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Aparchit April 4th Week Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts April-2023 Set 04 By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Which film has won the best film award at the 68th Filmfare Awards for the year 2023?

- A) Gangubai Kathiawadi B) Drishyam 2
C) The Kashmir Files D) Brahmastra

Answer : A

- ✓ The 68th Filmfare Awards, (also known as Hyundai Filmfare Awards 2023 for promotional purpose) was presented on 28 April 2023, to honour artistic and technical excellence in Hindi cinema for the year 2022.
- ✓ Gangubai Kathiawadi starring Alia Bhatt, won most number of awards, at 10
- ✓ Filmfare Awards is one of the oldest award dedicated to the Hindi film industry. The awards were first introduced in 1954.
- ✓ The list of winners of the Filmfare Awards 2023 are given below.
 1. Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi
 - 2..Best Film (Critics') : Badhaai Do
 3. Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do
 4. Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
 5. Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Gangubai Kathiawadi.
 6. Best Actor (Critics'): Sanjay Mishra for Vadh
 7. Best Actress (Critics'): Bhumi Pednekar for Badhaai Do and Tabu for Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2.
 8. Lifetime Achievement Award: Prem Chopra
 9. Best Playback Singer (Male): Arijit Singh for Kesariya from Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
 10. Best Playback Singer (Female): Kavita Seth for Rangisari from Jug Jugg Jeeyo

MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023

- 68TH FILMFARE AWARDS, (also known as HYUNDAI FILMFARE AWARDS 2023)
- Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Actor : Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do
- Best Actress : Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi



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- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Gangubai Kathiawadi.
- 95TH ACADEMY AWARDS (OSCARS AWARDS 2023)
- Best Picture : Everything Everywhere All At Once
- Best Actress : Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Actor : Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
- Best Director : Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Original Song : "Naatu Naatu" (RRR)
- Best Documentary Short Film : 'The Elephant Whisperers' by Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga
- 76TH BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS (BAFTAs)
- Best Film : All Quiet on the Western Front
- Best Actress : Cate Blanchett, (Tar)
- Best Actor : Austin Butler, (Elvis)
- Best Director : Edward Berger, (All Quiet on the Western Front)
- DADASAHEB PHALKE INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS - 2023
- Best Film: The Kashmir Files
- Best Actor: Ranbir Kapoor for Brahmastra: Part 1
- Best Actress: Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Director: R Balki for Chup: Revenge of The Artist
- Film of The Year : RRR

OTHERS FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023

- South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony, the film's Telugu song 'Naatu Naatu' has won the Best Song award.
- RRR has bagged three big awards at the Hollywood Critics Association (HCA) Film Awards 2023.
- SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.
- The film is based on the lives of real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem.



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- The song 'Naatu Naatu' is composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaal Bhairav and Rahul Sipligunj.
- Aparna Sen Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award at Jaipur Film Festival.

Q. Who won the Best Actor Award at the 68th Filmfare Awards for the year 2023?

- A) Ayushman Khurana B) Ranbir Kapoor
C) Rajkumar Rao D) Ranveer Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do

Q. Who won the best director award at the 68th Filmfare Awards for the year 2023?

- A) Kabir Khan B) Vishnuvardhan
C) Laxman Utekar D) Sanjay Leela Bhansali

Answer : D

- ✓ Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Gangubai Kathiawadi

Q. Who won the best actress award in the Filmfare Awards 2023?

- A) Alia Bhatt B) Kriti Sanon
C) Kiara Advani D) Ananya Panday

Answer : A

- ✓ Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi

Q. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Bank of India (BOI)?

- A) Shyam Srinivasan B) Rajiv Lall
C) Rajneesh Karnatak D) Atanu Chakraborty

Answer : C

- ✓ **Rajneesh Karnatak** has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Bank of India (BOI) with effect from April 29, 2023.
- ✓ Prior to this, Karnatak was the Executive Director at the Union Bank of India.
- ✓ He has been appointed for a term of three years.
- ✓ He replaces Atanu Kumar Das, whose term came to an end in January 2023



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- ✓ Bank of India (BOI)
- ✓ Founded : 1906
- ✓ Headquarteres : Mumbai
- ✓ MD & CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak
- ✓ Tagline : Relationship beyond Banking

NEWLY MD & CEO IN NEWS 2023

- Rajneesh Karnatak Named As New MD and Chairman Of Bank Of India.
- Debadatta Chand named as new Managing Director of Bank of Baroda.
- Sekhar Rao appointed as interim MD and CEO of Karnataka Bank.
- Manmeet K Nanda appointed as MD & CEO of Invest India.
- Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been elevated as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- Tata Power approves re-appointment of Praveer Sinha as CEO and MD.
- Mahindra Finance Appointed Raul Rebello as MD and CEO-Designate.
- Tech Mahindra named former Infosys President Mohit Joshi as MD and CEO.
- K Satyanarayana Raju named as new MD and CEO of Canara Bank.
- Ashwani Kumar name as MD and CEO of UCO Bank.
- Pankaj Gupta named as MD and CEO of Pramerica Life Insurance
- Arnab Banerjee named as MD & CEO of CEAT tyre.
- Pranav Haridasan to be new MD and CEO of Axis Securities.
- B Gopkumar named as Axis Mutual Fund's MD and CEO.
- Anup Bagchi, MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential Life.
- K Krithivasan Appointed CEO Designate of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- Surinder Chawla appointed as MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Bank.
- Rohit Jawa has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Ltd.



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Q. Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation of India till June 2024?

- A) Siddhartha Mohanty B) TC Suseel Kumar
C) Vipin Anand D) Mukesh Kumar Gupta

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Government has approved the appointment of Siddhartha Mohanty as Chairperson of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) till June 29, 2024.
- ✓ Before this, Mohanty was to superannuate as LIC CEO and MD in June 2025.
- ✓ He took over as interim chairman of LIC in March 2023 for three months.
- ✓ Mohanty is one of the four managing directors at LIC.
- ✓ Before joining LIC as MD, Mohanty was serving as MD and chief executive officer of LIC Housing Finance – one of the largest mortgage financiers in the country.

LIC IN NEWS 2023

- Siddhartha Mohanty appointed as Chairman of LIC Until June 2024.
- Ratnakar Patnaik appointed as new Chief Investment Officer of LIC.
- Tablesh Pandey and M. Jagannath have been appointed as the managing directors of the Life Insurance Company (LIC).
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched LIC Jeevan Azad Plan.
- The minimum basic sum assured under LIC Jeevan Azad Plan is Rs 2 lakh and the maximum basic sum assured is Rs 5 lakh. The policy can be taken for term of 15 to 20 years.
- LIC to divest 60.72% share in IDBI Bank.
- LIC presently has four managing directors
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- Founded : 1956
- Headquarters : Mumbai
- Chairman : Siddhartha Mohanty
- Managing directors (MD) : [4](Tablesh Pandey and M. Jagannath ,B C Patnaik and Ipe Mini).
- It is India's largest life insurance company and also the country's largest investment company.
- Authorised Capital of LIC - Rs 25,000 Crore.



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- At Rs 21,000 crore, LIC is India's largest IPO.

Q. Which bank has recently raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, has raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth.
- ✓ SBI has concluded the issue of USD 750 million senior unsecured fixed rate notes having a maturity of 5 years and coupon of 4.875 percent payable semiannually under Regulation-S.
- ✓ Earlier this month, the bank's board had approved a proposal to raise \$2 billion (about Rs 16,000 crore) from bonds to fund its global operations.

SBI IN NEWS 2022-23

- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, has raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian" and the book celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and 200 years of SBI's history.
- SBI to launch new current accounts and savings accounts in FY24 to attract deposits.
- The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "Parivar" (family) account.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced the completion of a \$1 billion syndicated social loan facility.
- The facility of \$1 billion was arranged through MLABs, MUFG bank and Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has partnered with the NGO That's Eco Foundation to donate ₹48 lakh for the plantation of 32,000 tree saplings at Garden City University in Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 3,717 crore through its third Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 bond issuance in the current financial year at coupon rate of 8.25 per cent..



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- SBI reintroduces 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term deposit scheme and provides an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- State Bank of India has signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects.
- Union Ministry of Finance has nominated Vivek Joshi as a Director to the Board of State Bank of India (SBI).
- State Bank of India (SBI) surpassed Rs 6 trillion in Assets Under Management (AUM) under the Home Loan segment.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has bought the entire 13.82 per cent stakes held by Small Industrial Bank of India (SIDBI), Bank of Maharashtra and Union Bank of India in the SBI Global Factors Ltd (SBIGFL).
- SBI has reduced the interest rate on savings accounts by a marginal 5 basis points to 2.70 per cent effective from 15 October 2022. 100 basis points is equal to 1%.
- SBI launches 'Gram Seva Program' across six states of India (Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal).
- SBI hit market capitalization of Rs 5 trillion, share prices reach record high.



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- State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
- HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market.
- State Bank of India (SBI) to Raise Rs. 11,000 Crore in Basel III Bonds in fiscal year 2022–23 (FY23).
- State Bank of India (SBI)'s 'WECARE' Senior Citizens' Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme has extended upto 31st March 2023.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Managing Director (4) : Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us.
- It is one of the largest and oldest banks in India.

Q. Dubai-based airline Emirates has unveiled the world's first robotic check-in assistant. What is the name of this robot?

- A) Nadine
- B) Talos
- C) Sara
- D) Sophia

Answer : C

- ✓ Dubai-based airline Emirates has unveiled the world's first robotic check-in assistant named 'Sara'.



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- ✓ The system is part of a new City Check-in and Travel Store that is set to launch in Dubai's Financial District
- ✓ What is the world's first robotic check-in assistant 'Sara'?
- ✓ 'SARA' will match customers' faces with scanned passports, check in passengers and guide them to the baggage drop area.
- ✓ This facility allows customers to drop off their luggage at the airport up to 24 hours in advance and up to 4 hours before their flight.
- ✓ Passengers can check-in via self-check-in kiosks, with Emirates agents at dedicated desks or with the help of Sara.
- ✓ The robot is equipped with facial recognition technology and can print boarding passes to make the check-in process more efficient. Sara is also portable and can move around to help those in need.

ROBOTIC IN NEWS 2022-23

- Dubai-based airline Emirates has unveiled the world's first robotic check-in assistant named 'Sara'.
- Kerala becomes first state to use robotic scavengers to clean manholes.
- Kerala temple become India's first to induct robotic elephant for ritual duties.
- Indian-origin robotics engineer Amit Kshatriya to head NASA's newly-established Moon to Mars Programme
- Svaya Robotics unveils India's first homegrown quadruped robot and exoskeleton.
- India's first teaching robot, Eagle Robot introduced by Indus International School
- First-Ever 'Made In India' surgical robotic system installed at Rajiv Gandhi Institute.
- Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, unveiled a model of the humanoid "Optimus" robot,.
- The country's first Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) was launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute in which city?

- A) Port Blair
- B) Silvassa
- C) Puducherry
- D) Kavaratti



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Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute in Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- ✓ Notably, the foundation stone of NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute was also laid by the Prime Minister himself in January 2019.
- ✓ Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated 96 projects worth more than Rs 4,850 crores to the nation at Sayli ground, Silvassa. People lit mobile flashlights to welcome PM Modi in Silvassa.
- ✓ Thereafter, Prime Minister inaugurated Devka Seafront in Daman. The 5.45 km Seafront built at a cost of around Rs 165 crore is one of its kind coastal promenade in the country.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI IN NEWS 2023

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been rated as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 78 per cent, according to a survey by US-based consulting firm 'Morning Consult.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute' in Silvassa town, located in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated the various projects worth 22,000 crore rupees at a function organized at Dahod in Gujarat.
- Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Palasbari-Sualkuchi bridge over the Brahmaputra River.
- PM Modi launches railway projects, methanol plant in Assam
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of development projects worth more than Rs 38,000 crore in different sectors in Mumbai.
- Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for various projects worth over Rs 3,200 crore in Kerala.
- PM Modi to flag off India's first Water Metro in Kochi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the HAL Helicopter Factory to the nation in Tumakuru, Karnataka.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth Rs 75,000 crores in Maharashtra



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- PM Modi Inaugurates Asia's Largest Helicopter Manufacturing Facility In Karnataka's Tumakuru
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28th April virtually commissioned 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt at Diphu in Karbi Anglong district of Assam.
- The 100th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's radio program 'Mann Ki Baat' was broadcast live at the United Nations Headquarters.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express train.
- The inaugural train will run between Jaipur and Delhi Cantt Railway Station.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 14th edition of Aero India show in Bengaluru.
- The theme of the five-day event is 'The Runway to a Billion Opportunities'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan a national monument.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the eighth edition of the Raisina Dialogue on Geopolitics and Geostrategy in New Delhi.
- The theme of the eighth edition of the Raisina Dialogue is "Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest."
- Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has been invited as the chief guest
- PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 7th edition of Global Investors Summit', a flagship event of the state government in Indore, Madhya Pradesh..
- The theme of the two-day summit is 'Madhya Pradesh-The Future Ready State.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, revealed a book called 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangam Prashasti,' authored by Somnath Sanskrit University.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Aadi Mahotsav on 16th February 2023 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Aljamea-tus-Saifiyah, Arabic Academy of the Dawoodi Bohra Community in Mumbai..
- PM Modi to disburse 13th instalment of Rs 16,800cr under PM-KISAN.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express.
- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to France for the Bastille Day parade, which is scheduled for July 14th.



