end-to-end space activities including building satellites, rockets and launch vehicles, data collection and dissemination.
- ✓ The roles and responsibilities of ISRO, space sector PSU NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe) have also been specified in the new policy.



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- ✓ AS per the policy, ISRO will not do any operational and production work for the space sector. It shall focus on developing new technologies, new systems and research and development.
- ✓ The strategic activities related to the space sector will be carried out by NSIL.
- ✓ The INSPACE will be the interface between ISRO and non-governmental entities.
- ✓ India's progress in the field of space exploration
- ✓ India has been making significant progress in the field of space exploration in recent years, with the successful launch of the Chandrayaan-2 mission and the development of the Gaganyaan mission, which aims to send astronauts into space.
- ✓ The country is also working on developing its own satellite navigation system, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).

Q. Which state's Mircha rice has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag?

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Bihar

D) Jharkhand

Answer : C

- ✓ 'Mircha' rice of Bihar's West Champaran has been awarded the GI tag.
- ✓ The size and shape of the grain appear like that of black pepper, hence it is known as Mircha or Marcha Rice.
- ✓ The grains and flakes of this rice have a unique aroma that makes it different. This rice is famous for its aroma, palatability and its aromatic chura (rice flakes) making qualities.
- ✓ An application for GI tag was submitted on behalf of Marcha Dhan Utpadak Pragatisheel Samuh, a registered organization of paddy cultivators
- ✓ There are some important GI tags in Bihar.
- ✓ Madhubani Paintings (2007)
- ✓ Shahi Litchi (2018)
- ✓ Magahi Paan (2018)
- ✓ Silao Khaja (2018)
- ✓ Katarni Rice (2018)
- ✓ Mithila Makhana (2022)
- ✓ Mircha rice (2023)



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LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

- 'Mircha' rice : Bihar
- Nagari Dubraj : Chhattisgarh
- Banarasi Paan : Uttar Pradesh
- Banarasi Langda Mango : Uttar Pradesh
- 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



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- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- 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.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- 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. Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky has been awarded the Order of the White Eagle for his services to security, resilience and the defense of human rights. Order of the White Eagle is the highest honour of which country?

- A) Sweden B) Poland
C) Finland D) Norway

Answer : B

- ✓ Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest award
- ✓ The award was given to him for his exceptional services to protect security, resilience and human rights.
- ✓ The Order of the White Eagle is a prestigious and highly regarded decoration of the Republic of Poland, awarded for outstanding civil and military contributions to the country.
- ✓ It is considered the oldest and highest decoration in Poland, whose history dates back to the 14th century
- ✓ Poland is also a member of several international organisations including the United Nations, NATO, and the World Trade Organization.



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VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY IN NEWS 2023

- Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest award.
- Time Magazine has named Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky and "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 Person of the Year.
- The Liberty Medal 2022 has been awarded to the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky.
- UKRAINE
- Ukraine, a country located in Eastern Europe, is the second largest country in the continent after Russia.
- Its capital is Kiev, located on the Dnieper River in north-central Ukraine.
- Prime Minister: Denys Shmyhal
- President: Volodymyr Zelensky
- Capital: Kyiv
- Currency : Rryvnya (UAH)

Q. Who has unveiled a 54-foot-tall statue of Lord Hanuman at a temple in Gujarat, India?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Yogi Adityanath
- C) J. P. Nadda
- D) Droupadi Murmu

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.
- ✓ The statue was unveiled on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, which is celebrated to mark the birth of Lord Hanuman.
- ✓ The idol is located in the Sarangpur Temple, a popular pilgrimage site for devotees of Lord Hanuman.
- ✓ The idol is 54 feet tall, making it one of the tallest idols of Lord Hanuman in the country.
- ✓ Apart from unveiling the statue, Amit Shah also inaugurated the temple's new community kitchen on April 6, 2023.



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STATUE IN NEWS 2022-23

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- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- Tamil Nadu CM Stalin inaugurated statue of 'Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108-feet tall bronze 'Statue of Prosperity' of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "Viswas Swaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- The Viswas Swaroopam statue was built by Tat Padam Sansthan.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveils 14 feet high statue of Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan at Sitabdiara in Saran district, Bihar.
- Jayprakash Narayan is popularly known as JP or Lok Nayak.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Path, unveils Netaji statue at India Gate.
- 28-ft statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after its inauguration as part of the revamped Central Vista, in New Delhi.
- The statue is part of the Centre's ₹13,450-crore Central Vista project, which will have a new Parliament building.

Q. What is the rank of India in the latest football FIFA rankings released in April 2023?

A) 101

B) 82

C) 95

D) 122

Answer : A



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- ✓ The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) released the latest rankings of international football teams and Argentina topped the FIFA rankings for the first time in six years.
- ✓ According to the latest FIFA rankings, the Indian men's football team has climbed up five spots and is now ranked at 101
- ✓ The top five teams in the FIFA rankings as of April 2023 are Argentina, France, Brazil, Belgium and England.
- ✓ FIFA WORLD CUP
- ✓ 2022 : Qatar (32 Teams)
- ✓ 2026 : Canada, Mexico, US (48 teams)
- ✓ FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup
- ✓ 2022 : Costa Rica
- ✓ FIFA U-17 World Cup
- ✓ 2022- Women's : India
- ✓ 2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand
- ✓ Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- ✓ Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- ✓ Founded : 21 May 1904
- ✓ Founded : Paris, France
- ✓ Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland
- ✓ Membership : 211
- ✓ Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian
- ✓ First President : Robert Guérin
- ✓ President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)
- ✓ Secretary General : Fatma Samoura

Q. Apple iPhone maker's first company-owned store 'Apple-BKC' in the country will be opened in which city?

A) Mumbai

B) Hyderabad

C) Bengaluru

D) Chennai

Answer : A



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- ✓ Apple iPhone maker's first company-owned store in the country will be opened in Mumbai. The store will be named as Apple-BKC.
- ✓ The barricade of its first retail store in India at Jio World Drive Mall, Mumbai officially marking the upcoming opening of Apple BKC.
- ✓ The move comes at a time when the smartphone major is ramping up plans to boost local manufacturing in a fillip to the Central government's 'Make in India' initiative.

Q. India has strongly criticized the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for its "__" agenda.

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| A) Anti-terror | B) Anti-drug |
| C) Anti-Doping | D) anti-India |

Answer : D

- ✓ India on 4 April slammed the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for its "communal mindset" and "anti-India" agenda.
- ✓ India's strong reaction came after the OIC secretariat issued a statement alleging the targeting of the Muslim community during Ram Navami processions in several Indian states.
- ✓ Earlier, India criticized the OIC for having a "communal mindset" amid the Karnataka hijab controversy.
- ✓ About Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
- ✓ It is the second largest multilateral body in the world after the United Nations.
- ✓ It was established by the First Islamic Summit held in Morocco in September 1969.
- ✓ Its objective is to protect and safeguard the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony.
- ✓ Currently it has 57 member countries, all of them are Islamic countries or Muslim majority members.
- ✓ Headquarter: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- ✓ India, which has the third largest muslim population in the world after Indonesia and Pakistan, is not a member of OIC.
- ✓ The 49th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers was held on 16 - 17 March 2023 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania



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Q. Aleksandar Ceferin was re-elected as the President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) till 2027. He is in which country?

- A) Slovenian B) Norway
C) Sweden D) Portugal

Answer : A

- ✓ Aleksandar Ceferin was re-elected as the President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA).
- ✓ It was re-elected during UEFA's Ordinary Congress held in Lisbon, Portugal, and Ceferin was elected unopposed, meaning that there were no other candidates for the position.
- ✓ He was first time elected as the seventh president of UEFA in 2016, succeeding Michel Platini.
- ✓ Ceferin's new term will last for another four years (2027).
- ✓ The Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) is responsible for governing association football, futsal and beach soccer in Europe.
- ✓ UEFA.
- ✓ Establishment - 15 June 1954
- ✓ Headquarters - Nyon, Switzerland
- ✓ Speaker - Aleksander Ceferin
- ✓ Parent organisation - FIFA

Q. Whose autobiography is the book "My music. My Life"?

- A) Shiv Kumar Sharma B) Zarin S Sharma
C) Hara Shankar Bhattacharya D) Pandit Ravi Shankar

Answer : D

- ✓ Bharat Ratna Pandit Ravi Shankar's 103rd birth anniversary was celebrated on 7 April 2023 and is known for his significant contribution to the global promotion of Indian music.
- ✓ Shankar has been honoured with several honours and awards for his contribution to music, including the Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Kalidas Samman, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and the prestigious Bharat Ratna (1999).
- ✓ Shankar won three Grammy Awards during his lifetime, including a Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously in 2013.



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- ✓ Shankar was appointed as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador in 1999 for his contribution to music and cultural understanding.
- ✓ Other notable honours conferred on Shankar include the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Commander of the Legion of Honor of France, Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) and Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.
- ✓ Several books have been written about Pandit Ravi Shankar, including his autobiography, "My Music, My Life", and biographies such as "Ravi Shankar: A Life in Music" and "Pandit Ravi Shankar: The Man and His Music".

Q. Which organization has published World Energy Transition Outlook report 2023?

- A) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B) United Nations Population Fund (UNPF)
- C) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- D) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) released the World Energy Transitions Outlook report-2023.
- ✓ The global energy transition is still not on track and well short of the 1.5°C pathway.
- ✓ To survive 1.5°C, deployment levels must increase from 3,000 gigawatts (GW) at present to more than 10,000 GW in 2030, averaging 1,000 GW annually.
- ✓ Equally, more investment towards countries requires public sector intervention.
- ✓ Global investment in energy transformation technologies to reach a new record of \$1.3 trillion in 2022.
- ✓ Annual investments must more than quadruple to more than \$5 trillion to stay on the 1.5°C path.
- ✓ By 2030, cumulative investment should be US\$44 trillion, with transition technologies representing 80 percent of total investment, or \$35 trillion.
- ✓ Current pledges and plans fall well short of IRENA's 1.5°C pathway and would result in an emissions gap of 16 gigatonnes (Gt) in 2050.
- ✓ About International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- ✓ It is an intergovernmental organisation.
- ✓ Founded - in Bonn, Germany on 26 January 2009.



