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

Q. Who has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the 'Gallantry Award'?

- A) Bhawana Kanth B) Deepika Mishra
C) Avni Chaturvedi D) Shalija Dhama

Answer : B

- ✓ Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- ✓ The award was announced by the President on the occasion of Independence Day last year.
- ✓ Wing Commander Mishra, a Rajasthan-based helicopter pilot, has been awarded the Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) for "extraordinary courage" displayed during a flood relief operation in Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary honoured Deepika at an investiture ceremony held in New Delhi.
- ✓ IAF chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhary presented the Yudh Seva Medal at Vayu Sena Auditorium Subroto Park New Delhi.
- ✓ Two IAF officers were awarded Yudh Seva Medal, 13 officers, and air warriors received Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry), 13 officers Vayu Sena Medal and 30 Vishisht Seva Medal.
- ✓ A total of 58 persons, 57 from the IAF and one from the Army, received gallantry awards.

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhaware becomes first woman president of TIIE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.

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- Shalija Dhami becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Lance Naik Manju became the Indian Army's first woman skydive.
- Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as the first female President of Slovenia.
- Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Draupadi Murmu may become India's First Tribal and Second Female President.
- Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8,000 metres.
- Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- Lisa Sthalekar becomes first female president of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA).
- Abhilasha Barak becomes the Indian Army's first woman combat aviator.
- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit named as first woman Vice Chancellor of JNU.
- Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups.



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- Justice Ayesha Malik to be Pakistan's first woman Supreme Court judge.
- Xiomara Castro sworn in as first female President of Honduras
- Dhriti Banerjee appointed first woman director of Zoological Survey of India.
- Mawya Sudan becomes IAF's 1st woman fighter pilot from J&K.
- Costa Rica's Rebeca Grynspan first female secretary-general of UNCTAD.
- Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match.
- Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO).

Q. Which country has emerged as the most populous country in the world as per the data by UNFPA?

- A) China
- C) India

- B) United States
- D) Indonesia

Answer : C

- ✓ According to a report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), India is now the most populous country in the world.
- ✓ The UN report titled "The State of World Population Report, 2023" with the subtitle '8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities: The Case for Rights and Choices', was released on April 19, 2023.
- ✓ The report shows that India's population is recorded to be 1,428.6 million, while that of China is 1,425.7 million, making a difference of 2.9 million. .
- ✓ It will be for the first time that India's population has overtaken China since 1950 when the UN began to collect and release population data.
- ✓ Around 25% of India's population comprise of people within the age group of 0-14, 18% in the age group of 10-19, 26% in the age group of 10-24, 68% in the age group of 15-64, and 7% above the age of 65.
- ✓ Talking about cities, New Delhi is the most populated city in India. About 30 million inhabitants reside in and around NCR. It is followed by Mumbai (20 million), Kolkata (15 million) and Bengaluru (12 million)

Q. The government is committed to build a drug-free India by which year?

- A) 2035
- C) 2030

- B) 2047
- D) 2045



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Answer : B

- ✓ The Union Minister, Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation) inaugurated and addressed the first National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Forces of States and Union Territories in New Delhi on April 18, 2023.
- ✓ He informed that the government is committed to “build a drug-free India by 2047”, the year in which India will celebrate 100th year of independence.

Q. Which city has been ranked as the wealthiest city in the world by the Henley & Partners?

- A) New York B) London
C) Singapore D) Tokyo

Answer : A

- ✓ The investment migration consultancy Henley & Partners has released the World’s Wealthiest Cities Report for 2023, on April 18, which ranks the world’s wealthiest and fastest-growing cities.
- ✓ As per the annual report, New York City has secured the top spot as the wealthiest in the world. The city comprised of 340,000 high-net-worth individuals in 2022.
- ✓ Among Indian cities, Mumbai is India’s richest city with 60,000 high-net-worth individuals (HNIs). Globally Mumbai is ranked at 21st spot.
- ✓ List of World’s Top 10 Wealthiest Cities
 1. New York City (340,000)
 2. Tokyo (290,300)
 3. San Francisco Bay Area (285,000)
 4. London (258,000)
 5. Singapore (240,100)
 6. Los Angeles (205,400)
 7. Hong Kong (129,500)
 8. Beijing (128,200)
 9. Shanghai (127,200)
 10. Sydney (126,900)



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Q. Union Cabinet has approved the National Quantum Mission for 2023-2031. How much amount has been allocated to this mission?

- A) ₹6,005.95 crore B) ₹6,000.15 crore
C) ₹6,003.65 crore D) ₹6,001.35 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the National Quantum Mission, with the aim to strengthen India's research and development in the quantum arena alongside indigenously building quantum-based (physical qubit) computers.
- ✓ The mission will work on developing quantum supercomputers and establishing secure quantum communications with other nations.
- ✓ The National Quantum Mission has been launched for an eight-year period, through 2023 – 2031. The total budget allocated to the mission is ₹6,003.65 crore.
- ✓ Till date only six other nations are doing research and development in quantum technologies.
- ✓ They are the US, Canada, China, Austria, Finland and Scotland.

Q. Who has been selected for the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar award for 2023?

- A) Asha Bhosle B) Narendra Modi
C) KL Rahul D) Raghuram Rajan

Answer : A

- ✓ Bollywood's Legendary singer Asha Bhosle has been named for the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar award for 2023.
- ✓ She will receive the award on April 24, 2023, which marks the memorial day of theatre-music veteran Deenanath Mangeshkar.
- ✓ The Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar award has been instituted in the memory of Lata Mangeshkar, who died on February 6, 2022.
- ✓ This award is given to an individual who has made a path-breaking contribution towards the nation, its people and society.
- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the first recipient of this award.
- ✓ Other awardees



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- ✓ Pankaj Udhas – Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award
- ✓ Vishesh Puraskar (Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Special Award) – Marathi actor-director Prasad Oak and Bollywood actress Vidya Balan.
- ✓ Best Drama of the Year (Niyam Va Ati Lagu)/Mohan Wagh Award – Gauri Theaters of Prashant Damle
- ✓ Anandmayee Puraskar (for Social Service) – Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust
- ✓ Vagvilasini Puraskar (for contribution to literature) – Granthali Prakashan

Q. Which city will host the 2023 Intercontinental Football Cup?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The 2023 Intercontinental Football Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from June 9 to 18, 2023.
- ✓ This will be the third edition of the Intercontinental Cup, organized by the AIFF.
- ✓ It will be a 4-nation football tournament, including India, Lebanon, Vanuatu and Mongolia.
- ✓ The first edition of the tournament was won by India in 2018, by defeating Kenya in the Final by 2–0.

Q. Which among these satellites were recently launched by SpaceX under its most recent Starlink mission?

- A) Starlink “V1 mini” satellites B) Starlink “V2.5 mini” satellites
C) Starlink “V1.5 mini” satellites D) Starlink “V2 mini” satellites

Answer : D

- ✓ Elon Musk-led SpaceX has launched a new batch of 21 Starlink satellites into the orbit, from Florida’s Cape Canaveral Space Force Station on April 19, 2023.
- ✓ The new Starlink “V2 mini” satellites were launched on a Falcon 9 rocket.
- ✓ This launched marked the 25th launch of SpaceX in 2023 so far.
- ✓ The “Starlink V2 Mini” satellites are launched under the mission known as Starlink 6-2.
- ✓ These satellites are fitted with improved phased array antennas with four times the communications capacity of earlier generations of Starlink satellites, known as Version 1.5.
- ✓ SpaceX has already launched over 4,000 Starlink satellites in orbit.



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Q. Who is the author of the book 'The bee, the beetle, and the money bug- The bank bazaar guide to the financial world'?

- A) Arjun Shetty and IYPE ISAC B) Ramesh Shetty and Sriram V
C) Adhil Shetty and AR Hemant D) Rati Shetty and Pankaj Bansal

Answer : C

- ✓ A new book titled 'The bee, the beetle, and the money bug- The bank bazaar guide to the financial world' has been released.
- ✓ It has been authored by Adhil Shetty (CEO and Co-founder of Bankbazaar.com) and AR Hemant (former journalist and now head of communications at Bankbazaar.com).
- ✓ The book emphasises on the advantage of starting investments at an early age.
- ✓ It explain the basics of investing, managing money and wealth creation. How to save better, where to invest and how to secure your finances with several examples.

Q. The first Global Buddhist Summit was recently held in which city?

- A) New Delhi B) Hyderabad
C) Patna D) Gurugram

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Global Buddhist Summit (GBS) in New Delhi on April 20, 2023.
- ✓ The two-day Summit has been organised by the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) .
- ✓ The theme of the Summit is "Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis."
- ✓ The Summit will help to enhance the significance and importance of India in Buddhism, as Buddhism was born in India.
- ✓ The GBS 2023 is an effort towards engaging the global "Buddhist Dhamma" leadership and scholars on the matters of Buddhist and universal concerns, and to come up with policy inputs to address them collectively.
- ✓ The discussions will be held on the following four themes:
 1. Buddha Dhamma and Peace
 2. Buddha Dhamma: Environmental Crisis, Health and Sustainability



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3. Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition

4. Buddha Dhamma Pilgrimage, Living heritage and Buddha Relics: a resilient foundation to India's centuries-old cultural links to countries in South, Southeast and East Asia.

- ✓ Delegates from about 30 countries, including around 171 delegates from foreign countries and 150 delegates from Indian Buddhist organizations will participate in the event.
- ✓ Additionally, this global summit will serve as a medium to enhance the cultural and diplomatic relationships with other countries.
- ✓ Buddhism in India
- ✓ It is one of the important religions of South and South-Eastern Asian countries.
- ✓ Buddhism started in India about 2600 years ago.
- ✓ Gautam Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, was born in Lumbini around 563 BC. He belonged to the Shakya dynasty.
- ✓ Buddha is considered to be the eighth incarnation of the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu.
- ✓ The core teachings of Buddhism are contained in the Four Noble Truths and the core concept of the Eightfold Path.
- ✓ The essence of Buddhism lies in the attainment of enlightenment or nirvana, which can be achieved in this life.
- ✓ The branches of Buddhism are Mahayana (idolatry), Hinayana, Theravada, Vajrayana (Tantric Buddhism), and Zen.

Q. Name the winner of the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for 2023?

- A) Raja Jesudoss Chelliah B) Varadaraja Rao
C) Utsa Patnaik D) Jagdish Bhagwati

Answer : C

- ✓ Utsa Patnaik, a renowned Indian Marxian economist has been selected for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.
- ✓ The Malcolm Adiseshiah Award is given every year by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust since 2000, for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies.
- ✓ The award comes with a prize money of ₹2 lakh and a citation



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Q. Which Indian-American has been appointed as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense in the US?

- A) Radha Iyengar Plumb B) Neha Singh
C) Geeta Rana D) Madhuri Kanitkar

Answer : A

- ✓ US Senate confirmed Indian-American "Radha Iyengar Plumb" as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Q. Who has been appointed as the military advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat, take over on 24 April 2023?

- A) Sunil Kumar B) Ajay Kapoor
C) Anil Chauhan D) Sandeep Singh

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Vice-Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Sandeep Singh (Retd) has been appointed as the new Military Advisor to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

Q. Where is the 8th India-Thailand Defense Dialogue being organized on 20 April 2023?

- A) Phuket B) Jakarta
C) Bangkok D) New Delhi

Answer : C

- ✓ The 8th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue was held in Bangkok on 20th April
✓ The meeting was co-chaired by Nivedita Shukla, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Defense and General Nuchit Sribunsong, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Defense of Thailand.
✓ They reviewed defence cooperation between the two countries and explored new initiatives to further strengthen bilateral ties.
✓ The two sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common interest.
✓ India and Thailand share a strategic partnership and defense is a major pillar of this cooperation.
✓ India-Thailand relations
✓ India and Thailand share a maritime boundary in the Andaman Sea.
✓ Thailand was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with India in 1947.
✓ Since 2001, India-Thailand economic and commercial relations have grown significantly.



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- ✓ India and Thailand have been cooperating in various multilateral fora such as ASEAN and BIMSTEC, a sub-regional grouping consisting of Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, Nepal and Bhutan.
- ✓ India is a member of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) initiated by Thailand in 2002 and the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) grouping of six countries.
- ✓ The India-AESAN Agreement on Trade in Goods was implemented in January 2010.
- ✓ Since 2015, India has been participating in the largest Asia Pacific military exercise X-Cobra Gold.
- ✓ Exercise MAITREE (Army) and exercise SIAM BHARAT (Air Force) are Bilateral exercises between both countries.
- ✓ About Thailand
- ✓ Prime minister - Prayuth Chan-ocha
- ✓ Capital - Bangkok
- ✓ Head of State - King Vajiralongkorn
- ✓ Official Language - Thai
- ✓ Official Name - Ratcha Anachak Thai (Kingdom of Thailand)

Q. How many US dollars has been announced by the US as the 36th security package for Ukraine?

- A) 250 million dollars B) 285 million dollars
C) 325 million dollars D) 390 million dollars

Answer : C

- ✓ S President Joe Biden's administration announced 325 million dollars as the 36th security package in new military aid for Ukrain.
- ✓ It will help its military in its war against Russia. The package also includes additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) which is a missile launcher mounted on a truck that can fire multiple guided missiles in quick succession, advanced missiles and anti-tank mines, and also Patriot air defense system.
- ✓ The current aid brings a total of US military assistance for the Kyiv government to more than \$35.4 billion.



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Q. Indian Army has tied up with which university to impart Chinese language training to military personnel?

- A) Mumbai University B) Tezpur University Assam
C) Delhi University D) Banaras Hindu University

Answer : B

- ✓ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army and Tezpur University for training the Indian Army personnel in the Chinese language.
- ✓ Lt Col Mahendra Rawat, Defence PRO of Guwahati said that the course will be for a duration of 16 weeks and will be conducted at Tezpur University.
- ✓ Tezpur University was established in 1994.