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Q. Who has launched the first of its kind 'Millets Experience Centre (MEC)' at Dilli Haat in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
B) Nirmala Sitharaman
C) Narendra Singh Tomar
D) Draupadi Murmu

Answer : C

- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the first of its kind 'Millets Experience Centre (MEC)' at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- ✓ India has an important role to play in the celebration of the International Year of Millets 2023.
- ✓ India is poised to become a 'Global Hub' for Millets and setting up of MEC is a major step in that direction.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023).
- ✓ About Millets Experience Centre
- ✓ The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) in association with the Ministry of Agriculture has set up the Millets Experience Centre.
- ✓ It aims to increase awareness about millet and encourage its adoption among the general public.
- ✓ Setting up a consumer-oriented 'Millets Experience Centre' will not only promote the dietary benefits of millets but also popularize Shree Anna (Millets) as a nutritional powerhouse.
- ✓ International Year of Millet (IYOM)-2023
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted India's resolution and declared 2023 as the International Year of millets in March 2021.
- ✓ India's proposal received the support of 72 countries.
- ✓ In 2021, NITI Aayog signed a letter of intent with the United Nations World Food Program (WFP).
- ✓ Millets and India
- ✓ According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), India is the largest producer of millet in the world.
- ✓ The total production of millets in India in 2020-21 was 17.96 million tonnes which was nearly 41% of the world production.
- ✓ Rajasthan was the largest millet producing state in India.



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- ✓ Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Uttarakhand being the top 10 states in terms of millet production.
- ✓ In India, millet is primarily a kharif crop, requiring less water and agricultural inputs.
- ✓ India declared 2018 as the National Year for Millets to promote millets for nutrition security.

MILLET IN NEWS 2023

- India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in New Delhi on 18th March, 2023.
- United Nations agency Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) hosted an opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.
- The 4th International Trade Fair of Millets and Organics Products began on 20 January 2023 at Tripuravasini, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The year 2023 is being observed all over the world as the International Year of the millets.
- The Government of India aims to make the International Year of the millets a 'People's Movement' and position India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'.
- India is the largest producer of millets in the world.
- According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation, global millet production in 2020 was 30.464 million metric tonnes (MMT), of which India accounted for 12.49 MMT or 41 per cent of the total millet production.
- India is the largest producer of millets in the world followed by Niger and China and the second largest exporter of these grains.
- The Government of India has set a target of production of 205 lakh tonnes of Nutri Cereals in the country by 2022-23.
- To promote the export of millets, a one-day 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' conclave was organised by the government on 5th December in New Delhi.
- Assam government launches millet mission to double the income of state farmers.



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- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced to observe the first Thursday of the Margasira month of the Hindu calendar on November 10 as 'Mandia Day' or 'Millet Day' in the state.

NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR IN NEWS 2023

- India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar 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.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the three-day 'Northeast Krishi Kumbh-2023' at Umiam in Meghalaya.
- Narender Singh Tomar inaugurates "AgriUnifest" in Bengaluru.
- It was organized by Bangalore Agricultural University in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the Summit on Farm Machinery Technology, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Tractor and Mechanisation Association (TMA) in New Delhi.
- Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the integrated 'Agriculture Investment Portal' will prove to be a milestone in terms of investment in the agriculture sector.
- Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.

Q. Which entity has entered into a partnership with digital payments infrastructure provider PPRO to facilitate global e-commerce payments through UPI?

- A) NPCI Bharat BillPay
- B) NPCI PayAuth Challenge
- C) NPCI International Payments
- D) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services



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Answer : C

- ✓ NPCI International Payments, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), entered into partnership with digital payments infrastructure provider PPRO to facilitate global e-commerce payments through UPI.
- ✓ The agreement is aimed at expanding RuPay card and UPI acceptance across global clients such as payment service providers (PSPs) and global merchant acquirers.
- ✓ It will drive NPCI International's expansion into foreign markets and will add India to PPRO's Local Payment Method (LPM) coverage map.
- ✓ International payment service providers and their merchants can now easily tap into an e-commerce market that is expected to reach an estimated \$111 billion next year and almost double to \$200 billion by 2026.
- ✓ The UPI network processes 60 percent of all domestic payments and 40 percent of instant payments processed globally.
- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- ✓ NPCI, an umbrella organization for operating retail payment and settlement systems in India, has been initiated by the 'RBI' and the 'Indian Banks' Association' (IBA) under the 'Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007'.
- ✓ It is a 'not-for-profit' company established under the provisions of Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956 (as amended in 2013), with the objective of providing physical and electronic payment infrastructure to the entire banking system in India.
- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI)
- ✓ Founded : 2008
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe
- ✓ Chairmam : Biswamohan Mahapatra
- ✓ About UPI
- ✓ Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a single platform that integrates various banking services and facilities under one umbrella.
- ✓ It is developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ The names of the top UPI apps currently are – PhonePe, Paytm, Google Pay, Amazon Pay and BHIM.



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- ✓ NPCI launched UPI in 2016 with 21 member banks.

Q. Who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Telugu Association of London?

- A) Dr. Piyush Kumar Sinha B) Dr. Sajid Hussain
C) Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti D) Dr. Anurag Sharan

Answer : C

- ✓ Breast surgeon Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Telugu Association of London. Dr.
- ✓ Raghu Ram is the founder and director of AKIMS-Ushalakshmi Center for Breast Disease, located in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Dr. Raghu Ram is one of the few persons to have received this prestigious award. He is also the only Indian living outside the UK to have been given this honour.
- ✓ The Telugu Association of London (TAL) recognized the extraordinary achievements of Dr. Raghu Ram by presenting him with the award during the Ugadi 2023 celebrations.
- ✓ TAL is the largest Telugu charity organisation in the UK and represents a Telugu speaking community of around 10,000 people in and around London.
- ✓ Founder President of TAL - Dr. Ramulu Dasoju
- ✓ Current President of TAL - Bharati Kandukuri

Q. Who is the author of the "Smoke and Ashes: A Writer's Journey Through Opium's Hidden Histories"?

- A) Chetan Bhagat B) Shashi Tharoor
C) Amitav Ghosh D) Arundhati Roy

Answer : C

- ✓ Amitav Ghosh's new non-fiction book, "Smoke and Ashes: A Writer's Journey Through Opium's Hidden Histories", will be published by HarperCollins Fourth Estate on July 15, 2023
- ✓ The book is a combination of memoir, travelogue, and cultural and economic history, which explores the often overlooked effects of opium on society and history.



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- ✓ Based on Ghosh's extensive research conducted while writing his trilogy of novels between 2005 and 2015, "Smoke and Ashes" takes a personal look at the author's engagement with the hidden history of opium
- ✓ About Amitav Ghosh
- ✓ He is a renowned writer who was born in Kolkata and brought up in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- ✓ He has written many acclaimed works of fiction, including "The Shadow Lines," "The Glass Palace," "The Hungry Tide," "Gun Island," "The Nutmeg's Curse," "Jungle Nama," and "The Living Mountain."
- ✓ His works have been translated into more than 30 languages, making him a globally recognized author.
- ✓ In 2019, Ghosh received the Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour, becoming the first English-language writer to receive this recognition.

Q. Who has launched a book titled 'Reflections'?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman B) Draupadi Murmu
C) Narendra Modi D) Amit Shah

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman released the book 'Reflections' authored by noted banker Shri Narayanan Vaghul .
- ✓ The book is a vivid account of Mr. Vaghul's experiences in India's financial landscape over the decades.
- ✓ Shri KV Kamath, Chairman, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NABFID), Ajay Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Group, J.P. Kalpana Morparia, former president of Morgan South and South East Asia, was also present.
- ✓ Widely regarded as the architect of modern banking in India, Mr. Vaghul's book chronicles the dramatic, humorous and momentous events during his illustrious career.
- ✓ The processes established by Mr. Vaghul have become strong and sustainable practices in the Indian financial ecosystem

Q. The International Jazz Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- A) 29 April B) 28 April
C) 30 April D) 26 April

Answer : C



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- ✓ The International Jazz Day is celebrated on 30 April every year to highlight the importance of jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.
- ✓ This Day was declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 2011.
- ✓ The 2023 celebration marks 12th Anniversary of International Jazz Day.
- ✓ The day was created on the idea of jazz pianist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock.

Q. AJEYA WARRIOR is an annual joint military exercise of Indian Army with which country?

- A) Singapore
- B) Malaysia
- C) United States
- D) United Kingdom

Answer : D

- ✓ The 7th edition of joint military exercise between India and the United Kingdom, named "AJEYA WARRIOR-23" is being conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom from 27 April to 11 May 2023.
- ✓ The biennial training exercise AJEYA WARRIOR is conducted alternatively in the United Kingdom and India.
- ✓ The previous edition was held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand in October 2021.
- ✓ The Indian Army soldiers from the BIHAR Regiment are participating in the exercise, while the UK will be represented by the Soldiers of the 2 Royal Gorkha Rifles.
- ✓ Other Exercises between India and United Kingdom
- ✓ Exercise Konkan (naval exercise)
- ✓ Exercise 'Indradhanush' (Air Force Exercise)
- ✓ Ajeya Warrior (Joint Military Exercise)

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

- The 7th edition of joint military exercise between India and the United Kingdom, named "AJEYA WARRIOR-23" is being conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom.
- Indian Navy and Royal Navy conducted annual bilateral maritime Exercise KONKAN 2023 off Konkan Coast in the Arabian Sea.
- Indian Air Force and the US Air Force will conduct the bilateral air exercise 'Cope India' from April 10 to 21, 2023 at the air force base in Kalaikunda, West Bengal.



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- INS Androth, second in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched on March 21, 2023, in Kolkata.
- Africa-India field training exercise AFINDEX-23 to be held in Pune.
- Indian Navy deployed a P8I aircraft to Guam, USA, on March 14, 2023, to participate in the third edition of 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23', a coordinated multi-lateral Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft organized by the US Navy.
- Operation Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour training exercise, was held from March 6–13, 2023, in Jodhpur Military Station in India.
- Indian Ocean Area will host the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse. The Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy, and United States Navy.
- Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea.
- 2023 edition of Indian Navy's major maritime exercise Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX), is currently underway in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Indian Army and the French Army will hold their first joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23, at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces.
- A joint training exercise "Exercise Trishakri Prahar" was conducted in North Bengal.
- The fourth iteration of the biennial training exercise DUSTLIK (2023) will be held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- First joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian and the Egyptian Army, 'Exercise Cyclone – I' started on 14 January at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- A joint counter-terrorism exercise Tarkash between National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF) culminated in Chennai.
- India and Japan has kick started an exercise 'Ex Dharma Guardian' at Camp Imazu in Shiga Province, Japan.
- Indian Air Force to Conduct Exercise 'PRALAY' in Northeastern Part of India



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- ✓ Besides, the government has also proposed to set up 4 Medical devices Parks in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ With this new policy, the government aims to achieve 10-12 percent share in the growing global market over the next 25 years. Currently India's share in the global medical devices market is just around 1.5 percent.
- ✓ The National Medical Devices Policy, 2023 is expected to help the market size of medical devices sector to grow from \$11 billion (Rs 90,000 crore) in 2020, to \$50 billion (Rs 4.5 trillion) by 2030.
- ✓ Among other things, the policy aims at establishing "centres of excellence" in academic and research institutions, innovation hubs, "plug and play" infrastructure and support to start-ups.
- ✓ The policy also envisages the creation of a dedicated Export Promotion Council for the sector.
- ✓ Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya

Q. What is the additional corpus support provided in the Union Budget for FY 2023-24 to the CGTMSE Scheme?

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹4,500 crore
- C) ₹7,500 crore
- D) ₹9,000 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister for MSME Shri Narayan Rane launched the revamped CGTMSE Scheme in Mumbai 27th April 2023.
- ✓ * CGTMSE has been provided with an additional corpus support of ₹9,000 crore in the Union Budget for FY 2023-24 to revamp its Scheme to provide guarantee for additional ₹2 lakh crore to Micro & Small Enterprises.
- ✓ Accordingly, the major revamp measures were launched and disseminated to the lending institutions. The modifications included reduction in guarantee fees for loans upto ₹1 crore by 50% bringing the minimum guarantee fee to the level of 0.37% pa only.
- ✓ Another major change announced was raising of ceiling for guarantee from ₹2 crore to ₹ 5 crore and enhancing the threshold limit for claim settlement without initiation of legal action to ₹10 lakh



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Q. Who will be awarded Prestigious Immigrant Achievement Award 2023 for her contributions to higher education in the US?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Neeli Bendapudi, the Indian American president of Penn State University, will receive this year's prestigious Immigrant Achievement Award 2023 for her contributions to higher education in the US.
- ✓ The award is presented each year to an individual or organization that exhibits a commitment and dedication to America's heritage as a nation of immigrants and advocacy for humane immigration policy.
- ✓ The award recognizes individuals that exhibit commitment and dedication to our heritage as a nation of immigrants.
- ✓ Bendapudi is the first woman and the first person of colour who has served as Penn State University's president.

