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

**Q. Which country has become the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia?**

- A) India  
B) China  
C) Pakistan  
D) Bangladesh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Pakistan emerges as largest recipient of ADB loans in 2022 in Asia.
- ✓ AS per the annual ADB Annual Report 2022, released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Pakistan was the largest recipient of the ADB-funded programmes/projects in the year 2022.
- ✓ The Manila-based lender, ADB had disbursed a total of over USD 31.8 billion to 40 Asian countries in 2022.
- ✓ Out of this, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.

### ADB IN NEWS 2022-23

- Pakistan is the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced its plans to invest in non-convertible debentures valued at Rs 150 crore in Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL).
- ADB approves \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- ADB to provide \$1.2 billion loan for infrastructure projects.
- ADB to provide \$125 million loan to improve Urban Services in Tamil Nadu.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to improve the road connectivity in Maharashtra.
- ADB to invest Rs 200 crore in the VA Tech Wabag water company.
- Asian Development Bank announces \$14 billion support for food security in Asia Pacific.
- IndusInd Bank and ADB collaborate to improve financing for supplier chains
- ADB, India sign \$96.3 mn loan to improve water supply, sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.
- Maharashtra to take ₹4,000 crore loan from ADB to set up medical colleges in 12 districts.
- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded : 19 December 1966





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- HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian?)
- Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
- Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
- Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).
- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- It is a regional multilateral financial institution focused on countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
- It currently has 68 members – of which 49 are from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 from outside.

**Q. Which company Overtakes Infosys to become India's Sixth Most Valuable Company?**

- A) ITC  
B) Wipro  
C) Asian Paints  
D) Larsen & Toubro

**Answer : A**

- ✓ FMCG giant ITC has overtaken IT giant Infosys in terms of market capitalization to become India's sixth most valuable company on the stock exchanges.
- ✓ ITC's market cap currently stands at ₹5.11 trillion compared to Infosys' nearly ₹5.08 trillion.
- ✓ List of Top 10 companies by market cap
  1. RELIANCE INDUSTRIES ₹1606895.46
  2. TCS ₹1161858.58
  3. HDFC BANK ₹928407.83
  4. ICICI BANK ₹637688.17
  5. HUL ₹585048.22
  6. ITC ₹511226.51
  7. INFOSYS ₹508011.92



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8. HDFC LTD. ₹505558.17

9. SBI ₹501250.83

10. BHARTI AIRTEL ₹430650.07

**Q. Which UT has organized a two-day Sinthan Snow Festival-2023?**

A) Ladakh

B) Jammu and Kashmir

C) New Delhi

D) Puducherry

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu and Kishtwar Tourism Development Authority (KTDA) has organized a two-day Sinthan Snow Festival-2023 at Sinthan Maidan, Kishtwar, J&K.
- ✓ The snow festival has been organized in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), and the Army.
- ✓ This festival hosts a variety of activities like a Bike Rally, Paragliding, Snow Kayaking, and much more.
- ✓ The Sinthan Maidan is becoming a significant hub for skiers, trekkers, etc and the festival is likely to bring this wonderful tourist spot, with stunning natural surroundings, into the limelight and capture the attention of the visitors

## FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023

- Sinthan Snow Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- Heritage Festival : Goa
- Thawe Festival : Bihar
- Bohag Bihu festival : Assam
- 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- Yaoshang festival : Manipur
- Purple Fest : Goa
- Orange Festival : Nagaland
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Losar Festival : Ladakh
- 23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur



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- Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh
- 26th National Youth Festival 2023 : Hubballi, Karnataka
- International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi
- Mongeet Festival : Assam
- International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana

**Q. Which IIT has launched cybersecurity skilling programme under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS)?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ IIT Kanpur's C3iHub, a cybersecurity Technology Innovation Hub, formally inaugurated its Cybersecurity Skilling Programme with support from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).
- ✓ The C3iHub-incubated start-ups Threat Guardians Pvt Ltd and Worker Union Support provide additional assistance to the Cybersecurity Skilling Programme.
- ✓ The programme focuses on models, tools, and techniques for enforcing security and strives to provide students with a greater grasp of the technological fundamentals of cyberspace and cyber problems. It also introduces real-time cybersecurity approaches and procedures.

### IIT IN NEWS 2023

- IIT Kanpur's C3iHub, a cybersecurity Technology Innovation Hub, has launched a Cybersecurity Skilling Programme .
- IIT Madras to set up its first international campus in Tanzania.



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- Indian Institute of Technology Madras will be provided a grant of Rs 242 crore over a period of five years to carry out research on Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD).
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and 47th globally in engineering and technology by the QS World University Rankings for 2023.
- IIT Indore, in partnership with NASA-Caltech and the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, has designed an inexpensive camera setup.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed a three-dimensional (3D) paper-based portable device that can detect adulteration in milk within 30 seconds.
- IIT Kanpur to Host Youth20 Consultation under G20 Presidency of India.
- IIT Bombay's SHUNYA secures second place in 'Solar Decathlon' Build Challenge in US.
- Students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore won an award of AED (Emirates Dirham) 1 million along with a gold medal at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- IIT Indore Students Awarded with Global Best M-GOV Awards by Egyptian President.
- Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has entered into a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited.
- DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- IIT Madras-incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system called BharOS.
- IIT Madras Centre of Excellence working with DRDO on Advanced Defence Technologies including Combat Vehicle Technologies.
- IIT Madras researchers develop machine learning tool to detect tumour in brain, spinal cord.
- ISRO plans to develop astronaut training module with IIT Madras.
- IIT-Bombay and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) join hands to develop touchless biometric system
- IIT delhi has been ranked among the top 50 engineering institutions in the QS World University Rankings by Subject .
- An IIT Madras incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system 'Bharos' that can benefit India's 100 crore mobile phone users.



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**Q. Who has been awarded the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023?**

- A) Toni Morrison                                      B) Maria Stepanova  
C) Margaret Atwood                                  D) Toni Morrison

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Maria Stepanova, a powerful contemporary voice of Russian literature now living in exile in Berlin, has been awarded the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023.
- ✓ She was honored in Leipzig for her volume of poetry “Madchen ohne Kleider” (Girls Without Clothes).
- ✓ It is described as a sensitive and highly poetic study of often hidden violence against the female body and the power imbalance that drives this oppression.
- ✓ The prize has been granted since 1994 with the aim of promoting reconciliation in Europe, and it was previously won by another Russian exile, Masha Gessen, a journalist residing in the United States, for her book *The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia* in 2019.
- ✓ Prize money: 20,000 euros

**Q. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with grain commerce platform Arya.ag to finance small farmers against warehouse receipt?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Shivalik Small Finance Bank has partnered with grain commerce platform Arya.ag to finance small farmers against warehouse receipt.
- ✓ With this business correspondent model partnership, Arya.ag, will further its mission to drive financial inclusion for farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and offer loans through Shivalik Small Finance Bank under Warehouse Receipt Finance.
- ✓ To bridge the trust deficit in the ecosystem, Arya.ag partners with various financial institutions to offer loans to small and marginal farmers including women, who fall out of the consideration of formal banking.



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#### SMALL FINANCE BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Arya.ag announces partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank to drive farmers' financial inclusion.
- AU Small Finance Bank has announced that it has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an authorized dealer in foreign exchange. The bank has received a license to operate as an Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD-I) under section 10 of FEMA, 1999.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank announced the launch of 'Blossom Women's Savings Account' with 7 percent per annum interest rate with monthly interest credit.
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launches Hello Ujjivan- India's first voice, visual, vernacular banking app.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank has bagged the prestigious Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022 for its contributions in advancing the goal of financial inclusion and supporting inclusive growth.
- Reserve Bank of India gave its approval to SBI Funds Management Ltd to acquire up to 9.99% stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank through the schemes of SBI Mutual Fund.

**Q. Who has addressed the 'India Calling Conference 2023' organized by the Indian Merchants Chamber in Mumbai?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Piyush Goyal

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal has addressed the 'India Calling Conference 2023' organized by the Indian Merchants Chamber in Mumbai.
- ✓ During his address, he highlighted the contribution of companies from small countries, such as the Czech Republic and Poland, to the supply chain of big companies around the globe.
- ✓ Goyal appealed to all to aim for a USD 47 trillion economy when India reaches the year 2047.
- ✓ The theme of the 2023 Conference is "Rising India Inviting Partnership for Growth".



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**Q. Which state government has inaugurated a three-day heritage festival, which showcased art forms, dances and cuisine of the coastal state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Goa tourism department has inaugurated a three-day heritage festival, which will showcase art forms, dances and cuisine of the coastal state.
- ✓ The Goa Heritage Festival truly captures the essence of the rich cultural heritage, showcasing the vibrant traditions and customs that make Goa so unique.
- ✓ The festival aims to promote cultural tourism in Goa by presenting the traditions, culture and arts in the state.
- ✓ A unique craft bazaar will also be set up where local businesses will showcase Goa's diverse handicraft, art, and traditional products.