Q. Who has launched the 'SATHI Portal and Mobile App'?

- A) S. Jaishankar B) Parshottam Rupala
C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Narendra Singh Tomar

Answer : D

- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches SATHI Portal & Mobile App.
- ✓ Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on 19th April launched the SATHI (Seed Traceability, Authentication and Holistic Inventory) Portal and Mobile App to deal with the challenges of seed production, quality seed identification, and seed certification.
- ✓ It has been created by NIC in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on the theme of 'Best Seeds - Prosperous Farmer'.
- ✓ SATHI portal is also an important step in this direction. When its use starts till the bottom, it will prove to be a revolutionary step in the field of agriculture.
- ✓ There will be a QR code under this system, through which the seeds can be traced.
- ✓ Training in this regard is being imparted through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Vigyan Kendras, State Governments.
- ✓ All the states will be connected with the Seed Traceability System.
- ✓ Sathi portal will ensure quality assurance system, identify the source of seed in the seed production chain.
- ✓ Integrated 7 verticals of seed chain in the system



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- ✓ Research Organization
- ✓ Seed Certification
- ✓ Seed Licensing, Seed Catalog
- ✓ Sale from dealer to farmer
- ✓ Farmer registration
- ✓ Seed DBT
- ✓ About Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- ✓ It is an autonomous body formerly known as the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ✓ Established - 1929
- ✓ The Union Minister of Agriculture serves as its president. Presently its president is Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✓ ICAR is the largest network of agricultural research and education institutes in the world.

Q. NHAI to create around ___ km of Optic Fibre Cables (OFC) infrastructure across the country by FY2024-25.

A) 15,000 Km

B) 12,000 Km

C) 10,000 Km

D) 8,000 Km

Answer : C

- ✓ NHAI is working towards development of around 10,000 km of Optic Fibre Cables (OFC) infrastructure across the country by FY2024-25.
- ✓ National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), a fully owned SPV of NHAI, will implement the network of Digital Highways by developing integrated utility corridors along the National Highways to develop OFC infrastructure.
- ✓ Around 1,367 km on Delhi - Mumbai Expressway and 512 km on Hyderabad - Bangalore Corridor have been identified as pilot routes for the Digital Highway development.
- ✓ Providing internet connectivity to remote locations across the country, the OFC network will help to expedite the roll out of new age telecom technologies like 5G & 6G
- ✓ OFC network will allow direct plug-and-play or 'Fibre-on-demand' model for the Telecom / Internet Services.



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- ✓ The network will be leased out on a Fixed Price Allotment mechanism on 'Open for All' basis through a web portal to eligible users. OFC allotment policy is being finalized in consultation with DoT and TRAI.

Q. Who received Germany's highest Order of Merit from the German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier?

- A) Joachim Sauer B) Angela Merkel
C) Irene Kasner D) Annalena Baerbock

Answer : B

- ✓ Former Chancellor "Angela Merkel" received Germany's highest Order of Merit.
- ✓ The Grand Cross award was handed to her by President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.
- ✓ The award has only been given twice before, to former chancellors Konrad Adenauer and Helmut Kohl.
- ✓ All three former leaders belong to the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU).
- ✓ Merkel led Germany from 2005 to 2021, totaling four terms in office. She did not seek a fifth term.
- ✓ She was the first woman to take the post of chancellor and the first German head of government to have grown up in socialist East Germany..
- ✓ Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the Felix Houphouet-Boigny UNESCO Peace Prize in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.

Q. Which city has emerged as one of the top digital payment transactions cities in 2022 in the country, a report by payment services firm Worldline India?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Chennai has emerged as one of the top digital payment transaction cities in the country in 2022, according to a report by payment services firm Worldline India.
- ✓ In terms of volume, according to Worldline India, Chennai has done 14.3 million transactions with a value of USD 35.5 billion. It is at number five.
- ✓ Bengaluru tops with 29 million transactions worth USD 65 billion, followed by New Delhi 19.6 million transactions worth USD 50 billion, Mumbai (18.7 million transactions worth USD 49.5 billion), Pune (15 million transactions worth USD 32.8 billion).



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- ✓ In 2022, frequently visited physical merchant categories like grocery stores, restaurants, clothing and apparel, pharmacy, household appliances together accounted for over 43 per cent in terms of volume and about 40 per cent in terms of value, across the country.
- ✓ E-commerce space, gaming, utility and financial services contributed to over 85 per cent of transactions and 25 per cent in terms of value.
- ✓ Education, travel and hospitality sector accounted for 15 per cent in volume and 75 per cent in terms of value
- ✓ What is a Digital Payment System?
- ✓ A digital payment is sometimes called an electronic payment.
- ✓ It is the transfer of value from one payment account to another using a digital device such as a mobile phone, POS (Point of Sales) or computer.
- ✓ Modes of Digital Payments
- ✓ Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- ✓ Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM)
- ✓ UPI 123PAY
- ✓ UPI Lite
- ✓ Cards (RuPay Debit Cards)
- ✓ Immediate Payment Services (IMPS)
- ✓ Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)

Q. Who has become the first Indian woman to win Wisden Almanack's Leading Cricketer of the Year Award 2022?

- A) Smriti Mandhana B) Harmanpreet Kaur
C) Jemimah Rodrigues D) Shafali Verma

Answer : B

- ✓ Wisden Cricketers Almanack has released the list of top-5 cricketers of the year 2022. It also includes India's women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Suryakumar Yadav of the men's team.
- ✓ Apart from Kaur, the list also includes the names of Tom Blundell (New Zealand), Ben Foakes (England), Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand) and Matthew Potts (England).
- ✓ Suryakumar Yadav has been selected as the T20 Cricketer of the Year.



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- ✓ Harmanpreet Kaur created history by becoming the first Indian woman to be named in Wisden Cricketers of the Year.
- ✓ Apart from this, Ben Stokes of England has been selected as the best cricketer in the world for the year 2022-23 among male players.
- ✓ At the same time, Beth Mooney (Australia) has received this award among women cricketers. Suryakumar Yadav has been selected as the T20 Cricketer of the Year.
- ✓ Suryakumar Yadav is currently the world's number-1 batsman in T20 cricket.
- ✓ He played 31 matches in the year 2022 and scored 1,164 runs at an impressive strike rate of 187.43. Which is the second most runs ever in a calendar year. During this, he had scored 2 centuries and 9 half-centuries.
- ✓ Harmanpreet scored an unbeaten 143 off 111 balls in the ODI against England in the year 2022.
- ✓ With this, Team India won an ODI series in England for the first time since 1999.
- ✓ Wisden Cricketers' Almanack
- ✓ It is known as the Bible of Cricket.
- ✓ Wisden was founded in 1864 by the English cricketer John Wisden.
- ✓ It is a cricket reference book published annually in the United Kingdom.
- ✓ The description "bible of cricket" was first used in the 1930s by Alec Waugh in a review for the London Mercury.

Q. Who has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2023?

- A) Shreya Poonja
- B) Rubal Shekhawat
- C) Thounaojam Strela Luwang
- D) Nandini Gupta

Answer : D

- ✓ 19-year-old Nandini Gupta, from Rajasthan, has been crowned as the Femina Miss India World 2023, at the 59th edition of Femina Miss India beauty pageant, held on April 15, 2023 at Imphal, Manipur.
- ✓ She was crowned by the 2022 Femina Miss India Sini Shetty.
- ✓ Nandini hails from Kota in Rajasthan.



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- ✓ She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant, to be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in May 2023.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Delhi's Shreya Poonja was declared the first runner-up, and Manipur's Thounaojam Strela Luwang as the 2nd runner-up.

MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Rajasthan's Nandini Gupta crowned 2023 Femina Miss India.
- America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
- South Korea's Mina Sue Choi Crowned Miss Earth 2022.
- Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
- Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022.
- Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea.
- Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- List of Miss World winners from India
 1. Reita Faria : 1966
 2. Aishwarya Rai : 1994
 3. Diana Hayden : 1997
 4. Yukta Mookhey : 1999
 5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000
 6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017.
- List of Miss Universe winners from India
 1. Sushmita Sen : 1994
 2. Lara Dutta : 2000
 3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021.
- Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966.
- Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994.
- Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010



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Q. G20 MACS Meeting to be held on Which City from 17 April - 19 April 2023 to feature the MAHARISHI Initiative?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) began on 17 April in Varanasi.
- ✓ The three-day meet is being organized by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ✓ The theme of the meeting is "Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems for Healthy People and the Planet."
- ✓ Around 80 foreign delegates from G20 member states are participating in the event.
- ✓ Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research Dr. Himanshu Pathak told that this is the 100th event related to G20.
- ✓ Millets and other Ancient Grains International Research Initiative (MAHARISHI)
- ✓ This initiative is also proposed for discussion as a G20 initiative during India's chairmanship.
- ✓ MAHARISHI aims to advance research collaboration and create awareness about millets and other ancient grains during the International Years of 2023 and beyond
- ✓ About the G20
- ✓ It is an international forum of the world's leading economies established in 1999.
- ✓ Its primary objective is to promote international financial stability and sustainable economic growth.
- ✓ **DON'T CONFUSED**

G20 SUMMIT IN NEWS 2023

- G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting begins in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Second Health Working Group meeting begins in Goa
- Second meeting of the G20 Development Working Group was held in Kumarakom, Kerala
- 2nd G20 Empower meeting of Ministry of Women and Child Development begins in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- 2nd G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group meeting begins in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- First meeting of the Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) was held in Guwahati, Assam.



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- First G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting begins in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- First meeting of the G20 Trade and Investment Working Group began in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Startup 20 Engagement Group under India's G-20 Presidency began a two-day meeting in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- Second Education Working Group meeting of G20 countries begin in Amritsar, Punjab.
- First meeting of G20 Education Working Group (G20 EWG) 2023 was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The First G20 Culture Group (CWG) meet to be organised in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh
- First Agriculture Representatives Meeting (ADM) of the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) under the G20 chairmanship of India was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- First Digital economy working group meeting of G20 to be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- G-20 EMPOWER Group of the Ministry of Women and Child Development began in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- First meeting of the G-20 Energy Transition Working Group under the chairmanship of India will be held in Bengaluru , Karnataka
- First G20 Employment Working Group meeting began in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- First meeting of the Youth 20 group as part of the G20 summit will be held in Guwahati, Assam.
- First G-20 Environment meeting under the G-20 India Presidency will be held at the Taj West End in Bengaluru , Karnataka.
- First meeting was the G-20 Sherpa meeting held in Udaipur in the first week of December 2022.
- First G-20 finance and central bank representatives meeting held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- First meeting under the Finance track agenda of the G-20 meeting will take place in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS), is scheduled to take place in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- First meeting of the G20 Trade and Investment Working Group in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- First G-20 Meeting to Take Place in Puducherry on January 31.
- G-20 meeting of Anti Corruption Working Group begins in Gurugram, Haryana.
- A think-20 meeting of G20 organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.



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- G20, the B20 Inception Meeting took place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- G20 foreign minister meeting is scheduled to take place in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- First G20 Infrastructure Working Group meeting begins Pune.
- Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, will host the inaugural G20 Health Working Group conference.
- Hyderabad will host the inaugural meeting of the G20 Startup20 Engagement Group.
- Chandigarh will host the inaugural meeting of the G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group.
- First meeting of the Development Working Group (DWG) under India's G20 Presidency is taking place in Mumbai.
- INDIAN PRESIDENCY OF G 20
- India officially assumed the Presidency of G20 on 1 December 2022 from Indonesia.
- The summit meeting of the Head of the States and the leaders of the G20 is scheduled to be held in September 2023 in New Delhi.
- The theme of India's G20 Presidency—"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth One Family One Future"—is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad.
- India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant.
- Group of Twenty (G-20)
- The G-20 was founded back in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis.
- The Group of Twenty (G-20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and the European Union.
- The G-20 members represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.
- India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999.
- LIST OF G20 SUMMIT
- 1st G20 Summit 2008 – USA
- 16th G20 summit 2021 – Italy
- 17th G20 summit 2022 – Indonesia
- 18th G20 summit 2023 – India



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- 19th G20 summit 2024 – Brazil
- 20th G20 Summit 2025 – South Africa

Q. Which country was the highest source of foreign portfolio investor (FPI) in India in FY23, as per National Securities Depository?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The US was largest source of foreign portfolio investment (FPI) inflows into India in FY23; Mauritius witnessed sharpest decline.
- ✓ As per the data released by the National Securities Depository, the overseas FPI inflow into Indian capital markets from Mauritius witnessed the sharpest decline in FY23.
- ✓ The total assets under custody (AUC) from Mauritius declined nearly 42 percent to Rs 3.25 trillion as of March 2023. This was Rs 5.55 trillion in 2022.
- ✓ Overall, FPI AUC fell 4.44 percent in FY23.
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- ✓ Singapore (4.56 trillion), Luxemburg (3.64 trillion), Mauritius (3.25 trillion) and the United Kingdom (2.55 trillion), are the top 5 countries respectively.
- ✓ Norway (1.47 trillion) and Singapore witnessed highest growth in FPI AUC in FY23.

Q. Which country saw highest decline in the foreign portfolio investor (FPI) flows in India during FY23?

- A) Mauritius
- B) Singapore
- C) United States
- D) Norway

Answer : A



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- ✓ As per the data released by the National Securities Depository, the overseas equity inflow into Indian capital markets from Mauritius witnessed the sharpest decline in FY23.

Q. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is taking part in the multilateral Exercise Orion. The exercise has been organised in which country?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Canada
- D) Italy

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in Exercise Orion to be conducted from 17 April to 05 May 2023 in France.
- ✓ The multilateral exercise will be held at Mont-de-Marsan, an Air Force base of the French Air and Space Force (FASF).
- ✓ The IAF Contingent will participate with four Rafale, two C-17, two Il-78 aircraft and 165 air warriors.
- ✓ This would be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft.
- ✓ Besides India and France, other Air Forces will be from Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain and United States of America.
- ✓ Defence Exercises between India and France:
 - ✓ Varuna – Naval exercise
 - ✓ Garuda – Air exercise
 - ✓ Shakti – Army exercise

Q. What is the name of the mission launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) to Jupiter's moon?

- A) JADE
- B) JUICE
- C) JUPITER
- D) JUNG

Answer : B

- ✓ European Space Agency successfully launches its mission JUICE to reach Jupiter's moons.
- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA) successfully launched its mission to Jupiter's moons on April 13, 2023.
- ✓ The Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) project of ESA was launched on the Ariane 5 rocket from the spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.



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✓ The 1.6 billion Euro Project JUICE aims to send a satellite on an eight-year journey to reach the major icy moons of the Jupiter, namely Ganymede, Callisto and Europa and find whether they have the conditions to support simple life.

✓ The spacecraft is scheduled to finally reaching the gas giant in July 2031.

Q. Name the traditional folk dance which has recently entered the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest traditional dance performed at a single venue?

A) Jhumar

B) Naga dance

C) Bihu

D) Kajri

Answer : C

✓ Assam's Bihu creates Guinness World Record for largest traditional dance at single venue.