Q. Who has been awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award 1959?

- A) Shinzo Abe
B) Dalai Lama
C) Angela Merkel
D) Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Answer : B

- ✓ Dalai Lama personally received the 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award from members of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation at his residence.
- ✓ President of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, Susanna B. Affan, along with Foundation Trustee Emily A. Abrera, presented the award to the Dalai Lama.
- ✓ The award was given in August 1959 by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation in the Philippines.
- ✓ The Dalai Lama's elder brother Gyalo Thonden accepted the Magsaysay Award on his behalf in August 1959 in Manila, Philippines.
- ✓ Since his exile from Tibet in 1959, the Dalai Lama has been living in India.
- ✓ Dalai Lama:
- ✓ He is the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people and is considered one of the most important figures in Tibetan Buddhism.



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- ✓ The title "Dalai Lama" is a combination of the Mongolian word "Dalai," meaning ocean, and the Tibetan word "lama," meaning master, teacher, or mentor.
- ✓ The Dalai Lama is believed to be an incarnation of Avalokiteshvara, the bodhisattva of compassion.
- ✓ The current 14th Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso, who was born in Tibet in 1935.
- ✓ He was recognized as the Dalai Lama at the age of two and was enthroned in 1950.
- ✓ In 1959, he had been living in exile in India since a failed rebellion against Chinese rule.
- ✓ About Ramon Magsaysay Award
- ✓ It is an annual award that recognizes individuals and organisations in Asia for exceptional courage, integrity and service to their communities.
- ✓ The award was established in 1957 and is named after the late Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay.
- ✓ The award is given in six categories: government service, public service, community leadership, journalism, creative arts, and peace and international understanding.
- ✓ The award has recognized individuals and organisations from various fields and is known as the "Nobel Prize of Asia".
- ✓ Ramon Magsaysay Award
- ✓ Established : 1957
- ✓ First award : 1958
- ✓ Vinoba Bhave was the 1st Magsaysay Award winner in 1958 (first Indian).
- ✓ This award was created to commemorate Ramon Magsaysay, the late president of Philippines.
- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's premier prize and highest honour.
- ✓ It is considered as Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize
- ✓ This award is given in 6 categories
- ✓ These categories are:
 1. Government services (GS)
 2. Public services (PS)
 3. Community leadership(CL)
 4. Journalism, literature & creative communication arts (JLCCA)
 5. Peace and International Understanding (PIU)
 6. Emergent leadership (EL)
- ✓ Indian Recipients of Ramon Magsaysay Award



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1. Vinoba Bhave (1958)
2. Mother Teresa (1962)
3. Verghese Kurien (1963)
4. Jayaprakash Narayan (1965)
5. Manna Dey (1966)
6. Satyajit Ray (1967)
7. R. K. Laxman (1984)
8. Baba Amte (1985)
9. Kiran Bedi (1994)
10. Arvind Kejriwal (2006)
11. T. M. Krishna (2016)
12. Ravish Kumar (2019)

Q. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award given by which country?

- A) United States B) New Zealand
C) Germany D) Philippines

Answer : D

Q. Which Ministry has launched 'City Beauty Competition' portal?

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
D) Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched a portal called 'City Beauty Competition'.
- ✓ The portal can be accessed at <https://citybeautycompetition.in>
- ✓ All the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the country can participate in this competition through an online process.
- ✓ The objective of the competition is to encourage cities and wards across the country to create beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces and recognize the transformational efforts made by them.



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- ✓ The competition at city level will judge wards and public spaces against five broad pillars viz., (i) accessibility (ii) amenities (iii) activities (iv) aesthetics and (v) ecology.
- ✓ The top most beautiful wards would be felicitated at the city and State levels.
- ✓ The top most beautiful public spaces in the cities under four categories viz. Waterfronts, Green spaces, tourist/ heritage spaces and market/commercial places would first be felicitated at the State level and the shortlisted entries would thereafter be considered for National level awards.
- ✓ Celebrating the beauty and diversity of our urban areas!
- ✓ Celebrating the beauty and diversity of our urban areas! This city beauty competition is an opportunity for the cities and wards to showcase their beautification projects and development initiative

Q. PM Modi inaugurated how many FM transmitters to boost radio connectivity in the country?

- A) 76
B) 83
C) 91
D) 102

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 91 new 100W FM transmitters across the country to boost radio connectivity, with his flagship broadcast set to complete 100 episodes on April 30.
- ✓ The beginning of 91 FM transmitters by All India Radio is like a present for 85 districts and 2 crore people of the nation. The districts covered under the new 91 FM transmitters are aspirational districts and blocks. He congratulated All India Radio for the momentous achievement.
- ✓ According to a statement issued by the government, the PM said the inauguration of 91 FM transmitters forwards the policies of the government that gives preference to the underprivileged who have been deprived of this facility so far

Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)?

- A) Salil Parekh
B) Hari Hara Mishra
C) C Vijayakumar
D) Rajan Amba

Answer : B

- ✓ Hari Hara Mishra has taken charge as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies.



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- ✓ The day is promoted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003 to prevent accidents and illnesses at work.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 is “A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work”.

Q. Dr N. Gopalakrishnan has passed away, he was associated with which field?

- A) Film Industry B) Science
C) Business Industry D) Journalism

Answer : B

- ✓ Renowned scientist Dr N. Gopalakrishnan recently passed away. Gopalakrishnan was a renowned scientist at the Advanced Seismic Testing and Research Laboratory (ASTaR) of CSIR- Structural Engineering Research Center (SERC).
- ✓ He also served as the Director at CSIR- Central Building Research Institute (CBRI). Prime Minister Narendra Modi met scientist Dr N. Deeply saddened by the demise of Gopalakrishnan

Q. The Mana village has been designated as ‘India’s first village’ by BRO, as it is situated on the India-China border. In which state is this village located?

- A) Himachal Pradesh B) Uttarakhand
C) Sikkim D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Mana village on India-China border in UK’s Chamoli district declared as ‘India’s first village’ by BRO
- ✓ The Border Road Organisation (BRO) of India has put up a signboard saying ‘India’s first village’ in Mana, a village in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The Mana village is on the India-China border in Chamoli District.
- ✓ This decision is based on the initiative by PM Modi to declare all border villages in the country as the first villages and not the last as they are usually called.
- ✓ Mana village is situated near Himalayan temple, Badrinath.
- ✓ Devotees going to the temple usually go up to the village for sightseeing.



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Q. Manamadurai pottery has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag. Manamadurai is a pottery of which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Manamadurai pottery, a traditional form of pottery from Tamil Nadu, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ Manamadurai in Sivagangai district in Tamil Nadu is known for pottery making.
- ✓ The pottery is known for its distinctive style, which features intricate designs and vibrant colors.
- ✓ How are these pots made?
- ✓ The Vaigai River enriches the clay used for the Manamadurai pottery. Pot making requires expertise as the bottom has to be perfectly round. The circumference of the pot and the neck should be proportionate so that the pot sits flat on the ground.
- ✓ The right proportion of mud, clay and heating makes this product very strong. The main raw materials for making these pots are soil and water.
- ✓ The sand, collected from different places of the district, is used for making pottery and dried for two days. The particles of the mud get separated by sieving

LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

- Manamadurai pottery : Tamil Nadu
- 'Mircha' rice : Bihar
- Nagari Dubraj : Chhattisgarh
- Banarasi Paan : Uttar Pradesh
- Banarasi Langda Mango : Uttar Pradesh
- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Gamocha : Assam
- Beypore Uru : Kerala
- Bird's eye chilli' : Mizoram
- Mithila Makhana : Bihar
- Classical wind music instrument narasinghapettai nagaswaram : Tamil Nadu



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- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Kashmiri carpet : Jammu and Kashmir
- Sojat Mehndi : Rajasthan
- Judima rice : Assam
- Sweet Cucumber : Nagaland
- Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange : Manipur
- Gucchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam
- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- Moira Bananas , Harnal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- Telia Rumaal : Telangana
- Sohrai Khorwar Painting : Jharkhand
- Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Kholra Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- What is GI tag?



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

Q. Which company has recently got the status of Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise?

- A) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited B) NMDC Limited
C) India Post D) NTPC Limited

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government of India upgraded the status of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) to 'Navratna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
- ✓ Prior to this upgrade, RVNL was earlier classified as a 'Miniratna' CPSE.
- ✓ The decision to upgrade RVNL was approved by the Finance Minister and is effective from April 26, 2023.
- ✓ RVNL is a mid-cap company under the Ministry of Railways.
- ✓ For the year 2021-22, RVNL has an annual turnover of Rs 19,381 crore and a net profit of Rs 1,087 crore.
- ✓ This upgrade makes RVNL the 13th Navratna company among CPSEs in India.
- ✓ About Navratna CPSE
- ✓ It is a select group of public sector enterprises in India that have been granted greater autonomy in decision making and financial management by the government.
- ✓ The term "Navratna" means "Nine Gems" in Hindi and refers to the original nine CPSEs that were granted this status in 1997.
- ✓ Navratna CPSEs are also subject to certain obligations, such as achieving certain performance targets and maintaining minimum levels of public shareholding.
- ✓ Some examples of Navratna CPSEs include Bharat Electronics Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.
- ✓ List of Navratna Companies in India 2023
 1. Shipping Corporation of India Limited
 2. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
 3. Oil India Limited
 4. NMDC Limited



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Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of NASSCOM in 2023-24?

- A) Anant Maheshwari B) Krishnan Ramanujam
C) Rajesh Nambiar D) Rekha M Menon

Answer : A

- ✓ The National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) has appointed Anant Maheshwari as its Chairperson for the year 2023-24.
- ✓ Anant Maheshwari is the President & CEO at Microsoft India.
- ✓ In his previous tenure, Mr. Maheshwari was the vice-president of the NASSCOM.
- ✓ He replaces Krishnan Ramanujam, who heads business and technology services at Tata Consultancy Services.
- ✓ Apart from this, Rajesh Nambiar, Chairman and MD, Cognizant India, has been appointed as the Vice Chairperson for 2023-24.

Q. Name the winner of 2023 London Marathon in men's event?

- A) Mosinet Geremew B) Kenenisa Bekele
C) Birhanu Legese D) Kelvin Kiptum

Answer : D

- ✓ Kelvin Kiptum of Kenya has won the 2023 London Marathon in men's category, with the second fastest record time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 25 seconds. The marathon was held on April 23, 2023.
- ✓ The 23-year-old Kenyan runner finished the race just 16 seconds slow than the world record set by Eliud Kipchoge in 2022 at Berlin Marathon at 2:01:09.
- ✓ In women's category, Ethiopia-born Dutch distance-running champion Sifan Hassan won by finishing the marathon in 2:18:33.

Q. Which country will host the 2023 Quad Leadership Summit in May 2023?

- A) Japan B) Australia
C) India D) United States

Answer : B

- ✓ Australia will host QUAD leadership summit in Sydney in May 2023
- ✓ Australia will be hosting the Quad Leadership Summit on May 24, 2023 in Sydney. This will be the first time that Australia will host the summit.