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- ✓ Headquarter - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- ✓ Member Countries - 167 and the European Union.
- ✓ India became a Member - In 2009 as 77th Founding Member.
- ✓ Purpose - To support countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future

Q. President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated a two-day 'Gaj Utsav-2023' on April 7 at the Kaziranga National Park in Assam. Kaziranga National Park is famous for ____

- A) One-horned Rhinos B) Tigers
C) Swamp Dears (Barasingha) D) Elephants

Answer : A

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a two-day 'Gaj Utsav-2023' on April 7 at the Kaziranga National Park High School's playground field in Assam.
- ✓ Meanwhile, President Murmu also enjoyed cultural performances including Bhortal, Jhumur and Bihu dance forms by Assamese artistes at Kohora.
- ✓ The President also flag off the 'Mount Kanchenjunga Expedition-2023'.
- ✓ President Murmu attended the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Gauhati High Court as the chief guest and also launched a mobile app "Bhoroxa" designed for the safety of women and the elderly
- ✓ About Gaj Utsav
- ✓ Kaziranga Gaja Utsav is an annual festival held in the national park to promote the conservation and protection of elephants.
- ✓ It is jointly organized by the Forest and Tourism Departments to draw attention and find a solution to the growing human-elephant conflict in the state.
- ✓ This is being organized to mark the completion of 30 years of Project Elephant.
- ✓ The Government of India started Project Elephant in the year 1992 to protect elephants, their migration routes and natural habitats.
- ✓ Assam has the second largest population of elephants in the country after Karnataka.
- ✓ Kaziranga National Park being a UNESCO World Heritage Site is an ideal place for Gaja Utsav.
- ✓ Kaziranga National Park is located at Assam, India.
- ✓ Designated with National Park status in 1968.
- ✓ Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.



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- ✓ Kaziranga National Park hosts two-thirds of the world's great one-horned rhinoceroses.
- ✓ About Assam State
- ✓ Chief Minister - Himanta Biswa Sarma
- ✓ Governor - Gulab Chand Kataria
- ✓ Number of Districts - 33
- ✓ Lok Sabha seats - 14
- ✓ Rajya Sabha seats - 7
- ✓ State Animal - Indian Rhinoceros
- ✓ State Bird - White Winged Duck
- ✓ National Parks – Dibru-Saikhowa National Park, Kaziranga National Park, Manas National Park, Nameri National Park, Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park

Q. Under which scheme the government has sanctioned loans worth more than Rs 40,600 crore to more than 1.8 lakh women entrepreneurs?

- A) Stand Up India Scheme B) PM CARES
C) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme D) Mahila Shakti Kendras (MSK)

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government has sanctioned loans of more than 40,600 crore rupees to over 1.8 lakh women entrepreneurs under the Stand Up India Scheme.
- ✓ Speaking on the 7th anniversary of the Stand-up India scheme, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that over 1.8 lakh women and SC/ST entrepreneurs received loans under the scheme.
- ✓ The scheme has created an eco-system which provides a supportive environment for setting up green field enterprises by availing loans from bank branches of all scheduled commercial banks.
- ✓ About Stand Up India Scheme
- ✓ It was launched on April 5, 2016, to promote entrepreneurship among women, Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories.
- ✓ It has been launched to help them start a greenfield venture in manufacturing, services or business sector and agriculture allied activities.
- ✓ The objective is to encourage all bank branches to extend loans to SC, ST and women for setting up their own greenfield enterprises.



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- ✓ The Stand-up India scheme is based on the third pillar of the National Mission for Financial Inclusion namely "Funding the Unfunded".
- ✓ More than 80 per cent of the loans given under the scheme have been given to women
- ✓ Eligibility for the scheme
- ✓ SC/ST women entrepreneurs above 18 years of age.
- ✓ Loans under the scheme are available only for greenfield projects.
- ✓ Borrower should not be in default to any bank or financial institution.

Q. The Government has recently disbursed how much rupees to beneficiaries during 2022-23 under the PLI Scheme for Drones and Drone Components?

- A) Rs. 40 crore B) Rs. 30 crore
C) Rs. 70 crore D) Rs. 50 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ The Government has disbursed an amount of 30 crore rupees to beneficiaries during 2022-23 under the PLI Scheme for Drones and Drone Components.
- ✓ As per Civil Aviation Ministry the Production Linked Incentive scheme for drones and drone components in September 2021 to promote the indigenous drone industry.
- ✓ PLI rate is kept constant at 20% for all three years, which is an exceptional treatment for the drone industry in the country.
- ✓ The Minimum value addition norm has been at 40% of net sales for drones and drone components instead of 50% which is another exceptional treatment for the industry.
- ✓ The total incentive is Rs. 120 crore spread over three financial years. It is nearly double the combined turnover of all domestic drone manufacturers in FY 2020-21

Q. The Jal Jeevan Mission has reached 60% of its countrywide target, adding 23.4 million households in the fiscal year ended 2022-23. To achieve the target set for it of 100 per cent tap water coverage for households by which year?

- A) 2024 B) 2025
C) 2026 D) 2027

Answer : A



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- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission has reached 60% of its countrywide target, adding 23.4 million households in the fiscal year ended 2022-23,
- ✓ At the start of the Jal Jeevan Mission, a baseline survey showed that less than 17% or 32.3 million households had a tap connection.
- ✓ Of India's total of 190.4 million rural households, 116 million now have a functioning water tap.
- ✓ The country crossed another milestone in the journey towards 'Har Ghar Jal' on 4th April 2023, with over 11.66 crore (60%) rural households provided with tap water supply in their homes.
- ✓ As on date, Gujarat, Telangana, Goa, Haryana, Punjab and the Union territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli and Puducherry have achieved 100% coverage.
- ✓ Under the mission, 2,078 water testing labs have been installed, of which 1,122 are accredited with National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories.
- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), a flagship program of the Government of India, was launched on 15, August 2019, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission is one of the largest infrastructure-building programmes in the country, which involves installing source-to-household water tap connections.
- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission Launched in 15 August 2019, a flagship programme of the Modi government, aims to provide tap water connections to rural households by 2024

Q. India and which country plan to set up the first Integrated Check Post along border near Jaigaon?

A) Bhutan

B) Nepal

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bangladesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi.
- ✓ Both the countries reviewed their bilateral ties focusing on economic and development partnership, trade facilitation measures and cooperation in trade, connectivity, investment, energy and new sectors including space and startups.
- ✓ Both countries are examining and considering setting up the first Integrated Check Post along the India-Bhutan border, which would be near Jaigaon.



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✓ India and Bhutan will also expedite the proposed Kokrajhar-Gelephu rail link project through Govt. of India support.

Q. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has signed a partnership with which company in the field of Media, Entertainment, and Public Awareness?

- A) Disney
B) eBay
C) Spotify
D) Amazon India

Answer : D

- ✓ The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has signed a partnership with Amazon India in the field of Media, Entertainment, and Public Awareness.
- ✓ This partnership aims to leverage industry collaborations, develop global discoverability of Indian talent and produce and promote Indian content.
- ✓ This partnership will help strengthen industry-academia ties through scholarships, internships, and masterclasses for students at the Film and Television Institute of India and Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute of India

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Suzlon board?

- A) Dheeraj Sharma
B) J P Chalasani
C) Neha Agarwal
D) Nagendra Yadav

Answer : B

- ✓ The board of members of Suzlon Energy has appointed J P Chalasani as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company with immediate effect.
- ✓ He has replaced Ashwani Kumar, who resigned from the post on account of personal reasons.
- ✓ He had been Group CEO of Suzlon from April 2016 to July 2020 and continued as Strategic Advisor to the Suzlon Group thereafter.

Q. The joint military exercise KAVACH was conducted by which united of Indian Armed Force?

- A) Southern Naval Command
B) Andaman and Nicobar Command
C) Western Naval Command
D) Eastern Naval Command

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) conducted a large-scale joint military exercise 'X Kavach' involving assets of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard
- ✓ Commencing on 23 February 2023, the exercise concluded on 7 April 2023.
- ✓ The exercise was aimed at fine-tuning joint combat capabilities and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and enhancing interoperability and operational synergy between the armies.
- ✓ Army's 'Shatrujit Brigade', Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD), Navy's Special Forces and ANC's amphibious troops carried out an exercise at a remote island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ✓ The exercise featured multi-domain exercises involving amphibious landings, airborne operations, heliborne operations and rapid entry of special forces off the coast.
- ✓ 'X Kavach' showcased the capabilities and preparedness of the Armed Forces to safeguard India's maritime interests and ensure the security of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

- Indian Navy and Royal Navy conducted annual bilateral maritime Exercise KONKAN 2023 off Konkan Coast in the Arabian Sea.
- Indian Air Force and the US Air Force will conduct the bilateral air exercise 'Cope India' from April 10 to 21, 2023 at the air force base in Kalaikunda, West Bengal.
- INS Androth, second in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched on March 21, 2023, in Kolkata.
- Africa-India field training exercise AFINDEX-23 to be held in Pune.
- Indian Navy deployed a P8I aircraft to Guam, USA, on March 14, 2023, to participate in the third edition of 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23', a coordinated multi-lateral Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft organized by the US Navy.
- Operation Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour training exercise, was held from March 6–13, 2023, in Jodhpur Military Station in India.
- Indian Ocean Area will host the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse. The Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy, and United States Navy.



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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. RBI has decided to launch a secured web-based centralised portal to simplify and streamline application processes. What is the name given to the portal?

A) PRAVAAH

B) SATAT

C) UTHAAN

D) PRAMUKH

Answer : A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has planned to launch a secured web-based centralised portal named 'PRAVAAH' to simplify and streamline application processes.
- ✓ PRAVAAH stands for Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorisation.



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- ✓ The portal will show time limits for deciding on the applications/approvals sought.
- ✓ Currently, the application and approval processes for the same take place in varied on-line and off-line modes.
- ✓ The new system will bring greater efficiencies into regulatory processes and facilitate ease of doing business for the regulated entities of RBI.
- ✓ The facility will be extended to all types of applications made to RBI across all functions.

RBI PORTAL IN NEWS

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has planned to launch a secured web-based centralised portal named 'PRAVAAH' to simplify and streamline application processes.
- RBI to launch PRISM platform to strengthen compliance by supervised entities.
- RBI develops portal FLAIR for reporting of Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA).
- RBI launches CISBI portal for keeping track of Banking Outlets.
- RBI launches Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI) app for visually impaired persons.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff wef April 2023?

A) Kailash K. Kohli

B) Nirmal Kumar Verma

C) Robin K. Dhowan

D) Sanjay Jasjit Singh

Answer : D

- ✓ Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh took over as the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff on April 02, 2023.
- ✓ He succeeds Vice Admiral Satishkumar Namdeo Ghormade who superannuated on April 01, 2023 after more than 39 years of service to the Indian Navy.
- ✓ Prior to this, Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh held charge of Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff
- ✓ Chiefs of Indian Services
- ✓ Chief of Defense Staff: Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (Retd.)
- ✓ Army: General Manoj Pandey
- ✓ Navy: Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar
- ✓ Air Force: Air Marshal VR Chowdhary
- ✓ Air Marshal Amanpreet Singh has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- ✓ Lt. Gen. M.V. Suchindra Kumar took over as Vice Chief of the Army Staff.
- ✓ Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh took over as the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff on April 02, 2023



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- ✓ CDS is a four-star General

Q. ISRO conducted the successful launch of RLV Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV-LEX) recently from Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga in Karnataka. What does RLV stands for?

