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

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

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

Answer : B

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

ISRO IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : B



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

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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



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

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

A) Anjali Sud

B) Amrapali Gan

C) Anjali Sharma

D) Revathi Advaiti

Answer : C

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

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

A) Elon Musk

B) Bernard Arnault

C) Jeff Bezos

D) Warren Buffett

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

A) Canara Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) UCO Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : C

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

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

A) Rs 42,923 crore

B) Rs 29,109 crore

C) Rs 35,012 crore

D) Rs 51,347 crore

Answer : C

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



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

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) HDFC Bank

Answer : A

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

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2022-23.

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

ISRAEL IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

A) Shooting

B) Weightlifting

C) Boxing

D) Gymnastic

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

IDFC First Bank IN NEWS 2022-23

- IDFC FIRST Bank has teamed with Crunchfish to participate in the RBI's pilot programme to facilitate offline payments.
- IDFC FIRST Bank Partners with Mumbai Indians as Official Banking Partner.
- IDFC FIRST Bank launched ZERO Fee Banking savings accounts.
- Indian Navy, IDFC FIRST bank bring 'Honour FIRST' banking solutions.
- IDFC First Bank
- Founded : October 2015
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Non-Exe. Chairman : Rajiv Lall
- MD & CEO : V. Vaidyanathan
- Tagline : Always You First.

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

A) Kuwait

B) Qatar

C) UAE

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

A) Karnataka

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Kerala

D) Telangana

Answer : C

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

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

A) Revathi Advaiti

B) Manish Bapna

C) Sonia Aggarwal

D) Manmeet Colon

Answer : D



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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- ✓ It is available as black and green teas.

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- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Gamocha : Assam
- Beypore Uru : Kerala
- Bird's eye chilli' : Mizoram
- Mithila Makhana : Bihar
- Classical wind music instrument narasinghapettai nagaswaram : Tamil Nadu
- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Kashmiri carpet : Jammu and Kashmir
- Sojat Mehndi : Rajasthan
- Judima rice : Assam
- Sweet Cucumber : Nagaland
- Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange : Manipur
- Gucchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam
- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- Moira Bananas , Harmal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- Telia Rumal : Telangana
- Sohrai Khovar Painting : Jharkhand
- Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Kholra Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
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GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

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

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

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

➤ What is GI tag?

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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Answer : D

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

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

A) 144

B) 138

C) 126

D) 112

Answer : A

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

STADIUM IN NEWS 2023

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

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

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

Answer : C



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D



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

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

Answer : B

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

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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- ✓ The rules and regulations of the GI tag are governed by the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights at the international level.

Q. In which state will the Air Force of India and the US conduct the Cope India exercise from 10 to 21 April 2023?

- A) Uttarakhand B) Rajasthan
C) West Bengal D) Mizoram

Answer : C

- ✓ The Air Forces of India and the U.S. are set to conduct the Cope India exercise from 10 to 21 April 2023 at the Kalaikunda airbase in West Bengal, with Japan as an observer.
- ✓ The 'Cope India' exercise will "further enhance operational capability and interoperability between the two air forces".
- ✓ Japan, significantly, will also take part as an "observer" in the exercise, which will witness "air combat and mobility elements" operating from multiple air bases like Kalaikunda, Panagarh, Agra and Hindon.
- ✓ The Japanese Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF) participated in Cope India as an observer for the 1st time in Dec 2018.
- ✓ India-US : Yudha Abhyas (Army), Vajra Prahar (Military), Spitting Cobra, SANGAM, RED FLAG, COPE INDIA.

Q. Which bank has introduced a "Premium PayrollPackage" for Salary account holders with competitive features?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Canara Bank has introduced a "Premium PayrollPackage" for Salary account holders with competitive features.
- ✓ This product has been designed to meet all Banking requirements of Salaried Customers.
- ✓ The features such as free Term Life Insurance, Insta over Draft, free Personal & Air Accident Insurance coverage, Premium Cards are some of the unique features of the product apart of the other various features offered.
- ✓ Canara Bank:



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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- Snakes in the Ganga: Breaking India 2.0 : Shri Rajiv Malhotra and Vijaya Viswanathan
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- 'Victory City' : Salman Rushdie
- "The Poverty of Political Economics" : Meghnad Desai

Q. Which tiger reserve completed 50 years as Project Tiger Reserve on 1st April 2023?

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

Answer : C

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



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- ✓ Bhadra Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Nagarahole Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : C



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

A) T.V. Somanathan

B) Samant Goel

C) Rajiv Gauba

D) P.K. Mishra

Answer : A

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

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

A) Only I & II

B) Only II & III

C) Only I & III

D) All I, II & III are correct

Answer : D

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



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

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

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Bihar

D) Jharkhand

Answer : C

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



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LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY IN NEWS 2023

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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STATUE IN NEWS 2022-23