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- ✓ The meeting will focus on five Y20 themes, including climate change, peace-building, and health.
- ✓ The event will provide a platform for open discussions and interactive sessions to address the challenges faced by young people and formulate a roadmap for their development.
- ✓ The Summit will also have parallel Deliberation and Negotiation sessions on each of the Y20 themes. It is the second Y 20 Pre-Summit after the first was held at Guwahati in February this year

Q. Which of the following Vancouver-based Corporation will open its first production plant in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Berger
B) Jk Cement
C) Xypex
D) Ramco Cements

Answer : C

- ✓ Canadian concrete waterproofing solutions provider, Xypex has announced the launch of its first production plant in India.
- ✓ The plant will be opened at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The 40,000 sq-ft facility will house chemical manufacturing, and distribution capabilities to serve upstream, midstream, downstream, and adjacent industries in the region. The production facility has 30,000 sq-ft additional space for storage.
- ✓ The new production facility will further strengthen Xypex's presence in the Indian market.
- ✓ The Xypex Noida plant is forecast to have more than 100 full-time employees by 2024. This hiring process will continue until the factory reaches full production capacity. The manufacturing plant will also create 500 indirect jobs.
- ✓ The plant will be manufacture Xypex's range of waterproofing and protection products for the Indian market and neighboring countries.

Q. Who will be honoured with Billboard's 'Latin Women of the Year' Award?

- A) Taylor Swift
B) Ariana Grande
C) Justin Bieber
D) Shakira

Answer : D

- ✓ Colombian singer Shakira will be honoured with Billboard's 'Latin women of the year' award at the first-ever Mujeres Latinas en la Musica, or Latin Women in Music, gala.



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- ✓ Shakira has sold over 70 million records worldwide and has won three Grammy Awards and 12 Latin Grammy Awards.
- ✓ Shakira has earned the title of 'Queen of Latin Music' for her outstanding tracks over the course of three decades in her career.
- ✓ She is known for some blockbuster hit tracks like 'Hips don't lie', 'Can't remember to forget you', 'Loca', 'Whenever Wherever', 'Waka Waka', 'Beautiful Liar', 'She Wolf', 'La Tortura' and many more.

Q. Who has been awarded Goldman Environmental Prize 2023?

- A) Jadav Payeng B) Alessandra Korap
C) Sumaira Abdulali D) Medha Patkar

Answer : B

- ✓ Alessandra Korap, a Munduruku Indigenous woman from the Brazilian Amazon, has been awarded a 2023 Goldman Environmental Prize.
- ✓ The respected award honors six activists from six continents who work on grassroots efforts to help the environment.
- ✓ The prize was established in 1989. The Goldman Prize defines grassroots leaders as those involved in local efforts, where positive change is created through community or citizen involvement.
- ✓ Korap is a member of the Munduruku people of the Amazon rain forest.
- ✓ She saw roads, farms and cities coming closer to her village throughout the 1980s.
- ✓ The settlers, loggers and miners posed a threat to the 14,000 Munduruku people, who lived along the Tapajos River.
- ✓ Munduruku leader Alessandra Korap has been awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for her work fighting against illegal mining and large-scale projects aimed at facilitating soybean exports in the Tapajos River Basin.

Q. Who has bagged Steel Ministry's "Ispat Rajbhasha Samman" for the year 2021-22?

- A) RANL B) BINL
C) RINL D) RIML

Answer : C

- ✓ Rashtriya Ispat Nigam (RINL) bagged Steel Ministry's "Ispat Rajbhasha Samman" First Prize for the year 2021-22.



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- ✓ India as the Chair of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023 will host the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting on 28 April 2023 in New Delh
- ✓ The theme of India's Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is 'SECURE-SCO'. India attaches special importance to SCO in promoting multilateral, political, security, economic and people-to-people interactions in the region
- ✓ The SCO was created in 2001 based on the "Shanghai five" formed after the signing by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Russia and Tajikistan.
- ✓ Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
- ✓ Founded : 2001
- ✓ HQ : Beijing, China
- ✓ Secretary General : Zhang Ming (China)
- ✓ Member Countries = 9 (Iran ,China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,Pakistan,Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan)
- ✓ SCO Summit 2021 : Dushanbe,Tajikistan.
- ✓ SCO Summit 2022 : Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- ✓ SCO Summit to be hosted by the Indian side in 2023.
- ✓ The founding members (5) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) were China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,Tajikistan. India and Pakistan officially joined this organisation in 2017
- ✓ Trick to remember SCO Countries.
- ✓ TRICK :- PICK IN KURTA
- ✓ P - Pakistan
- ✓ I - India
- ✓ C- China
- ✓ K - Kazakhstan
- ✓ IN - Iran
- ✓ K - Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ U - Uzbekistan
- ✓ R - Russia
- ✓ TA - Tajikistan



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Q. Who has taken charge as the new chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)?

- A) PN Vasudevan B) R Subramaniakumar
C) Shreekant M Bhandiwad D) Baskar Babu Ramachandran

Answer : C

- ✓ Shrikant M Bhandiwad has taken charge as the new chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)
- ✓ Prior to joining KVGB as Chairman, Bhandiwad was heading the Patna circle of Canara Bank.
- ✓ A Post Graduate in Agriculture, he has worked as Agricultural Extension Officer in Rural Branches of Canara Bank and also as Consultant in Agricultural Consultancy Services of Canara Bank at Head Office

Q. The West Stand at Sharjah Cricket Stadium (UAE) has been renamed after which former Indian cricketer?

- A) Sunil Gavaskar B) Kapil Dev
C) Sourav Ganguly D) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer : D

- ✓ The West Stand at the Sharjah cricket stadium has been renamed after Indian former cricketer, Sachin Tendulkar in a special ceremony in the UAE, honouring the Indian cricket legend on his 50th birthday.

Q. Which state government has recently launched the third phase of the 5T School Transformation Programme?

- A) Assam B) Odisha
C) Gujarat D) Maharashtra

Answer : B

- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the third phase of the 5T School Transformation Programme.
- ✓ The initiative aims to improve the quality of education and infrastructure in government schools across the state.
- ✓ A total of 2,151 government high schools will be transformed in the third phase.
- ✓ Under the programme, 5Ts – transformation, teamwork, technology, transparency, and time – will be implemented in schools to ensure holistic development.



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- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state.
- Aska police station of Odisha's Ganjam district became the country's number one police station.
- Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.
- Gold Deposits Found at Different Location in Three Districts of Odisha , including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slum-free by the end of 2023.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur
- Odisha govt launched Anemia eradication programme 'AMLAN'
- Odisha government observed 10th November as 'Millet Day' in the state.
- Odisha government to provide free 5 Kg rice per month for one year under the State Food Security Scheme
- Odisha Government has started working on the Sukapaika River revival plan following a direction from the National Green Tribunal (NGT).
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a 24x7 piped drinking water project — 'Drink from Tap' — in 19 cities of the state.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced a winter assistance of Rs 146 crore to the needy to protect themselves from the coming winter.
- Odisha Govt announces Rs 200 crores relief for drought hit distressed farmers.
- Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield.
- Dhanu Yatra' festival, considered to be the world's largest open-air theatre, began on 27th December in the Western Odisha town of Bargarh.



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Q. Which bank has launched “Digitalised Submission of Form 15G/15H”, in collaboration with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), to make it easier for senior citizens to submit their Tax waiver forms through SMS and Website?

- A) IndusInd Bank B) Bank of Baroda
C) Punjab National Bank D) Canara Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Canara Bank Partners Reserve Bank Innovation Hub Leveraging Technology to simplify 15 G-15H Submission for senior citizens
- ✓ Bangalore-based public sector lender Canara Bank, has launched “Digitalised Submission of Form 15G/15H”, in collaboration with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).
- ✓ The new solution will enable all Deposit
- ✓ holders, including Senior citizens, to easily submit their Tax waiver forms through SMS and Website (with their registered mobile number), Any Time Any Where.
- ✓ It must be noted that Form 15G (Individual and HUF) and Form 15H (Individual-Senior Citizen) are self-declaration forms, submitted by an individual submits to the bank requesting not to deduct TDS on interest income, since their income is below the basic exemption limit.
- ✓ Providing PAN is compulsory for this.
- ✓ Canara bank currently accept these forms through online Banking/ Mobile banking.
- ✓ Many Senior citizens are not well versed with Internet / Mobile banking applications and so they stand in long queues all day to make submissions of these Tax waiver forms in the bank branches.
- ✓ RBIH (Reserve Bank Innovation Hub) is a blueprint to address the above issue. Instead of using Mobile/Internet banking, the forms can now be submitted through SMS/Website.

Q. Which state has launched the ‘One Panchayat, One Playground’ project to revive the sports culture in the state?

- A) Haryana B) Meghalaya
C) Kerala D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Kerala Government launches ‘One Panchayat, One Playground’ to revive sports culture



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- ✓ The Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has launched a project dubbed as 'One Panchayat, One Playground' for reviving the sports culture in the State, by opening quality playgrounds in every panchayat of the southern state.
- ✓ The project will address the lack of quality playgrounds in around 450 local bodies in the State and these playgrounds will serve as a hub of local gatherings and social interactions.
- ✓ The playgrounds under the project will be built within three years. For the first phase of the project, 113 panchayats have been selected.
- ✓ As per the project, each playground would cost around Rs 1 crore. Half of this would be borne by the Sports department and the rest would be raised from the MLA and local body funds, through CSR, public private partnerships

Q. The Khongjom Day is marked every year in which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ In Manipur, the Khongjom Day was observed on April 23, 2023 at Khongjom in Thoubal district.
- ✓ The day remembers the battle fought in 1891 Anglo Manipuri War.
- ✓ The colonial British army, well equipped with modern weapons, started war with the people of the hills and valley of Manipur.
- ✓ AS a consequence many sacrificed their lives in an act of protecting the sovereign status of Kangleipak, the ancient name of Manipur.
- ✓ The Khongjom war shows the sacrificial spirit of the youth who could give up their lives for the motherland with a brave smile on their faces

Q. Parkash Singh Badal who has passed away recently, had served as the former Chief Minister of Punjab for how many times?

- A) 3
B) 5
C) 2
D) 4

Answer : B

- ✓ Former Chief Minister of Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal has passed away. He was 95.
- ✓ Mr. Badal had served as the 8th Chief Minister of Punjab.



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Q. Who inaugurated the 6th edition of One Earth-One Health - Advantage Healthcare India 2023?

A) Amit Shah

B) Narendra Modi

C) Rajnath Singh

D) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 6th edition of Advantage Healthcare India (AHCI) 2023 on 26th April at Pragati Maidan New Delhi. This event will be held from 26 to 27 April 2023.
- ✓ The program is in line with India's G20 Presidency theme 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' and is aptly named 'One Earth, One Health - Advantage Healthcare India 2023'.
- ✓ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) co-branded the 6th edition of One Earth One Health, Advantage Healthcare India 2023 with the G20 Presidency of India.
- ✓ The event is being organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and will be attended by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- ✓ Health ministers of 10 countries will also be present in this programme.
- ✓ The summit will witness 125 exhibitors from 70 countries and around 500 foreign delegates.
- ✓ Aims of the event
- ✓ To emphasize the importance of global collaborations and partnerships for Building Resilient Global Health Architecture and work towards achieving Universal Health Coverage through value-based healthcare.
- ✓ To showcase India's strength in the field of medical value travel and as an exporter of healthcare workforce providing value based healthcare services.

Q. Where was the North Sea summit organized by European countries?

A) Belgium

B) Germany

C) France

D) Portugal

Answer : A

- ✓ Nine European countries are holding a summit aimed at scaling up wind power generation in the North Sea, spurred by the fall-out of the Ukraine war and the push for renewables.



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- ✓ Hosted by Belgium in the coastal town of Ostend, the meeting will gather the leaders of EU members France, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, with European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen also attending

Q. With which country did India announce making the 'Net Zero' Innovation Virtual Center?

- A) UK
B) USA
C) Japan
D) Brazil

Answer : A

- ✓ India and the United Kingdom have agreed to create India-UK NET zero innovation virtual centre. This centre will provide a platform for stakeholders of both countries to work together in areas like the decarbonization of manufacturing processes, transport systems, and green hydrogen as a renewable source.
- ✓ Announcing this while chairing the India-UK Science and Innovation Council meeting in the presence of United Kingdom Minister George Freeman, Science, and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

Q. Who has recently been elected the President of the Cycling Federation of India?

- A) Pankaj Advani
B) Bajrang Punia
C) Pallela Gopichand
D) Pankaj Singh

Answer : D

- ✓ Pankaj Singh, son of Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, has been elected unopposed as the president of the Cycling Federation of India at its annual meeting in Nainital.
- ✓ Pankaj Singh is BJP MLA from Noida.
- ✓ The Cycling Federation of India, established in 1946, is the national governing body of cycle racing in India

Q. A landmark agreement (nuclear-armed submarines) was reached between which countries?

- A) UK & South Korea
B) Japan & South Korea
C) USA & South Korea
D) North Korea & South Korea

Answer : C



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- ✓ US President Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk-Yeol have secured a landmark deal which includes plans to periodically deploy US nuclear-armed submarines in South Korea.
- ✓ Washington has also agreed to involve Seoul in its planning for the use of nuclear weapons in any conflict with North Korea. In return, South Korea has agreed to not develop its own nuclear weapons

Q. Which IIT SHUNYA team has secured second place in Solar Decathlon Build Challenge in the United States?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay's SHUNYA (Sustainable Housing for Urbanizing Nation by its Young Aspirants) team secured second place in Solar Decathlon Build Challenge in the United States for their innovative zero-energy house designed to address air quality challenges in Mumbai's hot and humid climate.
- ✓ SHUNYA is a student-driven technical team of IIT Bombay working to build a sustainable future. It was the only team representing India in this competition out of 32 teams from across the world.