## GOA IN NEWS 2023

- The tourism department of the Goa government is set to hold the 'Heritage Festival 2023' from April 28 to 30 at Saligao village in North Goa.
- Union Cabinet has approved the naming of Greenfield International Airport at Goa's Mopa as Manohar International Airport after former Defence Minister and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- Purple, First Inclusion Festival of India starts in Goa.
- Goa Manohar International Airport wins best sustainable greenfield airport award.
- Government of Goa has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program.
- The first Prime Minister GatiShakti regional workshop for the Western and Central Zone was held in Goa.
- India's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge opens in Goa
- 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference begins in Goa.



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**Q. Who has 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?**

- A) Narendra Modi  
B) Narendra Singh Tomar  
C) Piyush Goyal  
D) Rajnath Singh

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare 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.
- ✓ In his address, Tomar said, there are about 85 percent of small farmers in the country, who should get the benefit of technology and machinery.
- ✓ From 2014-15 to 2022-23, an amount of six thousand 120 crore 85 thousand rupees has been released to the states for various activities like training, testing, establishment of CHCs, hi-tech hubs and farm machinery banks.
- ✓ Apart from this, 15 lakh 24 thousand lakh agricultural machinery and equipment have been distributed through state governments at subsidized rates, which include tractors, power tillers and automated machinery
- ✓ 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. Which state's housing board has received National Award for Real Estate for registering the highest number of home projects with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA)?**

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

**Answer : C**





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- ✓ National Real Estate Award was presented to the Rajasthan Housing Board by the Central Government Agency National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO).
- ✓ The Rajasthan Housing Board was honored with the award for registering the maximum number of housing projects in the country under RERA, selling the maximum number of houses and doing excellent work in the field of real estate.
- ✓ Earlier in the function, Rajasthan Housing Commissioner was specially invited for a panel discussion on the topic 'Real Estate in the Era of RERA'. He was also honored on this platform.
- ✓ Rajasthan Housing Board has become the biggest organization to register 101 project RERA numbers.
- ✓ Under the leadership of Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora, the board has received a total of 15 awards in the last four years.

**Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually commissioned 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt in which state?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Priority has been given to Left Wing Extremism affected areas, aspirational districts and border areas of the country for setting up new transmitters.
- ✓ The transmitter will act as a vehicle to convey information about programs and policies of the government as well as entertainment content to every nook and corner of the country.
- ✓ It will promote digital entrepreneurship in villages.
- ✓ It can be linked to the strength of the country and the collective power of duty among the countrymen.
- ✓ About All India Radio
- ✓ All India Radio, formally known as Akashvani since 1957, is India's national public radio broadcaster and an arm of Prasar Bharati.
- ✓ It was established in 1936.
- ✓ It is run by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.



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- ✓ Its slogan is 'Bahujan Hitay: Bahujan Sukhay', which translates to 'serving, educating and entertaining the masses'.

#### ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

- 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.
- 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. Who has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy?**

- A) Ajit Kumar Mohanty                      B) Samir V Kamat  
C) S. Somanath                                D) Mihir Kanti Mishra

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Renowned physicist Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed as the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- ✓ Mohanty succeeds K N Vyas.
- ✓ He has been appointed for a tenure up to the age of 66 years i.e. till October 10, 2025 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ He is the Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) since March 2019.

**Q. Indian Army appointed five women officers to which division of military forces?**

- A) Armoured Regiment                      B) Artillery Regiment  
C) Infantry Regiment                        D) Mechanised Regiment

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Indian Army inducts first batch of “Five Women Officers” into the Regiment of Artillery.
- ✓ For the first time ever, five women cadets have been inducted into the Indian Army’s Regiment of Artillery, on April 29, 2023, during their passing out parade at the Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai.
- ✓ Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pious Mudgil and Lt Akanksha have been commissioned into Army’s premier artillery units after successfully completing their training at the OTA, Chennai.
- ✓ Out of the five women officers, three have been posted to units deployed along the borders with China (Line of Actual Control (LAC)).
- ✓ The other two have been deployed in “challenging locations” near the frontier with Pakistan.
- ✓ These OTA, Chennai women cadets will receive the same opportunities and challenges as their male counterparts.



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**Q. Under India's G20 Presidency, Science 20 Engagement Group meeting was conducted in which area?**

- A) Chandigarh
- B) Lakshadweep
- C) Sikkim
- D) Kerala

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Science 20 Engagement Group meeting on Universal Holistic Health began under India's G20 chairmanship in Lakshadweep, Bangaram Island.
- ✓ The focus of the two-day event is to work towards better agricultural practices, greater access to nutritious food, healthier eating habits and more opportunities for ecologically conscious and sustainable food products.
- ✓ The meeting will address the interconnectedness of physical, mental and emotional well-being, recognizing that all aspects of health are equally important
- ✓ The Engagement Group will also explore the role of technology in promoting health and wellness, such as the use of telemedicine and digital health solutions.
- ✓ About Lakshadweep
- ✓ Formation- 1 November 1956
- ✓ Capital- Kavaratti
- ✓ Administrator- Praful Khoda patel
- ✓ Largest city- Andrott
- ✓ High Court- Kerala High Court
- ✓ Bird- Brown Noddy

**Q. Who has won the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023?**

- A) Sergio Pérez
- B) Charles Leclerc
- C) Max Verstappen
- D) Sebastian Vettel

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Red Bull's driver Sergio Perez has won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the fourth round of the 2023 Formula 1 World Championship in Baku.
- ✓ Max Verstappen finished 2nd position at the Formula 1 Azerbaijan GP 2023.
- ✓ Mexican driver, Perez also became the first F1 driver to win two races at Azerbaijan GP



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- ✓ Sergio Pérez (Red Bull's - Mexico) wins Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023
- ✓ Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Belgian-Dutch) wins season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2023

**Q. Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated every year on which day?**

- A) 29 April                      B) 28 April  
C) 30 April                      D) 27 April

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Ayushman Bharat Diwas is a day dedicated to celebrating the success and achievements of the Ayushman Bharat scheme, which is also known as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).
- ✓ The day is observed on April 30 every year to commemorate the launch of the Ayushman Bharat scheme by the Government of India on April 30, 2018.
- ✓ Ayushman Bharat Yojana or National Health Protection Mission (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan) [ PM-JAY]
- ✓ PM-JAY was launched on 23rd September, 2018 in Ranchi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ✓ The PMJAY, world's largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government, provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation across public and private empanelled hospitals in India
- ✓ The scheme will subsume the centrally sponsored schemes-Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS)
- ✓ The insurance cost is shared by the centre and the state mostly in the ratio of 60:40

**Q. When is the International Workers' Day commemorated?**

- A) 2 May                      B) 1 May  
C) 29 April                      D) 30 April

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The International Workers' Day is observed annually on May 01 to honour the contributions of the labourers or working class people.
- ✓ This day is also known as Workers' Day, Labour Day as well as May Day in some of the countries.
- ✓ India celebrated the first Labour day in the year 1923.



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✓ In India, the day is referred to as Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din

**Q. Zafar Kizilkaya has been awarded the 2023 Goldman Environment Prize for the Asia region. Which country is he from?**

A) Turkey

B) Thailand

C) Sweden

D) Norway

**Answer : A**

✓ The 34th edition of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize was announced recently, to honor one grassroots environmental activist from each of the world's six geographic regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands and Island Nations, North America, and South and Central America.

✓ Region-wise winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize 2023.

1. Islands and Island Nations – Delima Silalahi from Indonesia,

2. Africa – Chilekwa Mumba from Zambia,

3. South & Central America – Alessandra Korap Munduruku from Brazil,

4. North America – Diane Wilson from United States,

5. Europe – Tero Mustonen from Finland,

6. Asia – Zafer Kizilkaya from Turkey

✓ The Goldman Environmental Prize is given annually by the Goldman Environmental Foundation headquartered in San Francisco, California.

✓ The award is dubbed as the “Green Nobel Prize.”

✓ Asia region winner Paul is the co-founder of the Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN), which was established in 2001, which supported Karen indigenous communities in establishing the Salween Peace Park in Myanmar and on the border of Thailand, to conserve the biodiversity.

## FAMOUS AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023

➤ Maria Stepanova, a Russian author currently living in Berlin, has won the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023 for her poetry collection 'Girls Without Clothes', .

➤ Ratan Tata has received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.



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- Dalai Lama personally received the 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award known as the "Nobel Prize of Asia".
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra became the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to receive a gallantry award.
- Innovator Sonam Wangchuk conferred with prestigious Santokba Humanitarian Award.
- Legendary singer Asha Bhosle will be honoured with the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award.
- FedEx CEO Raj Subramaniam received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, India's highest civilian honour for persons of Indian origin and the diaspora.
- Nandini Gupta of Rajasthan won the title of 59th edition Femina Miss India World 2023
- Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla was honoured with the 'Business Leader of the Decade Award' .
- Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, an Indian-American statistician won the 2023 International Prize in Statistics.
- Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest award..
- Naveen Jindal conferred with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by University of Texas.
- Luis Caffarelli of Argentina has been awarded the 2023 Abel Prize.
- Carnatic vocalist Bombay Jayashri has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2023 by the Music Academy.
- Noted Tamil writer Sivasankari has been conferred with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2022 for his book "Surya Vamsam" , .
- Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has been honoured with the 'Governor of the Year 2023 Award' by the international publication Central Banking..
- The song 'Naatu Naatu' from the Indian film RRR has won the Oscar in the Best Original Song category at the 95th Oscar Awards.
- British architect Sir David Chipperfield has won the 2023 Pritzker Architecture Prize.
- Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Sajjan Jindal with the Best Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the year 2022.
- Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize.