- A) Reusable Launch Vehicle B) Rotating Launch Vehicle
C) Radial Launch Vehicle D) Revolutionary Launch Vehicle

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) on April 02, 2023.
- ✓ The test was conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, in Karnataka.
- ✓ Under this mission, a winged body was carried to an altitude of 4.5 km by a helicopter and released for carrying out an autonomous landing of a space vehicle on a runway.
- ✓ It was the first-of-its-kind mission in the world.

Q. Which country has assumed the Presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC) in April 2023?

- A) United Kingdom B) Russia
C) United States D) France

Answer : B

- ✓ Russia has taken over the Presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on April 01, 2023. It will be presided by Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- ✓ It must be informed that each of the 15 members of the UNSC takes up the presidency for a month, on a rotating basis.
- ✓ Previously, Russia took over the Presidency in February 2022. During that time, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- ✓ The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations (UN) and is responsible for maintaining international peace and security.
- ✓ UNSC has 15 member countries. Among them, 5 are permanent while other 10 are non-permanent members.
- ✓ The five permanent members of UNSC are China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and United States.



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- ✓ The non-permanent members are Albania, Brazil, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland, and United Arab Emirates.
- ✓ United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- ✓ Formation : 24 October 1945
- ✓ Headquarteres : New York, US
- ✓ President for August, 2021
- ✓ Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the UN.
- ✓ UNSC has 15 members of which 5 are permanent and 10 are non-permanent members.
- ✓ Non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the UN General Assembly.
- ✓ Five permanent members are- US, UK, France, Russia, and China.

Q. As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data, which state recorded the highest unemployment rate in the Month of March 2023?

- A) Haryana
B) Bihar
C) Rajasthan
D) Punjab

Answer : A

- ✓ Haryana has highest unemployment rate while Uttarakhand and Chandigarh have lowest in March 2023: CMIE Report
- ✓ The latest data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) reveals that in March 2023, the unemployment rate in India rose to a three-month high to 7.8 percent.
- ✓ Managing Director of CMIE – Mahesh Vyas
- ✓ The unemployment rate in the country in December 2022 was 8.30 percent.
- ✓ This declined in January 2023 to 7.14 percent.
- ✓ However in February, the rate increased to 7.45 percent
- ✓ Area-wise data for the unemployment rate in March 2023
- ✓ Urban areas – 8.4 percent
- ✓ Rural areas – 7.5 percent
- ✓ State-wise data for the unemployment rate in March 2023
- ✓ Highest – Haryana (26.8 percent)
- ✓ It was followed by Rajasthan (26.4 percent), Jammu and Kashmir (23.1 percent), Sikkim (20.7 percent), Bihar (17.6 percent) and Jharkhand (17.5 percent).



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- ✓ Founded : 1907
- ✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ MD & CEO : Shanti Lal Jain

Q. India has become the first country to develop a country-level mathematical model to estimate the prevalence of cases of which disease?

- A) Alzheimer's disease B) Hypertension
C) Tuberculosis D) Cirrhosis

Answer : C

- ✓ India has become the first country in the world to develop a country-level mathematical model to estimate the prevalence of tuberculosis (TB) cases in India.
- ✓ Using this model, the data regarding TB incidence and mortality estimate for India will be available by March every year.
- ✓ The new model has been created based on the natural history of the disease, individual cases of infection, healthcare-seeking behaviour, missed or correct diagnosis, treatment coverage, and outcome.
- ✓ Government Initiatives to Combat TB
- ✓ National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination (2017-2025)
- ✓ Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY- financial support)
- ✓ TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign
- ✓ Universal Immunisation Programme
- ✓ The government of India aims to have a TB-free India by 2025.
- ✓ Revised National TB Control Program under National Health Mission
- ✓ Ending the TB epidemic by 2030 under United Nations SDG target 3.3

Q. Which country has launched a nuclear-capable underwater attack drone Haeil-2?

- A) France B) Iraq
C) UAE D) North Korea

Answer : D

- ✓ North Korea tests second underwater drone 'Haeil-2' in show of military power to US, Seoul.



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- ✓ The underwater nuclear attack drone "Haeil-2" test was carried out in Kajin Port, Kumya Country, South Hamgyong Province

Q. PM Narendra Modi recently inaugurated Celebrations of how many years of establishment of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

- A) 25 years
- B) 50 years
- C) 60 years
- D) 75 years

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in New Delhi.
- ✓ The CBI was established on 1st April 1963, by a resolution of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- ✓ The organization has successfully completed a journey of 60 years as the premier investigating agency of the country.
- ✓ To mark the occasion, PM Modi released a Postage Stamp and Commemorative Coin of CBI and also launched the Twitter handle of CBI

Q. World Health Day is observed annually on which day?

- A) April 04
- B) April 05
- C) April 06
- D) April 07

Answer : D

- ✓ The World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7 since 1950.
- ✓ The day commemorates the establishment of World Health Organisation (WHO) on 7 April 1948.
- ✓ World Health Day is a global health awareness day to draw worldwide attention to a specific subject of major importance to global health.
- ✓ The Theme of 2023 World Health Day is 'Health For All.'
- ✓ On 7 April 2023 World Health Day the World Health Organization will observe its 75th birthday.



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Q. The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda is commemorated by UNESCO on which day annually?

- A) April 06 B) April 07
C) April 05 D) April 08

Answer : B

- ✓ The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda is commemorated by UNESCO on April 07, every year.
- ✓ The year 2022 marks the 28th anniversary of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.
- ✓ The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003.
- ✓ The day commemorates the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government.
- ✓ Within just over 100 days, more than 1 million Tutsi were systematically murdered.
- ✓ Moderate Hutu and others who opposed the massacres were also killed during this period.

Q. What is the theme for the 2023 World Health Day?

- A) Working together for health B) Health for all
C) Move for health D) Healthy Cities for better life

Answer : B

- ✓ The Theme of 2023 World Health Day is 'Health For All.'

Q. Name the winner of the 2023 Australian Grand Prix?

- A) Lewis Hamilton
B) Sergio Perez
C) Max Verstappen
D) Fernando Alonso

Answer : C

- ✓ Formula One (F1) World Champion Max Verstappen [Red Bull – Netherlands] has won the 2023 Australian Grand Prix, held on April 02, 2023.
- ✓ This was his second win of the season. Three races have been held so far in 2023.
- ✓ Lewis Hamilton [Mercedes – Great Britain] came second.



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- ✓ Former India all-rounder cricket player Salim Durani has passed away due to age-related ailments on April 2, 2023. He was 88.
- ✓ He is the only Indian Test cricketer to be born in Afghanistan.
- ✓ Salim represented India in Test and First-Class cricket.
- ✓ He had played in 29 Test matches for India from 1960 to 1973, scoring 1202 runs.
- ✓ He played for Gujarat, Rajasthan and Saurashtra in first-class cricket

Q. PM Modi participated in the Combined Commanders' Conference of Military Commanders recently. The conference was organised in which city?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended the Combined Commanders' Conference in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on April 01, 2023.
- ✓ The theme of the three-day conference of Military Commanders was 'Ready, Resurgent, Relevant'.
- ✓ The commanders from the three armed forces and senior officers from the Ministry of Defence participated in the conference.
- ✓ Deliberations on issues related to national security, including jointness and theaterisation in the Armed Forces were held in the conference

Q. The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC) has been set up as the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vulture in which state of India?

- A) Bihar
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ World's first Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre set up in Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC) has been set up as the world's first conservation and breeding centre built and designed exclusively for the conservation of Asian king vulture.
- ✓ The JCBC is built at Farenda in Maharajganj district, located in the Gorakhpur Forest Division of Uttar Pradesh.



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- ✓ The objective of this centre is to breed king vultures in captivity and release them in the wild to maintain a sustainable population of the species. The Asian king vulture is critically endangered and protected under the Wildlife Protection Act.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art facility is worth around Rs 15 crore and spread over 1.5 hectares area.
- ✓ The JCBC is a 15-year project, and aims to raise at least 40 vultures.

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- World's first Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre set up in Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh.
- World's first bamboo crash barrier installed on Maharashtra highway.
- The world's first museum of palm leaf manuscripts established in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Visva-Bharati University is expected to get the status of the world's first "Living Heritage University" from UNESCO by April-May 2023.
- World's first vaccine for honeybees approved for use by United States.
- European Space Agency announced the name of the first "parastronaut" on 23 November in a major step towards allowing people with physical disabilities to work and live in space.
- World's first Vedic Clock at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the "world's first CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) terminal at Bhavnagar in Gujarat.
- Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) has announced on 29 November that the iNCOVACC vaccine has become the world's first intra-nasal vaccine to receive primary series and heterologous booster approval.
- New Zealand passes world's first tobacco law to ban smoking.
- World's first space tourist, Dennis Tito, has signed up with the Elon Musk Company SpaceX, to fly around the Moon aboard the Starship rocket.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park and launched the world's first Cheetah Rehabilitation Project.
- World's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by Germany



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- ✓ Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- ✓ India targets ₹25,000-cr worth defence exports by 2024.

LIST OF IMPORTANT INDIA'S TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2022-23

➤ YEAR	TARGET
➤ 2022	: Trans Fat Free status
➤ 2021-22	: Indian Railways planned 1000 MegaWatt Solar Power
➤ 2021-22	: India achieved its highest ever goods export target of \$400 billion.
➤ 2022	: Indian renewable energy 175 GW installation
➤ 2022	: Doubling Farmers income
➤ 2022	: Doubling tiger population
➤ 2023	: Indian Railways electrify Broad Gauge routes
➤ 2023-24	: India produce one billion tonnes of coal
➤ 2024	: Renewable energy to replace diesel in agriculture
➤ 2024	: India aims to reduce road accidents by 50%
➤ 2024	: Indian railways 100% electrification
➤ 2024	: Provide Clean Drinking Water to All Citizens
➤ 2024	: Har ghar jal for rural households
➤ 2025	: Achieve 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol
➤ 2025	: Defence target of Rs 35,000 crores
➤ 2025	: To Eliminate TB
➤ 2025	: India's vision of 5 trillion economy
➤ 2025	: India set the target to create 220 new airports.
➤ 2026	: India unveils 5-year roadmap to becoming \$300 bn Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports.
➤ 2030	: Indian railways Net Zero' Carbon Emission
➤ 2030	: India reduce the energy intensity by 33-35%
➤ 2030	: India plans 500 GW renewable energy
➤ 2030	: India to eliminate malaria
➤ 2030	: Green Railways



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Q. The International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) has been launched by the Government of India for the conservation of how many species of big cats?