Q. Who has signed an MoU with Art of Living as part of its Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan?

- A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
B) Ministry of Education
C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer : D

- ✓ Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Signed Memorandum of Understanding between Art of Living 26th April 2023 at Dr. B.R Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi in the presence of Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and Gurudev Shri Shri Ravi Shankar ji and other senior members of the Art of Living management.

Q. Who has received a non-banking financial company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) InstantPay B) FamPay
C) Jupiter D) Fi Money



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Answer : C

- ✓ Neobanking platform "jupiter" has secured a non-banking financial company (nbfc) licence from the reserve bank of india to enter into the lending business, a move which will double its disbursal rate for the year, founder of jupiter jitendra gupta.

Q. What is the rank of India globally in SIPRI's report for military spending in 2022?

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 6th
- D) 7th

Answer : B

- ✓ India was the fourth biggest military spender in the world in 2022 as per the report published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) on April 24, 2023.
- ✓ The total military spending of India was of \$81.4 billion in 2022. It was 6.0 percent more than in 2021, and up by 47% from 2013.
- ✓ AS per the report, the United States emerged as the largest military spender, reaching \$877 billion in 2022.
- ✓ China (2nd)(\$292 billion), Russia (3rd) (\$86.4 billion) and Saudi Arabia (5th) (\$75.0 billion) are the top 5 biggest military spender in 2022.
- ✓ The total global military expenditure in 2022 increased by 3.7 percent in real terms to reach an all-time high of \$2240 billion. This was an increase for the eighth consecutive year.
- ✓ The three largest spenders of 2022, that means the United States, China and Russia,—accounted for 56 percent of the world total spending.
- ✓ About SIPRI
- ✓ The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is a global non-profit research institute.
- ✓ SIPRI focuses on resolving conflicts, controlling arms and promoting disarmament.
- ✓ The institute provides data, analysis and advice regarding armed conflicts, military expenditure and the arms trade.
- ✓ Establishment - 6 May 1966
- ✓ Founders - Tage Erlander, Alva Myrdal
- ✓ Chairman - Stefan Lofven
- ✓ Director - Dan Smith



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✓ Headquarter - Solna, Sweden.

Q. What was the total military spending across the globe in 2022, as per the report of SIPRI?

- A) \$2440 billion B) \$2240 billion
C) \$2220 billion D) \$2420 billion

Answer : B

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Q. Which country was the biggest military spender in 2022, as per the report of SIPRI?

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

Answer : C

✓ AS per the report, the United States emerged as the largest military spender, reaching \$877 billion in 2022.

Q. India's first "Water Metro" services has been inaugurated in which state?

- A) Odisha B) West Bengal
C) Kerala D) Manipur

Answer : C

- ✓ India's first "Water Metro" services will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 25, 2023 in Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ This initiative will give boost to economic growth, tourism and transport connectivity, as well as accelerate the growth and development of Kochi.
- ✓ The Water Metro service is a unique urban mass transit system, which will give similar experience and ease of travel as that of conventional metro system.
- ✓ Overall project cost is of Rs 1,136.83 crore, which will be funded by Government of Kerala and German bank KfW.



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Q. Which state in India has topped in terms of number of water bodies, as reported in the first-ever census of water bodies across the nation conducted by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti?

- A) Sikkim
B) Maharashtra
C) West Bengal
D) Uttarakhand

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Ministry of Jal Shakti conducted the first-ever census of water bodies across the nation, in order to have a comprehensive national database of all water bodies.
- ✓ The basic objective of this census was to:
- ✓ provide a comprehensive inventory of India's water resources, including natural and man-made water bodies like ponds, tanks, lakes, and more, collect data on the encroachment of water bodies, highlight disparities between rural and urban areas and varying levels of encroachment, reveal crucial insights into the country's water resources
- ✓ The key features of the Census
- ✓ 24,24,540 water bodies have been enumerated in the country. Of these, 97.1% (23,55,055) are in rural areas and only 2.9% (69,485) are in urban areas.
- ✓ **Top 05 States in terms of number of water bodies (constituting around 63% of the total water bodies)**
- ✓ 1. West Bengal,
- ✓ 2. Uttar Pradesh,
- ✓ 3. Andhra Pradesh,
- ✓ 4. Odisha
- ✓ 5. Assam
- ✓ **Top 05 States in terms of number of water bodies in urban areas – West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura**
- ✓ **59.5% of water bodies are ponds, followed by tanks (15.7%),** reservoirs (12.1%), Water conservation schemes/percolation tanks/check dams (9.3%), lakes (0.9%) and others (2.5%).
- ✓ Among public owned water bodies, maximum water bodies are owned by Panchayats, followed by State Irrigation/State WRD.



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- ✓ Among all private owned water bodies, maximum water bodies are owned by Individual owner/farmer followed by group of individuals and other private bodies.
- ✓ Top 05 States which lead in the private owned water bodies – West Bengal, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand
- ✓ Among all 'in use' water bodies, mostly water bodies are used in pisciculture followed by Irrigation.
- ✓ Top 05 States with major use of water bodies in pisciculture – West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh;
- ✓ Top 05 States with major use of water bodies in irrigation – Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal and Gujarat.
- ✓ 78% water bodies are man-made water bodies whereas 22% are natural water bodies.
- ✓ 1.6% (38,496) water bodies out of all the enumerated water bodies are reported to be encroached. Out of them, 95.4% are in rural areas and remaining 4.6% in urban areas.
- ✓ Union Minister for Jal Shakti – Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Q. Sumant Kathpalia has recently been appointed as the MD & CEO of which bank?

- A) Bank of India B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
C) Canara Bank D) IndusInd Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ The Board of Directors of the private lender IndusInd Bank has reappointed Sumant Kathpalia as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of IndusInd Bank Limited for a period of two years with effect from 24 March, 2023.
- ✓ Kathpalia was first appointed as the MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank in March 2020.
- ✓ INDUSLND BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1994
- ✓ Founder : S.P. Hinduja
- ✓ Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra,
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sumant Kathpalia
- ✓ Tagline : We Make You Feel Richer



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Q. Name the e-commerce web portal launched by Centre for artisans and weavers, so that they can sell their handloom and handicraft products directly to customers without any middlemen

- A) Indiacrafthouse.com B) Itokri.com
C) Indiahandmade.com D) HandicraftsInIndia.in

Answer : C

- ✓ The Central Government has launched an e-commerce portal named 'Indiahandmade.com', for artisans and weavers, so that they can sell their handloom and handicraft products directly to customers without any middlemen, and get fair remuneration.
- ✓ The portal will not charge any commission from sellers. It shall also provide free shipping with a return option to customers along with multiple payment gateways to pay online.
- ✓ Products from more than 35 lakh handloom weavers and 27 lakh handicraft artisans will be displayed on the portal from options like clothing, home decor, jewellery, accessories, and other products handmade by skilled artisans

Q. Who among these has been conferred with the Order of Australia (AO), the highest civil honour of Australia in 2023?

- A) [Ratan Tata](#) B) [Bernard Arnault](#)
C) [Bill Gates](#) D) [Azim Premji](#)

Answer : A

- ✓ Ratan Tata has been awarded with the highest civil honour of Australia, Order of Australia (AO), on April 22, 2023.
- ✓ He has been awarded for his longstanding commitment to Indo-Australian ties specifically in the areas of trade, investment, and philanthropy.
- ✓ Australia's High Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell conferred the honour on Ratan Tata, the titan of biz, industry and philanthropy

Q. Reliance Retail has recently formed a Joint Venture with which company for local manufacturing of toys for its toy business?

- A) [Buddha Crafts](#) B) [Circle E Retail](#)
C) [Concept Toys](#) D) [Funcorp](#)



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Answer : B

- ✓ Reliance Retail, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries and one of the leading toy distributors, has entered into a joint venture with a Haryana-based firm, Circle E Retail, for local manufacturing of toys, to vertically integrate its toy business.
- ✓ The brand currently owns iconic British toy brand Hamleys and home-grown toy brand Rowan.
- ✓ Reliance Retail will have control over the entire aspects of the toy ecosystem, right from designing and manufacturing to retailing of the product.
- ✓ This new business venture will cater for both the toys brands, Hamleys and Rowan, owned by Reliance Retail.
- ✓ Circle E Retail has a specialisation in toy manufacturing, having modern manufacturing unit in Haryana with a licence to manufacture and distribute a wide range of toys.

Q. The Reserve Bank has imposed penalties worth total of Rs 44 lakh on four cooperative banks. Identify the incorrect option?

- A) Rs 16 lakh has been imposed on Chennai-based The Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank
- B) Rs 13 lakh has been imposed on Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank
- C) Rs 13 lakh has been imposed on Janata Sahakari Bank, Patna
- D) Rs 2 lakh has been imposed on Baran Nagrik Sahkari Bank, Baran, Rajasthan

Answer : C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank has imposed penalties worth total of Rs 44 lakh on four cooperative banks.
- ✓ A penalty of Rs 16 lakh has been imposed on Chennai-based The Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, as it failed to transfer eligible amounts to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF) within the prescribed period. It also failed to report a fraud to NABARD within the prescribed timeline and reported the same with delay.
- ✓ A penalty of Rs 13 lakh has been imposed on Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank as it failed to transfer eligible amount to DEAF within the prescribed period and transferred the same with delay.
- ✓ A penalty of Rs 13 lakh has been imposed on Janata Sahakari Bank, Pune for non-compliance with directions on 'Interest Rate on Deposits'.



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- ✓ Finally, a monetary penalty of Rs 2 lakh has been imposed on Baran Nagrik Sahkari Bank, Baran, Rajasthan for contravention of certain norms.

Q. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research – National Dairy Research Institute (ICAR-NDRI) celebrated its 19th Convocation on April 24, 2023. The institute is located at which place?

- A) Chennai
B) Port Blair
C) Jodhpur
D) Karnal

Answer : D

- ✓ The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu addressed the 19th convocation of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research – National Dairy Research Institute (ICAR-NDRI) at Karnal, Haryana on April 24, 2023.
- ✓ The dairy sector contributes about 5 percent to the country's GDP.

Q. What percent of stake each will be acquired by HDFC and AXIS bank in the GoDigit Life Insurance company?

- A) 9.94%
B) 9.12%
C) 9.99%
D) 9.43%

Answer : A

- ✓ Private sector lenders Axis Bank and HDFC Bank have signed definitive agreements to acquire up to a 9.94 percent stake each in insurance tech startup GoDigit Life Insurance.
- ✓ Both the banks will invest ₹69.90 crore each in two tranches.
- ✓ The banks have already made the payment of first tranche of Rs 10.93 crore each

Q. The 'Future of Work' exhibition was recently organised on the sidelines of the 3rd Education Working Group (EdWG) meeting under G20 presidency. It took place in which city?

- A) Guwahati
B) Kochi
C) Surat
D) Bhubaneswar

Answer : D

- ✓ The Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated 'Future of Work' exhibition on April 23, 2023.



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- ✓ This one of its kind exclusive exhibition was organised on the sidelines of the 3rd Education Working Group (EdWG) meeting under G20 presidency from April 23rd to 28th at CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ✓ The premier institutes and organizations from diverse sectors will display technologies that will drive the future of work with constant innovations in modern workplace, future skills, and innovative delivery models.

Q. The National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCWPC) has recently been inaugurated at which place?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated major infrastructure projects in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, worth more than ₹148 crore on April 23, 2023.
- ✓ These projects will help to boost the capacity of Chennai and Kamarajar ports in the state.
- ✓ India and Russia are also planning to open up 'Chennai-Vladivostok Maritime Corridor' in order to bolster the maritime trade between the two countries.
- ✓ The minister also inaugurated the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCWPC) IIT M – Discovery Campus, at IIT Chennai.
- ✓ The NTCWPC has been established at a cost of Rs. 77 Crore, under the Sagarmala Programme

Q. India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam has won gold medal for the country in individual event of which sports recently?