✓ The Northeastern state of India, Assam created history on April 13, 2023, when as many as 11,304 dancers and 2,548 drummers performed 'Bihu', the traditional folk dance of Assam, to mark the beginning of the state's spring festival.

✓ In doing so, Assam marked its name in the Guinness Book of World Records for performing the largest traditional Bihu dance at a single venue.

✓ The event was held at the Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati.

✓ Two world records were made, one for the largest traditional dance, and the other record for the largest musical instrument group

✓ The performers once again performed the folk dance in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 14 during his day-long visit to Guwahati.

✓ Prior to this, the largest traditional dance record was for 7,700 participants in China set in 2015

Q. The CREDAI has partnered with IGBC to build over 4,000 certified green projects by which year?

A) 2027

B) 2035

C) 2025

D) 2030

Answer : D

✓ CREDAI partners with IGBC to develop 4000 certified green buildings by 2030



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- ✓ The Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (Credai) has partnered with the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) to build over 1,000 certified green projects across India in the next two years, and 4,000 projects by 2030.
- ✓ CREDAI is the apex body of private real estate developers in India.
- ✓ Mr. Boman Irani has been named as the new National President of Credai for the term 2023-2025.
- ✓ The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) is the part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). It was formed in the year 2001 to enable a sustainable built environment for all and facilitate India to be one of the global leaders in the sustainable built environment by 2025.

Q. Fondly known as the Mother of Landsat by NASA, name the aerospace pioneer, who passed away recently?

- A) Lucy Salani B) Julie Peters
C) Sharon Acker D) Virginia Norwood

Answer : D

- ✓ Virginia Norwood, an American aerospace pioneer who developed technology to scan the surface of the moon to map and study the earth from space, has passed away. She was 96.
- ✓ Norwood is best known for developing the Multispectral Scanner System that flew on the first Landsat satellite.
- ✓ The scanner have been used for more than 50 years for scanning safe landing sites and map our planet from space.
- ✓ For this invention, NASA has called her “the mother of Landsat.”

Q. The 125-ft tall bronze statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar, which is the highest such statue of him, has been built in which city recently?

- A) Lucknow B) Kolkata
C) Hyderabad D) Gandhinagar

Answer : C

- ✓ In Telangana, the Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao unveiled the 125-ft tall bronze statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad on April 14, 2023, on the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ The 125-ft tall bronze statue in Hyderabad is the tallest statue of Ambedkar in India.



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- ✓ The statue costs ₹ 146.50 crore. It is built using 360 tonnes of stainless steel and 114 tonnes of bronze.

Q. Who has flagged off the Bharat Gaurav Tourist train to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in New Delhi?

- A) Anurag Thakur B) Nitin Gadkari
C) G. Kishan Reddy D) Bandaru Dattatreya

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Tourism Minister G Krishna Reddy and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar flagged off the Bharat Gaurav tourist train on the occasion of 132nd birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in New Delhi on 14 April.
- ✓ Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train will showcase the rich cultural heritage of India and the life of BR Ambedkar along with promoting tourism.
- ✓ The government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has developed five places associated with Dr. Ambedkar as Panchatirth.
- ✓ During the 8-day tour, the train will cover cities including New Delhi, Mhow, Nagpur, Varanasi and holy Buddhist sites like Sanchi, Sarnath, Gaya and Rajgir and Nalanda.
- ✓ The theme-based tourist circuit train, Bharat Gaurav Train, is in line with the Government of India's initiative "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" and Dekho Apna Desh to promote domestic tourism.
- ✓ Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- ✓ It was launched by the Prime Minister on 31 October 2015, the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and was later announced in the 2016–17 budget speech of the Finance Minister.
- ✓ The objective of the program is to promote mutual understanding among people of diverse cultures living in different states and union territories in India
- ✓ About Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
- ✓ His 132nd birth anniversary was celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti in India on April 14, 2023.
- ✓ He was an Indian jurist, economist and social reformer.
- ✓ He was the first Law and Justice Minister of independent India and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly.
- ✓ Some of his notable books:



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- ✓ Annihilation of Caste, Buddha and his Dhamma, Who were the Shudras?, Untouchables: Who were they and why did they become Untouchables?

Q. Which state govt has formed a one-man committee panel to assess the functioning of juvenile homes?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Kerala
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : D

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has formed a one-man committee to recommend measures for the effective administration of the homes functioning as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act of 2015.
- ✓ Headed by : Retired judge K. Chandru
- ✓ The committee will look into various aspects of running the institutions including infrastructure, health and medical facilities, qualification of staff among others and provide recommendations to the government for improvement.

Q. India signed a MoU with the World Food Programme (WFP) for sending How many metric tonnes of wheat to the people of Afghanistan?

- A) 20,000 Metric Tonnes
- B) 15,000 Metric Tonnes
- C) 10,000 Metric Tonnes
- D) 5,000 Metric Tonnes

Answer : C

- ✓ India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Food Programme (WFP) paving the way for sending 10,000 metric tonnes of wheat for the people of Afghanistan.
- ✓ The fifth tranche [to be shipped through the Chabahar port of Iran], builds upon assistance already delivered to those who need it most by the WFP in Afghanistan.
- ✓ World Food Programme (WFP)
- ✓ Founded : 1961
- ✓ Headquarters : Rome, Italy
- ✓ Director General : David Beasley
- ✓ World Food Programme (WFP) wins Nobel Peace Prize 2020.



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Q. Who will be launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI)?

- A) G. Kishan Reddy B) Parshottam Rupala
C) Mansukh L. Mandaviya D) Narendra Singh Tomar

Answer : B

- ✓ Minister Purushottam Rupala launches Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI)
- ✓ Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Purushottam Rupala launched the Animal pandemic Preparedness Initiative to holistically address animal pandemics.
- ✓ The initiative aims to enhance the country's preparedness and response to animal pandemics with a focus on zoonotic diseases that pose a threat to both animal and human health.
- ✓ The initiative will help in improving veterinary services and infrastructure, disease surveillance capabilities and awareness among farmers through community outreach.
- ✓ World Bank funded Animal Health Systems Support for One Health has also been launched, which aims to create an ecosystem for an improved animal health management system, covering five states.

Q. Which company has emerged as the second-strongest tyre brand in the world according to the report by Brand Finance on the 'Most Valuable and Strongest Tyre Brands' in the world?

- A) JK Tyre & Industries B) CEAT Tyres
C) MRF Limited D) Apollo Tyres

Answer : C

- ✓ MRF Ltd has emerged as the second-strongest tyre brand in the world according to the latest report by Brand Finance on the 'Most Valuable and Strongest Tyre Brands' in the world.
- ✓ MRF has scored high in almost all parameters and is also featured as the second fastest-growing tyre brand in the world.
- ✓ It has scored 83.2 out of 100 in brand strength and was awarded a AAA- brand rating.

Q. National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has signed an MoU with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve to facilitate seamless and efficient entry process for vehicles entering into the forest area. Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh B) Tamil Nadu
C) Kerala D) Karnataka



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Answer : A

- ✓ National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- ✓ The objective of the MoU is to improve the entry process for vehicles entering the forest area by facilitating a seamless and efficient system.
- ✓ The initiative proposes a FASTag based payment system at forest entry points to avoid long queues and delays.
- ✓ The benefit of collection of Ecosystem Management Coordination Fee through FASTag will be extended to various entry points of the Tiger Reserve.
- ✓ About National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- ✓ NHAI is responsible for maintaining and upgrading the quality of National Highways in India and ensuring their smooth operation for the benefit of road users.
- ✓ As a nodal agency of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,
- ✓ Establishment - 1988
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ✓ Sector - Indian National Highway System
- ✓ Objective - Development and maintenance of National Highways
- ✓ Parent Agency - Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of India
- ✓ About Nagarjunasagar-Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve
- ✓ The Nagarjunasagar-Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve, located in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, is the largest tiger reserve in India, covering a total area of 3,728 km (1,439 sq mi).
- ✓ It was established in 1983.
- ✓ The tiger reserve is spread over five districts, which are Nandyal, Prakasam, Palnadu, Nalgonda and Mehboob Nagar.
- ✓ The tiger reserve is located inside the Nallamala forest area, which is known for its rich biodiversity and diverse flora and fauna

Q. Which company has become the first Indian company to have over 50 lakh shareholders?

A) Axis Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) Yes Bank



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Answer : D

- ✓ Private sector lender YES Bank has become the first Indian company to have over 50 lakh shareholders.
- ✓ Tata Power was a far second with 38.5 lakh shareholders, followed by Reliance Industries with 33.6 lakh shareholders, according to the December 2022 shareholding disclosures.
- ✓ The bank had 50.6 lakh shareholders as of March 31, 2023, all of whom were public shareholders.
- ✓ YES BANK
- ✓ Founded : 2004
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- ✓ Tagline : Experience our Expertise

Q. Agri-tech company Fasal has signed a partnership agreement with which bank to provide farmers with easy access to capital?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Agri-tech company Fasal signed a partnership agreement with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide farmers with easy access to capital.
- ✓ The partnership will help solve cash-flow constraints during key cycles in farming by providing quick, easy, and collateral-free loans at very competitive rates.
- ✓ These ties will help to fulfill Fasal's larger objective of solving the many challenges across the entire horticulture value chain.
- ✓ In the 2023 budget, the government announced raising the agriculture credit target by 11% to Rs 20 lakh crore for FY24.
- ✓ The launch of Fasal's latest financing solution echoes the government's focused efforts toward increasing financial support for farmers across the country.



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Q. Craig Breen, who has passed away recently, was a famous rally driver representing which country?

- A) Netherlands B) Singapore
C) Ireland D) Argentina

Answer : C

- ✓ Ireland's top rally driver Craig Breen has passed away in an accident, due to a crash while he was driving his Hyundai i20 N Rally1 rally car in a testing session for the 2023 Croatia Rally. He was 33.

Q. Which day is commemorated as the Save the Elephant Day?

- A) April 15 B) April 16
C) April 14 D) April 13

Answer : B

- ✓ Every year, Save the Elephant Day is celebrated on April 16 to raise awareness about the dangers elephants face and various difficulties they have to overcome to live.
- ✓ The Day is established by Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, to spread awareness among the general people about the significance and consequences of their actions, or inactions on the future of elephants.
- ✓ According to WWF data, at present the population of Pachyderms in India is around 20,000 to 25,000.
- ✓ World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12 globally for the preservation and protection of the global elephants
- ✓ Interesting facts about Elephant
- ✓ Project Elephant : 1992
- ✓ Elephas Maximus : Elephant Scientific Name
- ✓ India's first Elephant Hospital Opens In Mathura
- ✓ India's 1st Elephant Rehabilitation Centre to Open in Kottor Kerala
- ✓ India's 1st water clinic for elephants has opened in Mathura
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has got its first elephant colony in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Karnataka has the highest number of elephants (6,049)
- ✓ Botswana has world's largest elephant population
- ✓ Elephant : State animal of Jharkhand, Kerala and Karnataka



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- ✓ Singphan Elephant Reserve Nagaland 30th elephant reserve
- ✓ Bholu (Elephant) is the official mascot of Indian Railways

Q. The World Voice Day is observed annually on____

- A) April 13 B) April 16
C) April 15 D) April 11

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Voice Day (WVD) is celebrated globally on April 16 every year to demonstrate the enormous importance of the voice in the daily lives of all people.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 is YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
- ✓ The WVD started in Brazil in 1999 as the Brazilian National Voice Day.
- ✓ Later in 2002, the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery officially recognized this celebration and the event obtained the name ‘World Voice Day’.

Q. April 17 is observed ever year as which of these days?

- A) International Mother Earth Day B) World Book Day
C) World Malaria Day D) World Hemophilia Day

Answer : D

- ✓ Every year the World Hemophilia Day is observed internationally on April 17 to raise awareness and understanding about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.
- ✓ In 2023, the world is observing 33rd World Hemophilia Day.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 World Hemophilia Day is “Access for All: Prevention of Bleeds as the Global Standard of Care.”
- ✓ The day is being held since 1989, which marks the birthday of Frank Schnabel, founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia.
- ✓ What is Hemophilia?
- ✓ It is a rare disorder in which your blood doesn’t clot normally because it lacks sufficient blood-clotting proteins /factors. If you have hemophilia, you may bleed for a longer time after an injury than you would if your blood clotted normally.



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Q. Which country was the biggest trading partner of India in 2022-2023?

- A) China
B) Germany
C) France
D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ According to the provisional data of the Ministry of Commerce, the United States has emerged as India's biggest trading partner in 2022-23.
- ✓ The bilateral trade between India and the US increased by 7.65 percent to USD 128.55 billion in 2022-23 compared to USD 119.5 billion in 2021-22.
- ✓ Speaking about exports to the US, it rose by 2.81 percent to USD 78.31 billion in 2022-23 as against USD 76.18 billion in 2021-22.
- ✓ Imports from US grew by about 16 percent to USD 50.24 billion.
- ✓ In 2022-23, China was the second largest trading partner of India. However, the two-way commerce between them declined by about 1.5 percent to USD 113.83 billion as against USD 115.42 billion in 2021-22.
- ✓ The UAE (USD 76.16 billion), was the third largest trading partner of India, followed by Saudi Arabia (USD 52.72 billion), and Singapore (USD 35.55 billion) respectively.

Q. Which country recently launched its first earth observation satellite, 'Taifa-1 satellite,' into orbit?

- A) Egypt
B) Ethiopia
C) Kenya
D) Rwanda

Answer : C

- ✓ Kenya successfully launches its first satellite Taifa-1 onboard SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket
- ✓ On April 15, 2023, Kenya successfully launched its first operational earth observation satellite, 'Taifa-1 satellite,' into orbit.
- ✓ The launch took place on a SpaceX rocket Falcon-9 from the Vandenberg Base in California, United States.
- ✓ The satellite will collect agricultural and environmental data, including on floods, drought and wildfires, to be used for disaster management and to combat food insecurity
- ✓ Kenya is an East African country and its capital is Nairobi



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- ✓ About Kenya
- ✓ Kenya is a country in East Africa.
- ✓ President: William Ruto
- ✓ Capital: Nairobi
- ✓ Currency :Kenyan shilling

Q. Name the Indian minister who recently inaugurated the Buzi Bridge in Mozambique?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Dr S Jaishankar
C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Amit Shah

Answer : B

- ✓ The External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar was on three days tour to Mozambique from April 13 to 15, 2023.
- ✓ During his visit, Dr Jaishankar virtually inaugurated the Buzi Bridge, in Mozambique.
- ✓ This bridge has been constructed by India, as part of 132 km Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala Road project.
- ✓ The Buzi Bridge reflects the strong India-Mozambique solidarity and friendship
- ✓ Mozambique
- ✓ President - Filipe Nyusi
- ✓ Prime Minister - Adriano Maleiane
- ✓ Capital - Maputo
- ✓ Official language - Portuguese
- ✓ Currency - Mozambican metical

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- India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar virtually inaugurated the Buzi Bridge built by India in Mozambique.
- The bridge is part of the 132 km long Tika-Buzi-Nova-Sofala road project and was constructed by India.
- Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates Zuari Bridge, India's Second-Largest Cable Bridge In Goa.
- PM Modi to inaugurate pedestrian-only 'Atal Bridge' on Sabarmati river.
- Atal Bridge is nearly 300 metres long and 14 metres wide in the middle.