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 3
- D) 9

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the program 'Commemoration of 50 years of Project Tiger' on April 09, 2023 at Mysuru University in, Karnataka.
- ✓ The year 2023 marks 50 years of the Project Tiger.
- ✓ The Project Tiger was launched in November 1973 as tiger conservation programme by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- ✓ International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA)
- ✓ PM Modi launched the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) in Karnataka.
- ✓ IBCA aims to focus on the protection and conservation of seven major big cats of the world, in collaboration with countries harbouring these species..
- ✓ These include Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar and Cheetah.
- ✓ The IBCA will provide assured support over five years with guaranteed funding of over Rs 800 crore.
- ✓ The alliance membership will be open to 97 "range" countries, which contain the natural habitat of these big cats
- ✓ Other launches that took place at the event includes:
- ✓ Release of the publications – 'Amrit Kaal Ka Vision For Tiger Conservation', a summary report of the 5th cycle of Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves.
- ✓ Release of the summary report of All India Tiger Estimation (5th cycle).
- ✓ Release of a commemorative coin on the completion of 50 years of Project Tiger.
- ✓ Other facts
- ✓ India is home to 75% of the world's tiger population in the 75th year of Indian independence.
- ✓ The tiger reserves in India cover 75,000 square kilometers of land
- ✓ In the past 10-12 years, the tiger population in the country has increased by 75 percent



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Q. How much amount has been contributed by India to the United Nations Trust Fund in support of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS)?

- A) US\$ 3 million B) US\$ 4 million
C) US\$ 5 million D) US\$ 2 million

Answer : D

- ✓ India has contributed USD 2 million to the United Nations Trust Fund in support of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS).
- ✓ The cheque for the same was handed over by India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ruchira Kamboj.
- ✓ ATMIS was established on 1 April 2022, to reduce the threat posed by the terrorist group Al-Shabaad and to support the implementation of the Somali Transitional Plan towards a full handover of security responsibility to the Somali security forces and institutions by the end 2024.
- ✓ Earlier, India had contributed USD 4 million to African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

Q. Who is the head of the panel formed by the Supreme Court to look into degree certificate verification of practicing lawyers?

- A) Justice BS Chauhan B) Justice PS Narasimha
C) Justice JB Pardiwala D) Justice Arun Tandon

Answer : A

- ✓ The Supreme Court (SC) has constituted a high powered committee headed by former SC judge Justice BS Chauhan to oversee the process of verification of degree certificates of practising advocates across the country and weed out the fake ones.
- ✓ The degree, enrollment certificate, educational certificate of all lawyers will be verified.
- ✓ The committee shall have 8 members. They are
- ✓ Justice Chauhan – former Allahabad High Court judge,
- ✓ Justice Arun Tandon – former Delhi High Court
- ✓ Chief Justice Rajendra Menon,
- ✓ Senior Advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Maninder Singh
- ✓ Three other members will be nominated by the Bar Council of India (BCI)
- ✓ The order was issued by a bench which had Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala.



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- ✓ The Chinese space startup 'Space Pioneer' successfully launched 'Tianlong-2 rocket' into orbit from China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center located in the Gobi Desert, Inner Mongolia.
- ✓ This for the first time that a liquid fueled rocket was launched into orbit by a Chinese aerospace company.
- ✓ Also, it was the first time that a startup company (Space Pioneer- also known as Beijing Tianbing Technology Co.) successfully reached orbit on its first attempt.
- ✓ The Tianlong-2 rocket is also known as "Sky Dragon-2.

Q. Name the Indian badminton player who has recently won the men's single title at the 2023 Orleans Masters in France?

- A) Priyanshu Rajawat B) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
C) Manu Attri D) Subhankar Dey

Answer : A

- ✓ India's emerging badminton star Priyanshu Rajawat defeated Magnus Johannesen of Denmark, 21-15, 19-21, 21-16, to win men's single title at the 2023 Orleans Masters in France with a win over in the decider.
- ✓ It was his maiden BWF World Tour Super 300 title as well as his first appearance in the final.
- ✓ The 21-year-old Priyanshu Rajawat from Madhya Pradesh was a part of the Indian team that registered an epic win at the 2022 Thomas Cup
- ✓ Winners of 2023 Orléans Masters
- ✓ Men's Single – Priyanshu Rajawat (India)
- ✓ Women's single – Carolina Marin (Spain)
- ✓ Men's Double – Chen Boyang and Liu Yi – China
- ✓ Women's Double – Rena Miyaura and Ayako Sakuramoto – Japan
- ✓ Mixed Double – Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei – Malaysia

Q. Which day is observed every year on April 10?

- A) World Malaria Day B) World Liver Day
C) World Hemophilia Day D) World Homeopathy Day

Answer : D



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- ✓ The World Homeopathy Day is celebrated every year on April 10 to spread awareness about homoeopathy and its contribution to the world of medicine.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 World Homoeopathy Day is “One Health, One Family.”
- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of German physician Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, who is considered as the founder of system of alternative medicine called Homeopathy.
- ✓ The year 2023 marks the 268th birthday of Hanhemann.

Q. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is celebrated every year on April 09. In 2023 which edition of CRPF Valour Day was celebrated?

- A) 55th B) 61st
C) 58th D) 68th

Answer : C

- ✓ The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is observed on 9th April every year, as a tribute to the brave men of the Force.
- ✓ 2023 marks 58th CRPF Valour Day.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading Pakistani army, several time larger, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.
- ✓ The CRPF men eliminated 34 Pakistani soldiers and captured four alive.
- ✓ In the conflict, CRPF lost six personnel who had attained martyrdom.

Q. Which institution has launched India's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index?

- A) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
B) National Stock Exchange
C) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited
D) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services

Answer : B

- ✓ NSE Indices Ltd, a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched India's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index.
- ✓ The new index— Nifty Reits and InvITs index—aims to track the performance of Reits and InvITs that are publicly listed and traded on the NSE.



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- ✓ Objective – To track the performance of REITs and InvITs that are publicly listed and traded on the NSE
- ✓ A Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) or an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) is an investment vehicle that owns revenue-generating real estate or infrastructure assets.
- ✓ What is REIT :
- ✓ They are like Mutual Funds who pool the money of the investor and invest into real estate like Malls, shopping complexes, office buildings etc. The money they earn through rents is distributed amongst the investors in the form of dividends. Also, if the value of the invested real estate's increases then the investors will also benefit.
- ✓ They help an investor invest in Real estate with as little as Rs 10,000-Rs15, 000.
- ✓ Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) :
- ✓ They are like Mutual Funds who pool the money of the investor and invest into Infrastructure, roads, pipelines, power plants etc. They offer regular dividends and the benefit of capital appreciation.
- ✓ Both REIT and InvIT are regulated by SEBI.
- ✓ Money market is regulated by RBI while the Capital market is regulated by SEBI.

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- NSE Indices Ltd, a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched India's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index.
- NSE gets the final SEBI approval to launch Social Stock Exchange.
- According to the Forward Industry Association (FIA), the National Stock Exchange (NSE) has emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange in 2022 in terms of the number of traded contracts.
- NSE Indices the subsidiary company of National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched Nifty India Digital Index.
- There are 23 stock exchanges in India. Among them, two are national-level stock exchanges namely Bombay Stock exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE). The rest 21 are Regional Stock Exchanges (RSEs).
- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).
- NSE was established in the year 1992 as the first dematerialized electronic exchange in the country.



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- The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) is the largest financial market in India.
- Nifty 50 is the flagship index of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE).
- NIFTY 50 index was launched by NSE in the year 1996.
- Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Managing Director & CEO - Ashish Kumar Chauhan

Q. Which country will conduct the first launch of commercial-grade satellite aboard a domestically built rocket as part of its space development program in May 2023?

- A) China
- B) Israel
- C) South Korea
- D) Germany

Answer : C

- ✓ South Korea plans to conduct its first launch of a commercial-grade satellite aboard a domestically built rocket next month as part of its space development program.
- ✓ It will blast off from the space launch center on a southern island in May 2023. It will carry one main satellite 'Next Generation Small Satellite 2' and seven other smaller cube-shaped satellites.
- ✓ In June last year, South Korea conducted its first satellite launch using the Nuri rocket.
- ✓ The main satellite will verify imaging radar technology and observe cosmic radiation in near-Earth orbit.

Q. According to Stanford University's annual AI Index report 2023, India ranked fifth in terms of investments received by startups offering artificial intelligence (AI)-based products. Which country has topped this index?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) China
- D) Israel

Answer : A

- ✓ According to Stanford University's annual AI Index report 2023, India ranked fifth in terms of investments received by startups offering artificial intelligence (AI)-based products.
- ✓ Total investments in AI startups in India stood at \$3.24 billion in 2022, placing it ahead of South Korea, Germany, Canada and Australia, among others.
- ✓ Those ahead of India in the list are the US, China, the UK and Israel.



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- ✓ The report also showed that AI startups in India received total funding of \$7.73 billion during 2013-2022, making it the sixth leading country with the most AI investments during the period. Nearly 40% of this investment was made last year
- ✓ Among Indian AI startups, Chennai-based conversational AI startup Uniphore raised \$400 million in a Series E funding round last year at a valuation of \$2.5 billion.

Q. Which social media platform has launched a new campaign called “Stay Safe”?

- A) Instagram B) WhatsApp
C) Twitter D) Telegram

Answer : B

- ✓ WhatsApp has launched a new campaign called “Stay Safe with WhatsApp,” which highlights the several safety features that are pre-built on the messaging app.
- ✓ The campaign will run for a total of three months with a focus on several safety-centric features like ‘Block and Report,’ ‘Two-Step Verification,’ and ‘Privacy and group settings.’
- ✓ The campaign highlights why it is important to add two-step verification to WhatsApp, which requires a 6-digit pin and an OTP to authenticate a user.
- ✓ WhatsApp
- ✓ Founded : February 24, 2009
- ✓ Founders : Jan Koum & Brian Acton
- ✓ Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US
- ✓ CEO : Will Cathcart
- ✓ WhatsApp Parent organization: Facebook

Q. Which state has topped the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 report in Front Runner category?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Haryana
C) Andhra Pradesh D) Karnataka

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister for Power and Renewable Energy R. K. Singh released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 report



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- ✓ The SEEI was released during the RPM (Review, Planning and Monitoring) meeting of states and state utility companies in New Delhi.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Telangana are among the top ranked states in the State Energy Efficiency Index-SEEI.
- ✓ Four states Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra and Punjab are in the achiever category with scores between 50 and 60.
- ✓ Besides, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Chandigarh are the top performing states in their respective state groups.

Q. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of Varanasi in which city?

- A) Ethiopia
B) Uganda
C) Nigeria
D) Egypt

Answer : B

- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of Varanasi, during his visit to Uganda's Kampala.
- ✓ Earlier he met Uganda's President Yoweri K Museveni at his farm in Rwakitura and congratulated the country on assuming the chairship of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
- ✓ Uganda was endorsed to chair the Non-Aligned Movement on behalf of Africa for the period from 2022 to 2025.
- ✓ The NAM chair position rotates every 3 years during summit conferences.
- ✓ UGANDA
- ✓ Capital : Kampala
- ✓ Currency : Shilling

Q. Which state had the highest utilization-to-released fund ratio of MPLADS funds in FY23?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ In FY23, Gujarat had the highest utilization-to-released fund ratio of MPLADS funds.