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- NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- Author Dr Peggy Mohan has won the 'Mathrubhumi Book of the Year' award for his book 'Wanderers, Kings and Merchants'.
- Goa Manohar International Airport (MIA) has been awarded the prestigious "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award.
- America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
- SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.
- 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.
- Of the total 106 Padma Awards announced, 6 are Padma Vibhushan, 9 are Padma Bhushan and 91 are Padma Shri.

**Q. Who has become the first Indian man to summit Mt. Annapurna 1?**

- A) Pranav Rawat                      B) Kunal Joisher  
C) Arjun Vajpai                        D) Prerna Dangi

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian professional mountaineer and 2023 Fit India Champion, Arjun Vajpai, has become the first Indian man to summit Mt. Annapurna 1.
- ✓ It is the 10th highest mountain in the world, located in Nepal, at 8,091 metres (26,545 ft) above sea level.
- ✓ Arjun is also the first Indian mountaineer to scale 7x8000m peaks, means seven mountain peaks which are above 8000 metres in height. He now wants to become the first Indian to scale all the 14 8000m summits in the world.
- ✓ He has already scaled Mt. Everest, Mt. Lhotse, Mt. Makalu, Mt. Kanchenjunga, Mt. Manaslu, and Cho-Oyu. He even holds record of being the then youngest mountaineers to climb Mount Everest in 2010 and Mt. Lhotse in May 2011
- ✓ 'Ironman' Krishna Prakash becomes first person to swim from Gateway of India to Elephanta Caves.





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**Q. Which Indian state organised the 'Food Conclave 2023' brainstorming event?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The first edition of the Food Conclave-2023 was hosted by the Telangana government on April 28 and 29, 2023 at Hyderabad.
- ✓ The conclave was inaugurated by the state IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao. The state government also announced that Food Conclave will become an annual event from now.
- ✓ As a part of this conclave, the Telangana Agriculture Minister S Niranjana Reddy launched a Grand Challenge for Innovation to promote innovation in the food processing sector.
- ✓ Over 100 top agri-food industry leaders from across the country attended the conclave to engage in intense network meetings to discuss key challenges and opportunities for the growth of the Indian agri-food sector.
- ✓ At the Food Conclave- 2023, 27 companies made an investment commitments, totaling to Rs.7217.95, which will provide direct and indirect employment opportunities of 58,458.

### TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

- The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababoo Naidu recently unveiled a 125-foot tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023.
- IAS 'Shanti Kumari' becomes first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- The G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting began on April 17 in Hyderabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of Pongal on 15 January, virtually flagged off the Vande Bharata Express train connecting Secunderabad with Vishakhapatnam.



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- About Telangana
- It is a state located in south-central India on the high Deccan Plateau.
- It is the eleventh largest state of India by area.
- Formed (by split) - 2 June 2014
- Capital - Hyderabad
- District - 33
- Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Chief Minister - K Chandrasekhar Rao (BRS)
- State Legislature - Bicameral
- Rajya Sabha - 7 seats
- Lok Sabha - 17 seats
- High Court - Telangana High Court

**Q. Which countries have agreed to explore the possibility of accepting RuPay and Mir cards for easy payments?**

- A) India and Russia
- B) India and France
- C) India and Japan
- D) India and United States

**Answer : A**

**Q. Mir cards is a payment system in which country?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India & Russia to explore possibility of accepting RuPay and Mir cards for hassle-free payments.
- ✓ In the recent meeting of the High Level Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC), it was discussed and agreed to explore the possibility of allowing acceptance of these cards.
- ✓ The mutual acceptance of RuPay (India) and Mir cards (Russia) will help Indian and Russian citizens to make hassle-free payments in Indian rupees and Russian ruble in their respective countries



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- ✓ The meeting was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Russia Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.
- ✓ They agreed to explore the possibility of interaction with the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of National Payment Corporation of India and the Faster Payments System (FPS) of the Bank of Russia.
- ✓ The two countries agreed to adopt the Russian Financial Messaging System, the Service Bureau of the Bank of Russia's Financial Messaging System, for cross-border payments.
- ✓ Currently, the overseas payments from India and vice versa are through the SWIFT network
- ✓ What is Mir?
- ✓ Mir is a payment system in Russia.
- ✓ It was launched in 2017.
- ✓ The Central Bank of Russia has established the function of this payment option.
- ✓ The Russian national card payment system operates it.
- ✓ Sberbank was the first Russian bank to issue payment cards under the Mir brand

**Q. Who has become the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships?**

- A) Lakshya Sen and Chirag Shetty
- B) Srikanth Kidambi and Chirag Shetty
- C) Satwik SaiRaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- D) Srikanth Kidambi and Lakshya Sen

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Satwik SaiRaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty becomes first Indian Men's Doubles pair to win Badminton Asia Championships Title.
- ✓ In the Badminton Asia Championship 2023, the Indian pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy won the men's doubles title, held in Dubai on April 30, 2023.
- ✓ They defeated eighth-seeded Malaysian pair Teo Ee Yi and Ong Yew Sin in the final, 16-21, 21-17, and 21-19.
- ✓ With this win, the duo became the first Indian men's doubles pair to win the Badminton Asia Championships title.



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- ✓ Also, this was India's second-ever Badminton Asia Championships title after Dinesh Khanna in 1965.
- ✓ Winner's List
- ✓ Men's singles – Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)
- ✓ Women's singles – Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan)
- ✓ Men's doubles – Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
- ✓ Women's doubles – Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
- ✓ Mixed doubles – Jiang Zhenbang and Wei Yaxin (China)

**Q. Tai Tzu-ying who won women's single title at the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships belongs to which country?**

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) Taiwan
- D) Indonesia

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Women's singles – Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan)

**Q. Name the winner of men's single title at the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships?**

- A) Kento Momota
- B) Chen Long
- C) Shi Yuqi
- D) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Men's singles – Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)

**IMPORTANT SPORTS IN NEWS 2023**

- Shooters Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon won India its first medal in the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup in Cairo, Egypt..
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty created history by becoming the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships.
- Carlos Alcaraz won his second consecutive Barcelona title defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas.
- Kelvin Kiptum, a 23-year-old Kenyan athlete, won the London Marathon and set the second fastest time in history for the distance.



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- Harmanpreet Kaur created history by becoming the first Indian woman to be named in Wisden Cricketers of the Year..
- Argentina becomes number one football team in the world in FIFA rankings 2023.
- India rises five places to 101 in latest FIFA rankings..
- New Zealand's Kim Cotton becomes first woman on-field umpire in full-member men's T20Is.
- Mumbai Indians has won the title of the first season of the Women's Premier League.
- The team of Mumbai Indians defeated Delhi Capitals .
- India's Lovlina Borgohain defeated Australia's Caitlin Parker in the 75kg final to win the gold medal at the World Women's Boxing Championship in New Delhi.
- Nikhat Zareen defeated Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Tam to become the world champion in the 50kg category at the World Women's Boxing Championship in New Delhi.
- Pankaj Advani has won the Asian Billiards Championship title held in Doha, Qatar.
- India's Rohan Bopanna becomes the oldest tennis player to win an ATP Masters 1000 title.
- Karnataka won the Santosh Trophy after 54 years by defeating Meghalaya.
- Australia has won the Women's T20 World Cup 2023 title for the sixth time by defeating South Africa .
- Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) defeats Cameron Norrie (Great Britain) to win Argentina Open Title.
- Saurashtra won the Ranji Trophy 2022-23 title by defeating Bengal.
- 5th Khelo India Youth Games begins in Madhya Pradesh.
- Maharashtra topped the medal tally by winning 161 medals including 56 gold. While Haryana stood second with 128 medals including 41 gold.
- Host Madhya Pradesh finished third with 96 medals including 39 gold.
- Third Khelo India Winter Games begins in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Saudi Arabia has been selected to host the 2027 Asian Cup football tournament.
- First edition of the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup, India defeated England.
- Germany has won the Men's Hockey World Title 2023. Germany defeated defending champions Belgium.
- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) won the Australian Open title for the 10th time by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greek).