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- The golden joint of the world's highest railway bridge over River Chenab was inaugurated with height of 359 meters (1,178 ft).
- World's longest suspension bridge "Sky Bridge 721" opened in Czech Republic.
- Vietnam opens world's longest glass-bottomed bridge which is 632m (2,073ft) long and located 150m (492ft).
- Indian Railways Gives Glimpse Of India's 1st Cable Stayed Rail Bridge Anji river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 14.5km long Rail-cum-Road Bridge over River Ganga in Bihar.
- Dubai opens its Infinity Bridge for traffic for the first time; It is 300 meters long and 22 meters wide.
- Indian Railways Constructing World's Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur at a height of 141 metres.
- Portugal inaugurates 'world's longest' pedestrian suspension bridge.
- Indian Railways completes the arch bottom of the Chenab bridge, world's highest railway bridge (359 meters).
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates 'Maitri Setu' between India and Bangladesh.
- India's longest Road Arch Bridge inaugurated in Meghalaya.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 1.5 km Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar.

Q. Which Indian city is set to host the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament ?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bhubaneshwar
- C) Guwahati
- D) Kolkata

Answer : A

- ✓ Chennai will host the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament from August 3-12, 2023, as informed by Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary-General of Hockey India.
- ✓ India will be hosting the event for the first time
- ✓ The tournament will feature the top six teams from India, Pakistan, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan and China.
- ✓ This is the seventh edition of the top-level international hockey event.
- ✓ The game will serve as a precursor to the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China in September 2023.



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Q. India has been placed under which category for international standards for aviation safety oversight as per the US-based Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in its International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program?

- A) Category I B) Category II
C) Category III D) Category IV

Answer : A

- ✓ India has been retained in category-1 ranking for aviation safety oversight, by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the United States' aviation watchdog.
- ✓ As per the ranking, the Indian aviation regulator, Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) met all the international standards for aviation safety oversight under FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program, to be placed under Category-I status.
- ✓ The IASA program determines whether a country, that operate, or seek to operate, into the U.S., or codeshare with a U.S. air carrier, complies with safety standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- ✓ The FAA IASA was last assessed in July 2018.
- ✓ Category 1 means – Does Comply with ICAO Standards
- ✓ Category 2 means – Does Not Comply with ICAO Standards

Q. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas organised two-day Global Conference on Compressed Biogas in which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is organising a two-day Global Conference on Compressed Biogas in New Delhi from April 17, 2023.
- ✓ The theme of the Conference is "Towards Progressive Policy Framework for a Robust CBG Foundation and Growth".
- ✓ The objective of the Conference is to inform the industry regarding the initiatives taken by the Central Government for the development of the Compressed Biogas Industry and to identify the areas where policy modifications are required.



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- ✓ India is dedicated to achieving a net zero target by 2070 and Compressed Biogas also plays important role in emission reduction

Q. The 2023 Asian Games is scheduled to take place in which country?

- A) India
- B) Greece
- C) South Korea
- D) China

Answer : C

- ✓ 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China in September 2023
- ✓ The first edition of the Asian Games was held in New Delhi in March 1951.
- ✓ India has hosted the Asian Games twice, that is in 1951 and in 1982.
- ✓ LIST OF HOST COUNTRY ASIAN GAMES.
- ✓ 1st Asian games 1951 : New Delhi
- ✓ 9th edition 1982 : New Delhi
- ✓ 18th edition 2018 : Palembang, Indonesia, Jakarta
- ✓ 19th edition 2023 : Hangzhou, China
- ✓ 20th edition 2026 : Nagoya, Japan
- ✓ 21st edition 2030 : Doha, Qatar
- ✓ 22nd edition 2034 : Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Q. In which country the Indian High Commission has started its 16th Visa Application Centre?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The High Commission of India opened its 16th Visa application center in Kushtia town of Southwestern Bangladesh on 16th April
- ✓ The new Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC) was inaugurated by High Commissioner Pranya Verma.
- ✓ Mahbulul Alam Hanif, MP from Kushtia-3 was also present on this occasion.
- ✓ This will provide greater ease and convenience to residents of Kushtia and its surrounding areas seeking visa services to visit India.
- ✓ The High Commission of India operates its largest Visa Operations Center in the world in Bangladesh.



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- ✓ Bangladesh accounts for the largest number of foreign tourists in India, including those availing medical, tourism, business and student visa facilities.
- ✓ In the year 2019-20, more than 16 lakh visas were issued in Dhaka.
- ✓ People's Republic of Bangladesh
- ✓ Capital: Dhaka
- ✓ Currency : Taka
- ✓ Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina Wazed
- ✓ President: Mohammad Shahabuddin

Q. Which country has recently shut down its last three nuclear reactors?

- A) France
B) Poland
C) Ukraine
D) Germany

Answer : D

- ✓ Germany began winding down its three remaining nuclear power plants as part of a long-planned transition toward renewable energy, drawing cheers from environmentalists who campaigned for the move.
- ✓ The shutdown of the reactors Emsland, Neckarwestheim II and Isar II, agreed to more than a decade ago, was being closely watched abroad
- ✓ Other industrialized countries, such as the United States, Japan, China, France and Britain, are counting on nuclear energy to replace planet-warming fossil fuels.
- ✓ Germany's decision to stop using both has met some skepticism, as well as unsuccessful last-minute calls to halt the shutdown.

Q. DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) has been inaugurated at the Which Institute?

- A) IIT Kanpur
B) IIT Roorkee
C) IIT – Hyderabad
D) IIT Guwahati

Answer : C

- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Industry Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) has been inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad
- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)



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- ✓ It is a premier defence research and development agency under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
- ✓ It aims to make India self-reliant in critical defence technology and systems.
- ✓ It was established in 1958.
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman - Sameer V Kamath

Q. Which Country Gazprombank has expanded its ties with banks in India to expedite trade between the two countries in national currencies?

- A) China B) Russia
C) United States D) Germany

Answer : B

- ✓ Russia's Gazprombank has expanded its links with banks in India to expedite trade between the two countries in national currencies, a key executive told Reuter as Russia this year has become the biggest supplier of oil to India.
- ✓ Trade between India and Russia has surged since the West imposed sanctions against Russia for its invasion last year of Ukraine, which has altered flows of oil and other goods.
- ✓ Gazprombank is Russia's third-largest lender by assets and a key conduit of the Russian energy trade

Q. Which country has become the world's foremost narco-state, as its economic survival now depends heavily on the production and export of Captagon?

- A) Iraq B) Iran
C) Israel D) Syria

Answer : D

- ✓ Syria has witnessed a troubling transformation into the world's foremost narco-state, as its economic survival now depends heavily on the production and export of Captagon, also known as the "poor man's coke".
- ✓ This highly addictive amphetamine has become the primary lifeline of the country's economy, generating more than 90% of its foreign currency.
- ✓ Experts have indicated that Syria is the major producer of Captagon, with much of it exported to the Gulf region. Following a crackdown on protesters by President Bashar al-Assad in 2011 and



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subsequent sanctions or trade embargoes with Syria, the Lebanese regime along with Hezbollah increased the production and export of Captagon to the Gulf countries.

- ✓ The US enacted the Captagon Act last year, linking the drug trade to the Assad regime in Syria and labelling it an "international security threat".
- ✓ About Syria
- ✓ Capital - Damascus
- ✓ Official language - Arabic
- ✓ President - Bashar al-Assad
- ✓ Vice President -Najah Al-Attar
- ✓ Prime Minister -Hussain Arnoos

Q. Which Oil Corporation is planning to set up a joint venture with US-based clean energy technology company LanzaJet Inc and multiple domestic airlines?

- A) Hindustan Petroleum (HP)
- B) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- C) Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is planning to set up a joint venture with US-based clean energy technology company LanzaJet Inc and multiple domestic airlines for production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF).
- ✓ The proposed venture will set up a plant to make SAF with alcohol-to-jet technology at the state-run company's Panipat refinery in Haryana at a cost of Rs 3,000 crore.
- ✓ IOC will possess a 50% share, while LanzaJet Inc will hold a 25% share.

Q. The 2nd Health Working Group meeting under G20 India Presidency begins in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Goa
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Kerala

Answer : B

- ✓ The second Health Working Group meeting under the chairmanship of the Indian G20 began in Goa on 17 April and will conclude on 19 April



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- ✓ The meeting was attended by over 180 delegates from 19 G20 member states, 10 invited states and 22 international organisations
- ✓ Prevention, preparedness and response to health emergencies, including strengthening cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector, were discussed at the second G20 health working group meeting
- ✓ About Goa
- ✓ It is a state located on the west coast of India, bordering the Arabian Sea.
- ✓ It is the smallest state of India by area.
- ✓ Formation (as a state) - 30 May 1987
- ✓ Capital - Panaji (Executive Branch)
- ✓ State Legislature - Unicameral
- ✓ Accession to the Union - 19 December 1961
- ✓ Official Animal - Gaur
- ✓ Official Bird - Yellow Throated Bulbul
- ✓ Official Sport - Football
- ✓ Official Tree - Terminalia elliptica
- ✓ Rajya Sabha - 1 seat
- ✓ Lok Sabha - 2 seats
- ✓ High Court - Bombay High Court
- ✓ Governor - PS Sreedharan Pillai

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various projects worth more than 10,900 crore rupees in which state?

- A) Odisha
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Assam
- D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various projects worth more than 10,900 crore rupees at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati, Assam.
- ✓ The projects included laying the foundation stone of a bridge connecting Palashbari and Sualkuchi on the Brahmaputra River, a project for the beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar, the inauguration of a 500 TPD Menthol Plant in Namrup and dedicating to the nation five railway projects.



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- ✓ The PM also witnessed a colorful Bihu programme performed by more than ten thousand Bihu dancers.
- ✓ PM Modi also received the certificate from the Guinness World Records team for the record-making feat of "largest Bihu dance and largest dhol drum ensemble".

ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

- World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) in the state.
- Assam-based non-profit organization Aaranyak has formed a network of local communities called the Elephant Conservation Network (ECN).
- North East's 1st compressed biogas plant in Assam.
- Assam to Celebrate Mongeet Festival of Music, Culture, and Food.
- REC Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India organized 'Bijli Utsav' in Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the second version of 'Orunodoi', the flagship scheme .
- Tapan Saikia will receive the Asom Baibhav, the highest civilian honour that the Assam government.
- Trees Beyond Forests initiative launched in Assam.
- Assam Grants Industry Status to Its Tourism Sector
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched 'Swanirbhar Naari' scheme
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched 'Vidya Rath – School on Wheels' project
- Gamosa, Tandur Redgram, and Ladakh apricots get GI tags from Assam.
- Assam CM Nominated Charaideo Maidam to Seek UNESCO World Heritage Tag.
- First Unani Medicine Regional Center of Northeast Inaugurated in Silchar, Assam



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Q. The Digital Health Summit 2023 has been organized jointly by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in which city?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The Digital Health Summit 2023 was organized jointly by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 16 April in Panaji, Goa
- ✓ The theme of the event was 'Building One Health together – Improving Health equity'.
- ✓ The aim of the summit was to bring together policy makers, industry leaders and global health experts and thought leaders to deliberate on the key issues faced by the digital health sector.
- ✓ The event aligns with the agenda of India's G20 health working group on digital health innovations.
- ✓ It aims to assist in universal health coverage and improve healthcare delivery for One Earth, One Family, One Future.
- ✓ About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- ✓ CII is a non-profit and non-governmental organisation.
- ✓ The objective of CII is to achieve a conducive environment for the development of industry and civil society in India.
- ✓ It was established in 1895.
- ✓ It has over 8,000 members from both the public and private sectors.
- ✓ Headquarter : New Delhi
- ✓ President : Sanjiv Bajaj

Q. Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has collaborated with which bank for the National Common Mobility Card or Singara Chennai Card as part of the multimodal and ticket integration plan?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has collaborated with the State Bank of India for the National Common Mobility Card or Singara Chennai Card as part of the multimodal and ticket integration plan.



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- ✓ The card, which can be used on metro trains now and on MTC buses and suburban trains later, can also be used in other metros.
- ✓ The card, which can be had for free on production of a government identity proof. It is available at metro stations at Koyambedu, Central, Airport, High Court, Alandur, Thirumangalam and Guindy, besides SBI branches.
- ✓ It can be preloaded with cash from 100 to 2,000, with a 1.8% commission charged by SBI.

Q. Who has been awarded the “Maharashtra Bhushan” for the year 2022?

- A) Dr. Bharat G Adsul B) Dr. Varsha Apte
C) Dr. Soumen Chakrabarti D) Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has presented the “Maharashtra Bhushan” award for the year 2022 to Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari at Raigarh, Maharashtra.
- ✓ Appasaheb Dharmadhikari is a famous social reformer. His father Nanasaheb was Dharmadhikari.
- ✓ In view of his work, Appasaheb was also honored with Padma Shri in 2017.
- ✓ The work of tree plantation was done by the Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Foundation keeping in view the effect of climate change and temperature.
- ✓ A total of 36,61,611 trees have been planted by the Foundation from 2015 to 2021.
- ✓ Awards given to Dharmadhikari
- ✓ Keeping this social work of Appasaheb in mind, DY Patil University awarded Dharmadhikari with an honorary doctorate.
- ✓ Former Governor Vidyasagar Rao appointed him as the cleanliness ambassador of the state.
- ✓ In 2017, the Central Government conferred the civilian honor of Padma Shri.
- ✓ The European International Institute honored Appasaheb with the Living Legend Award.
- ✓ Looking at his career so far, the state government has selected him for the Maharashtra Bhushan Award.

Q. Which country will be the top contributor to global growth over the next five years through 2028, as per the data of IMF?