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- ✓ While ₹66 crore was allocated to the state, it had utilized ₹95.77 crore, 145.11 percent. This is according to the data that the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation presented in the parliament.
- ✓ The other major states with the highest utilisation-to-released fund ratio include Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ After a hiatus, FY23 was a financial year that saw the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) implemented in the full wing. The scheme was paused during the beginning of the pandemic and was resumed only in November 2021.
- ✓ MPLADS is a central government scheme under which MPs can recommend development programmes of expenditure of ₹5 crore every year in their constituencies.
- ✓ At the same time, States like Telangana and Uttarakhand have spent just 52.8 percent and 63.6 percent of the total funds that they received in FY23.
- ✓ What is the MPLAD Scheme?
- ✓ The MPLAD scheme was launched in 1993.
- ✓ It enables Members of Parliament (MPs) to recommend development works within their constituencies.
- ✓ The MPLADS is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by the Government of India.
- ✓ The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per Member of Parliament (MP) constituency is Rs.5 crore, released in two instalments of Rs.2.5 crore each, subject to the fulfilment of conditions as per the MPLADS Guidelines.
- ✓ The scheme was suspended for two financial years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

Q. Which company has signed a perpetual license agreement with Switzerland-based Novartis Pharma AG to manufacture and market Galvus and Galvus combination brands which are used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes?

- A) Cipla Pharmaceutical company B) Bharat Biotech
C) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories D) Serum Institute of India

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian multinational pharmaceutical company Cipla entered into a perpetual licence agreement with Switzerland-based pharmaceutical company Novartis Pharma AG.
- ✓ The agreement allows Cipla to manufacture and market diabetes drug Galvus and its combination brands from January 1, 2026.



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- ✓ The sanctuary, located in Shravasti, Balrampur and Gonda districts of Uttar Pradesh, was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1988.
- ✓ It is spread over an area of 452 sq km.
- ✓ It is situated on the Indo-Nepal international border and is rich in natural resources.
- ✓ It is named after King Soheldev.
- ✓ Adjacent to the sanctuary area are the Shivalik ranges of the Himalayas.
- ✓ It is one of the important places in the Bhabar-Tarai eco-system region which is rich in biodiversity.

Q. Citi Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have joined hands to provide a co-financing loan to which bank?

- A) Yes Bank
B) HDFC Bank
C) IndusInd Bank
D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Citi Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have joined hands to provide a co-financing loan to IndusInd Bank Limited, a private commercial bank.
- ✓ This includes a \$30 million loan by Citi and a ₹13 billion loan by JICA.
- ✓ This high-impact social finance offering that Citi arranged for IndusInd Bank is expected to improve financial access for farmers and catalyze capital investment in the agricultural sector in India.
- ✓ This social financing to IndusInd Bank will be used by farmers to purchase farm equipment, crops, seeds, and fertilizers, as well as by small agricultural supply chain service providers.

Q. Which state government has launched a new project, 'Sanjeevani' to ensure that livestock is provided quality treatment in a time-bound manner?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ Sanjeevani Project launched by the Government of Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ To support small dairy farmers and cattle rearers, the state government launched a project called Sanjeevani on April 9 to enhance their livelihood.



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- ✓ The Sanjeevani project uses telemedicine and technology to provide convenient and high-quality livestock care services to farmers' doorsteps, potentially preventing outbreaks and reducing turnaround time for services.
- ✓ The Animal Husbandry Department of Himachal Pradesh collaborated with Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL) for the National Animal Disease Control Programme-Mobile Veterinary Van (NADCP-AHD-MVU) project.
- ✓ The objective of the NADCP-AHD-MVU project is to provide door-to-door livestock care services through a toll-free telephone number.
- ✓ About Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ Chief Minister - Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
- ✓ Governor - Shiv Pratap Shukla
- ✓ Official tree - Deodar (Scientific name: Cedrus deodara)
- ✓ Capitals - Shimla (Summer), Dharamsala (Winter)

Q. Which bank has recently launched “Parivar” (family) savings account in FY24 to minimize the gap between deposit growth and credit growth?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) is planning to launch new variants of current account (with balances of ₹50,000 and ₹50 lakh) and “Parivar” (family) savings account in FY24 to minimize the gap between deposit growth and credit growth.
- ✓ Domestic deposits of India’s largest bank grew 8.86 percent year-on-year (y-o-y) by the end of 2022, while domestic advances were up 16.91 percent y-o-y.
- ✓ SBI expects that its domestic deposits and domestic advances will grow about 12 per cent and 16 per cent y-o-y, respectively, in FY24.

Q. Who has been awarded the “Maratha Udyog Ratna” award 2023 by Maharashtra government?

- A) Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil B) Sudhir Mungantiwar
C) Vijaykumar Gavit D) Nilesh Sambre



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Answer : D

- ✓ Nilesh Sambre conferred with 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' by Maharashtra State.
- ✓ Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre, founder of Jijau Educational and Social Foundation, was recently awarded the "Maratha Udyog Ratna" at the "Maratha Entrepreneurs Conference 2023" organised by the "Maratha Entrepreneurs Development and Guidance Institute Maharashtra State".
- ✓ The award was given to Nilesh Sambre for his impressive achievements in the industry sector and his tireless work in remote areas like Palghar.
- ✓ Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre is also known as Appa.
- ✓ The award was presented by eminent entrepreneurs from Maharashtra, including Suresh Haware, Purushottam Khedekar, Nirmalkumar Deshmukh, Dr. Sachin Bhadane and Vijay Ghogare.
- ✓ Jijau Educational and Social Organization is a non-profit organisation that focuses on the upliftment of underprivileged communities in 5 districts of India: Palghar, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg.
- ✓ The organisation was established in 2008, Jijau Sanstha founded by Nilesh Sambare has been providing education, health, employment and agriculture with its own funds for the last 14 years without taking any donation.
- ✓ The headquarter of Jijau Foundation is located in Jadpoli.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Investment Officer by LIC?

- A) Rahul Puri
- B) P C Paikray
- C) Ajitesh Sinha
- D) Ratnakar Patnaik

Answer : D

- ✓ LIC has appointed Ratnakar Patnaik as Chief Investment Officer and PC Paikray as Chief Risk Officer.
- ✓ Ratnakar will replace PR Mishra

Q. Who launched the first Dogri version of the Indian Constitution?

- A) Piyush Goyal
- B) R K Singh
- C) Kiren Rijju
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer : C

- ✓ The Dogri version of the Constitution of India was released by Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju. It was released at Jammu University.



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- ✓ Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Justice Koteswar Singh of Ladakh High Court were also present on this occasion.
- ✓ The Constitution of India is one of the longest-written constitutions in the world. Recently, the Ministry of External Affairs released the "Seven Decades of the Constitution of India" on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Q. #Take6forPD is the theme for World Parkinson's Day in 2023. When is this day observed annually?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Every year, April 11 is observed as World Parkinson's Day to raise awareness of Parkinson's disease, which is a progressive nervous system disorder.
- ✓ Theme 2023 is #Take6forPD.
- ✓ The day marks the birthday of Dr James Parkinson from London, who was the first person to systematically described the six individuals with the symptoms of Parkinson Disease.
- ✓ Additionally, the month of April is observed as the Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Q. In India, when is the National Safe Motherhood Day celebrated?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ In India, the National Safe Motherhood Day is observed every year on April 11 to raise awareness about adequate access to care for women during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services.
- ✓ 2023 Theme: Motherhood is a blessing from God
- ✓ India is the first country in the world to officially declare National Safe Motherhood Day
- ✓ The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, the wife of the father of Nation Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi.
- ✓ In 2003, upon the initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI), the Government of India declared the national safe motherhood day to be held on April 11.



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- ✓ 2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the day. The first observation was held in 2003.

Q. The International Day of Human Space Flight is marked annually by the United Nations on which day?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated annually on April 12 to mark the anniversary of the first human space flight by Yuri Gagarin on April 12, 1961.
- ✓ The day was proclaimed at the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly on April 7, 2011, a few days before the 50th anniversary of the flight.
- ✓ In Soviet Union, the day is observed as International Day of Aviation and Cosmonautics.
- ✓ Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to orbit in space in the year 1984.
- ✓ Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian origin woman to go to space is related to Karnal district of Haryana.
- ✓ Yuri Gagarin was the first person to go into space.
- ✓ Neil Armstrong was the first person to land on the Moon.

Q. The tallest Ambedkar statue in India has been unveiled in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Telangana
- C) Bihar
- D) Rajasthan

Answer : B

- ✓ The 132nd birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, considered the architect of the Indian Constitution, is being celebrated across the country.
- ✓ On the birthday of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Chief Minister of Telangana K Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated his 125 feet tall statue, which is believed to be the tallest statue of Ambedkar in India.
- ✓ This statue has been designed by renowned sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar and his son Anil Ram Sutar in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ This statue has been built by KPC Projects Limited. Its total cost is Rs 146.50 crore.



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STATUE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- Tamil Nadu CM Stalin inaugurated statue of 'Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108-feet tall bronze 'Statue of Prosperity' of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "Viswas Swaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- The Viswas Swaroopam statue was built by Tat Padam Sansthan.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveils 14 feet high statue of Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan at Sitabdiara in Saran district, Bihar.
- Jayprakash Narayan is popularly known as JP or Lok Nayak.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Path, unveils Netaji statue at India Gate.
- 28-ft statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after its inauguration as part of the revamped Central Vista, in New Delhi.
- The statue is part of the Centre's ₹13,450-crore Central Vista project, which will have a new Parliament building.

Q. In which city was the first AIIMS of North-East India inaugurated?

- A) Guwahati
- B) Itanagar
- C) Imphal
- D) Kohima

Answer : A



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- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Guwahati AIIMS to the nation at a function held in Changsari, Assam.
- ✓ PM Modi also inaugurated three medical colleges at Nalbari, Nagaon and Kokrajhar. This is the first AIIMS in North-East India.
- ✓ Along with this, he also laid the foundation stone of Assam Advanced Healthcare Innovation Institute at IIT Guwahati.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also formally distributed Ayushman Bharat cards to 1.1 crore beneficiaries of Assam.