- A) Archery
B) Badminton
C) Tennis
D) Shooting

Answer : A

- ✓ The stage -I of the 2023 Archery World Cup was held from 18-23 April at Antalya, Turkey.
- ✓ India managed to win 4 medals which included 4 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.
- ✓ Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in Women's compound individual event
- ✓ The duo of Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Pravin Deotale won in mixed compound team event.
- ✓ The silver medal was won by the Indian men's recurve team after losing to China in a shoot-off.



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✓ The bronze medal came from Dhiraj Bommadevara, in men's recurve individual

Q. Which of the following has been chosen as the World Book Capital for the year 2023 by UNESCO?

- A) Accra
B) Abuja
C) Dakar
D) Cairo

Answer : A

✓ As a part of the Day, UNESCO selects the World Book Capital every year for a one-year period, effective 23 April each year. The World Book Capital for 2023 is Accra, Ghana.

Q. Which institution and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a maiden flight trial of a sea-based endo-atmospheric interceptor missile off the coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal?

- A) BDL
B) HAL
C) ISRO
D) DRDO

Answer : D

- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a maiden flight trial of a sea-based endo-atmospheric interceptor missile off the coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ With this successful test, India has entered an elite club of nations which have the capability to fire a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) interceptor from a naval platform.
- ✓ Only a few countries like the US, Russia, Israel and China have fully-operational BMD system.
- ✓ The purpose of the trial was to engage and neutralize a hostile ballistic missile threat.
- ✓ Endo-atmospheric interception means the missile destroyed the incoming enemy ballistic missile within the Earth's atmosphere.
- ✓ On the other hand, Exo-atmospheric interception means destroying incoming enemy ballistic missiles outside of the Earth's atmosphere at a higher altitude.

Q. The First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting begins in which city?

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



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Answer : C

- ✓ The First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting begins in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ The two-day meeting, under the G20 Indian Presidency, will be jointly chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ The meeting will be deliberated on issues such as strengthening multilateral development banks.

Q. PM Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity campus in which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity campus in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ✓ Located adjacent to the Kerala University of Digital Sciences Innovation and Technology in around 14 acres of land, the ₹1,500 crore Digital Science Park project has been conceived as a multidisciplinary cluster-based interactive innovation zone focused on digital technologies.
- ✓ It will house two buildings with a total area of two lakh sq ft. The first one will spread out over 1.5 lakh sq ft across five floors and host Centres of Excellence, including research labs and a digital incubator. The second will house the administrative office and digital experience centres.
- ✓ The project is to be completed in two years.
- ✓ In the 2022-23 Budget, the State government had announced the establishment of the Digital Science Park over an area of 10 lakh sq ft in two blocks. Of total outlay of ₹1,500 crore, it has already sanctioned ₹200 crore. The rest will be generated from other sources, including industry partners.

Q. Which of these states has installed AI machine to assess food quality for tribal children?

- A) Gujarat B) Kerala
C) Maharashtra D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C



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- ✓ A unique artificial intelligence-based machine has been installed at Todsa Ashram School of Etapalli in Maharashtra in a bid to improve the nutrition level of tribal children of Gadchiroli.
- ✓ The initiative was taken by the administration under project Bhamragad and there are eight government schools part of it.
- ✓ Notably, the machine takes a photo of the student with her/his plate of food and within a few seconds, without any human intervention, identifies whether the quality of the food is good.

Q. Which country has recently conducted its first test of a new emergency alert service with millions of mobile phones set to emit a loud alarm and vibrate at 3:00 pm (1400 GMT)?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ UK conducted its first test of a new emergency alert service with millions of mobile phones set to emit a loud alarm and vibrate at 3:00 pm (1400 GMT).
- ✓ A message will say: "This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new U.K. government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby."
- ✓ Emergency services and the government hope to use the system to alert people to issues such as severe flooding and fires.
- ✓ The national system, modelled on similar schemes in Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States, aims to warn the public if there is a danger to life nearby but has generated criticism over "nanny state" intrusion.

Q. Which bank in collaboration with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has recently announced the launch of "Digitalised Submission of Form 15G/15H"?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank B) Canara Bank
C) Yes Bank D) Axis Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Canara Bank, in collaboration with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), has announced the launch of "Digitalised Submission of Form 15G/15H".



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- ✓ Form 15G (Individual and HUF) and Form 15H (Individual-Senior Citizen) are self-declaration forms that an individual submits to the bank requesting not to deduct TDS on interest income as their income is below the basic exemption limit.
- ✓ At the start of every financial year, especially in the first few weeks of April, several citizens – especially senior citizens – make their 15G & 15H submissions to their banks.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) recognized the problem, engaged with various banks to explore possible solutions, and developed a blueprint to resolve the issue.
- ✓ Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor of RBI has inaugurated the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) on March 24, 2022 in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ RBI has set up the RBIH with an initial capital contribution of Rs. 100 crore.
- ✓ The objective of RBIH is to encourage and nurture financial innovation in a sustainable manner through an institutional set-up. It has been setup as a Section 8 company under Companies Act, 2013.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) is one of the five wholly-owned subsidiaries of the RBI.
- ✓ Canara Bank:
 - ✓ It is a leading commercial bank of India.
 - ✓ It was established in 1906, by Sri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai.
 - ✓ Syndicate Bank was merged with Canara Bank on 1 April 2020. After this merger, Canara Bank has become the fourth largest bank in the country.
 - ✓ Headquarters Bangalore, India
 - ✓ K. Satyanarayana Raju has taken charge as Managing Director & CEO of Canara Bank

Q. Which ministry has received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2022?

- A) Ministry of Finance B) Ministry of Defence
C) Ministry of Home affairs D) Ministry of Health

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Health Ministry's National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme has received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2022. The award was in the innovation category.
- ✓ Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan received the award at the 16th Civil Services Day event.



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- ✓ As per a statement, over 220 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far.
- ✓ The nationwide vaccination drive was rolled out on January 16, 2021, with health workers being the first to be inoculated. This was followed by vaccines for frontline Covid workers beginning in February 2021
- ✓ PM Gati Shakti national master plan initiative received an award for excellence in public administration 2022 in the 'Innovation (Central).

Q. Sidharth Rao passed away recently. He was co-founder of which company?

- A) Gozoop
- B) Performics
- C) Webchutney
- D) Pinstorm

Answer : C

- ✓ The co-founder and former CEO of Webchutney, Sidharth Rao passed away.
- ✓ Rao started Webchutney in 1999 when he was just 19 years old.
- ✓ In 2013, Webchutney was acquired by Dentsu Aegis Network but Rao stayed on to steer it as its CEO, going on to become head of the India unit of dentsuMB, the global creative network of the Japanese multinational media network in 2021.
- ✓ In 2022, he stepped down as group CEO of dentsuMB India and joined hands and launched a new venture in the marketing technology (MarTech) space, called Punt Partners along with serial entrepreneur Madhu Sudan.

Q. What was the profession of Pakistan-born Canada based Tarek Fatah, who has passed away?

- A) Journalist
- B) Actor
- C) Economist
- D) Freedom Fighter

Answer : A

- ✓ Renowned Pakistan-born Canadian journalist, political activist, author and famous television personality Tarek Fatah has passed away, after a long-drawn battle with cancer.
- ✓ He was 73.
- ✓ Tarek Fatah was born in Karachi, Pakistan in 1949 and migrated to Canada in the early 1980s.
- ✓ He was famous for his progressive views on Islam and his fiery stance on Pakistan.



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- ✓ He called himself an 'Indian born in Pakistan' and a 'Punjabi born into Islam'.
- ✓ He also authored several books including, 'Chasing a Mirage: The Tragic Illusion of an Islamic State' and 'The Jew is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism.'

Q. The World Malaria Day (WMD) is observed globally on which day?

- A) 24th April
- B) 26th April
- C) 23rd April
- D) 25th April

Answer : D

- ✓ The World Malaria Day (WMD) is observed globally on 25 April each year to recognize the efforts of the people worldwide to control malaria.
- ✓ The Day was established in May 2007 at the 60th session of the World Health Assembly, WHO's decision-making body.
- ✓ Theme of World Malaria Day 2023 is 'Reaching the Zero Malaria Target'.
- ✓ WMD is one of eight official global public health campaigns currently marked by the World Health Organization (WHO), along with World Health Day, World Blood Donor Day, World Immunization Week, World Tuberculosis Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day and World AIDS Day.

Q. When is the International Delegate's Day marked?

- A) April 25
- B) April 23
- C) April 24
- D) April 26

Answer : A

- ✓ The International Delegate's Day is observed on April 25, to raise awareness of the role of representatives and delegates of the Member States to the United Nations, in preventing war and conflict and paving the way for peaceful and prosperous societies through dialogue and collaboration, particularly during the most difficult of times.
- ✓ United Nations (UN) organized the first official International Delegate's Day on April 25, 2020.
- ✓ The day acknowledge the 850 delegates who participated in the San Francisco Conference seventy-six years ago in 1945, followed by signing of the Charter of the United Nations.
- ✓ The agreement resulted in the creation of the United Nations, an organization that now comprises 193 Member States.



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Q. Which operation was launched to evacuate Indians from Sudan?

- A) Operation Krishna B) Operation Ganga
C) Operation Godavari D) Operation Kaveri

Answer : D

- ✓ India launched Operation Kaveri to evacuate its nationals from unrest-hit Sudan and it is the latest evacuation operation launched by India to rescue its citizens and those of friendly nations from war zones
- ✓ Official figures show that there are about 4,000 Indians in Sudan.
- ✓ Sudan is currently experiencing a violent power struggle between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Force (RSF) across the country.
- ✓ The conflict arose due to a dispute over an internationally supported plan to establish a new civilian government, four years after the overthrow of authoritarian leader Omar al-Bashir and two years after a military coup.
- ✓ Both sides have been accusing each other of obstructing the transition, resulting in widespread violence and instability.
- ✓ About Sudan
- ✓ Capital - Khartoum
- ✓ Currency - Sudanese pound (SDG)
- ✓ Region -North Africa
- ✓ President - Abdel Fatah al-Burhan (Chairman of the Sovereignty Council)
- ✓ Official language - Arabic, English

IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2022 -23

- **OPERATION KAVERI**
- India launches Operation Kaveri to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Sudan
- **OPERATION DOST**
- Due to the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, India has launched a campaign named 'Operation Dost' to help the affected people.
- **OPERATION GARUDA**



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- Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network.
- **OPERATION YATRI SURAKSHA**
- To give assurance of the safety to the passengers, the Indian railways with the coordination of Railway Protection Force has launched a pan India drive under the code name Operation Yatri Suraksha.
- **OPERATION "NARCOS"**
- Railway Protection Force (RPF) recently recovered narcotic products worth Rs 7.40 crore under "Operation Narcos".
- **OPERATION SANKALP**
- Indian Navy's stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed for Op-Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf.
- **OPERATION SATARK**
- Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started "Operation Satark" taking action against illicit liquor, fake currency circulation, etc.
- **OPERATION GANGA**
- India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine

Q. Who has launched new features in eShram Portal ?

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw B) Bhupender Yadav
C) Kiren Rijju D) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, launched new features in eShram Portal on 24th April
- ✓ The new features added in eShram portal will enhance the utility of the portal and facilitate ease of registration for unorganised workers.
- ✓ The eShram registered workers can now connect with Employment opportunities, Skilling, Apprenticeship, Pension Scheme, Digital Skilling and States' schemes through eShram portal.



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- ✓ The Union Minister also formally launched the Data Sharing Portal (DSP) for sharing of eShram data with the State/ UT Governments.
- ✓ What are new features added?
- ✓ Facility to enter details of families of migrant workers has been added in the e-Shram Portal.
- ✓ This facility can help migrant workers migrating with family to get benefits of child education and women centric schemes.
- ✓ In addition, a new feature has been added regarding sharing of data of construction workers registered on Eshram with the concerned Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Welfare Board.
- ✓ It will ensure registration of Ishram construction workers with the concerned BOCW board and ensure access to schemes for them.
- ✓ About e-Shram portal
- ✓ The Ministry of Labor and Employment has developed an eSHRAM portal to create a national database of unorganised workers.
- ✓ It was launched in 2021.
- ✓ Its aim is to welfare of workers in the unorganised sector who are not members of the EPFO or ESIC.
- ✓ Registered members will be eligible for a range of benefits after signing up for Shramik Yojana and getting the e-Shram Card.
- ✓ This will allow workers to receive Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through e-Shramik Unique ID Number.