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- Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus has won the women's singles title by defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.
- Thailand's shuttler Kunlavut Witidson won men's singles title at India Open Badminton.
- He defeated World No.1 Denmark's Viktor Axelsen.
- Korean sensation An Seyoung won the Women's singles final. She beat World No.1 Japanese Akane Yamaguchi.
- Barcelona beat Real Madrid 3-1 in Riyadh to win their 14th Spanish Super Cup title..
- Victor Axelsen (Denmark) and world champion Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) have won the men's and women's singles titles respectively in Malaysia Open Badminton 2023.
- Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune

**Q. "Kalesar National Park" is situated in which state of India?**

- A) Punjab  
B) Meghalaya  
C) Tripura  
D) Haryana

**Answer : D**

- ✓ A tiger has been spotted in a camera trap at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar district of Haryana.
- ✓ Recently tiger sightings in the Kalesar area have happened after a gap of 110 years.
- ✓ Kalesar Park is adjacent to the Simbalbara National Park in the Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Both these parks are connected to Rajaji National Park through dense forest. It appears that tigers are using this corridor for roaming.
- ✓ About Kalesar National Park
- ✓ It is located in the Yamunanagar district of Haryana.
- ✓ It is situated at the foothills of the Shivalik ranges of the Himalayas.
- ✓ It was declared a National Park on 8 December 2003.
- ✓ It shares boundary with three States viz., Himachal Pradesh, Uttranchal & U.P.
- ✓ It was named after a temple (known as Kalesar Mahadev temple) located inside the premise of the park.
- ✓ The park is also famous for its Dak bungalows



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## HARYANA IN NEWS 2023

- A tiger has been spotted in a camera trap at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar district of Haryana.
- Haryana becomes first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network.
- First nuclear power plant in North India would be built in Gorakhpur, Haryana,

**Q. Who has become first Indian to Finish on Podium in British F4 Championship?**

- A) Nikhil Bohra                      B) Jaden Pariat  
C) Karun Chandhok                  D) Alisha Abdullah

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Jaden Pariat Becomes First Indian to Finish on Podium in British F4 Championship
- ✓ Young Indian Racer Jaden Pariat, made the country proud by finishing on podium in the first round of ROKit British F4 Championship at Donington Park in Leicestershire.
- ✓ The 16-year-old Meghalayan racer Pariat is hired for Argenti Motorsport.
- ✓ He is only the second Indian to get an international podium in a Tatuus F4 car after Kush Maini in 2017.

**Q. India is going to host the 23rd edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in New Delhi. What is the theme of this summit?**

- A) SECURE-SCO                      B) Cohesive and Responsive  
C) Realizing Opportunities              D) Shared Security and Innovative Growth

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India is set to host the 23rd edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit on July 3-4, 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The theme of India's Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is 'SECURE-SCO'.
- ✓ The 22nd edition of the SCO Summit was held in September 2022 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- ✓ The SCO is an intergovernmental organization established in 2001. The members of the bloc includes India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
- ✓ Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)



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- ✓ 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

**Q. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Bank of Baroda?**

A) Atanu Kumar Das

B) R K Chhibber

C) Sunil Mehta

D) Debadatta Chand

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Debadatta Chand has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Bank of Baroda.
- ✓ He has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from July 2023.





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- ✓ Prior to this, Debadatta served as the Executive Director of the bank.
- ✓ He succeeds Sanjiv Chadha, whose tenure will end on June 30, 2023.
- ✓ About Debdutt Chand
- ✓ Chand started his career in 1994 as an officer in Allahabad Bank.
- ✓ He worked as a manager in Small Industries Development Bank of India [SIDBI] from 1998 to 2005.
- ✓ He joined Punjab National Bank (PNB) in 2005 as Chief Manager and eventually rose to the rank of Chief General Manager.
- ✓ Prior to his role as Executive Director in Bank of Baroda, Chand served as the CGM of Mumbai Region in PNB.
- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- ✓ Founded : 1908
- ✓ Founder : Sayajirao Gaekwad III
- ✓ Headquarters : Vadodara, Gujarat
- ✓ MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand
- ✓ Tagline : India's International Bank

#### 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.



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- 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.

**Q. Who has won the gold in mixed skeet of the ongoing 2023 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun in Cairo, Egypt?**

- A) Gagan Narang and Heena Sidhu      B) Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon  
C) Jitu Rai and Manu Bhaker      D) Saurabh Chaudhary and Rahi Sarnobat

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Indian shooter duo Mairaj Khan and Ganemat Sekhon wins gold at the 2023 ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Cairo.
- ✓ In shooting, the two-time Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon won the gold in mixed skeet of the ongoing 2023 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun in Cairo, Egypt.
- ✓ The Indian pair outclassed Gabriela Rodriguez and Luis Oliveros of Mexico 6-0.
- ✓ Italy won bronze medal.
- ✓ This is the first medal for India in the competition.

**Q. India will join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) and Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from which year?**

- A) 2025      B) 2027  
C) 2026      D) 2030

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India to join international climate action in civil aviation from 2027.
- ✓ India will join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) and Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from 2027.



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- ✓ ICAO has adopted several key ambitious targets, including a two percent annual fuel efficiency improvement by 2050, carbon neutral development, and net zero by 2050, all covered under CORSIA and LTAG.
- ✓ India's Ministry of Civil Aviation stated that joining these measures from 2027 would help airlines from developing countries like India to achieve greater growth and avoid adverse financial consequences due to CORSIA
- ✓ International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):
- ✓ It is a specialised agency of the United Nations and its primary function is to coordinate the principles and techniques of international air navigation.
- ✓ The organisation is also responsible for promoting the planning and development of international air transport.
- ✓ ICAO's mission is to ensure the safe and orderly development of the international aviation industry.
- ✓ Established - 7 December 1944
- ✓ Headquarters -Montreal, Canada
- ✓ Carbon Offsetting and Mitigation Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA):
- ✓ It is a global plan developed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to reduce CO2 emissions from international flights.
- ✓ It aims to achieve carbon-neutral growth for international flights by offsetting any increase in emissions through the purchase of carbon credits from eligible projects.

**Q. How many new wildlife conservation reserves have been declared in Rajasthan recently?**

- A) 5
- B) 4
- C) 3
- D) 6

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Forest Department of Rajasthan has announced the creation of three new conservation reserves in the state to protect the rare and endangered wildlife of Rajasthan.
- ✓ These three new wildlife conservation reserves are
  1. Sorsan in Baran,
  2. Khichan in Jodhpur,



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### 3. Hamirgarh in Bhilwara

- ✓ With the addition of these 3 new reserves, the total number of wildlife conservation reserves in Rajasthan has gone up to 26.

**Q. Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy is an Indian Player of which sports?**

- A) Tennis
- B) Wrestling
- C) Boxing
- D) Badminton

**Answer : D**

**Q. When is the World Tuna Day observed globally?**

- A) First Saturday of May
- B) May 1
- C) May 2
- D) First Sunday of May

**Answer : C**

- ✓ World Tuna Day is observed on May 2 every year to raise awareness about the Tuna fish and its importance to humans and earth and also to promote more sustainable fishing practices.
- ✓ The United Nations (UN) officially recognised the World Tuna Day in 2017.
- ✓ The first World Tuna Day was observed in the year 2017.
- ✓ Tuna is a saltwater fish comprising of some 15 different species across five genera.

**Q. Which bank will start an e-distribution network to help the lender achieve its priority sector (PSL) lending targets?**

- A) South Indian Bank
- B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Indian Overseas Bank

**Answer : C**

- ✓ HDFC Bank will start onboarding agents of its corporate business correspondents digitally who can extend services to semi-urban and rural areas, a move that will help the lender achieve its priority sector (PSL) lending targets.
- ✓ It is a digital distribution platform that leverages technology and brings in ease for business correspondents and agents.



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- ✓ With this, they can deliver a host of banking products and services to customers, especially in semi-urban and rural areas.
- ✓ Right now, HDFC Bank's services are available in 150,000 villages. With the launch of Smart Saathi, we aim to cover 200,000 villages over the next 12-15 months. Around 70 percent of the rural economy is in these villages.

#### 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 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 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.
- 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.



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- HDFC Bank to launch “SmartHub Vyapar programme” & ‘AutoFirst’ app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia’s largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- HDFC BANK
- Founded : 1994
- Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We understand your world

**Q. Who has released the "Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023"?**

- A) RBI
- B) FICCI
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) FSSAI

**Answer : C**

- ✓ NITI Aayog has released the “Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023” in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme.
- ✓ Reason : To commemorate 75 years of India’s independence and highlight and laud the efforts of Union Ministries and State Governments, this compendium includes 75 case studies cutting across 14 key social sectors.
- ✓ The case studies have been sourced from all States and Union Territories and 30 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. The aim of this exercise has been to synthesise lessons for the future to expand, enhance and improve life at the grassroots level.

### NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2023

- BVR Subrahmanyam was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog
- The government has monetised assets worth ₹26,000 crore during FY23 against the target of ₹1.6 lakh crore for the current fiscal : NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog, the Indian government’s policy think-tank, recently released a report titled “Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India.” .



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- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), an initiative by NITI Aayog, has launched three new resources aimed at fostering innovation and creativity among India's youth.
- NITI Aayog ( National Institution for Transforming India)
- Founded : 1st January 2015
- Preceding : Planning Commission ( 15th March 1950)
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery
- CEO : BVR Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Q. India's exports to the UAE are expected to reach \_\_ by 2026-27**

A) \$50 billion

B) \$75 billion

C) \$100 billion

D) \$125 billion

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India's exports to the UAE are expected to reach \$50 billion by 2026-27 from \$31.3 billion at present on the back of the free trade agreement between the countries.
- ✓ The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which was signed between the two nations on 18 February 2022.

### UAE IN NEWS 2023

- UAE India's second largest export destination and third largest source of imports.
- The first conference of I2U2 Business Forum, a joint initiative of India, Israel, the US and the United Arab Emirates, was held on 22 February 2023 in Abu Dhabi (UAE).
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 13th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial meeting in February 2024.
- UAE will host the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in November 2023.