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

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

A) 101

B) 82

C) 95

D) 122

Answer : A



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

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

A) Mumbai

B) Hyderabad

C) Bengaluru

D) Chennai

Answer : A



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : A



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

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

A) Bhutan

B) Nepal

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bangladesh

Answer : A

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



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

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

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



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

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

A) PRAVAAH

B) SATAT

C) UTHAAN

D) PRAMUKH

Answer : A

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



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

RBI PORTAL IN NEWS

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

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

A) Kailash K. Kohli

B) Nirmal Kumar Verma

C) Robin K. Dhowan

D) Sanjay Jasjit Singh

Answer : D

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



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- ✓ CDS is a four-star General

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

WORLD'S FIRST IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

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



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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D



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

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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- ✓ Galvus is an oral anti-diabetic medicine that contains Vildagliptin as an active ingredient in it. It is used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.
- ✓ The perpetual licence agreement between Cipla and Novartis Pharma AG will enable Cipla to expand its product offerings in the diabetes segment.
- ✓ About Novartis AG
- ✓ It is a multinational pharmaceutical corporation.
- ✓ The company is consistently ranked among the top five pharmaceutical companies globally.
- ✓ Novartis is one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies in terms of revenue.
- ✓ In 2022, it was ranked as the fourth largest pharmaceutical company by revenue
- ✓ CEO - Vasanth Narasimhan
- ✓ Subsidiaries - Sandoz, Novartis India Ltd.
- ✓ Headquarters - Basel, Switzerland
- ✓ About Cipla Limited
- ✓ It is an Indian multinational pharmaceutical company.
- ✓ It primarily develops drugs to treat medical conditions such as heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, depression and respiratory diseases.
- ✓ CEO - Umang Vohra
- ✓ Founder - Khwaja Abdul Hameed
- ✓ Headquarters - Mumbai

Q. Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary is a new area where photographic evidence of tigers has been recorded for the first time, according to the latest report on tiger census in the country. Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
C) Karnataka

- B) Uttar Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ UP's Suhelwa sanctuary records first photographic proof of tigers
- ✓ The recently released report on the census of tigers in the country states that Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary is a new area where photographic evidence of tigers has been recorded for the first time.
- ✓ About Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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



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Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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STATUE IN NEWS 2022-23

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

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

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

Answer : A



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

A) New Delhi

B) Washington DC

C) Paris

D) Berlin

Answer : A

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

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

A) 104

B) 107

C) 102

D) 110

Answer : A

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



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

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

A) Bihar

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Maharashtra

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

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



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

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

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Kolkata

C) Arunachal Pradesh

D) Karnataka

Answer : A

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

LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

- Gond painting : Madhya Pradesh
- Cumbum grapes : Tamil Nadu
- 'Mircha' rice : Bihar
- Nagari Dubraj : Chhattisgarh
- Banarasi Paan : Uttar Pradesh
- Banarasi Langda Mango : Uttar Pradesh
- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Gamochoa : Assam
- Beypore Uru : Kerala
- Bird's eye chilli' : Mizoram
- Mithila Makhana : Bihar
- Classical wind music instrument narasinghapettai nagaswaram : Tamil Nadu
- Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- Kashmiri carpet : Jammu and Kashmir
- Sojat Mehndi : Rajasthan
- Judima rice : Assam
- Sweet Cucumber : Nagaland
- Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange : Manipur
- Guccchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam



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- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- Moira Bananas , Harmal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- Telia Rumal : Telangana
- Sohrai Khovala Painting : Jharkhand
- Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Kholas Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- What is GI tag?
- A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q. Name the Indian chess player who has recently won the 2023 World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania?

A) Pranav V

B) Nihal Sarin

C) D Gukesh

D) R Praggnanandhaa

Answer : C



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

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2022 -23

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

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

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

Answer : A



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

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

- A) Aarthi Subramanian
- C) N. Chandrasekaran

- B) Pradeep Kumar Khosla
- D) K Krithivasan

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B



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

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

A) IIT Bombay

B) IIT Madras

C) IIT Delhi

D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : A

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



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Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

SBI IN NEWS 2022 -23

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



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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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



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Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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3. Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition

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

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

A) 15,000 Km

B) 12,000 Km

C) 10,000 Km

D) 8,000 Km

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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



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

A) Mumbai

B) Bengaluru

C) Varanasi

D) Ahmedabad

Answer : C

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

G20 SUMMIT IN NEWS 2023

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



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



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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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



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Answer : A

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

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

A) Axis Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) Yes Bank



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Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

BRIDGE IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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



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Answer : C

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

IMF IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- Razorpay forms 4-member advisory board to strengthen corporate governance; Head-former RBI deputy governor NS Vishwanathan.
- Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee forms panel to suggest changes to National Pension Scheme (NPS); Headed By- Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has set up a 14-member committee to look into stalled real estate projects; Headed By – Amitabh Kant.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'.Chaired By - Bhuvnesh Kumar.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has formed an expert committee to create a roadmap to encourage Indian startups/fintech domiciled abroad to relocate to the GIFT City in Gujarat. Chaired By - G. Padmanabhan.
- A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) will now be made by a high-