Q. Who has clinched two gold medals at Archery World Cup 2023 Stage 1 in Antalya, Turkey?

- A) Jyothi Surekha Vennam B) Ankita Bhakat
C) Komalika Bari D) Dola Banerjee

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian men's recurve team comprising Atanu Das, Dheeraj Bommadevra and Tarundeep Rai won the silver medal at the Archery World Cup 2023 Stage 1 held in Antalya, Turkey on 23 April.
- ✓ The Indian trio lost 4-5 to China's Li Zhongyuan, Qi Jiangshuo and Wei Shaoxuan in the final.
- ✓ While India lost the first two sets, they soon came back to win the next two sets to level the scores at 4-4.
- ✓ But in the deciding fifth set, the two teams were tied 28-28, leading to a shoot-off, which was won by the Chinese team.



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- ✓ Earlier, the fourth seeded Indian men's recurve archery team had defeated Italy, Japan, Chinese Taipei and Netherlands on their way to the final.
- ✓ On the same day, Dheeraj Bommadevra defeated Ilfat Abdullin of Kazakhstan 7–3 to win the bronze medal in the men's individual recurve event.
- ✓ Thus with two medals on 23 April, India ended the competition with four medals, including two gold, one silver and one bronze.
- ✓ **Name of medal winners of India**
- ✓ Jyothi Surekha Vennam - Women's Individual Compound - Gold Medal
- ✓ Jyoti Surekha Vennam and Ojas Praveen Deotale - Compound Mixed Team - Gold Medal
- ✓ Atanu Das, Dhiraj Bommadevra and Tarundeep Rai - Men's Recurve Team - Silver Medal
- ✓ Dheeraj Bommadevra - Men's Individual Recurve - Bronze Medal

Q. Which Ministry has successfully completed the Bihar portion of the Barauni Guwahati pipeline (BGPL) under the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project?

- A) Ministry of Power
- B) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) has successfully completed the Bihar portion of the Barauni Guwahati pipeline (BGPL) under the ambitious Pradhanmantri Urja Ganga project.
- ✓ The completion of the pipeline will connect six districts in Bihar to the National Gas Grid, transforming the energy landscape of India.
- ✓ The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, has applauded the MoPNG for the successful completion of the Bihar portion of the pipeline, stating that it will significantly contribute to the progress of Bihar.
- ✓ Pradhanmantri Urja Ganga project Aim : To provide uninterrupted supply of environment-friendly and affordable natural gas across the country.
- ✓ With the completion of the Bihar portion of the BGPL, households, industries, and transportation sectors in the six districts of Bihar will have access to clean and affordable natural gas



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Q. Which country refinery to be built by India by 2025?

- A) Thailand
B) Cambodia
C) Mongolia
D) Philippines

Answer : C

- ✓ Mongolia will have its first oil refinery up and running by 2025.
- ✓ The first phase of the \$1.2 billion Indian soft loan-funded Mongol Oil Refinery will be finished by the end of the year.
- ✓ Given that Russia is the only source of energy imports for Mongolia, the development has strategic ramifications.
- ✓ Mongolia refinery to be built by India by 2025 :
- ✓ The refinery will enable Mongolia to satisfy 70% of its domestic demand.
- ✓ According to the nation's ambassador, Dambajav Ganbold, the first oil refinery in Mongolia, which is being constructed on the outskirts of the capital city of Ulaanbaatar with funding from India, would be finished by 2025

Q. Ministry of Health plans to launch how many food streets across country to promote hygiene and safety?

- A) 75
B) 100
C) 150
D) 200

Answer : B

- ✓ The Health Ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has asked States and Union Territories to develop 100 food streets in 100 districts across the country.
- ✓ Aim : The aim of this project is to encourage safe and healthy practices to reduce food-borne illnesses and improve overall health outcomes, said the Health Ministry.
- ✓ The initiative is being taken up as a pilot project to create an example for best practices for food businesses.
- ✓ The communication further said that safe food practices would not only boost the "eat right campaign" and food safety but also improve the hygiene credibility of local food businesses.



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- ✓ The initiative will be implemented through the National Health Mission (NHM) in convergence with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and with technical support from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ✓ Financial assistance of ₹1 crore per food street/district will be given to States and Union Territories.
- ✓ The project envisages 100 such food streets in 100 districts across the country.
- ✓ * Assistance will be provided under the NHM in the ratio of 60:40 or 90:10, with the condition that standard branding of these food streets will be done as per FSSAI guidelines..

Q. Who took over as the Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?

- A) Sanjay Sinha
- B) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- C) Ashok Khemka
- D) Nripendra Mishra

Answer : B

- ✓ Senior IAS officer Rajesh Kumar Singh assumed the charge of Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ✓ He succeeds Anurag Jain, who was appointed Secretary of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Earlier, IAS Rajesh worked as a Secretary in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ About Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- ✓ In the year 2019, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) was renamed as Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ✓ It is administered by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ It is a nodal government agency to formulate and implement development strategies for the industrial sector, along with other socio-economic objectives and national priorities

Q. The iconic Sydney Cricket Ground unveiled a gate named after which player?

- A) Kapil Dev
- B) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) Shane Warne

Answer : C



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- ✓ A gate named after legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar was unveiled at Australia's iconic Sydney Cricket Ground in his honour on his 50th birthday. Tendulkar turned 50 on April 24.
- ✓ Sachin played an unbeaten historical inning of 241 runs in the Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 2004 and he also scored 785 runs including 3 centuries in that series.
- ✓ This ground was one of Sachin's favourite cricket grounds

Q. Who has become the fastest Indian to score 7,000 runs in T20 cricket?

- A) Virat Kohli B) Suryakumar Yadav
C) Rohit Sharma D) K L Rahul

Answer : D

- ✓ India's opener K.L. Rahul has become the fastest Indian to score 7,000 runs in T20 cricket.
- ✓ Rahul played 197 innings to complete 7,000 runs in T20 cricket. He has left behind India's legendary cricketer Virat Kohli in this feat.
- ✓ Virat had completed his 7,000 T20 runs by playing 212 innings. Rahul leads the team of Lucknow Super Giants in IPL.

Q. Under Cope India 2023, in which state did the Air Force of India and America participate in a joint exercise?

- A) West Bengal B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Rajasthan

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian and US Air Force fighter jets participated in a joint exercise at Kalaikunda Air Force Station in Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal. It is being organized under the Cope India 2023 exercise.
- ✓ Tejas, Rafale, Jaguar and Su-30 MKI fighter jets are being joined by the Indian Air Force. This exercise started on April 10 and was conducted till April 24.
- ✓ A 12-day simultaneous exercise of transport aircraft started on April 10 at Panagarh Air Force Station in Paschim Bardhaman district

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the first Vande Bharat Express in which state ?

- A) Goa B) Kerala
C) Jharkhand D) Uttarakhand



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Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th April flagged off Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station.
- ✓ The train will cover 11 districts of Kerala. Vande Bharat train between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasaragod will cover a distance of approximately 588 kms in approximately eight hours.
- ✓ It will have stoppages at Kollam, Kottayam, Ernakulam Town, Thrissur, Shoranur, Kozhikode and Kannur.
- ✓ The Vande Bharat Express will be about an hour faster than the Rajdhani running on the same route.
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi dedicated to the nation various projects worth more than three thousand two hundred crore rupees.
- ✓ He also dedicated the Kochi Water Metro to the nation.
- ✓ The project connects ten islands around Kochi through battery operated electric hybrid boats for seamless connectivity with Kochi city.
- ✓ He also laid the foundation stone of Digital Science Park in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ The Digital Science Park is envisaged as a premier research facility for developing digital products and services by industry and business units in collaboration with academia.
- ✓ About Vande Bharat Express Train
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019.
- ✓ These trains have a self-propelled engine which can save diesel and reduce electricity usage by up to 30%.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- ✓ It was manufactured under the 'Make in India' programme, at a cost of about Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ These trains can achieve a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- ✓ In the Union Budget for 2022-2023 the government has proposed the development and manufacture of 400 new Vande Bharat trains in the next three years.

Q. Gujarat celebrates __ years of PM Modi's Swagat Initiative.

- A) 30
- B) 25
- C) 20
- D) 15

Answer : C



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- ✓ Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as “Swagat Saptah” in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the “State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology” (SWAGAT) initiative, which was launched by Narendra Modi during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on 24th April 2003.
- ✓ Significance of the Swagat initiative :
- ✓ Over the past twenty years, the Swagat initiative has successfully resolved the grievances of numerous citizens in Gujarat and has received recognition at both national and international levels. Notably, it was honored with the United Nations’ Public Service Award in 2010..

Q. Who has laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth more than 17,000 crores in Madhya Pradesh?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Amit Shah
C) Droupadi Murmu D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Government is working ceaselessly to bridge the gap between villages and cities.
- ✓ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth more than 17 thousand crores.
- ✓ He has also inaugurated the integrated e-Gram Swaraj and GeM portal for public procurement at the Panchayat level.
- ✓ Objective : To enable Panchayats to market their goods and services through GeM
- ✓ With the handing over of around 35 lakh Swamitva Property Cards, about 1 crore 25 lakh property cards have been distributed under this scheme in the country.

Q. Who has been named the new deputy prime minister of the United Kingdom?

- A) Michelle Donelan B) Gavin Williamson
C) Oliver Dowden D) Lisa Nandy

Answer : C

- ✓ British government named Oliver Dowden Deputy Prime Minister replacing Dominic Raab who resigned earlier in the day following a report into claims that he bullied colleagues.



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Q. Which State Gandhisagar Sanctuary to be second new home of Cheetahs?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's Gandhisagar Sanctuary will be developed as a second home for cheetahs within six months to retain the tag of cheetah state, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ✓ The move comes after experts suggested that Kuno National Park (KNP) does not have enough space for all cheetahs.

Q. India has recently signed an Air Services Agreement (ASA) with which country to facilitate easier travel between the two nations?

- A) Ethiopia
B) Serbia
C) Guyana
D) Romania

Answer : C

- ✓ India and Guyana signed an Air Services Agreement (ASA) on 22nd April to facilitate easier travel between the two nations.
- ✓ The agreement was signed between Public Works Minister Bishop Juan Edghill and India's High Commissioner to Guyana KJ Srinivas in the presence of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is on a 3-day visit to Guyana.
- ✓ The agreement's signing is consistent with the government's objective to establish ties between Guyana and the rest of the world.
- ✓ What is an Air Services Agreement?
- ✓ Air Services Agreement (ASA) provides the legal framework for air operations between two countries.
- ✓ It is based on the sovereignty of the nations, the nationality of the carriers and the commercial opportunity for each side's designated airlines.
- ✓ Prior to this there was no Air Services Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Guyana.
- ✓ About Guyana
- ✓ Prime Minister: Mark Phillips
- ✓ President: Mohamed Irfaan Ali



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Q. Which state on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ In a major push to promote sales and usage of electric vehicles (EVs) in the state of Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government has set a target and has flung into action to convert vehicles used in all government departments into EVs in a phased manner by 2030.
- ✓ By achieving this target before 2030, Uttar Pradesh can become the first state in the country to have 100 per cent EV in government departments.

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- Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of 'Family ID – One Family One Identity'.
- Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida.
- Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021.



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- Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- Kannuj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India.
- Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region.
- Uttar Pradesh To Register Maximum Number of New Companies After Maharashtra Post .
- Uttar Pradesh Government to Provide a Unique Farm ID to the Farmers.
- Uttar Pradesh wins Ayushmann Utkrishta award 2022.
- Uttar Pradesh government to build India's first education township

Q. Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has sanctioned how much rupees loan to Gensol Engg for the purchase of 5,000 passenger electric vehicles (EVs) and 1,000 cargo EVs?

- A) Rs 633 crore B) Rs 893 crore
C) Rs 567 crore D) Rs 779 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ PFC sanctions Rs 663 crore loan to Gensol Engineering for purchase of Electric Vehicles.
- ✓ Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a Maharatna company and NBFC in the Indian power sector has sanctioned a loan of Rs 633 crore to Gensol Engineering, for the purchase of 5000 passenger Electric Vehicles (EVs) and 1000 cargo EVs.
- ✓ PFC is a leading NBFC in the Indian power sector. The purchased passenger EVs will be leased to Blusmart Mobility Pvt. Ltd (BMPL) to expand its fleet of ride-hailing cabs.
- ✓ The first tranche of the loan has already been disbursed, and the first lot of EV cabs have hit the Delhi roads.
- ✓ 5000 Passenger E4W (Electric Four-Wheelers) funded by PFC are being deployed in Delhi and will result in CO2 emission reduction.