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- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed an agreement to set up its first overseas office in Abu Dhabi Global Market.
- UAE and India launched the UAE India Business Council - UAE Chapter (UIBCUC) to strengthen economic ties and enhance bilateral trade and investment.
- EDGE, UAE's leading defence group signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India's aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).
- India, France, UAE Establish Trilateral Cooperation Initiative, in fields including Energy, Defence & Economy.
- India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in Indonesia, Mauritius, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- RBI, Central Bank of UAE sign MoU to promote innovation in financial products and services.
- Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan appointed President of UAE.
- Emaar, a Dubai-based real estate developer, has become the first foreign company to invest in a mega-mall spread over one million square feet in Srinagar.
- Indian Air Force contingent of 110 Air Warriors reached Al Dahfra airbase of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 25 February for participating in Exercise 'Desert Flag VIII.
- 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.
- Agricultural and Process Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is participating in the 28th edition of Gulfood 2023 which will be held in UAE.
- The 'Study in India Pavilion' at the Global Education & Training Exhibition (GETEX) in Dubai, UAE.
- HDFC Bank and UAE-based financial services company Lulu Exchange, have partnered to strengthen cross-border payments between India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.
- About UAE
- Official Language : Arabic
- Capital : Abu Dhabi
- Currency : Emirati Dirham





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- President of UAE : Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
- Prime Minister: Sheikh Mohammed ibn Rashid Al Maktoum

**Q. ASEAN Maritime Exercise 2023 begins today in Harbour Phase, the event is held at which military port?**

- A) Norfolk Naval Base
- B) Zapadnaya Litsa Naval Base
- C) Washington Navy Yard
- D) Changi Naval Base

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The first ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) began on 2 May in Singapore.
- ✓ The maiden exercise is being conducted off the coast of Singapore.
- ✓ It aims to enhance interoperability and exchange of best practices among the participating navies.
- ✓ INS Satpura and INS Delhi, accompanied by RADM Gurcharan Singh, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, have reached Singapore to participate in the exercise.
- ✓ Indian Navy ships will also participate in the International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) and the International Maritime Defense Exhibition (IMDEX-23).
- ✓ Phase of the exercise
- ✓ Harbour Phase - to be conducted at Changi Naval Base.
- ✓ Sea Phase - to be conducted in the South China Sea.

## MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

- The first ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) began on 2 May in Singapore.
- Harbour Phase - to be conducted at Changi Naval Base.
- Sea Phase - to be conducted in the South China Sea.
- India, Iran and Armenia have formed a trilateral grouping, to further deepen regional cooperation between the three countries.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 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.



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- 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. Who was awarded Britain's Honorary MBE by King Charles III for his contribution to Indian classical arts in Britain?**

- A) Dr. Kamlesh Khunti                      B) Dr. Chaand Nagpaul  
C) Dr. M.N. Nandakumar                 D) Dr. Kailash Chand

**Answer : C**

- ✓ King Charles III confers Britain's Honorary MBE on Dr. M.N. Nandakumar.
- ✓ King Charles III awarded an Honorary MBE to Dr MN Nandakumar, a renowned Sanskrit scholar and executive director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Center in London, for his contribution to Indian classical arts in Britain.
- ✓ Dr. M.N. Nandakumar has been associated with the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Center in London for 46 years and has hosted Prince Charles on several occasions at the centre, which promotes Indian culture.
- ✓ The Honorary MBE award is given to foreign nationals for their services in public life.
- ✓ Dr. Nandakumar originally hails from Mattur village in Karnataka

**Q. Who will be honored at the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Television Awards?**

- A) Nina Wadia                                 B) Meera Syal  
C) Mandy Takhar                              D) Rhona Mitra

**Answer : B**

- ✓ British-Indian Meera Syal to be awarded BAFTA TV fellowship.
- ✓ Meera Syal, who starred in the hit BBC comedy, Goodness Gracious Me and The Kumars at No 42, will be honored at the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Television Awards on May 14 at the Royal Festival Hall.
- ✓ It is the highest honor given to an individual for outstanding and extraordinary contribution in the field of film, sports or television.



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- ✓ Sanya is best known for her performances in 'Goodness Gracious Me' and 'The Kumars at No 42'.
- ✓ 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).

**Q. According to RBI, which state has topped the list of states with the highest market borrowings for the third consecutive year?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu tops market borrowing for third consecutive year: RBI
- ✓ For third year in a row, Tamil Nadu has topped the list of States with the highest market borrowings.
- ✓ According to RBI data, Tamil Nadu's gross market borrowings through State Development Loans (SDLs) stood at ₹68,000 crore during April-February FY23.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh is in 2nd place with Rs 51,860 crore. Maharashtra is at 3rd place with Rs.50 thousand crore among the states that have borrowed the most in the country.
- ✓ It is noteworthy that Tamil Nadu was the state that borrowed the most in the previous 2 financial years i.e. 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..

**Q. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to which country as India's "gift"?**

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Maldives
- C) Mauritius
- D) Bhutan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India to hand-over fast Patrol Vessel ship & landing Craft to Maldives.



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- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hand over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to the Maldives as India's "gift" during his visit to the island nation from May 1 to 3.
- ✓ It will be an "important landmark" in building "strong bonds" of friendship between the two countries.
- ✓ Maldives is one of India's major maritime neighbors in the Indian Ocean region and overall bilateral relations between the two countries, including in the areas of defense and security, have been on the rise over the years.

### MALDIVES IN NEWS 2023

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hand over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to the Maldives as India's "gift" .
- India Extended USD 40 Million for Bolstering Sports Infrastructure in Maldives.
- India and Maldives held the 4th Defense Cooperation Dialogue (DCD) in Male on March 19, 2023.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to embark on a three-day official visit to Maldives on 30th April.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework.
- The corpus of the SAARC Currency Swap Facility of the RBI is USD 2 Billion.
- About Maldives
- It is also called Maldives Islands, an independent island country in the north-central Indian Ocean.
- Basis of economy - fisheries, tourism
- Industries - handicraft or cottage including the making of coir (coconut-husk fibre) and coir products, fish canning, and boatbuilding.
- Capital - Male
- President - Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Currency - Rufiyaa





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- The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.
- The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh

**Q. Which company has become the first general insurance company to accept RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee (₹) for premium payments?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Reliance General Insurance has become the first general insurance company to accept RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee (₹) for premium payments.
- ✓ The insurer has tied up with YES Bank to facilitate the collection of premiums in digital mode using the bank's e-rupee platform.
- ✓ Customers who have an active e-rupee wallet with any bank can scan Reliance General Insurance's CBDC QR code to make easy, safe, instant, and green payments.
- ✓ e-rupee is a digital token, equivalent to a banknote, and is legal tender or sovereign currency backed by the RBI.
- ✓ Currently, Reliance General Insurance's physical e-rupee QR code is available at select branches for walk-in customers to scan and pay instantly.

**Q. Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone?**

- A) Karsanbhai Patel      B) Bhavish Aggarwal  
C) Margherita Della Valle      D) Shradha Sharma

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Margherita Della Valle appointed as CEO of Vodafone.



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✓ Della Valle began her career as one of the first employees of Italian telecom startup Omnitel, which was acquired by Vodafone in 2001.

**Q. Who has become the 17th world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker?**

A) Levon Aronian

B) Magnus Carlsen

C) Anish Giri

D) Ding Liren

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- ✓ Ding Liren has become the 17th World Chess Champion.
- ✓ He took over from Magnus Carlsen of Norway as the winner of the World Chess Championship.
- ✓ The first stage of the World Chess Championship in Astana, Kazakhstan ended with Ding Liren and Nepomniachtchi with seven points, with three wins and eight draws

## CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2022-23

- Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- 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.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title At World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event.
- 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.





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- Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster.
- Alireza Firouzja wins Sinquefield Cup & The Grand Chess Tour.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess.
- Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world.
- International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)
- Founded : 1924 { Paris, France}
- Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- President : Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)
- Vice president : Viswanathan Anand ( Tamil Nadu)

**Q. Which Country High Commission in India has announced its Government Grant for a Project in Kargil?**

- A) Russia
- B) Australia
- C) Singapore
- D) Malaysia

**Answer : B**

- ✓ For the first time in the history of Ladakh the Australian High Commission in India has announced its Government Grant for a Project in Kargil.
- ✓ This was announced during a Special Meeting at Srinagar chaired by the Australian high commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell.

### AUSTRALIA IN NEWS 2023.

- Australian High Commission in India Announces Government Grant for Project in Kargil.
- Ratan Tatahas received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.
- Australia will host the third in-person Quad summit in Sydney.
- An Indian-origin politician, Daniel Mookhey has been appointed as the Treasurer of the New South Wales in Australia.
- India and Australia target \$100 billion bilateral trade in next five years.