- A) Indonesia B) United States
C) China D) India



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Answer : C

- ✓ AS per the data by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), China will be the top contributor to global growth over the next five years, and its share is set to be double than that of the US.
- ✓ The report by Bloomberg, based on the data of World Economic Outlook of IMF, reveals that China share in the global gross domestic product expansion over the next five years, through 2028, is expected to represent 22.6% of total world growth.
- ✓ India is on second spot, representing 12.9% of the total growth.
- ✓ The US will contribute 11.3%, which is half than that of China.

IMF IN NEWS 2022-23

- AS per the data by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), China will be the top contributor to global growth over the next five years, and its share is set to be double than that of the US.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved \$80.77 million to help Burkina Faso meet its balance of payments needs.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a loan worth \$15.6 billion for Ukraine.
- Inflation has risen to a 48-year high in crisis-hit Pakistan, where the International Monetary Fund (IMF) .
- Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- IMF Signed Extended Fund Facility(EFF) With Pakistan.
- Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- India's Krishna Srinivasan has been appointed as the director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund.
- IMF approved \$1.4 billion emergency support for Ukraine.
- IMF warns Ukraine's Economy to Shrink Up to 35% in 2022.
- Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas from France has been named as the next chief economist of the IMF.
- Gita Gopinath is set to become the first Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.
- Andorra Joins IMF as its 190th Member.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)



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- Founded : 1945
- Headquarters: Washington, D.C.
- Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)
- First Deputy MD : Gita Gopinath
- Chief Economist : Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)
- Executive Director for India at IMF : Krishnamurthy Subramaniam
- Member countries : 190 (Andorra)
- IMF Released Report
- Global Financial Stability Report
- World Economic Outlook.
- The value of Special Drawing Right (SDR) is determined by the basket of 5 currencies.
- The currencies are, US Dollar, Japanese Yen, British Pound, Chinese Yuan and Euro.
- Special Drawing Right is known as the Paper Gold. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of key international currencies reviewed by IMF every five years. SDR was introduced in the 1969 by the IMF to solve the problem of International liquidity

Q. Which state in India has become the first to adopt a Water Budget for proper management of the resource?

- A) Tamil Nadu B) Kerala
C) Odisha D) Karnataka

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala becomes first Indian state to adopt a Water Budget
- ✓ The state government of Kerala, under Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has adopted a Water Budget, a first-of-its type initiative in India.
- ✓ The Public Water Budget initiative would help in properly utilising the resource and preventing wastage through proper Management.
- ✓ The first phase of the Water Budget will cover 94 grama panchayats in 15 block panchayats of the state.



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Q. Who has been appointed as the head of the advisory board formed by fintech Razorpay to strengthen the corporate governance of the company?

- A) Viral Acharya
B) Arvind Subramanian
C) NS Vishwanathan
D) Raghuram Rajan

Answer : C

- ✓ Fintech unicorn Razorpay has set up an advisory board that will focus on setting up standards to strengthen customer experience, governance, compliance, and risk management practices.
- ✓ NS Vishwanathan, the former deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been roped in as the chairperson of this 4-member advisory board.
- ✓ The other member of this board are:
- ✓ Arijit Basu – former managing director of State Bank of India;
- ✓ Aruna Sundararajan – former telecom secretary
- ✓ K.P. Krishnan – former secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- Razorpay forms 4-member advisory board to strengthen corporate governance; Head-former RBI deputy governor NS Vishwanathan.
- 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-



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power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.

- 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. How many crores of projects have been approved under the National Mission for Clean Ganga?

A) Rs 820 Crore

B) Rs 761 Crore

C) Rs 705 Crore

D) Rs 638 Crore

Answer : D

- ✓ 48th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 18th April under the chairmanship of Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) G. Asok Kumar.
- ✓ Eight projects worth around Rs. 638 crore were approved in the meeting.
- ✓ In an attempt to clean River Hindon, which is a tributary of River Yamuna, four projects worth Rs 407.39 crore were approved for pollution abatement in the Shamli district.
- ✓ These projects are part of the comprehensive Hindon Rejuvenation Plan.
- ✓ Hindon river is identified as Priority 1 polluted river stretch.
- ✓ The projects which were sanctioned are to prevent the flow of polluted water into Krishna River.



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- ✓ Krishni is one of the major tributaries of Hindon which discharges pollution from Shamli district into River Hindon.
- ✓ Two more sewerage management projects were approved in the meeting, one each in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ These projects will arrest the flow of polluted water into the Kiul River, a tributary of the Ganges.
- ✓ .About Namami Gange
- ✓ It was approved as a 'Flagship Programme' by the Central Government in June 2014.
- ✓ It was launched to serve the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of the national river Ganga.
- ✓ It is being operated under the Ministry of Water Resources, Department of River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ✓ The program is being implemented by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and its State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).

Q. How many crore rupees have been sanctioned under the 'National Quantum Mission'?

- A) Rs 7,014 crore B) Rs 6,561 crore
C) Rs 6,003 crore D) Rs 5,235 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Cabinet on 19th April approved the National Quantum Mission to nurture and scale up scientific and industrial research and development in quantum technology
- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved Rs 6,003.65 crore for the mission from 2023-24 to 2030-31.
- ✓ The Mission will accelerate quantum technology-led economic growth and nurture the ecosystem in the country
- ✓ India will be the sixth country to have a dedicated quantum mission after the US, Austria, Finland, France and China.
- ✓ The mission will help develop high-sensitivity magnetometers in nuclear systems and atomic clocks for precise timing, communication and navigation.
- ✓ The mission envisages developing an intermediate-scale quantum computer with a capacity of 50-1000 physical qubits in eight years on various platforms such as superconducting and photonic techniques
- ✓ What is Quantum Technology?



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- ✓ Quantum technology is based on quantum theory, which explains the nature of energy and matter at the atomic and sub-atomic level.
- ✓ With the help of this technology, data and information can be processed in minimum time.

Q. Which State has bagged the national award for the best implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the country?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ For the first time, Karnataka has bagged the national award for the best implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the country.
- ✓ According to the authorities, between the kharif season 2021 and 2022, the state recorded a 47.74% increase in the enrolment of farmers under the scheme.
- ✓ While the area covered under the scheme increased by 41.80%. The award was given to the state on 14 April 2023.
- ✓ According to the data shared by the officials of the department of agriculture, in the kharif season 2021, 16.15 lakh farmers had enrolled under the scheme.
- ✓ About 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' (PMFBY)
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was launched on 13 January 2016.
- ✓ The scheme provides a comprehensive insurance cover to the farmers in the event of crop failure, which helps in stabilising the income of the farmers.
- ✓ This includes all food and oilseed crops and annual commercial/horticultural crops for which past yield data is available.
- ✓ Central and state governments pay more than 95% of the premium amount, while farmers bear 1.5-5% of the premium amount.
- ✓ A 2% premium will be paid for Kharif crops (Paddy or Rice, Maize, Jowar, Bajra, Sugarcane etc.).
- ✓ For Rabi crops (wheat, barley, gram, lentil, mustard etc.) 1.5% premium will be paid.
- ✓ A 5% premium will be paid for annual commercial and horticultural crops insurance.



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Q. Apple company has launched its first store in India in which city?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook has launched the company's first retail store in India in the financial capital Mumbai.
- ✓ This retail outlet of Apple (Apple BKC) is located on the ground floor of Reliance Jio World Drive Mall in Bandra Kurla Complex.
- ✓ After Mumbai, the company is going to open its retail outlet in Saket, Delhi as well. This store will be opened on 20th April 2023.
- ✓ The first Apple Stores opened in 2001 at Tyson's Corner in McLean, Virginia and the Glendale Galleria in California.
- ✓ APPLE
- ✓ Founded : April 1, 1976
- ✓ Headquarteres : California, US
- ✓ Chairman : Arthur D. Levinson
- ✓ CEO : Tim Cook

Q. Which state becomes the first to prepare a DNA database for the identification of unidentified dead bodies?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh has become the "first state" to create a DNA database of unidentified bodies.
- ✓ The process was started in April last year (2022) and so far records of 150 DNA samples of unidentified bodies have been stored in the database

Q. Who has launched a YUVA PORTAL for connecting and identifying potential young Start-Ups in the country?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
B) Raj Kumar Singh
C) Jitendra Singh
D) Mansukh L. Mandaviya



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Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launches 'YUVA PORTAL.
- ✓ Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Youth Portal in New Delhi
- ✓ It aims to connect and identify potential youth start-ups.
- ✓ Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh also launched the One Week - One Laboratory programme.
- ✓ The event emphasises the need for broad-based participation from stakeholders in the industry for startups to remain sustainable.
- ✓ Each of the 37 CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) laboratories is dedicated to a different specialised area of work.
- ✓ The One Week - One Lab program will provide an opportunity to CSIR laboratories to showcase their work.
- ✓ About Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- ✓ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, or CSIR, is an autonomous body established by the Government of India in September 1942.
- ✓ Its primary goal is to promote scientific and industrial research in India.
- ✓ Establishment - 26 September 1942
- ✓ Founder - Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, Arcot Ramasamy Mudaliar
- ✓ President - Narendra Modi
- ✓ Director General - Dr. N. Kalaiselvi
- ✓ Parent Organization - Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India
- ✓ Motto - CSIR-The Innovation Engine of India

Q. Which city tops the list of Indian cities with highest digital transactions in the year 2022?

- A) Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Pune
- D) Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ Bengaluru has topped the list of Indian cities in terms of highest digital transactions in the year 2022, a report by French payment and transactional services firm has stated.
- ✓ The city recorded 29 million transaction worth ₹6500 crore in 2022.



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- ✓ Second on the list is Delhi which amounted 19.6 million transaction worth ₹5000 crore followed by Mumbai with 18.7 million transactions worth ₹4950 crore
- ✓ On number 4 is Pune with 15 million digital transactions worth ₹3280 crore and Chennai with 14.3 million transactions worth ₹3,550 crore, the report has stated.
- ✓ In the report titled 'India Digital Payments Annual Report,' payment modes like UPI, Debit and Credit cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments – Mobile and Prepaid cards processed 87.92 billion transactions worth ₹149.5 trillion.
- ✓ As per the report, UPI clocked over 74.05 billion transactions in volume and ₹126 trillion in terms of value. Its transactions volume and value almost doubled since last year as it recorded 91 percent increase in volume and over 76 percent increase in value in Year 2022 as compared to Year 2021..

Q. Which country will Chair the Finance Ministers Working Group for a Commonwealth Call for Reform of the Global Financial Architecture?

- A) Argentina
- B) Norway
- C) Greece
- D) India

Answer : D

- ✓ India will be the chair of the Finance Ministers Working Group for a Commonwealth Call for Reform of the Global Financial Architecture.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Nigeria has been selected as the the deputy chair for this Working Group.
- ✓ The Finance ministers from various Commonwealth countries have called for a systemic reform of the global financial architecture to enhance access to development financing for vulnerable countries.
- ✓ The collective call for reform was put forward at the inaugural Commonwealth Finance Ministers High-Level Working Group Meeting in Washington D.C., held on the margins of the 2023 World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Spring Meetings.

Q. The mobile application GS NIRNAY has been launched by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj
- B) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- C) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- D) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



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Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is celebrating the National Panchayat Awards Week from 17th April to 21st April, 2023 to commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) 2.0.
- ✓ It must be mentioned that the National Panchayati Raj Day is commemorated on 24th April every year.
- ✓ The theme for National Panchayat Awards Week in 2023 is "Panchayatn ke Sankalpon ki Siddhi ka Utsav" (पंचायतों के संकल्पों की सिद्धि का उत्सव).
- ✓ A series of five National Conferences covering nine themes under Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) through Panchayati Raj Institutions and Way Forward for 2047 have been organized during the National Panchayat Awards Week Celebrations.
- ✓ The Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Shri Giriraj Singh launched a new mobile application named GS NIRNAY, as a part of the occasion.
- ✓ GS NIRNAY stands for Gram Sabha National Initiative for Rural India to Navigate, InnovAte and Resolve PanchaYat.
- ✓ The app Gram Sabha NIRNAY has been developed to further strengthen Gram Sabha for ensuring participatory democracy and making empowered people and accountable Panchayats.
- ✓ The app will enable recording and uploading Gram Sabha proceedings open for public view.
- ✓ The National Panchayat Awards 2023 were awarded under four categories, namely
- ✓ Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)
- ✓ Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP)
- ✓ Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar
- ✓ Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar

Q. Which country has recently joined India's initiative of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) as its founding member?

- A) Germany
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) Nepal

Answer : D

- ✓ Nepal has been designated as the founding member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), an initiative by the Government of India.



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- ✓ The IBCA was launched by Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 9th April 2023, at Mysuru, Karnataka, to commemorate 50 years of Project Tiger.
- ✓ The objective of this alliance is conservation of seven big cats namely Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.
- ✓ The Indian Initiative of IBCA was launched in Nepal recently.
- ✓ The letter mentioning Nepal's association as founding member of the alliance was handed over by Nepal's Minister for Energy Shakti Bahadur Basnet to Indian Minister for Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav.
- ✓ Nepal's tiger population has seen a significant increase, increasing from 121 in 2010 to 335 in 2022.
- ✓ Nepal successfully achieved its target of doubling the tiger population by 2022, as done during the first Tiger Summit in 2010 in St. Petersburg.
- ✓ About the International Big Cats Alliance
- ✓ The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on April 9, 2023, for the conservation of seven big cat species including tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma
- ✓ About Nepal
- ✓ The kingdom of Nepal was established by the Shah dynasty.
- ✓ It is a landlocked country in South Asia.
- ✓ Prime Minister - Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- ✓ President - Ram Chandra Paudel
- ✓ Capital - Kathmandu
- ✓ Currency - Nepalese Rupee

Q. The 100th meeting of the G-20 grouping, under India's Presidency was held in which city recently?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Lucknow
- C) Gurugram
- D) New Delhi

Answer : A

- ✓ India marked a milestone achievement, as the country was hosting the 100th meeting of the grouping, under its G20 presidency.
- ✓ This is the largest number of meetings ever hosted by any country as G-20 President so far.



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- ✓ The 100th G20 meeting under India's Presidency was the Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) in Varanasi.
- ✓ Under India's G-20 Presidency, the 100 G-20 meetings have been held in 41 cities, covering 28 states and union territories of India. Over 12,300 delegates, from over 110 nationalities have attended these meetings.
- ✓ Further, India plans to hold more than 200 meetings in 60 cities across the country.
- ✓ India took over the G-20 Presidency from Indonesia in November 2022.
- ✓ The chief coordinator of India's G20 presidency is Harsh Vardhan Shringla.
- ✓ The 2023 G20 Summit is the 18th meeting of Group of Twenty (G-20) to be held in New Delhi in September 2023.