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- ✓ With a view to accelerate India's net-zero target, PFC is exploring opportunities in debt financing of EVs (OEMs and Fleet Acquisition), battery OEMs and EV charging infrastructure, apart from large-scale renewable energy financing.

Q. The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched which version of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN in April 2023?

- A) UDAN 5.0
- B) UDAN 4.0
- C) UDAN 3.0
- D) UDAN 2.0

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the fifth round of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN 5.0 on April 21, 2023
- ✓ The fifth round of Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) or Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), will focus on Category-2 (20-80 seats) and Category-3 (more than 80 seats) aircraft operations.
- ✓ The 600 km limit of the first phase has been done away with and there is no restriction for the distance between the origin and destination of the flight.
- ✓ The Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to be provided will be capped at a distance of 600 km for priority and non-priority areas, which was 500 km.
- ✓ UDAN 5.0 will connect more than 50 wildlife and tourist destinations.
- ✓ The scheme was launched in 2017 to enhance the connectivity to remote and regional areas of the country through air service.
- ✓ The first aircraft under UDAN Scheme was launched from Shimla to Delhi in April 2017.
- ✓ About UDAN scheme
- ✓ Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) was launched in 2016 as a Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- ✓ Its objective is to provide affordable, economically viable and profitable air travel on regional routes to the common man even in small towns.

Q. What is the rank of India in the World Bank's Logistic Performance Index 2023?

- A) 38
- B) 44
- C) 25
- D) 32

Answer : A



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- ✓ India has been ranked at 38th position among 139 countries in the World Bank's Logistic Performance Index 2023, which is a measure of countries' ability to move goods across borders with speed and reliability.
- ✓ India has improved its ranking by 6 places, than its previous rank of 44 in 2018.
- ✓ The Logistics Performance Index by World Bank helps developing countries to identify where improvements can be made to boost competitiveness.
- ✓ Singapore has topped the index. It is followed by Finland at second position

Q. Which country has topped the World Bank's Logistic Performance Index 2023?

- A) Finland
B) Singapore
C) Norway
D) Switzerland

Answer : B

- ✓ Singapore has topped the index. It is followed by Finland at second position.

Q. The world's largest cyber defence exercise named 'Locked Shields-2023' was conducted by which alliance recently?

- A) NATO
B) SAARC
C) G-20
D) SCO

Answer : A

- ✓ NATO conducted the world's largest cyber defence exercise named 'Locked Shields-2023' in Tallinn, Estonia from April 18 to April 21, 2023.
- ✓ The four-day exercise saw participation of more than 3,000 IT-specialists from 38 nations.
- ✓ The event is organised every year since 2010, by NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence (CCDCOE).
- ✓ The purpose of this exercise is to boost the strategical and technical abilities of the participants in fighting cyber attacks.
- ✓ It enables cyber security experts to enhance their skills in defending national IT systems and critical infrastructure under real-time attacks
- ✓ With this, Finland will now be able to formally attend the NATO Summit 2023, which will be held in July in Lithuania.



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- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty Organization(NATO), is a military alliance between North American and European countries formed in 1949 and headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
- ✓ The founding members of NATO were the United States, Canada, and ten European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.
- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- ✓ Formation : 4 April 1949
- ✓ Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium
- ✓ Secretary General : Jens Stoltenberg (Norway)
- ✓ Total Member : 31 (Finland)
- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty, also referred to as the Washington Treaty.

Q. Name the winner of World Press Photo of the Year award for 2023?

- A) Anthony Suau B) Evgeniy Maloletka
C) Spencer Platt D) Tim Hetherington

Answer : B

- ✓ Ukrainian journalist and photographer, Evgeniy Maloletka, from the Associated Press has won the World Press Photo of the Year award for 2023.
- ✓ He has won the image, which shows Iryna Kalinina, a 32-year-old wounded pregnant being carried on a stretcher by emergency workers, through the shattered grounds of a maternity hospital in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, that was damaged during a Russian airstrike.
- ✓ The annual photo contest is awarded by World Press Photo Foundation which rewards photographers for the best single exposure pictures contributing to the past year of visual journalism.

Q. Walt Disney Company-owned Star Sports has signed cricketer ____ as its latest brand ambassador.

- A) KL Rahul B) Ishan Kishan
C) Suryakumar Yadav D) Rishabh Pant

Answer : D

- ✓ Star Sports signs Rishabh Pant as brand ambassador



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- ✓ The Walt Disney Company-owned Star Sports has signed cricketer Rishabh Pant as its latest brand ambassador. The company said it also has other cricketers as its 'Believe Ambassadors' like Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, KL Rahul, and Shreyas Iyer. Star Sports said it only had two ambassadors in 2017. Cricketer Virat Kohli is also part of this association.

Q. JioCinema, a digital streaming platform has announced who as its new brand ambassador?

- A) Suryakumar Yadav B) Rohit Sharma
C) KL Rahul D) Hardik Pandya

Answer : B

- ✓ JioCinema, owned by billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Viacom18, has signed up Rohit Sharma, captain of the men's cricket India, as its brand ambassador.
- ✓ The cricketer will build on the OTT platform's vision of making sports viewing synonymous with digital.
- ✓ As part of this collaboration, Rohit will be working with the JioCinema team to promote their digital-first approach towards sports viewing.

Q. Who become new CMD of BEML Limited ?

- A) Shantanu Roy B) Dr. Nalin Shinghal
C) C. B. Ananthakrishnan D) V Kamat. Secretary

Answer : A

- ✓ Public enterprises selection board (PESB) has recommended Mr Shantanu Roy for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of 'Schedule 'A' Company under the Ministry of Defence, BEML Limited.

Q. The National Medical Commission (NMC) has approved the establishment of the first medical college in which northeastern state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ NMC approves Nagaland to set up its first medical college



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- ✓ National Medical Commission (NMC) approved the setting up of the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, which will become the first medical college in the northeastern state of Nagaland.
- ✓ The academic session of the medical college will start from 2023-24.
- ✓ The medical college will have a capacity of 100 seats for MBBS students and 85 seats will be reserved for Nagaland origin students, while the remaining 15 seats will be open for applicants from other states.
- ✓ About Nagaland
- ✓ Nagaland is a state located in Northeast India, bordering Myanmar.
- ✓ Formation - 1 December 1963
- ✓ Capital - Kohima (Executive Branch)
- ✓ Language - English
- ✓ River - Longleng, Peren, Varkha, Kiphire, Mokokchung, Phek, Zunheboto, Kohima, Mon, Tuensang
- ✓ Festivals - Hornbill Festival, The Motsu Mong Festival
- ✓ National Park - Intanki National Park
- ✓ Wildlife Sanctuaries - Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary, Puli Baij Wildlife Sanctuary, Rangapahar Reserve Forest.
- ✓ Chief Minister - Neiphiu Rio
- ✓ Governor - La Ganesan
- ✓ Official Bird - Blyth's Tragopan
- ✓ Official Animal - Gayal
- ✓ Official Flower - Rhododendron Arboreum
- ✓ Legislative Assembly - 60 seats
- ✓ Rajya Sabha - 1 seat
- ✓ Lok Sabha - 1 seat
- ✓ Largest city - Dimapur
- ✓ District - 16



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Q. Which state government has launched three online services, Pro-active Divyang Pension Service, 'Tau se Poochho' WhatsApp chatbot and online booking of government rest houses, to digitally empower people?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched three online services to digitally empower people.
- ✓ The newly launched online services are: Pro-active Divyang Pension Service, 'Tau se Poochho' WhatsApp chatbot and online booking of government rest houses.
- ✓ The Pro-active Divyang Pension Service for the physically challenged is committed to delivering all services for them at their doorsteps.
- ✓ Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority has created a WhatsApp Chatbot called 'Tau Se Poochho' along with a web-based chatbot solution. The bilingual chatbot is integrated is designed to give quick responses to the queries raised by the citizens.

Q. Which state government has launched a 'Salokha Yojana' in the state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The Maharashtra government launched a 'Salokha Yojana' in the state.
- ✓ This scheme provides an opportunity for farmers to exchange their agricultural land in lieu of a nominal registration fee of Rs 1,000 and a stamp duty of Rs 1,000.
- ✓ The aim of the scheme is to resolve disputes between farmers regarding land ownership and possession, promote harmony in society and increase peace and harmony among them.



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Q. Which General Insurance company has introduced three add-on covers for its vehicle insurance policies Smart Save, Roadside assistance, and Return-to-invoice?

- A) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- C) Royal Sundaram General Insurance
- D) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance

Answer : C

- ✓ Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Ltd has introduced three add-on covers for its vehicle insurance policies – Smart Save, Roadside assistance, and Return-to-invoice.
- ✓ It has announced a 'Smart Save' add-on cover for private cars. This comes at a zero cost and will help the customer to get an upfront discount in Own Damage (OD) insurance premium, for repairing their vehicles at Royal Sundaram's identified repair shops and garages in the event of a claim.
- ✓ It has also introduced two add-on covers for two-wheeler policies. The add-on 'Roadside Assistance' will cover 11 emergency services, which can rescue an immobilized two-wheeler. The services can be requested for electrical, mechanical, or accidental breakdown.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Technical Research Organization (NTRO)?

- A) Pooja Singh
- B) Arun Sinha
- C) Rahul Rao
- D) Amresh Tripathi

Answer : B

- ✓ Arun Sinha has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Technical Research Organization (NTRO) by the Government of India.
- ✓ Sinha is a 1984 batch IPS officer of Kerala cadre. He was the acting chairman of NTRO before becoming the chairman.
- ✓ NTRO is a technical intelligence agency based in India. It works under the National Security Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office and was established in 2004.
- ✓ The agency follows the same "norms of conduct" as other intelligence agencies in India such as the Intelligence Bureau and the Research and Analysis Wing.
- ✓ About National Technical Research Organization (NTRO)



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- ✓ Synergy Group was recognized for its outstanding performance in the tanker sector and its commitment to safety, sustainability, and innovation.

Q. The World Book and Copyright Day is observed on ___ globally

- A) 21 April B) 22 April
C) 23 April D) 24 April

Answer : C

- ✓ The World Book and Copyright Day (also known as 'International Day of the Book' and 'World Book Day'), is an annual event organized on April 23 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright.
- ✓ The first World Book Day was celebrated on 23 April 1995.
- ✓ April 23 is chosen because it marks the birth and death of several prominent authors. For instance, William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes, and Josep Pla died on April 23 and Manuel Mejia Vallejo and Maurice Druon were born on April 23
- ✓ World Book Capital
- ✓ Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, has named Accra (Ghana) as UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023, following the evaluation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee.

Q. April 23 is dedicated to celebrate which official language recognized by the United Nations?

- A) English and French B) English and Spanish
C) Russian and French D) Spanish and Chinese

Answer : B

- ✓ The UN English Language Day and UN Spanish Language Day is observed annually on 23 April.
- ✓ For English, 23 April has been chosen to mark both the birthday and date of death of William Shakespeare.
- ✓ For Spanish Language, the Day was chosen because the day is also observed as Hispanic Day in Spain, meaning the Spanish speaking world.
- ✓ Why is the Day observed?
- ✓ They are one of the six official languages used by the United Nations throughout the Organization. These are: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.



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- ✓ Each language has been assigned a day of celebration by UN's Department of Public Information in 2010 to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization

Q. In India, which day is celebrated as the National Panchayati Raj Day?

- A) 22 April
- B) 21 April
- C) 23 April
- D) 24 April

Answer : D

- ✓ Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on 24th April to commemorate the enactment of the 73rd Amendment Act, 1992 of the Constitution in the year 1993.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to acknowledge national local self-governance and democratic decentralisation.
- ✓ The theme of National Panchayati Raj Day 2023 is 'Sustainable Panchayat: Building Healthy, Water Sufficient, Clean & Green Villages.'
- ✓ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is the nodal ministry responsible for empowering, enabling and ensuring accountability of Panchayati Raj Institutions for achieving inclusive growth with social justice and efficient service delivery.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the National Panchayati Raj Day celebrations in Madhya Pradesh and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth over Rs 17,000 crore.
- ✓ He launched the campaign "Joint steps towards development" for inclusive development.
- ✓ He laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various railway projects worth about Rs 2,300 crore and 5 projects of Jal Jeevan Mission worth about Rs 7,853 crore.
- ✓ About Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ It is the second largest state of India by area after Rajasthan.
- ✓ Forests occupy 25.14 percent of its area



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