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- Australia and India have agreed to accelerate a broader economic partnership and to boost their defence ties, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in New Delhi.
- Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in Gujarat International Financial Tec-City (GIFT) City.
- India and Australia sign a framework mechanism for mutual recognition of qualifications.
- India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- Australia announced it will erase the British monarch from its banknotes, replacing the late Queen Elizabeth II's image on its \$5 note with a design honoring Indigenous culture.
- Australia's longest-serving captain in the shortest format of the game, veteran batter Aaron Finch called time on his international career.
- Now Punjabi is all set to be taught in public schools in Western Australia.
- The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRA HIND 22" between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army begins at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new prime minister
- Novak Djokovic defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of men's singles match of the Australian Open 2023.
- In the Women's Singles category, Aryna Sabalenka defeated Elena Rybakina.
- Australia won the Women's T20 World Cup for the sixth time when they beat South Africa by 19 runs in the final at Newlands
- AUSTRALIA
- Capital : Canberra
- Currency : Dollar
- Prime Minister : Anthony Albanese

**Q. Which Ministry cancels LIFE's Foreign Contribution Registration Act (FCRA) licence?**

- A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs                      B) Ministry of Home Affairs  
C) Ministry of External Affairs                      D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**Answer : B**



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- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has suspended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) registration of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), a Delhi-based think tank, for 180 days.
- ✓ A government official reported that the suspension was imposed due to initial breaches of FCRA regulations.

**Q. Which US Company purchased resources of First Republic Bank resulting in 3rd financial collapse?**

- A) Axis Bank
- B) First Citizens
- C) JP Morgan Chase & Co
- D) American Express

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The assets of First Republic Bank have been bought by American multinational company JP Morgan Chase & Co.
- ✓ The US financial regulators seized First Republic Bank, a California-based financial institution. It resulted in the third major bank failure in the past 2 months.
- ✓ The deal has been made to save the economic turbulences.
- ✓ The outflows of 100\$ were reported recently

**Q. Who left Google to spread awareness towards the rising threats of AI to society?**

- A) Sergey Brin
- B) Geoffrey Hinton
- C) Jeff Dean
- D) Larry Page

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Geoffrey Hinton, the Godfather of Artificial Intelligence left his job at Google and indicates the alarming dangers of technological robotic devices or chatbots.
- ✓ 75-year-old Hinton tweets that he did not resign to criticize the company in fact he wants to spread awareness about the possible outcomes of advancement in machinery systems.
- ✓ Mr Hinton has worked extensively on neural networks and is widely known as a computer scientist and a renowned name in cognitive psychology.



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**Q. Which Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited to accelerate solid waste and used water management?**

- A) Ministry of Home affairs                      B) Ministry of Finance  
C) Ministry of Education                         D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited on 2 May to accelerate solid waste and used water management.
- ✓ The MoU was signed for technical assistance for Solid Waste Management (SWM) under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.
- ✓ The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of RITES will assist Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-U) for a period of 3 years.
- ✓ Under SWM, the areas of engagement will be process standardization and engineering design of waste management facilities, like Material Recovery Facility, legacy waste etc.
- ✓ RITES will assist with preparation of model tender documents and procurement in the field of sewage, wastewater management and Solid Waste Management.
- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban' on October 2, 2021, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- ✓ It has been designed to make all cities garbage free and achieve the goal of water conservation.
- ✓ Under this, 3.5 lakh individual, community and public toilets will be constructed for the population going to urban areas for employment in the next 5 years.
- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was launched on October 2, 2014 with the objective of promoting 'cleanliness and Sanitation' in the society and the country

**Q. India's first undersea tunnels are being completed in which city, likely to open in November 2023?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.



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- ✓ The tunnels begin close to Girgaon (before Marine Drive), travel under the Arabian Sea, Girgaon Chowpatty, and Malabar Hill, and finally terminate at Breach Candy's Priyadarshini Park.
- ✓ The high-speed coastal route aims to reduce the 45-minute peak-time trip from Girgaon to Worli to only 10 minutes.
- ✓ The diameter of the tunnels is 12.19 meters which is 17-20 meters below sea level. About 1 kilometer part is under the sea.
- ✓ The tunnels reach a depth of 72 meters in Malabar Hill.
- ✓ Construction of tunnels is a part of the Mumbai Coastal Road Project (MCRP) being built by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC).

### INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023

- India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.
- According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- Tech startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone capable of vertical take-off and landing. This drone has been named Skyhawk.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled the country's first drone-air traffic management system "Sky UTM".
- India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Luminous Power Technologies announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.
- India's First AC Double Decker Electric Bus Introduced in Mumbai.
- NCERT Launched India's First National Assessment Regulator "PARAKH".
- PARAKH stands for The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Shivangi Singh being the first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter aircraft, is a trailblazer in the Indian Air Force.
- India's first "Water Metro" services will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 25, 2023 in Kochi, Kerala.



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- Mana village on India-China border in UK's Chamoli district declared as 'India's first village' by BRO.
- Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity campus in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- City Union Bank (CUB) launched India's first Voice Biometric Authentication banking app for its mobile banking app which uses it to improve security.
- India's first semi high-speed regional rail services in NCR named 'RAPIDX'.
- India's first 3D-printed post office is being built in Bengaluru.
- 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.
- India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) in Gurugram, Haryana.
- IPL India's first unicorn with a \$1.1 billion valuation.
- Northern India's first nuclear plant to come up in Haryana's Gorakhpur.
- MobiKwik becomes India's first app to Support Credit Cards on UPI.
- India's 1st National Metro Rail Knowledge Centre to be built in Delhi.

**Q. Which Artificial Intelligence Company launched 'Pi Chatbot'?**

- A) DeepMind Technologies                      B) Inflection AI Inc  
C) OpenAI    D) Tesla

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Inflection AI Company unveiled a modern talkbot named 'Pi Chatbot'.
- ✓ The full form of Pi is Personal Intelligence which is different in its activities.
- ✓ The CEO of this 1-year-old startup, Mustafa Suleyman announced that this agent is capable of solving real-life problems of humans rather than coding complex terms and writing homework like other AI-based systems.
- ✓ This has been launched collaboratively by the co-founders of Google DeepMind and LinkedIn



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### ChatGPT IN NEWS 2023

- Inflection AI Company unveiled a modern talkbot named 'Pi Chatbot'.
- 'Gigachat' Russia's Sberbank launches AI to compete with ChatGPT.
- Google introduces AI chatbot 'Bard' to compete with Microsoft's ChatGPT.
- Google to launch its AI Chatbot amid ChatGPT's Growing Popularity.
- Lexi': India's first AI assistant powered by ChatGPT.
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has recently launched a chatbot to help people get an answer to their queries related to the Aadhaar card. It is called "Aadhaar Mitra".
- India's First Agri Chatbot Ama KrushAI Launched in Odisha.
- Chinese search engine Baidu revealed its plans of launching a ChatGPT-style AI chatbot called 'Ernie Bot'.
- Bard is a chat service developed by Google that utilizes artificial intelligence to engage in conversations with users.
- Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) unveiled WhatsApp chatbot service 'Bal Mitra'.
- Punjab and Haryana Court recently utilized the assistance of an AI chatbot called ChatGPT to make a decision regarding a bail application in a criminal case, marking the first time an Indian court has done so.

**Q. What is the name given to the cyclone that the India Meteorological Department predicts to hit India's Eastern Coast?**

- A) Cyclone Mandoug                      B) Cyclone Biparjoy  
C) Cyclone Gabrielle                      D) Cyclone Mocha

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued warnings against Cyclone Mocha which is heading towards the Southeast Bay of Bengal. It is expected to hit the eastern coastal region of India on May 06, 2023.
- ✓ Within 48 hours of its creation, it will also form a low-pressure area.
- ✓ Mocha name of this storm is suggested by Yemen.



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- ✓ IMD is a government agency of India that issues climatic observations and forecasting.

### CYCLONE IN NEWS 2022-23

- IMD has issued warnings against Cyclone Mocha which is heading towards the Southeast Bay of Bengal.
- Cyclone Freddy in Malawi, Mozambique and Madagascar
- As Cyclone Gabrielle approaches the coast of the nation, residents of Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand.
- IMD Issue Warning of Formation of Cyclone Mandous Over Bay of Bengal and hit the east coast in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh.
- Recently a powerful "Bomb Cyclone" has hit the United States, affecting at least 200 million people.
- Cyclone Yaas Impact on Odisha and West Bengal.
- Cyclone Sitrang ploughed into heavily populated, low-lying parts of Bangladesh .
- Asani' turns into severe cyclonic storm, Odisha and West Bengal on alert.
- A red alert issued in the Philippines due to Super Typhoon Noru

**Q. Who has become the first Indian to complete the prestigious Golden Globe Race 2022?**

- A) Armaan Ebrahim                      B) Akhil Rabindra  
C) Abhilash Tomy                        D) Karun Chandhok

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Abhilash Tomy becomes the first Indian to complete Golden Globe Race 2022
- ✓ He finished second in the race, a solo around-the-world sailing race.
- ✓ The race started on September 4, 2022, from Les Sables-d'Olonne in France, with 16 sailors from 11 countries.
- ✓ Only two of them managed to complete the gruelling challenge while sailing non-stop. This tested their physical and mental stamina to the limit.
- ✓ The only other finisher so far has been the sailor Simon Curwen who had been forced to make stops to address problems with his boat, unlike Abhilash Tomy and Kirsten Neuschafer who completed the race non-stop





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**Q. Who is the author of book titled 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action'?**

A) Vikram Seth

B) Anita Desai

C) Chetan Bhagat

D) Shashi Shekhar Vempati

**Answer : D**

- ✓ A book called 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' written by Shashi Shekhar Vempati, former CEO of Prasar Bharati (2017-2022) was launched.
- ✓ The book was released during a day-long National Conclave on Mann Ki Baat @100 held in the New Delhi.
- ✓ According to the author, 'Mann Ki Baat' is a combination of the power of radio and the vision of a nation's leader.