Q. Sekhar Rao has been roped in as the interim managing director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of which bank?

- A) Bank of Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka Bank
- C) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- D) Indian Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Karnataka Bank has appointed Sekhar Rao as the interim managing director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO), with effect from April 15, 2023.
- ✓ He has been appointed for a period of three months or till the appointment of regular MD and CEO whichever is earlier.
- ✓ Prior to this, Rao was the Executive Director at the bank.
- ✓ He replaces the incumbent MD & CEO, Mahabaleshwara M S, who successfully completed his second term of three years on April 14, 2023.
- ✓ KARNATAKA BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1924
- ✓ Headquarters : Mangaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairmam : Pradeep Kumar Panja
- ✓ Tagline : Your Family Bank Across India



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Q. Who did the New York Senate appoint as the state's first black chief justice?

- A) Rowan Wilson B) Catherine Begaye
C) Francis J. Mathew D) William P. Johnson

Answer : A

- ✓ New York Senate has confirmed Judge Rowan Wilson (62) as the new chief judge of the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court.
- ✓ He is also New York's first Black chief judge.
- ✓ He was appointed by the 57th governor of New York, Kathy Hochul.
- ✓ Ketanji Brown Jackson to be the first Black women to be the US Supreme Court Judge
- ✓ The Parliament of the United States is called Congress which has two houses; Upper house is called Senate (like Rajya Sabha in India) and the lower house is called as House of Representative (like Lok Sabha in India)
- ✓ The Judges of the Supreme Court are for life. It means they have no retiring age (In India the Supreme Court Judge retire after reaching the age of 65 years)
- ✓ The Supreme Court of the United State has a police of its own which enforce its decision (In India supreme Court has no separate police force)

Q. India contributes _____ to United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

- A) \$700,000
B) \$600,000
C) \$500,000
D) \$400,000

Answer : C

- ✓ India has contributed \$500,000 to the UN Women - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- ✓ Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, handed over the cheque towards the Government of India's contribution to the core voluntary budget of UN Women.



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Q. The first ever census of which bird was conducted by Odisha forest officials at Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary?

- A) Blue-winged pitta B) Superb pitta
C) Hooded pitta D) Mangrove Pitta Bird

Answer : D

- ✓ Mangrove Pitta bird found in Odisha.
- ✓ Mangrove Pitta birds were counted in two coastal districts of Odisha, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur, in which 179 birds were found.
- ✓ Mangrove pitta (Pitta Megharencha) birds are near threatened and are found in parts of eastern India.
- ✓ 179 different mangrove pitta birds were counted in the mangroves near the mouth of the Mahipura River inside the Bhitarkanika National Park.
- ✓ Birds were counted by sight and by their chirping.
- ✓ 1,39,959 birds of 140 species arrived in Bhitarkanika National Park in January this year.
- ✓ Bhitarkanika National Park
- ✓ It is a protected area located in the Kendrapara district of Odisha in eastern India.
- ✓ It covers an area of 145 square kilometres and was established as a national park on September 16, 1998.
- ✓ Bhitarkanika National Park, also recognized as a Ramsar site on 19 August 2002, is a wetland of international importance.
- ✓ It also has a rich mangrove ecosystem that supports a wide variety of plant and animal life.
- ✓ About Odisha
- ✓ It is an eastern Indian state situated on the Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ It is bounded by Jharkhand in the north, West Bengal region in the north east and Chhattisgarh in the south and Bay of Bengal in the east.
- ✓ Formation - 1 April 1936
- ✓ Capital - Bhubaneswar
- ✓ District - 30 (3 Divisions)
- ✓ Governor - Ganeshi Lal
- ✓ Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik
- ✓ State Legislature - Unicameral



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- ✓ Legislative Assembly - Odisha Legislative Assembly (147 seats)
- ✓ Rajya Sabha - 10 seats
- ✓ Lok Sabha - 21 seats

Q. Who will inaugurate India Steel 2023, organized in Mumbai from 19-21 April 2023?

- A) Kamal Nath B) Anurag Thakur
C) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia D) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia will inaugurate India Steel 2023 on 19th April at the Mumbai Exhibition Centre in Goregaon, Mumbai
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Steel, in association with the Department of Commerce, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and FICCI is organising India Steel 2023.
- ✓ The conference and International Exhibition on the steel industry will be held from April 19-21.
- ✓ The India Steel 2023 exhibition will showcase advanced technologies, products and solutions from the Indian steel industry.
- ✓ Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- ✓ It is a business lobby group of top business houses in India which was founded by Ghanshyam Das Birla.
- ✓ It was set up in 1927
- ✓ It articulates the views and concerns of industry and tries to influence the government to make policy which is in favour of the industry and business.
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ✓ President: Subhrakant Panda

Q. Which Union Minister has started a campaign - 'Prosperity through Organization' on 18th April 2023?

- A) Giriraj Singh B) Nityanand Rai
C) Jyotiraditya Scindia D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : A



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- ✓ Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh launched the 'Organization to Prosperity' campaign on 18 April.
- ✓ It will empower marginal rural households by bringing all eligible rural women into Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- ✓ The government is targeting to bring the existing 9 crore to 10 crore women under the ambit of SHGs.
- ✓ The number of members, which was only 2.35 crore in May 2014, has now crossed nine crore.
- ✓ The government has set a target that every woman associated with self-help groups should be able to earn one lakh rupees annually.
- ✓ What are SHGs?
- ✓ Self-help groups (SHGs) are informal associations of people who choose to come together to find ways to improve their living conditions.
- ✓ It can be defined as a self-governing, peer-controlled information group of people having a similar socio-economic background and desiring to collectively serve a common purpose.
- ✓ SHGs rely on the concept of "self-help" to encourage self-employment and poverty alleviation.
- ✓ Its objective is to build the functional capacity of the poor and the marginalized in the field of employment and income generating activities.

Q. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has given how many million dollar loans to Bangladesh for flood rehabilitation?

- A) USD 320 Million
- B) USD 280 Million
- C) USD 230 Million
- D) USD 190 Million

Answer : C

- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide a loan of USD 230 million to Bangladesh to help the rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the northeastern part of the country affected by devastating floods in May–June 2022.
- ✓ The agreement between ADB and the government of Bangladesh was signed in Dhaka.
- ✓ Record rainfall in northeastern Bangladesh in May–June 2022 caused massive flooding, especially in the low-lying Haor region, affecting 7.2 million people.



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Q. Who has launched the Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER) scheme in Manipur?

A) Arjun Munda

B) Raghubar Das

C) Dharmendra Pradhan

D) Narendra Singh Tomar

Answer : A

- ✓ Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda on 18th April launched a new scheme “Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North -Eastern Region (PTP-NER)” for the benefit of Scheduled Tribes of Northeastern Region.
- ✓ The scheme has been introduced for the benefit of Scheduled Tribes of the North-Eastern Region.
- ✓ The objective of the scheme is to strengthen livelihood opportunities for tribal artisans through enhanced efficiency in procurement, logistics and marketing of tribal products from North Eastern States.
- ✓ The scheme will be applicable to the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.
- ✓ As part of this plan, there is a plan to start a panel of tribal artisans from the North Eastern Region by organizing 68 Tribal Artisan Melas in different districts of the region.
- ✓ Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)
- ✓ It came into existence in 1987.
- ✓ TRIFED is a national-level organisation functioning under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ✓ Its Head Office is located in New Delhi and has a network of 13 Regional Offices.
- ✓ It aims at socio-economic development of tribal people in the country through marketing development of tribal products.
- ✓ About India's North-East region
- ✓ The North Eastern Region (NER) comprises eight States - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.
- ✓ The North Eastern region of India is a landlocked region with no access to the sea
- ✓ It is geographically isolated from the rest of India and is connected to the mainland by a narrow strip of land called the Siliguri Corridor (Chicken’s Neck).
- ✓ Sikkim - the ‘Brother’ of the Seven Sisters



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- ✓ Assam- World's largest 'Tea Producer'
- ✓ Manipur- Jewel of India
- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh- Land of Rising Sun
- ✓ Meghalaya- Scotland of India
- ✓ Tripura- the most 'Literate' in the Northeast around 95% Literacy rate
- ✓ Mizoram- Molasses Basin
- ✓ Sikkim- Sparsely Populated, the only state having world's largest 'Kanchenjunga Mountain'
- ✓ Nagaland- famous for Mon's Ethnicity

Q. The World Liver Day is marked every year on which day?

- A) 18 April B) 19 April
C) 17 April D) 20 April

Answer : B

- ✓ World Liver Day is observed every year on 19 April to raise awareness about liver health and related diseases.
- ✓ World Liver Day aims to educate people about the importance of early detection, prevention and treatment of liver diseases.
- ✓ The theme of World Liver Day 2023 is "Be alert, do regular liver check-ups, fatty liver can affect anyone,"
- ✓ Liver is the second largest and most important organ in the human body, responsible for functions such as metabolism, digestion, immunity, toxin filtration, and nutrient storage.
- ✓ Recent studies in India have shown that 75% of cases of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease are seen in patients who consume little or no alcohol and have a body mass index (BMI) of 25 kg/sq. less than a metre.
- ✓ According to the World Health Organisation, liver disease is the 10th leading cause of death in India.

Q. Who has been appointed as the brand influencer of HSBC India?

- A) Virat Kohli B) Rohit Sharma
C) MS Dhoni D) KL Rahul

Answer : A

- ✓ HSBC India has roped in Indian cricketer Virat Kohli as their Brand Influencer.



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- ✓ As per the company, Virat Kohli will help to amplify HSBC's purpose of 'Opening up a world of opportunity' as it strives to support the ambitions of an aspirational India going global.
- ✓ HSBC Bank India
- ✓ Founded: 1853
- ✓ Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ CEO : Hitendra Dave
- ✓ HSBC
- ✓ Headquarters : London, UK
- ✓ Chairman : Mark Tucker
- ✓ CEO : Noel Quinn

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- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Praseon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus
- Janhvi Kapoor : Marico's Saffola Fittify



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- Deepa Malik : Ambassador of Nikshay Mitra (TB Campaign)
- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.
- Yuvraj Singh : T20 World Cup for the Blind
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank
- Smriti Mandhana : Gulf Oil Lubricants
- Ram Charan : Hero MotoCorp
- Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh : Max Life Insurance
- Vanessa Nakate : UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- Shah Rukh Khan : UAE healthcare provider Burjeel Holdings
- Sunil Chhetri : Pintola
- Anushka Sharma : L'Oréal Paris
- Amitabh Bachchan : Dabur India
- Kiccha Sudeep : Punyakoti Dattu Yojana (Karnataka Govt)
- Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty : Mastercard
- Sourav Ganguly : DreamSetGo
- Rishabh Pant : Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand
- Vaani Kapoor : Noise X-Fit 2 smartwatch
- Shahid Kapoor : PokerBaazi
- Ravi Shastri : FanCode
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Garuda Aerospace
- A. R. Rahman : India/UK Together Season of Culture
- Deepika Padukone : Louis Vuitton
- Robin Uthappa : Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)
- Amir Khan : PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app,"
- Shubman Gill & Ruturaj Gaikwad : My11Circle
- Mary Kom : Lupin
- Vidya Balan : Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- Shahrukh Khan : Thums Up



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- Rishabh Pant : Dish TV India
- Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia : 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme for the Gurugram, Haryana
- Shah Rukh Khan : Gaming app A23
- Manoj Tiwari : Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar
- Pankaj Tripathi : Krishi Network
- Akshay Kumar : Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
- Disha Patani : Bata India
- Amitabh Bachchan : MediBuddy
- Neeraj Chopra : GoodDot
- Vijay Shekhar Sharma : Universal Acceptance Steering Group
- RajKummar Rao : RenewBuy

Q. Which IIT has signed an MoU with the National Science and Technology Centre for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Science and Technology Centre for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan.
- ✓ This MoU Aims : To develop scientific and academic cooperation and scientific research to promote relations and mutual understanding between NCDR and the Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management (CoEDMM) of IIT Roorkee.
- ✓ The key objective of the MoU is mutually developing technology solutions to natural hazards, including earthquakes, landslides, floods, debris flow, and compound disasters.

Q. Which government has signed an MoU with the Arunachal Pradesh government to resolve the long pending border dispute between both states?

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

Answer : A



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- ✓ The governments of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have signed an agreement for the settlement of an inter-state boundary dispute between the two States on 21 April.
- ✓ This agreement was signed by the Chief Minister of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- ✓ The agreement between the two states will end the dispute over 123 villages along the border.
- ✓ The settlement has been done keeping in mind the historical perspective, demographic profile, administrative convenience, proximity to the border and aspirations of the residents.
- ✓ What is Assam and Arunachal Pradesh boundary dispute?
- ✓ Assam shares an interstate border of 804.10 km with Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The state of Arunachal Pradesh, created in 1987, claims that some of its residents' land has been given to Assam.
- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh has raised concerns from time to time that several forest areas in the plains that traditionally belonged to hill tribal communities were unilaterally transferred to Assam.
- ✓ A tripartite committee recommended that some areas be transferred from Assam to Arunachal.
- ✓ Assam contested this and the matter is in the Supreme Court.

Q. Who has appointed as the CEO and managing director of Tata Electronics Pvt Ltd (TEPL)?

- A) K Raja Gopal B) Randhir Thakur
C) Vneet Jaain D) Damodar Mall

Answer : B

- ✓ Former Intel Foundry Services President Randhir Thakur has been appointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Tata Electronics Pvt Ltd.
- ✓ Thakur has worked with Intel for more than 5 years and has been a global innovator in the semiconductor industry.

Q. Which state / UTs Agriculture Production Department has launched the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan programme in the state?

- A) Ladakh B) Jammu and Kashmir
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Uttarakhand

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Agriculture Production Department of Jammu and Kashmir launched the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan programme.
- ✓ The Abhiyan has launched across 3565 panchayats in J&K.
- ✓ The programme aims to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions in the scheme and celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav as part of the programme

Q. The Research and Innovation Initiative gathering conference of G-20 begins in which city?

- A) Lucknow B) Patna
C) Ranchi D) Dharamshala

Answer : D

- ✓ The Research and Innovation Initiative gathering conference of G-20 begins at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Delegates from the G-20 Member States, international organizations and experts from the scientific community will attend the two-day conference.
- ✓ The main theme of the RIIG conference during India's G20 presidency in 2023 is Research and Innovation for Equitable Society' with its four priority areas being Materials for Sustainable Energy, Circular bioeconomy, Eco-Innovations for Energy Transition and Scientific Challenges and Opportunities towards Achieving a Sustainable Blue Economy.