Q. In which country did Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurate the bridge built by India?

- A) Ghana
B) Senegal
C) Mozambique
D) Sri Lanka

Answer : C

- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the Buzi Bridge built by India in Mozambique.
- ✓ The bridge has been built as part of the 132 km Tika-Buji-Nova-Sofala road project.
- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar began his visit with a meeting with the Speaker of the Assembly Esperanca Bias in Maputo, Mozambique.
- ✓ Mozambique is a southern African nation with a long coastline along the Indian Ocean. Its capital is Maputo and its currency is Mozambican metical

Q. Bahrain has recently resumed its diplomatic relations with which country?

- A) Israel
B) Qatar
C) Syria
D) Egypt

Answer : B

- ✓ Two years after the Arab boycott was lifted, Qatar and Bahrain have announced the resumption of their diplomatic relations.
- ✓ In January 2021, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt ended Qatar's three-and-a-half-year ban, except for Bahrain. Diplomatic relations between the two countries began during a meeting held in the capital of Saudi Arabia. Bahrain is an island country located in Western Asia.



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- ✓ Also, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has the least assets around Rs 15 lakh.

Q. Which company has recently been given the Miniratna Category-I status?

- A) RailTel Corporation B) Solar Energy Corporation of India
C) IRCTC D) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

Answer : B

- ✓ Solar Energy Corporation of India, owned by the Government of India, has been given the status of Miniratna Category-I.
- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has confirmed this in a statement.
- ✓ Solar Energy Corporation is an important agency of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- ✓ It was established in the year 2011.
- ✓ It is the only Central Public Sector Undertaking active in the solar energy sector.

Q. In which city of India is the first 3D-printed post office being constructed?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ India's first 3D-printed post office is being built in Bengaluru, which is the first post office of its kind.
- ✓ The cost of construction of this post office is estimated to be 30 to 40 per cent less than that of a conventional building.
- ✓ Also, it is expected to be ready within 30 days. It is being constructed in 1100 square feet. The estimated cost is said to be Rs 23 lakh.

Q. With whom did the Indian Navy sign an agreement to develop secure maritime communication?

- A) Tata Telecommunication B) Raman Research Institute
C) DRDO D) C-DAC

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Navy has entered into an agreement with Raman Research Institute (RRI) to develop Secure Maritime Communication. RRI is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Quantum technologies will be used in the development of this maritime



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communication. Raman Research Institute is a scientific research institute located in Bangalore, India. It was founded by Nobel laureate CV Raman in 1948.

Q. Which state government has recently given OBC status to the transgender community?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh Government has recently added the transgender community to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) list of the state.
- ✓ The state government has taken this decision following the directions of the Supreme Court.
- ✓ With this, the transgender community will get the benefit of reservation in state government recruitments.

Q. Which state government has passed a bill to ban online gambling?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Bihar
C) Tamil Nadu D) Goa

Answer : C

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi has approved the bill proposing to ban online gambling.
- ✓ The bill was passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly for the second time in March.
- ✓ The governor returned the bill on March 6 saying that it was against the constitution and against the decisions of the courts.
- ✓ The bill was first passed in the assembly on October 19, 2022.

Q. Which country has recently launched an initiative to license crypto firms?

- A) Morocco B) Cuba
C) El Salvador D) Argentina

Answer : C

- ✓ Central American country El Salvador has started an initiative to license crypto firms.
- ✓ Cryptocurrency exchange Bitfinex has become the first cryptocurrency company to receive an official license in El Salvador.



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- ✓ This license will allow Bitfinex to provide crypto-related services in the country as per the legal provisions of the country.
- ✓ El Salvador became the first country in the world to accept Bitcoin as a payment option in 2021
- ✓ Countries adopting bitcoin
- ✓ El Salvador is the first country in the world to recognize bitcoin as an official currency last year.
- ✓ Recently, the Central African Republic became the second country in the world and the first in Africa to recognize bitcoin
- ✓ About El Salvador -
- ✓ El Salvador is the smallest and most densely populated country in Central America.
- ✓ Capital - San Salvador
- ✓ President- Nayib Bukele
- ✓ currency - bitcoin

Q. Which Indian player won the silver medal in the 68 kg category in the Asian Wrestling Championships?

- A) Babita Kumari B) Sakshi Malik
C) Vinesh Phogat D) Nisha Dahiya

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian wrestler Nisha Dahiya won the silver medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships on April 13, 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan
- ✓ In the women's 68 kg category, Nisha lost the final match to Japan's Ami Ishii by a scoreline of 10-0.
- ✓ Nisha defeated Feng Zhou of China by a score of 7-6 in the semi-finals.
- ✓ Indian wrestler, Priya Malik won the bronze medal in the 76 kg category of the tournament against Japan's Mizuki Nagashima in the repechage round.
- ✓ The Asian Wrestling Championships is an annual wrestling competition organised by the Asian Wrestling Federation (AWF).
- ✓ The championships consist of men's freestyle, men's Greco-Roman and women's freestyle wrestling events.
- ✓ The first Asian Wrestling Championship was held in 1979 in Tehran, Iran



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Q. Where is the three-day International Conference on Defense Finance and Economics being organized?

A) New Delhi

B) Washington DC

C) Paris

D) Berlin

Answer : A

- ✓ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day International Conference on Defense Finance and Economics in New Delhi on April 12, 2023.
- ✓ The conference is organized by the Ministry of Defence.
- ✓ It will provide a platform to eminent policy makers, academicians and government officials from home and abroad to share their insights and experiences on defense finance and economics in the context of emerging security challenges and policies globally.
- ✓ Delegates from USA, UK, Japan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Kenya are participating in the conference.
- ✓ Objective of the Conference
- ✓ To promote dialogue and cooperation among the participants and contribute to the defense preparedness of the country with optimum financial resources and effective implementation of the defense budget.
- ✓ Participating in global discussions on defense finance and economics and proposing a sustainable roadmap on the subject.
- ✓ To disseminate the best practices, experiences and expertise of various countries and align processes in the Indian context with international standards

Q. Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day is observed every year on 13 April. How many years have passed since this tragic event, which is seen as a turning point in Indian history?

A) 104

B) 107

C) 102

D) 110

Answer : A

- ✓ Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day is observed every year on 13 April.
- ✓ On 13 April 1919, a large crowd gathered peacefully at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, Punjab to protest the arrest of Dr. Satyapal & Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew.



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- ✓ Colonel Reginald Dyer, the Military Commander of Amritsar, surrounded the Bagh with his troops, closed the gates & gave order to shoot at the peaceful congregation.
- ✓ Hundreds were killed & thousands wounded. This incident is known as the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
- ✓ Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day 2023 marks 104 years since the tragic incident that is seen as a turning point in Indian History.
- ✓ Thousands of people had gathered at Jallianwala Bagh to celebrate Baisakhi and to protest peacefully against the arrest of two leaders, Saifuddin Kitchlew, and Satyapal. But at that time processions and public meetings were banned in India and the villagers were unaware of it. Dyer entered the venue with his troops and blocked the only entrance. Then he passed the order of shooting at the unarmed civilians. After the incident, Dyer stated that his act was not to disperse the meeting but to punish the Indians who were present at the venue for disobedience.
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore condemned this unjust attack on the peaceful protestors and renounced their Kaiser-i-Hind medal and British Knighthood respectively. There were protests across the country against the incident. The actions of Dyer were criticized by many including former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. After this incident, the Hunter commission was set up to investigate the incident, and Dyer was removed from duty after the commission submitted its report.

Q. Which state has bagged the GI tag for its famed GOND Painting?

A) Bihar

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Maharashtra

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ The famed Gond painting of Madhya Pradesh has received the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ GI Tag ensures that no one other than the registered authorised user is allowed to use the name of the popular product
- ✓ Apart from this, the famous Cumbum Panneer Thratchai from Tamil Nadu, commonly known as Cumbum grapes has also received the GI tag.
- ✓ The Cumbum valley in Tamil Nadu's Western Ghats, is regarded as the "Grapes City of South India".
- ✓ The Authoor betel leaves, (locally known as vetrilai) of Tamil Nadu has also bagged GI tag.



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✓ Tamil Nadu's Malai Poondu, Srivilliputtur Palkova and Palani Panchamirtham have also been awarded the GI tag

Q. The famous Cumbum grapes, which has bagged the GI tag, is from which state?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Kolkata

C) Arunachal Pradesh

D) Karnataka

Answer : A

✓ The famous Cumbum Panneer Thratchai from Tamil Nadu, commonly known as Cumbum grapes has also received the GI tag.

LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

- Gond painting : Madhya Pradesh
- Cumbum grapes : Tamil Nadu
- 'Mircha' rice : Bihar
- Nagari Dubraj : Chhattisgarh
- Banarasi Paan : Uttar Pradesh
- Banarasi Langda Mango : Uttar Pradesh
- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Gamochoa : 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
- Guccchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam



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- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- Moira Bananas , Harmal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- Telia Rumal : Telangana
- Sohrai Khovala Painting : Jharkhand
- Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Kholas Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- 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.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- 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. Name the Indian chess player who has recently won the 2023 World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania?

A) Pranav V

B) Nihal Sarin

C) D Gukesh

D) R Praggnanandhaa

Answer : C



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- ✓ India's teen Chess Grandmaster D Gukesh defeated former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the final to win the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania, organized by World Chess.
- ✓ The 16-year-old D Gukesh won the Asia & Oceania event in the Armageddon Championship Series 2023.
- ✓ With this dramatic win, he has secured a spot in the Grand Finale of Armageddon, to be held in September.
- ✓ Along with him, the tournament's runner-up, Nodirbek Abdusattorov has also earned a place for Finale.

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2022 -23

- Sayantan Das from West Bengal has become India's 81st Chess Grandmaster.
- Vignesh NR became the 80th Grandmaster of the country.
- Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.
- 16-year-old from Tamilnadu, M Pranesh became India's 79th chess grandmaster .
- Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.
- Aditya Mittal Becomes India's 77th Chess Grandmaster.
- Magnus Carlsen (From Norway) wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022.
- R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in New Delhi.
- D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.
- Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster.
- Alireza Firouzja wins Sinquefield Cup & The Grand Chess Tour.

Q. RBI has announced the framework for the acceptance of green deposits of regulated entities (RE). It will come into force from __

- A) June 01
- B) April 01
- C) May 01
- D) July 01

Answer : A



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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the framework for the acceptance of green deposits of regulated entities (RE).
- ✓ The framework will come into effect from June 1, 2023.
- ✓ As per the guidelines of RBI, a Green Deposit means:
- ✓ An interest-bearing deposit, received by the RE for a fixed period and the proceeds of which are earmarked for being allocated towards green finance.
- ✓ Lending to and investing in the activities or projects that contribute to climate risk mitigation, climate adaptation and resilience, and other climate-related or environmental objectives – including biodiversity management and nature-based solutions.
- ✓ The green deposits will be denominated in Indian rupees only.
- ✓ The Regulated entities (REs) will have to allocate proceeds raised from green deposits towards the green activities or projects.
- ✓ These instructions are applicable for all scheduled commercial banks, including small finance banks. However regional rural banks, local area banks and payments banks are excluded.
- ✓ The framework will also apply on all deposit-taking non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) registered with the RBI, including housing finance companies.
- ✓ The aim of Green Deposit framework:
- ✓ To encourage regulated entities (REs) to offer green deposits to customers to foster and develop a green finance ecosystem in the country.
- ✓ To protect the interest of the depositors, aid customers to achieve their sustainability agenda, address greenwashing concerns and help augment the flow of credit to green activities or projects.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO & MD of TCS to replace Rajesh Gopinathan?