**Q. Which Ministry has launched the scheme, "Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs" for providing relief to MSMEs for COVID-19 period?**

A) Ministry of Finance

B) Ministry of Home affairs

C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

D) Ministry of MSME

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has launched the scheme, "Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs" for providing relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for COVID-19 period.
- ✓ The scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ✓ The relief provided under this scheme is in continuation to the efforts of the government in promoting and sustaining the MSME sector.
- ✓ Under the scheme, ministries have been asked to refund performance security, bid security and liquidated damages forfeited/ deducted during the Covid pandemic.
- ✓ **Additional benefits to eligible MSMEs, affected during the COVID-19 period.**
- ✓ **95% of the performance security** forfeited shall be refunded.
- ✓ **95% of the Bid security** shall be refunded.
- ✓ **95% of the Liquidated Damages (LD)** deducted shall be refunded.
- ✓ **95% of the Risk Purchase amount realized** shall be refunded.
- ✓ Eligibility Criterion



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- ✓ Registered as a Medium, Small or Micro Enterprise as per relevant scheme of Ministry of MSME on the date of claim by supplier/ contractor.
- ✓ MSME could be registered for any category of Goods and Services

**Q. Who is the author of the book "Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise" ?**

A) Rajiv Dixit

B) Amitabh Kant

C) Aravind Adiga

D) B. V. R. Subrahmanyam

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The book "Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise" is written by Amitabh Kant and published by Rupa Publications India.
- ✓ The book coincides with India becoming the 5th largest economy in the world, overtaking the United Kingdom after 75 years of independence.
- ✓ This book presents a multidimensional survey of India's business heritage and culture to understand the country's remarkably strong and resilient growth story of Indian business and enterprise.
- ✓ Through the book, Amitabh Kant aims to provide insight into the success of Indian businesses and enterprises and how they can move forward in the future.
- ✓ Amitabh Kant is a retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) from 2016 to 2022.
- ✓ He has also written other books like "Branding India-An Incredible Story," "Incredible India 2.0," and edited "The Path Ahead - Transformative Ideas for India."
- ✓ India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant.

### FAMOUS BOOKS AND AUTHORS IN NEWS 2023

- Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise" : Amitabh Kant .
- Milk and Honey : Rupri Kaur .
- Collective Spirit, Concrete Action : Shashi Shekhar Vempati.
- "Reflections" : Narayanan Vaghul.
- Jaidip Mukerjea : Autobiography titled "Crosscourt".
- 'Sachin@50'- Celebrating A Maestro : Boria Majumdar.
- "The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation" : Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash.



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- “Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampradaiykta” : Piyush Babele.
- “Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire” : Nandini Das.
- “War & Women” : Dr MA Hasan.
- ‘Why can’t Elephants be Red?’ : Vani Tripathi Tikoo.
- Phoolange : Lekhnath Chhetri.
- Pyre : Perumal Murugan.
- Ghulam Nabi Azad’s Autobiography ‘Azaad’ .
- “A Matter of the Heart: Education in India” : Anurag Behar.
- Snakes in the Ganga: Breaking India 2.0 : Shri Rajiv Malhotra and Vijaya Viswanathan.
- “Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform” : Rachna Biswat Rawat.
- Ambedkar a Life : Shashi Tharoor.
- "The World: A Family History of Humanity," : Simon Sebag Montefiore.
- “Revolutionaries In India's Freedom Struggle:” : Sanjeev Sanyal.
- “India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn” : Ashwin Fernandes.
- “The Light We Carry Overcoming In Uncertain Times” : Michelle Obama.
- Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History : Vikram Sampath.
- Freedom at Midnight, "City of Joy" : Dominique Lapierre.
- Forks in the Road My Days at RBI and Beyond : Chakravarthi Rangarajan.
- ‘The World: A Family History’ : Simon Sebag.
- Winning the Inner Battle : Shane Watson.
- Nuclearization of Asia : Rene Naba.
- From dependence to Self-Reliance : Bimal Jalan.
- The Philosophy of Modern Song : Bob Dylan
- India’s Struggle for Independence – Gandhian Era : P. Jyothimani.
- “As Good as My Word” : KM Chandrasekhar..
- ‘Victory City’ : Salman Rushdie
- “The Poverty of Political Economics” : Meghnad Desai



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**Q. Three jailed women journalists Nilofar Hamidi, Elahe Mohammadi and Nargis Mohammadi were given the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2023. These three women are from which country?**

A) Saudi Arabia

B) Iran

C) Iraq

D) United Arab Emirates

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Three imprisoned Iranian women journalists awarded 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- ✓ Award winners include Niloufer Hamidi, Elaheh Mohammadi and Nargis Mohammadi.
- ✓ Neelofer had informed people about 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who had died in September last year, through a news item.
- ✓ Amini was arrested by the ethics police for not wearing a headscarf properly.
- ✓ Elaheh wrote about Amini's funeral.
- ✓ Amini's death triggered months of protests in Iran's cities.
- ✓ The third winner, Nargis Mohammadi, worked for many years as a journalist and is one of Iran's most prominent activists.
- ✓ **UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize.**
- ✓ This award was started in 1997.
- ✓ The award is given to a person, organization or institution who, at the risk of life, has made an outstanding contribution to the defense and, or promotion of freedom of the press, anywhere in the world.
- ✓ The award was established at the initiative of the Executive Board of UNESCO.
- ✓ The award is formally presented by UNESCO on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on 3 May.
- ✓ The award is named in honor of Guillermo Cano Isaza, a Colombian journalist who was assassinated on 17 December 1986 in front of the office of his newspaper El Espectador in Bogotá, Colombia.

**Q. The World Press Freedom Prize is awarded annually by\_\_**

A) UNESCO

B) World Bank

C) International Monetary Fund

D) UNICEF

**Answer : A**



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**Q. According to CMIE, India's unemployment rate rose to what percentage in April 2023?**

- A) 7.02%                      B) 8.11%  
C) 8.72%                      D) 9.64%

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India's unemployment rate surged to a four-month high in April 2023 at 8.11 percent, compared to 7.14 percent in March 2023 according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- ✓ Rural India : 20.3 million people entered the workforce and 95% of them got jobs.
- ✓ Urban India : 5.2 million people entered the workforce, but only half of them got jobs

**Q. According to the IMF report, the growth of the Asia-Pacific region is expected to increase to \_\_\_ in 2023 from 3.8% in 2022.**

- A) 4.6%                      B) 4.9%  
C) 5.2%                      D) 5.5%

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Growth in the dynamic Asia-Pacific region is projected to increase to 4.6% in 2023 from that of 3.8% recorded in 2022, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which stated that the growth will be largely led by India and China.
- ✓ Asia and Pacific will be the most dynamic of the world's major regions in 2023, predominantly driven by the buoyant outlook for China and India.

### 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) .



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- Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- 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.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 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. According to the World Economic Forum, the Indian job market will shrink by what percentage in next five years?**

A) 34%

B) 30%

C) 27%

D) 22%

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian job market is estimated to witness 22% churn over the next five years, with top emerging roles coming from AI, machine learning and data segments, a new study showed.



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- ✓ Globally, the job market churn is estimated at 23 per cent, with 69 million new jobs expected to be created and 83 million eliminated by 2027, the World Economic Forum said in its latest Future of Jobs report.
- ✓ Almost a quarter of jobs (23 per cent) are expected to change in the next five years through growth of 10.2 per cent and decline of 12.3 per cent (globally)," the WEF said.
- ✓ According to the estimates of the 803 companies surveyed for the report, employers anticipate 69 million new jobs to be created and 83 million eliminated among the 673 million jobs corresponding to the dataset, a net decrease of 14 million jobs, or 2 per cent of current employment.

**Q. World Bank will provide how many billion dollars to Bangladesh for five projects?**

- A) \$2.25 billion                      B) \$2.70 billion  
C) \$2.94 billion                      D) \$3.28 billion

**Answer : A**

- ✓ World Bank will provide financial aid of 2.25 billion dollars to Bangladesh for five projects.
- ✓ Accelerating transport and trade connectivity in Eastern South Asia worth \$753.45 million.
- ✓ USD 500 million for Resilient Infrastructure Building Project.
- ✓ USD 500 million First Bangladesh Green and Climate Resilient Development.
- ✓ USD 250 million Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation.
- ✓ USD 250 million Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation.