Q. The 5th edition of HUN- a Thadou Cultural Festival 2023 begins in which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The 5th edition of HUN- a Thadou Cultural Festival 2023 kicked off at Thomas Ground in Kangpokpi district of Manipur.
- ✓ HUN festival is an annual cultural festival and a civilizing act of the Thadous community of Manipur and it is celebrated at the arrival of the new year according to the community.
- ✓ The festival celebrates the culture and traditions of the Hun Thadou tribe, one of the major ethnic groups in the state.
- ✓ The festival features traditional dance performances, music, food, and handicrafts.



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Q. Which Small Finance Bank has integrated with the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to launch bill payment services through video banking?

- A) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited
- B) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited
- C) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited
- D) AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has integrated with the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to launch bill payment services through video banking.
- ✓ The primary aim of this initiative is to promote digital accessibility and enhance economic capability, leading to greater financial inclusions.
- ✓ Customers can use this platform to pay their bills without having to go to a branch, which is especially useful for senior persons and others with mobility challenges.
- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded :1996
- ✓ Founder : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Tagline : Chalo Aage Badhein

Q. Who has been awarded the prestigious Santokbaa Humanitarian Award for his contributions to society?

- A) Sonam Wangchuk
- B) Parvatibai Athavale
- C) Poonam Ahluwalia
- D) Arun Cherukavil

Answer : A

- ✓ Innovator Sonam Wangchuk conferred with prestigious Santokba Humanitarian Award.
- ✓ The prestigious Santokba Humanitarian Award was presented to Sonam Wangchuk, a notable engineer, innovator, educationist, sustainable development reformist, and founder-director of the Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL).



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- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 crore and has been instituted in the memory of Late Santokba Dholakia, mother of SRK and SRKKF founder president Govind Dholakia.
- ✓ The award was presented to Wangchuk by the First Lady of Ladakh Mrs. Neelam Mishra and Mr. Rahul Dholakia, Entrepreneur- SRK.
- ✓ The award ceremony was held at Hotel Zen in Ladakh on April 10, 2023, the death anniversary of Santokba.
- ✓ Wangchuk is the inventor of the Ice Stupa technique which creates artificial glaciers used to store winter water in the form of cone-shaped ice piles and solve the water crisis in Ladakh.
- ✓ The SECMOL campus, designed by Wangchuk, runs on solar power and does not use fossil fuels for cooking, lighting or heating.
- ✓ Past award recipients include Ratan Tata, Kailash Satyarthi, A.S. Kiran Kumar, and Sudha Murthy.

Q. Which city will host the Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2023?

- A) Bhubaneswar B) Odisha
C) Chennai D) Hyderabad

Answer : C

- ✓ The Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2023 will be hosted in Chennai, India.
- ✓ The seventh edition of the prestigious continental event, which was inaugurated in 2011, will serve as a precursor to the Asian Games hockey competition in Hangzhou, China in September.
- ✓ Chennai last hosted an international hockey event in 2007 when the Asia Cup was held at Mayor Radhakrishnan stadium where India clinched the title after beating Korea 7-2 in the final.
- ✓ India have also won the tournament three times (2011, 2016 and joint winner with Pakistan in 2018) while South Korea clinched the last edition title in 2021 in Dhaka.

Q. Which country to replace Indonesia as the Under-20 FIFA World Cup host?

- A) Croatia B) Argentina
C) France D) China

Answer : B

- ✓ Argentina to replace Indonesia as under-20 FIFA World Cup host



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- ✓ FIFA announced the decision to remove Indonesia as host after the country's FA canceled the draw to be held in Bali as its governor refused to host Israel's team.
- ✓ The Argentine FA formally submitted its bid to host the May 20-June 11 tournament one day later at the South American Football Confederation Congress.
- ✓ Argentina hosted the under-20 World Cup in 2001 when they won the fourth of their record six titles.
- ✓ They are also seeking to jointly host the World Cup finals in 2030 with Uruguay, Chile and Paraguay.

Q. The Centre has approved the project of development of an Oil Jetty at Deendayal Port, Kandla in Gujarat for how many crore rupees?

- A) Rs 110 crore B) Rs 123 crore
C) Rs 140 crore D) Rs 150 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ The Centre has approved the project of development of an Oil Jetty at Deendayal Port, Kandla in Gujarat for over 123 crore rupees.
- ✓ The proposed project is designed to increase the cargo handling capacity of the port, which will attribute to a reduction in the turn-around time of liquid vessels.
- ✓ This project will increase Deendayal Port's income through the collection of Royalty from the Concessionaire.

Q. Which Fintech company has launched its UPI-based peer-to-peer (P2P) payments, providing its users with a new payment option?

- A) CRED B) Freecharge
C) Paytm D) Razorpay

Answer : A

- ✓ Fintech major CRED has launched its UPI-based peer-to-peer (P2P) payments, providing its users with a new payment option.
- ✓ The feature allows CRED members access to 'pay anyone' through their contact list, phone numbers, or UPI IDs.
- ✓ The new payment experience has been introduced after the launch of Scan & Pay in October 2022. As scan and pay gain traction, CRED expects the number of merchants to grow.



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- ✓ Now with the launch of P2P UPI payments, CRED members will have multiple payment options including offline payments (UPI P2P, Scan & Pay, Tap to Pay), online merchant payments (CRED Pay, CRED flash) and bill payments.

Q. Which bank has recently launched India's 1st Voice Biometric Authentication Banking App?

- A) Canara Bank B) City Union Bank
C) Indian Overseas Bank D) Bank of Baroda

Answer : B

- ✓ City Union Bank (CUB) launched India's first Voice Biometric Authentication banking app for its mobile banking app which uses it to improve security.
- ✓ The purpose of this feature is to provide an additional layer of security to customers while logging into their accounts.
- ✓ Currently the Voice Biometric Authentication login option is available only for Mobile Banking App users. Customers will have multiple authentication methods to choose from, including User ID/PIN, Face ID, fingerprint authentication and now voice biometric authentication.
- ✓ The Voice Biometric Authentication feature was developed in collaboration with M/s Kaizen Secure Voice Pvt Ltd, a Chennai based start-up and 5G Use Case Lab of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT).
- ✓ The launch of the Voice Biometric Authentication facility came a day after CUB reported its provisional business figures, in which the total business increased from Rs 88,846 crore to Rs 96,347 crore.
- ✓ City Union Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1904
- ✓ Headquarters : Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Chairman : R. Mohan
- ✓ MD & CEO : N. Kamakodi
- ✓ Tagline : Trust and Excellence since 1904

Q. Who has been appointed to a task force set up to expand partnerships between universities in the United States and India?

- A) Neera Tanden B) Vivek Murthy
C) Uzra Zeya D) Neeli Bendapudi



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Answer : D

- ✓ Indian-origin academic Neeli Bendapudi has been appointed as one of five co-chairs of an Association of American Universities (AAU) task force focused on the expansion of research and academic partnerships among higher education institutions in the US and India.
- ✓ AAU created the national task force in coordination with the Biden administration's US-India initiative on critical and emerging technology, which seeks to grow technological and industrial collaboration between the two nations.

Q. Which bank has reintroduced 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term fixed deposit (FD) scheme?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has extended the validity of Amrit Kalash special fixed deposit (FD) scheme.
- ✓ The bank previously introduced this retail term deposit programme, and it was valid from February 15, 2023, through March 31, 2023. But on April 12, 2023, SBI stated that its Amrit Kalash FD retail term deposit programme has been extended till 30th June 2023.
- ✓ SBI Amrit Kalash FD Scheme comes with a special tenor of 400 days on which the general public will get an interest rate of 7.10% and senior citizens will get an interest rate of 7.60% which is 50 bps higher than the standard applicable rate and senior citizens, staff and staff pensioners are eligible for additional interest rate applicable to them.

Q. Which organization has launched a pilot scheme "Mission 50K-EV4ECO" for better financing terms in the electric vehicle space and strengthening the whole ecosystem?

- A) NPCI B) SEBI
C) NABARD D) SIDBI

Answer : D

- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched a pilot scheme for better financing terms in the electric vehicle space and strengthening the whole ecosystem.



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- ✓ The pilot phase of 'Mission 50K-EV4ECO' aims at strengthening the EV ecosystem, including uptake for two, three, and four-wheelers through direct and indirect lending.
- ✓ The pilot scheme, which is the precursor to EVOLVE scheme by SIDBI-World Bank, has two components — direct lending and indirect lending.
- ✓ Direct lending: SIDBI will directly give loans to eligible MSMEs
- ✓ Indirect lending: Targeted at NBFCs, including small unrated focused, and emerging NBFCs
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- ✓ Founded : 2 April 1990
- ✓ Headquarteres : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Chairman & MD : Siva S Ramann

Q. 10-day-long cultural extravaganza Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam has begun in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu B) Meghalaya
C) Gujarat D) Karnataka

Answer : C

- ✓ The Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam began with great zeal and enthusiasm at Somnath in Gujarat.
- ✓ The ten-day-long cultural extravaganza was inaugurated by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in the presence of Telangana Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan and Chief Minister of Gujarat Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- ✓ The programme is being organised under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat to foster the age-old cultural bond between Gujarat and Tamilnadu
- ✓ As part of the Sangamam, delegates will visit various heritage and tourist places such as Somnath, Dwarka and the Statue of Unity and participate in the cultural programmes.

Q. Space Economy Leaders' Meet (SELM) under the G20 Summit has organized in which city?

- A) Shillong B) Guwahati
C) Bhubaneswar D) Lucknow

Answer : A

- ✓ Meghalaya host the Space Economy Leaders' Meet (SELM) of the G20 Summit in Shillong, Meghalaya from 17-18 April 2023.



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- ✓ G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh, and Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma attend the inaugural function.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) of the Department of Space is organizing the precursor event of the fourth edition of Space Economy Leaders Meeting (SELM) with active support from Government of Meghalaya and India's Ministry of External Affairs.

Q. Which company has partnered with 20 South Korean firms to establish an electronics manufacturing hub in India?

- A) Tata Consultancy Services B) Wipro
C) Infosys D) Vedanta Group

Answer : D

- ✓ Vedanta Group has partnered with 20 South Korean firms to establish an electronics manufacturing hub in India.
- ✓ The Indian firm is also setting up a semiconductor plant in Gujarat in a joint venture (JV) with Foxconn.
- ✓ The partnership aims to boost India's electronics manufacturing industry and reduce dependence on imports.
- ✓ The hub will be set up in Tamil Nadu and will focus on manufacturing products such as smartphones, TVs, and other electronic devices.

Q. ISRO will launch the Earth Observation satellite TeLEOS-2 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota . TeLEOS-2 is a satellite of which country?

- A) Vietnam B) Singapore
C) Ethiopia D) Switzerland

Answer : B

- ✓ ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- ✓ TeLEOS-1, Singapore's first commercial Earth observation satellite, was launched by ISRO in 2015 and since then, ISRO has launched nine satellites for Singapore.
- ✓ TeLEOS-2 is an Earth observation satellite built by ST Engineering that will carry a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capable of providing 1-metre resolution data. The satellite will have a 500 GB onboard recorder and 800 Mbps downlink.



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- ✓ PSLV, the launch vehicle used for the mission, is the first Indian launch vehicle with liquid stages and is known as the 'workhorse of ISRO'. It has continuously delivered various satellites into low Earth orbits and can carry a payload of up to 1,750 kg into a Sun-synchronous polar orbit at an altitude of 600 km.
- ✓ ISRO has chosen to use the XL variant of the PSLV launcher for the upcoming C-55 mission. This version is a more powerful version of PSLV and is capable of handling heavier payloads. Its enhanced capabilities will enable TeLEOS-2 to be successfully placed in the desired orbit.
- ✓ This will be ISRO's third launch of the year, with the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) and LVM3 being used in the previous two launches. ISRO to launch three Singapore satellites in June 2022 in PSLV C-53 mission

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- ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota
- ISRO has successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- ISRO has successfully launched India's largest Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) rocket/OneWeb India-2 Mission with 36 satellites onboard from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ISRO successfully launched a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -C52(PSLV-C52) on 14 February 2022 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- The PSLV-C52 rocket carried three satellites EOS-04 ,INSPIR Esat-1and INS-2TD).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch OneWeb India-2 mission from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- Under a commercial agreement with NewSpace India Ltd, will launch 72 satellites of UK-based Network Access Associates Ltd and place them in low Earth orbit.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently successfully carried out a controlled descent of its 12-year-old low earth orbit satellite Megha Tropiques-1 (MT-1) into the Pacific Ocean.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently released images of Earth captured by the EOS-06 satellite.



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- Earth Observation satellite (EOS-6) is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series.
- Indian Space Research Organization has launched its smallest rocket SSLV-D2 into space from Satish Dhawan Space Center (Sriharikota).
- ISRO's SSLV-D2 flew into space carrying three satellites with it.
- These include ISRO's satellite EOS-07, Chennai-based space startup Spacekidz's satellite Azad SAT-2 and American company Antaris's satellite JANUS -1.
- All these three satellites will be placed in circular orbit 450 km apart.
- An Earth-observation satellite jointly developed by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and ISRO will be sent to India in late February 2023 for a possible launch in September.
- India's first ever private Vikram-S (Suborbital) rocket was launched on 18 November from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- Vikram-S, designed by Skyroot Aerospace.
- ISRO has successfully launched its heaviest rocket LVM3-M2, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota spaceport, Andhra Pradesh on 23 October 2022. The mission, which was named LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1, carried 36 broadband communication satellites of OneWeb Company.
- ISRO will launch 36 satellites of OneWeb, the UK's global communications network, on October 23, 2022.
- The name of the rocket is LVM3, it was earlier called GSLV Mk III.
- ISRO 'Shukrayaan I' mission to planet Venus reportedly shifted to 2031.
- ISRO is doing to boost the use of 'NAVigation with the Indian Constellation' (NavIC), India's version of GPS.
- ISRO has unveiled spectacular images of the Earth taken by its Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-06), also known as Oceansat-3.
- CE-20 cryogenic engine, which will power the nation's rocket for the third moon mission, Chandrayaan-3, had a flight acceptance hot test that was successfully completed, according to the ISRO.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Founded : 15 August 1969



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- HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka
- Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India

Q. AS per the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2023, what is the rank of India in the number of startup unicorns?