- A) Aarthi Subramanian
- C) N. Chandrasekaran

- B) Pradeep Kumar Khosla
- D) K Krithivasan

Answer : D

- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has appointed K Krithivasan as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director of the company.
- ✓ He will take over the post with effect from June 01, 2023 for a tenure of five years.
- ✓ Krithivasan will replace outgoing CEO Rajesh Gopinathan, who was appointed in 2017.



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Q. PM Modi recently inaugurated the world's first semi-high speed passenger train on high rise overhead electric (OHE) territory in which state of India?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ PM Modi flags off India's 15th and Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express Train
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express train of Rajasthan on April 04, 2023, via videoconferencing.
- ✓ This Vande Bharat Express train is world's first semi-high speed passenger train on high rise overhead electric (OHE) territory.
- ✓ It will operate between Ajmer and Delhi Cantt, with stops at Jaipur, Alwar and Gurgaon.
- ✓ This was India's 15th Vande Bharat Express train

Q. Anshuman Singhania has recently been elected as the Chairman of which industrial body?

- A) Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)
B) Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)
C) Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI)
D) Tractor Manufacturers Association (TMA)

Answer : A

- ✓ Anshuman Singhania, the Managing Director of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd has been elected as the new Chairman of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA).
- ✓ ATMA is the national industry body for the automotive tyre sector in India.
- ✓ Apart from this, Arnab Banerjee, the Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd, has taken over as Vice-Chairman of ATMA.

Q. Which among the following political party has been granted national party status?

- A) Trinamool Congress
B) AAP
C) CPI
D) Nationalist Congress Party

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has granted national party status to Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).
- ✓ The AAP party has been named as a national party based on its electoral performance in four states namely Delhi, Goa, Punjab and Gujarat.
- ✓ Currently, the Arvind Kejriwal-led party is in power in Delhi and Punjab.
- ✓ Apart from this, the commission has revoked the national party status of Trinamool Congress , CPI, and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).
- ✓ Now, the national political parties recognised in India will be the BJP, Congress, CPI(M), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), National People's Party (NPP) and the AAP.
- ✓ Right now there are only six national parties in the country:
- ✓ Indian National Congress (INC)
- ✓ Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M)
- ✓ Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- ✓ Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
- ✓ National People's Party (NPP)
- ✓ Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

Q. The UIDAI has collaborated with which institution to launch a robust touchless biometric capture system for fingerprints?

A) IIT Bombay

B) IIT Madras

C) IIT Delhi

D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : A

- ✓ Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop a robust touchless biometric capture system for easier usage by people anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Under this collaboration, the UIDAI and IIT Bombay will carry out joint research to build a mobile capture system for fingerprints along with liveness model integrated with the capture system.
- ✓ The touchless biometric capture system will allow fingerprint authentication from home similar to face authentication.



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Q. Vishal Kanvaty has recently been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of which organisation?

- A) AAI
B) ICAR
C) NITI Aayog
D) NPCI

Answer : D

- ✓ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has roped in Vishal Kanvaty as Chief Technology Officer (CTO).
- ✓ Kanvaty joined NPCI in 2017.
- ✓ Prior to this he managed the portfolio of Chief Market Innovation as well as Product and Innovations profiles

Q. What is the name given to India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services, launched by National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)?

- A) TEMPO
B) RAPIDX
C) AMRUTH
D) ZOOM

Answer : B

- ✓ India's first semi high-speed regional rail services in NCR named 'RAPIDX'
- ✓ The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), has named India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services as 'RAPIDX', which will run on the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors.
- ✓ RAPIDX is being implemented by NCRTC to connect key urban nodes across the National Capital Region (NCR).
- ✓ RAPIDX signifies speed and progress, while the letter X denotes next generation technology and the new-age mobility solution. It also represents youth, optimism, and energy.
- ✓ The overall aim of launching this brand is decarbonisation, which means decongesting NCR by reducing the number of vehicles on the road and by the use of green energy.

Q. Who among these is the oldest billionaire and the former Chairman of Mahindra and Mahindra Group, who passed away recently?

- A) Keshub Mahindra
B) Haigreve Mahindra
C) Anish Mahindra
D) Manoj Mahindra



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Answer : A

- ✓ India's oldest billionaire and the former Chairman of Mahindra and Mahindra Group, Keshub Mahindra has passed away. He was 99.
- ✓ Keshub Mahindra served as the chairman of the Mumbai-based conglomerate from 1963 to 2012.
- ✓ With a net worth of \$1.2 billion, he was among 169 Indian billionaires who made the coveted list in 2023.
- ✓ The Mahindra company was co-founded by his father, J C Mahindra, in 1945.
- ✓ Keshub joined the company in 1947 and assumed the role of Chairman in 1963.

Q. Recently, the bill to amend the Competition Act received President Droupadi Murmu's assent. The amended act will replace which act?

- A) Competition (Amendment) Act, 2004
- B) Competition (Amendment) Act, 2002
- C) Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007
- D) Competition (Amendment) Act, 2009

Answer : D

- ✓ The bill to amend the Competition Act has received the assent of President Droupadi Murmu. The bill was cleared by Parliament on April 3, 2023.
- ✓ The Competition (Amendment) Act, 2023 is an act to further amend the Competition Act, 2002.
- ✓ The legislation for the Competition Act was brought in 2002 and subsequently, it underwent amendments in 2007 and 2009.
- ✓ This is the first time since the enforcement of the Competition Act in 2009 that amendments are being made to the Act.
- ✓ Whats there in the updated legislation?
- ✓ It ensures regulatory certainty and fosters a trust-based business environment.
- ✓ It provides for faster timelines for approval of M&A filings.
- ✓ It introduces settlement and commitment framework for faster market correction.
- ✓ It incentivises parties in an ongoing cartel investigation in terms of lesser penalty to disclose information regarding other cartels.



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- ✓ It provides certainty to stakeholders by prescribing limitation period of three years for filing information on anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position.
- ✓ It also introduces “value of transaction” as another criteria for notifying mergers and acquisitions to CCI.

Q. Which organization publishes the “World Economic Outlook” (WEO) report ?

- A) World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- B) The Economist Intelligence Unit
- C) Transparency International
- D) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer : D

- ✓ The latest World Economic Outlook Report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered India’s growth projection for 2023-24 (FY24) to 5.9 percent from 6.1 percent projected earlier.
- ✓ For 2024-2025 (FY25) – 6.3 percent
- ✓ For 2023-2024 (FY24) – 5.9 percent
- ✓ For 2022-23 (FY23) – 6.8 percent
- ✓ In case of global economy, the projection are as follows:
- ✓ 2022 – 3.4 percent
- ✓ 2023 – 2.8 percent
- ✓ 2024 – 3.0 percent

Q. Name the winner of the 2023 ICC Men’s Player of the Month awards for March?

- A) Babar Azam
- B) Asif Khan
- C) Kane Williamson
- D) Shakib Al Hasan

Answer : D

- ✓ The Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has been named as the ICC Men’s Player of the Month awards for March 2023 by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- ✓ Shakib has won the ICC Men’s Player of the Month award for the second time. He had earlier won the Player of the Month award in July 2021.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Rwanda’s all-rounder Henriette Ishimwe has bagged the ICC Women’s Player of the Month award for March 2023



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Q. RBI has recently approved the re-appointment of Sanjay Agarwal as the MD & CEO of which bank?

- A) AU Small Finance Bank B) Paytm Payments Bank
C) Bank of Maharashtra D) ESAF Small Finance Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Sanjay Agarwal as managing director (MD) and CEO of AU Small Finance Bank.
- ✓ His re-appointment is valid with effect from April 19, 2023, for a period of three years, that means till April 18, 2026.
- ✓ RBI has also cleared the re-appointment of Uttam Tibrewal as the whole-time director of the bank for a period of three years.

Q. The Kibithoo village, which is termed as India's first village by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is in which state?

- A) Tripura B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Assam D) Meghalaya

Answer : B

- ✓ The Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the "Vibrant Villages Program (VVP)" at the Kibithoo town of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Home Minister Shah also urged people to term Kibithoo as India's first village as the Sun's rays fall first in this village in the country.
- ✓ The VVP is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Modi government to link all the border villages and also provide trans valley connectivity, in states sharing Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
- ✓ Under this VVP scheme, 2,967 villages in 46 blocks of 19 districts, in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and UT of Ladakh have been identified for comprehensive development.
- ✓ The programme will help in improving the quality of life of people living in identified border villages and encourage people to stay in their native locations thereby reversing the out migration from these villages and adding to security of the border.



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Q. In 2023, India observed which edition of the Siachen Day on April 13?

- A) 35th B) 37th
C) 39th D) 33rd

Answer : C

- ✓ The 39th Siachen Day was celebrated by Siachen Warriors Brigade of Fire & Fury Corps on April 13, 2023 with tremendous zeal and enthusiasm.
- ✓ Every year this day is observed to pay solemn tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives to capture the icy heights of Siachen 38 years ago.
- ✓ The day commemorates the courage and fortitude displayed by Indian Army troops in securing the highest and coldest battlefield in the world.
- ✓ On 13 April 1984, the Indian Army launched 'Operation MEGHDOOT' to secure Bilafond La and other passes on the Salto Ridge line, from Pakistani aggression.

Q. Which metro company has become the first in India to launch under water service?

- A) Hyderabad B) Mumbai
C) Delhi D) Kolkata

Answer : D

- ✓ The Kolkata Metro has become the first metro in India to operate an under water metro train. The trial run for the same was successfully completed on April 13, 2023.
- ✓ The Kolkata Metro rake travelled through the tunnel under the Hooghly river, running from Howrah Maidan to Esplanade, covering four stations along the way – Esplanade, Mahakaran, Howrah, and Howrah Maidan.
- ✓ The new route will help to ease congestion, by providing a faster, more efficient means of transportation.
- ✓ During this trial, the metro rail was operated from a 520-meter tunnel under the Hooghly River

Q. Uttara Baokar, who has passed away recently was from which field?

- A) Film Actress B) Politician
C) Author D) Dancer

Answer : A



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- ✓ Noted film and television actor and theatre artist Uttara Baakar has passed away following a prolonged illness. She was 79.
- ✓ The award winning actress was known for her role in Mrinal Sen's 'Ek Din Achanak', for which she won the National Film Award for Best Supporting Actress.
- ✓ She was also seen in the movie 'Aaja Nachle' and the show 'Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin'.