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

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

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

A) Rs 820 Crore

B) Rs 761 Crore

C) Rs 705 Crore

D) Rs 638 Crore

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

A) Arjun Munda

B) Raghubar Das

C) Dharmendra Pradhan

D) Narendra Singh Tomar

Answer : A

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



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

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- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
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- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.
- Yuvraj Singh : T20 World Cup for the Blind
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank
- Smriti Mandhana : Gulf Oil Lubricants
- Ram Charan : Hero MotoCorp
- Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh : Max Life Insurance
- Vanessa Nakate : UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- Shah Rukh Khan : UAE healthcare provider Burjeel Holdings
- Sunil Chhetri : Pintola
- Anushka Sharma : L'Oréal Paris
- Amitabh Bachchan : Dabur India
- Kiccha Sudeep : Punyakoti Dattu Yojana (Karnataka Govt)
- Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty : Mastercard
- Sourav Ganguly : DreamSetGo
- Rishabh Pant : Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand
- Vaani Kapoor : Noise X-Fit 2 smartwatch
- Shahid Kapoor : PokerBaazi
- Ravi Shastri : FanCode
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Garuda Aerospace
- A. R. Rahman : India/UK Together Season of Culture
- Deepika Padukone : Louis Vuitton
- Robin Uthappa : Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)
- Amir Khan : PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app,"
- Shubman Gill & Ruturaj Gaikwad : My11Circle
- Mary Kom : Lupin
- Vidya Balan : Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- Shahrukh Khan : Thums Up



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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

ISRO IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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



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

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

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

A) Ravi Chaturvedi

B) Jatin Sapru

C) Sushil Doshi

D) Boria Majumdar



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Answer : D

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

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

- A) Kiran Pasricha
C) Madhav Pai

- B) Ashok Khosla
D) Shashishekhar Pandit

Answer : C

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

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

- A) New Delhi
C) Bangkok

- B) Abu Dhabi
D) Seoul

Answer : B



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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



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

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

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

Answer : B



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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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Q. RBI approves re-appointment of whom as Managing Director and CEO of City Union Bank?

- A) K G Mohan B) Atul Kumar Goel
C) Sashidhar Jagdishan D) N Kamakodi

Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of N. Kamakodi as Managing Director and CEO for a period of three years with effect from May 1, 2023.
- ✓ The RBI has given its approval vide letter dated April 26, 2023, for the appointment of N. Kamakodi as MD of the bank, City Union Bank said in a regulatory filing

Q. Who has been sworn in as the 22nd President of Bangladesh?

- A) Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu B) Sheikh Russell
C) Sheikh Hasina D) Sheikh Salahuddin Jewel

Answer : A

- ✓ Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu, a retired judge, has been sworn in as the new president of Bangladesh for a five-year term, replacing Abdul Hamid
- ✓ Chuppu, the nominee of the ruling Awami League (AL) party
- ✓ With 302 members, the AL party has the majority in the 350-seat national parliament, and no other party had the numbers to nominate a presidential candidate
- ✓ People's Republic of Bangladesh
- ✓ Capital: Dhaka
- ✓ Currency : Taka
- ✓ Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina Wazed
- ✓ President: Mohammad Shahabuddin

Q. India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting on 28 April 2023 in Which City?

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

Answer : B



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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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- ✓ 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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- ✓ 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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✓ 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

✓ 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

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. 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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✓ 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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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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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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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.

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2022-23

- 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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- ✓ 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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JOURNEY FEELING PROUD (🔥)
NAME - PRIYADARSHINI
KALIYAMOORTHY
ROLL NO - 2120036944
SELECTED IN - RRB PO
SAPTHA GIRI GRAMEEN BANK
STATE - TAMILNADU



24.0 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD.
NAME - GARVITA VARSHNEY
ROLL NO - 2603003298
SELECTED IN - ARYAVART
GRAMIN BANK CLERK
STATE - UTTAR PRADESH



127.0 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD
NAME - ISHITA GARG
ROLL NO - 2283004123
STATE - PUNJAB
BANK - PUNJAB GRAMIN BANK



97.8 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD.
NAME - NIPUN
ROLL NO - 1533002831
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
STATE - HARYANA



154.5 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD
NAME - PRAVEEN
ROLL NO - 1801005776
SELECTED IN - RRB PO
KARNATAKA GRAMMENA
BANK
STATE - KARNATAKA



34.5 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
Name: Bathina Maneesha
Rollno: 2543024278
Selected in : RRB clerk
State : Telangana
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD
NAME - BATHINA MANEESHA
ROLL NO - 2543024278
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
STATE - TELAGANA



30.3 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD
NAME - NISHU SHARMA
ROLL NO - 1523008901
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
STATE - HARYANA



84.9 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD.
NAME - GURIYA KUMARI
ROLL NO - 1373006773
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
DAKSHIN BIHAR GRAMEEN
BANK



17.7 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD
NAME - GURPREET KAUR
ROLL NO - 2283002821
BANK - PUNJAB GRAMIN BANK
STATE - FROM PUNJAB



15.7 KB APARCHIT'S GALLERY
👏👏 MY PAID GROUP
STUDENT GOT SELECTION IN
IBPS RRB CLERK
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE
JOURNEY FEELING PROUD
NAME - MANU VARGHESE
ROLL NO - 2110710970
BANK - KERALA GRAMEEN
BANK CLERK