- A) third B) sixth
C) fourth D) fifth

Answer : A

- ✓ As per the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2023, India has retained its position as the third-largest hub for startup unicorns with total 68 unicorns. This is up by 14 compared to previous year.
- ✓ The United States has the highest number of unicorns. It is followed by China at second place.
- ✓ Israel and Russia are among top five respectively.
- ✓ The edtech firm BYJU'S has been named as India's top unicorn with a valuation worth US\$22 billion.
- ✓ It is followed by foodtech platform Swiggy and fantasy sports platform Dream11 with a valuation of US\$8 bn each.

Q. IIT Madras has planned to set up its first International campus in which country?

- A) Tanzania B) Kenya
C) Senegal D) Ethiopia

Answer : A

- ✓ The IIT Madras has planned to set up its first International campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- ✓ This will be the first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to be set up in an African country.
- ✓ IIT Madras observed its 64th Institute Day on April 20, 2023.



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- ✓ About Tanzania
- ✓ Tanzania, East African country situated just south of the Equator.
- ✓ President: Samia Suluhu Hassan
- ✓ Capital: Dodoma
- ✓ Currency: Tanzanian shilling

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- IIT Madras has planned to set up its first International campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- IIT-incubated firm develops BharOS The Indigenous Operating System.
- 'Saarang 2023' India's Largest Student-Run Festival Begins at IIT Madras.
- IIT Madras won Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022.
- IIT Madras & DRDO tie-up for Advanced Defence Technologies.
- IIT Madras has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA.
- IIT Madras is partnering with Australian Universities to launch 'Australia-India Centre for Energy (AICE).
- Cochin Shipyard, IIT-Madras sign pact to support maritime startups.
- IIT-Madras and NASA researchers study microbes on space station.
- National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022.
- Ashok Leyland, IIT Madras tie up to develop hybrid EVS Using Turbine Tech.
- IBM and IIT Madras collaborate to promote quantum computing in India.
- IIT Madras joins Inspire Institute of Sports for innovative boxing analytics software.
- Vedanta collaborates with company started from IIT Madras.
- Indian Railways and IIT Madras Partner To Develop India's First Indigenous Hyperloop .
- IIT Madras creates robots to clean septic tanks without human under the name "HomoSEP," .
- Nilekani Center established by IIT-M to promote Indian language technology

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "SACHIN@50: Celebrating a Maestro"?

A) Ravi Chaturvedi

B) Jatin Sapru

C) Sushil Doshi

D) Boria Majumdar



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Answer : D

- ✓ Boria Majumdar, one of India's most influential sports commentators and columnist has come out with a new book on the legendary cricket star Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar.
- ✓ The book titled "SACHIN@50: Celebrating a Maestro" will be released on April 24, 2023, the day when Sachin will mark his 50th birthday.
- ✓ This book is a collection of the remarkable achievements of Tendulkar, the 'God of cricket' as a tribute.
- ✓ Playing It My Way is the autobiography of former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of WRI India?

- A) Kiran Pasricha
- C) Madhav Pai

- B) Ashok Khosla
- D) Shashishekhar Pandit

Answer : C

- ✓ The WRI India has appointed Madhav Pai as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the institute on April 19, 2023.
- ✓ He will lead and oversee WRI India's strategy, operations and activities in his new role.
- ✓ Pai succeeds former CEO O P Agarwal.
- ✓ About WRI India
- ✓ WRI India is an independent policy think tank focussed on developing a low carbon economy.
- ✓ WRI India is legally registered as the India Resources Trust.
- ✓ WRI India is associated with the Washington DC-based World Resources Institute (WRI), a global research organisation to provide cutting edge analysis to address global environment and development challenges.
- ✓ WRI India works to foster environmentally sound and socially equitable development.
- ✓ WRI India's mission is to move human society to live in ways that protect Earth's environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations.

Q. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has planned to set up its first overseas office in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- C) Bangkok

- B) Abu Dhabi
- D) Seoul

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has signed a host member agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to officially open its first overseas office in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ AIIB Abu Dhabi will serve as an Interim Operational Hub (the Hub).
- ✓ The AIIB Hub in the UAE will give a robust platform to the bank to manage growing investment portfolio, enhance client and member engagement, project monitoring and implementation services across the globe.
- ✓ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- ✓ Founded : 2016
- ✓ HQ : Beijing, China
- ✓ President : Jin Liqun

Q. The largest multipurpose indoor stadium of the northeastern state of India is being set up in which city?

- A) Imphal
- B) Guwahati
- C) Shillong
- D) Agartala

Answer : C

- ✓ The state government of Meghalaya, under Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma is setting up a multipurpose indoor stadium in Shillong, which would be the largest multipurpose indoor stadium in the northeastern region.
- ✓ The stadium is being constructed by renovation, upgradation and expansion of the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, locally known as Polo Ground, in Shillong.
- ✓ It is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- ✓ The seating capacity of the renovated stadium would be 30,000.
- ✓ The indoor stadium would have facilities for different disciplines such as basketball, squash, badminton, table tennis, volleyball among others

Q. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is committed to develop around 10,000 kilometres of Optic Fibre Cables (OFC) infrastructure across the country by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2024
- C) 2023
- D) 2026

Answer : A



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- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) aims to develop around 10,000 kilometres of Optic Fibre Cables (OFC) infrastructure across the country by 2024-2025.
- ✓ This initiative will help in providing internet connectivity to remote locations and expediting the roll-out of new-age telecom technologies like 5G & 6G.
- ✓ The National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), NHAI's fully-owned special purpose vehicle, will implement the network of "digital highways" by developing integrated utility corridors along the national highways to develop OFC infrastructure.

Q. Which Govt has announces a 4% reservation for Divyang employees in promotions?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Maharashtra Government has announced a 4% reservation for Divyang employees in promotions. The state cabinet has decided that this reservation will apply for those cadres in which the proportion of recruitment through direct service is not more than 75 percent.
- ✓ The state cabinet has also decided to clear all pending dues as per the Seventh Pay Commission for non-teaching staff serving across all non-agricultural universities.
- ✓ The arrears will be paid in five installments on 1st July every year, over the next five years.

Q. Tier 2, 3 Indian cities saw ___% growth in loan applications in 2022.

- A) 139%
- B) 151%
- C) 162%
- D) 178%

Answer : C

- ✓ According to Prodigy Finance's Study Abroad Insights Report 2022, its services have received significant growth in Tier 2 and Tier 3 regions in India, where they saw an uptick of 162%.
- ✓ Cities like Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi, and Chennai have the highest number of loan applications in 2022.
- ✓ In Tier 1 cities, Delhi saw a massive increase of 237% followed by Hyderabad.
- ✓ Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities witnessed a growth of an average of 53% and 109% respectively..



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Q. Which government has launched a project 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' to revive sports culture

Q. Biggest International School in Maharashtra to be setup in which city?

- A) Pune
B) Mumbai
C) Nagpur
D) Aurangabad

Answer : A

- ✓ Pune to get the biggest international school in Maharashtra
- ✓ Wellington College, one of the top UK schools with a 170-year-old heritage, has set up a K-12 School in Pune with its academic year beginning in September 2023.
- ✓ Wellington College International Pune, with its extensive academic facilities totalling more than 4,00,000 sq. ft.,
- ✓ It is one of the biggest International Schools to open in Maharashtra.
- ✓ The school will be built in collaboration with a Singapore-based education company and will follow international standards.

Q. Which bank has introduced SIB SEAFARER and SIB PULSE, two flexible saving accounts?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ For NRI customers, South Indian Bank has introduced SIB SEAFARER and SIB PULSE, two flexible saving accounts.
- ✓ With these products, NRIs now have the option to keep either deposits or the required minimum amount in their savings accounts.
- ✓ Healthcare personnel and mariners both now have access to flexible savings accounts, which proves that South Indian Bank has been working to streamline banking requirements and offer top-notch customer service.



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- ✓ Flexibility to maintain a minimum balance of Rs. 10,000/- in linked accounts
- ✓ No minimum balance is required for the maintenance of the NRI Term Deposit of Rs.2 lakh and above
- ✓ South Indian Bank
- ✓ Founded – 1929
- ✓ Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala
- ✓ Chairman – Salim Gangadharan
- ✓ MD & CEO – Murali Ramakrishnan
- ✓ Tagline – Experience Next Generation Banking.

Q. Miguel Diaz-Canel has been re-elected as the president of which country?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Cuba
- C) Kenya
- D) Ethiopia

Answer : B

- ✓ Miguel Díaz-Canel has been re-elected as President of the Republic of Cuba for a second five-year term on April 19, 2023 by the National Assembly of the People's Power.
- ✓ Salvador Valdés Mesa has also been re-elected as Vice President.
- ✓ Díaz-Canel received 97.66% of the vote, while Valdés Mesa received 93.4%.
- ✓ The leadership body of the National Assembly was re-elected by parliamentarians.
- ✓ Juan Esteban Lazo Hernández, Ana María Mari Machado and Homero Acosta Álvarez were re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary of the National Assembly, respectively.
- ✓ About Cuba
- ✓ President - Miguel Diaz-Canel
- ✓ Capital - Havana
- ✓ Currency - Cuban peso
- ✓ Prime Minister - Manuel Marrero Cruz

Q. A four-team Intercontinental Cup will be held in which city?

- A) Bhubaneswar
- B) New Delhi
- C) Guwahati
- D) Bengaluru

Answer : A

- ✓ A four-team Intercontinental Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar from June 9 to 18.



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- ✓ This will be the third edition of the tournament with the previous two being held in Mumbai (2018) and Ahmedabad (2019).
- ✓ Host India will be joined by Lebanon, Mongolia and Vanuatu in the tournament.
- ✓ The Indian men's national team had previously never played against Mongolia and Vanuatu. Against Lebanon, the hosts hold a record of playing six matches.

Q. INIOCHOS-23 Exercise will be conducted between India and which country from 24 Apr 2023 to 4 May 2023?

- A) China
- B) Greece
- C) Ethiopia
- D) Norway

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in Exercise INIOCHOS-23, a multi-national air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force, the air force of Greece.
- ✓ The exercise will be conducted at the Andravida Air Base in Greece from 24 Apr 2023 to 4 May 2023.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force will be participating with four Su-30 MKI and two C-17 aircraft.
- ✓ The exercise will be conducted in a realistic combat scenario involving a wide variety of air and surface assets.
- ✓ Objective of Exercise INIOCHOS-23
- ✓ The exercise aims to enhance international cooperation, synergy and interoperability among the participating air forces.
- ✓ About exercise INIOCHOS-23
- ✓ This exercise to be held at Greece's Andravida Air Base is considered to be Europe's biggest air exercise.
- ✓ Many countries like France, Italy are participating in this. The Indian Air Force will participate in this exercise for the first time.
- ✓ The exercise will see participation of air assets from countries like France, USA, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Jordan apart from India's Su-30MKIs.



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Q. Who launched the world's largest and most powerful rocket 'Starship' Key launching failure?

- A) ISRO
B) European Space Agency
C) NASA
D) SpaceX

Answer : D

- ✓ SpaceX's next-generation Starship, the world's biggest rocket, exploded during its first test-flight to space near Brownsville, Texas.
- ✓ SpaceX's Starship spacecraft and Super Heavy rocket– collectively referred to as Starship.
- ✓ Super Heavy rocket is the first stage, or booster, of the Starship launch system.
- ✓ It is powered by 33 Raptor engines using sub-cooled liquid methane (CH₄) and liquid oxygen (LOX).
- ✓ The Raptor engine is a reusable methane-oxygen staged-combustion engine that powers the Starship system.
- ✓ Super Heavy is fully reusable and will re-enter Earth's atmosphere to land back at the launch site.
- ✓ It is a fully reusable transportation system designed to carry both crew and cargo to Earth orbit, the Moon, Mars, and beyond.
- ✓ It is the world's most powerful launch vehicle ever developed, capable of carrying up to 150 metric tons fully reusable

Q. 'Cheiraoba' is a festival celebrated in which state?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Cheiraoba is considered to be one of the most important festivals of Manipur and it marks the beginning of the lunar new year for the people of Meitei community of Manipur and across the globe.
- ✓ The festival is also called as Sajibu Nongma Pānba which means "First day of Sajibu Month".

Q. Which day is marked as the 'Civil Services Day' in India every year by the Central Government?

- A) April 17
B) April 18
C) April 20
D) April 21



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Answer : D

- ✓ In India, the 'Civil Services Day' is celebrated on April 21 every year as a thanks giving day to all the Civil Servants for their service to the society and also for Civil Servants to 'rededicate themselves to the cause of citizen and renew their commitments to public service'.
- ✓ The day April 21 has been chosen to commemorate the day when the first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi.
- ✓ In his address, he called Civil Servants, the 'Steel Frame of India'.

Q. The theme of World Creativity and Innovation Day in 2023 is step out and innovate. When is the day marked annually?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Creativity and Innovation Day (#WCID) is celebrated on April 21 every year.
- ✓ Theme in 2023: "step out and innovate"
- ✓ The World Creativity and Innovation Week is observed from April 15-21.
- ✓ The United Nations recognised the day in April 2017.
- ✓ The first UN World Creativity and Innovation Day was celebrated on April 21, 2018.
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of creativity and innovation in problem solving and encourage creative multidisciplinary thinking at the individual and group levels.

Q. International Mother Earth Day is observed on which day of the year?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ World Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on 22 April to show support for environmental protection.
- ✓ Its purpose is to create awareness among people about environmental protection.
- ✓ The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970, and is now coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG (formerly Earth Day Network).



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- ✓ The event is celebrated by over 1 billion people in over 193 countries.
- ✓ The official theme for World Earth Day 2023 is "Invest in our Planet".
- ✓ The idea of Earth Day was proposed by peace activist John McConnell at a UNESCO conference in San Francisco in 1969.
- ✓ The first Earth Day was celebrated on March 21, 1970, and later changed to April 22, 1970 by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson
- ✓ World Earth Day was initially focused on the United States, but became an international event in 1990 with events held in 141 countries.
- ✓ The landmark Paris Agreement was signed by the United States, the United Kingdom, China and 120 other countries on Earth Day 2016.

Q. What is the theme of 2023 International Mother Earth Day?

- A) Protect our Species B) Invest in our Planet
C) Restore Our Earth D) Harmony with Nature

Answer : B



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