Q. The National Conference on Millets 2023 was recently organised in which place?

- A) Guwahati B) Mount Abu
C) Dehradun D) Mussoorie

Answer : D

- ✓ The Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Madhya Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel, jointly inaugurated a three-day National Conference on Millets in Mussoorie from April 11 to 13, 2023.
- ✓ The aim of the national level conference was to discuss the prospects and opportunities of millets and exchange ideas on developing a managed way to work on millets.
- ✓ The conference saw participation of 50-60 delegates from different State Agricultural Marketing Boards of India, including Assam, Goa, Telangana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, and senior scientists from the Indian Millet Research Institute, Hyderabad, Indian Medical Plant Marketing Association, experts from the agriculture sector, and AD Ports Group.
- ✓ The United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Millet Year.

Q. April 13 is observed as the International Turban Day to mark the birth anniversary of which Sikh Guru?

- A) Guru Hargobind Singh B) Guru Ram Das
C) Guru Nanak Dev D) Guru Gobind Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Turban Day is celebrated every year on April 13 since 2004 to bring awareness of the strict requirement on Sikhs to put the turban as a mandatory part of their religion.
- ✓ The 2023 Turban Day marks the 554th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi.



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- ✓ The turban, also known as “dastar” or “pagri” or “pag” refer to the garment worn by both men and some women to cover their heads.

Q. Which day of the year is marked as the World Chagas Disease Day?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The World Chagas Disease Day is observed on 14 April to raise the public awareness and visibility among people about Chagas Disease (also called American trypanosomiasis) and the resources needed for the prevention, control or elimination of the disease.
- ✓ The WHO approved the designation of Chagas Disease Day on May 24, 2019 at the 72nd World Health Assembly. It is one of 11 official global public health campaigns marked by WHO.
- ✓ The first World Chagas Disease Day was observed on 14 April 2020.
- ✓ The day has been named after Carlos Ribeiro Justiniano Chagas, the Brazilian doctor who diagnosed the first case on 14 April 1909.

Q. Which bank has signed a "Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement" with the Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ HDFC Bank has signed a “Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement” with Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit.
- ✓ The pact was signed by the two entities at GIFT City in Gujarat’s capital Gandhinagar.
- ✓ This agreement will help HDFC Bank raise foreign currency funds which it would extend to Korea-related businesses.
- ✓ This line of credit would be utilized by HDFC Bank towards funding requirements of companies having equity participation by Korean companies as well as companies having a business relationship with Korean companies.



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HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2022-23

- HDFC Bank has signed a “Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement” with Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit.
- HDFC Bank recommends re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan MD, CEO for 3 yrs.
- HDFC Bank’s Sashidhar Jagdishan is ‘BS Banker of the Year 2022’.
- HDFC Bank, IRCTC launch India’s most rewarding co-branded travel credit card.
- HDFC Bank, Lulu Exchange ink deal to enhance cross-border payments between India-Gulf region.
- HDFC Bank collaborates with Microsoft as part of its digital transformation.
- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- India’s first Electronic Bank Guarantee issued by HDFC Bank.
- HDFC Bank has unveiled its state-of-the-art ‘Bank on Wheel’ van in Gujarat.
- HDFC Bank, Precision selected by RBI for retail payments test phase.
- HDFC Bank opened new SMS banking facility for its customers.
- HDFC Bank introduced “Vigil Aunty” to promote secure banking practices.
- HDFC Bank and Tata Neu, the “super app” of the Tata Group, announced their collaboration to introduce co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- HDFC Bank inks an agreement with TReDs platform M1xchange.
- HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world’s top 10 most valuable banks .
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- HDFC Bank, a private sector bank, has signed a relationship with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm.
- HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture , to digitally transform its lending business.



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- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- Tata Group choose SBI, BoB and HDFC Bank to finance Air India's old debt.
- HDFC Bank named as Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- HDFC Bank wins the coveted CII award for 'Most Innovative Best Practice'.
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- HDFC Bank tie-up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services in rural areas.
- HDFC launches 'green and sustainable' deposits programme for retail clients..
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme'.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.
- HDFC BANK
- Founded : 1994
- Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We understand your world

Q. The coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian' is launched by which bank?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) IDBI Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.



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- ✓ The book chronicles around the Bank's journey since 75 years of Indian independence and SBI's glorious 200-year history.

SBI IN NEWS 2022 -23

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- State Bank of India has signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects.
- Union Ministry of Finance has nominated Vivek Joshi as a Director to the Board of State Bank of India (SBI).
- State Bank of India (SBI) surpassed Rs 6 trillion in Assets Under Management (AUM) under the Home Loan segment.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has bought the entire 13.82 per cent stakes held by Small Industrial Bank of India (SIDBI), Bank of Maharashtra and Union Bank of India in the SBI Global Factors Ltd (SBIGFL).
- SBI has reduced the interest rate on savings accounts by a marginal 5 basis points to 2.70 per cent effective from 15 October 2022. 100 basis points is equal to 1%.



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- SBI launches 'Gram Seva Program' across six states of India (Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal).
- SBI hit market capitalization of Rs 5 trillion, share prices reach record high.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- State Bank of India (SBI) to Raise Rs. 11,000 Crore in Basel III Bonds in fiscal year 2022–23 (FY23).
- State Bank of India (SBI)'s 'WECARE' Senior Citizens' Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme has extended upto 31st March 2023.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched India's first state-of-the-art start-up dedicated branch in Koramangala in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- SBI has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India launched "Utsav fixed deposit scheme".
- RBI authorises HR subsidiary of SBI to manage cost effectively.
- SBI's first-quarter net profit fell by 7% to Rs. 6,068 billion.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
- SBI will soon provide its customers with WhatsApp-based banking.
- State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July 2022.
- RBI approves SBI's establishment of operations support subsidiary.
- Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) signs MoUs with SBI, BOB, PNB, and SIDBI for Uttar Pradesh.
- Electric two-wheeler manufacturer Ather Energy partners SBI for customer retail finance.
- Alok Kumar Choudhary appointed State Bank of India MD for 2 years.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara



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

Q. What is the rank of India in terms of rate of crime, as per the report by World of Statistics in 2023?

- A) 54
- B) 77
- C) 65
- D) 81

Answer : B

- ✓ India ranks 77th among 142 countries with highest crime rate; Venezuela tops: World of Statistics report.
- ✓ Based on the ranking of the world's "most criminal countries" released by the World of Statistics, Venezuela is the top-most country with highest criminal rate.
- ✓ It is followed by Papua New Guinea (2), Afghanistan (3), South Africa (4), Honduras (5), Trinidad (6), Guyana (7), Syria (8), Somalia (9) and Jamaica (10), respectively.
- ✓ India is placed at 77 spots. The US and UK are at 55th and 65th rank, respectively.
- ✓ The least criminal countries in the list are Qatar (142), UAE (141), Taiwan (China) at 140
- ✓ Separately, according to the Population Review (WPR), the top most countries with highest crime rate in 2023 are Venezuela, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Afghanistan respectively.



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Q. Which country has been ranked as the country with highest criminal rate, as per World of Statistics report for 2023?

- A) Afghanistan B) Papua New Guinea
C) Venezuela D) South Africa

Answer : C

- ✓ Based on the ranking of the world's "most criminal countries" released by the World of Statistics, Venezuela is the top-most country with highest criminal rate
- ✓ VENEZUELA
- ✓ Capital : Caracas
- ✓ Currency : Bolívar

Q. The World Population Review (WPR) report has ranked which country as the world's top high crime rate country in 2023?

- A) South Africa B) Papua New Guinea
C) Venezuela D) Afghanistan

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the World Population Review (WPR), the top most countries with highest crime rate in 2023 are Venezuela, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Afghanistan respectively.

Q. Zafrullah Chowdhury, who has passed away recently was an activist and freedom fighter from which country?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The noted Bangladeshi public health activist, Zafrullah Chowdhury, who is famously known for his work in formulating the Bangladesh National Drug Policy in 1982, has passed away.
- ✓ He was 81.
- ✓ He won the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1985 for his work in the public health sector.
- ✓ In 1971, he fought for independence during Bangladesh Liberation War.



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Q. Which state government has announced that the birth anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, which falls on May 28, will be observed as 'Swatantraveer Gaurav Din'?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Rajasthan
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Maharashtra Government has announced that the birth anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, which falls on May 28, will be observed as 'Swatantraveer Gaurav Din'.
- ✓ Various programs will be organised to promote and propagate the thoughts and works of Veer Savarkar on Swatantraveer Gaurav Divas.
- ✓ It aims to highlight Savarkar's contribution to India's independence movement, his ideology and his campaigns for social reforms and the eradication of untouchability.
- ✓ Vinayak Savarkar was born in Maharashtra's Nashik district, on 28th May, 1883. Next month will mark his 140th birth anniversary.

Q. Which state government has launched a program named A-HELP (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production)?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched a program named A-HELP (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production).
- ✓ Women have been chosen to strengthen livestock-related activities in remote rural areas, keeping in mind their important role under the A-HELP scheme, envisioned by Govt. of India.
- ✓ Under this program, trained A-HELPS will give their vital contribution in preventing various infectious diseases of animals, artificial insemination under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), tagging of animals and animal insurance.

Q. Which country has become the first country in the world to approve a new malaria vaccine from Oxford University, with children under the age of three in line to benefit?

- A) Ethiopia
B) Zimbabwe
C) Ghana
D) Nigeria



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Answer : C

- ✓ Ghana has become the first country in the world to approve a new malaria vaccine from Oxford University, with children under the age of three in line to benefit.
- ✓ The mosquito-borne disease kills more than 600,000 people each year, most of them children in Africa, and scientists have been trying for years to develop vaccines.
- ✓ Childhood vaccines in Africa are typically paid for by international organizations such as Gavi and UNICEF after they have been backed by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ This is the first time a major vaccine has been approved first in an African country before rich nations.
- ✓ About Ghana
- ✓ Capital : Accra
- ✓ Currency : Cedi

Q. Who won the silver medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 in the 53-kg category in Astana, Kazakhstan?

- A) Sushil Kumar B) Rajnish Nagar
C) Antim Panghal D) Abhishek Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ India's Antim Panghal won silver at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 after losing to Japan's Akari Fujinami in the 53-kg category in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Fujinami, the reigning world champion, successfully defended her Asian crown in a comfortable fashion.
- ✓ Apart from Pangal's silver medal, four other Indian wrestlers also won bronze medals: Anshu Malik (57 kg), Sonam Malik (62 kg), Manisha (65 kg) and Ritika (72 kg).

Q. Who has honoured with the prestigious 'Business Leader of the Decade' award at the All India Management Association's (AIMA) 13th Managing India Awards ceremony?

- A) Ritesh Agarwal B) Azim Premji
C) Shiv Nadar D) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer : D

- ✓ Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, Kumar Mangalam Birla won the prestigious 'Business Leader of the Decade' award at the All India Management Association's (AIMA) 13th Managing India Awards ceremony.



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