**Q. The Ministry of Home Affairs introduced which grain in the meals of the Indian Armed Forces?**

- A) Millets                                      B) Oats  
C) Barley                                      D) Quinoa

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs announced that millets would be included in the meals of personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).
- ✓ The decision to introduce 30 per cent millets in the meals has been taken on the clarion call of the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly, recognising the growing importance of millets, declared 2023-24 as the International Year of Millets.
- ✓ Millets are also called "super grain" due to it being rich in proteins, carbohydrates and fibre.
- ✓ Three popular varieties of millets flour -- Bajra, Jowar and Ragi.



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#### ✓ **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.
- ✓ 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

#### **Q. Which country is ranked number 1 in ICC Men's Test and T20 Team Rankings 2023?**

A) Australia

B) India

C) South Africa

D) England

#### **Answer : B**

- ✓ Rohit Sharma-led India on May 2 overtook Australia to become the number one Test team in the latest rankings released by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- ✓ India are currently on top with 121 points, while Australia are second with 116 points.
- ✓ England (116 points), South Africa (104) and defending champions New Zealand (100) occupy the third, fourth and fifth places respectively in the rankings
- ✓ About International Cricket Council (ICC)
- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC)
- ✓ Formation : 15 June 1909
- ✓ Headquarters : Dubai, UAE
- ✓ Chairman : Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
- ✓ New CEO : Geoff Allardice (Australia)
- ✓ Membership : 108 members
- ✓ Deputy Chairman : Imran Khwaja (Singapore).
- ✓ It is the global governing body for cricket.





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- ✓ It presides over the ICC Code of Conduct, playing conditions, decision review system and other ICC regulations.

**Q. What is the name of a recently created digital distribution platform by HDFC Bank of India?**

- A) 'HDFC Mobile Banking App'      B) 'HDFC Banking Solution'  
C) 'HDFC Bank Smart Saathi'      D) 'HDFC Digital Bank'

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The top financial company in India, HDFC Bank rolled out a new digital platform for agents and partners.
- ✓ This Digital Distribution Platform (DDP) has been named 'HDFC Bank Smart Saathi'.
- ✓ This will provide a safe and user-friendly experience to its customers. With modern solutions, it will link Business Correspondents (BCs) and Business Facilitators (BFs) to the bank.
- ✓ HDFC BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1994
- ✓ Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- ✓ Tagline : We understand your world

**Q. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has recently unveiled a statue of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in which country?**

- A) Maldives  
B) Vietnam  
C) Mauritius  
D) Madagascar

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has unveiled a statue of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mauritius.
- ✓ The sculpture was created in India by a Delhi-based artist and sent to Mauritius in a container ship.
- ✓ Fadnavis also announced a grant of 44 million Mauritius rupees for building a multi-purpose hall and a scholarship for 10 students.



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#### STATUE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has unveiled a statue of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mauritius.
- Life-size statue of Sachin Tendulkar to come up at Wankhede stadium Mumbai.
- 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.



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**Q. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in which country?**

- A) Saudi Arabia  
B) United Arab Emirates  
C) South Korea  
D) Japan

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in South Korea.
- ✓ The meetings are attended by official delegations of ADB members, observers, non-governmental and civil society organizations, financial institutions and banks, and other private sector companies.
- ✓ During the four-day visit, Sitharaman will also participate in annual meeting focal events like the Governors' Business, and also as a panelist in the ADB Governors' Seminar on Policies to Support Asia's Rebound.
- ✓ SOUTH KOREA
- ✓ Capital : Seoul
- ✓ Currency : Won
- ✓ President : Yoon Suk-yeol
- ✓ Prime Minister : Kim Boo-kyum

**Q. Which bank has introduced a digital distribution platform Smart Saathi to connect business correspondents (BCs) and business facilitators (BFs) to the bank?**

- A) Yes Bank  
B) HDFC Bank  
C) ICICI Bank  
D) Axis Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ HDFC Bank has introduced a digital distribution platform HDFC Bank Smart Saathi to connect business correspondents (BCs) and business facilitators (BFs) to the bank.
- ✓ HDFC Bank Smart Saathi will contribute by making banking products and services available, especially credit for rural customers, which will help in the development of the country.
- ✓ This will help in enhanced income generation for the agents and also help customers to access easy credit.
- ✓ The platform will also boost capacity building for agents and further financial literacy for customers.



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**Q. What is the rank of India in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index?**

- A) 172    B) 150  
C) 161    D) 143

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India ranks 161 in 2023 World Press Freedom Index; Norway tops.
- ✓ India has slipped by 11 positions, to be ranked at 161st position among 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index.
- ✓ In 2022, India's rank was at 150.
- ✓ The index is released annually by the global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF), to evaluate the press freedom situation in 180 countries and territories.
- ✓ Norway has achieved the first position for the seventh consecutive year on the 2023 World Press Freedom Index.
- ✓ It is followed by Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Lithuania, Estonia, Portugal and Timor-Leste among top 10 countries.
- ✓ The last three position has been occupied by Vietnam (178), China (179) and North Korea (180).
- ✓ India's performance in the World Press Freedom Index is also poor compared to other countries in South Asia.
- ✓ India is ranked 161 out of 180 countries. Press freedom in India has gone from "problematic" to "very bad", with the country slipping 11 ranks since the 2022 report.
- ✓ Neighbours have a better rank than India -- Bhutan (90), Nepal (95), Sri Lanka (135), Pakistan (150), Afghanistan (152).
- ✓ The ranking is based on five categories -- political, legislative, economic, sociocultural and safety of journalists.
- ✓ Key Facts about Reporters Without Borders (RSF):
  - ✓ It is an international NGO whose self-proclaimed aim is to defend and promote media freedom.
  - ✓ Headquarters: Paris, France.
  - ✓ It has consultative status with the United Nations.



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- ✓ RSF defines press freedom as “the ability of journalists as individuals and collectives to select, produce, and disseminate news in the public interest independent of political, economic, legal and social interference and in the absence of threats to their physical and mental safety.”

### INDIA'S RANK IN VARIOUS INDEXES 2023

- **World Press Freedom Index 2023**
- TOP : Norway
- 2nd : Ireland
- 3rd : Denmark
- 4th : Sweden
- 5th : Finland
- INDIA : 161
- Released By : Reporters Without Borders (RSF),
- **World Happiness Report 2023**
- TOP : Finland continues to be the happiest country around the world for the sixth consecutive year.
- 2nd : Denmark
- 3rd : Iceland
- INDIA : 126
- Afghanistan is ranked as the unhappiest nation.
- India's neighbors ranked Sri Lanka (63), China (74) and Pakistan (108).
- Released By : United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
- **Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023**
- TOP : Singapore
- INDIA : 32
- Released By : World Bank
- **Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2023**
- Top 5 countries with most Unicorns
- 1. USA (666)
- 2. China (316)
- 3. India (68)



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4. UK (49)
  5. Germany (36)
- Top 5 Cities with Most Unicorns
    1. San Francisco (USA) - 181
    2. New York (USA) - 126
    3. Beijing (China) - 79
    4. Shanghai (China) - 66
    5. London (UK) - 42.
  - Ed-tech BYJU'S worth \$22 billion topped the list of Indian Unicorns.
  - Freedom in the World Index' for 2023
  - Tibet as the "world's least free country" along with South Sudan and Syria.
  - Released By : Global watchdog Freedom House
  - World's "most criminal countries" .
  - TOP : Venezuela
  - 2nd : Papua New Guinea
  - 3rd : South Africa
  - 4th : Afghanistan
  - 5th : Honduras
  - INDIA : 77
  - Released By : World of Statistics
  - **Global Terrorism Index 2023**
  - Most affected country by terrorism : Afghanistan
  - INDIA : 13
  - Released By : Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
  - **World Air Quality Report 2023**
  - Top 10 most polluted countries
    1. Chad
    2. Iraq
    3. Pakistan
    4. Bahrain



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5. Bangladesh

6. Burkina Faso

7. Kuwait

8. INDIA

9. Egypt

10. Tajikistan

➤ Most polluted cities in the world

1. Lahore in Pakistan

2. Hotan in China

3. Bhiwadi in Rajasthan

4. Delhi

Released By : Swiss firm IQAir

➤ **International IP Index report 2023**

➤ TOP : US

➤ 2nd : UK

➤ 3rd : France

➤ INDIA : 42

➤ Released By : US Chamber of Commerce.

➤ **Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021**

➤ TOP : Germany

➤ 2nd : China

➤ 3rd : USA

➤ 4th : UK

➤ 5th : Japan

➤ INDIA : 10

➤ **Global Fire Power Index 2023**

➤ TOP : USA

➤ 2nd : Russia

➤ 3rd : China

➤ INDIA : 4th



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- 5th : United Kingdom
- **Henley Passport Index 2023**
- TOP : Japan : 193 destination (fifth year in a row)
- 2nd : Singapore, South Korea (192 destination)
- 3rd : Germany, Spain (190 destination)
- INDIA : 85th (59 destination )
- **FIFA rankings 2023**
- TOP : Argentina
- 2nd : France
- 3rd : Belgium
- INDIA : 101
- **Electoral Democracy Index 2023**
- TOP : Denmark
- 2nd : Sweden
- 3rd : Norway
- INDIA : 108<sup>th</sup>

**Q. Which country has topped the 2023 World Press Freedom Index?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Norway has achieved the first position for the seventh consecutive year on the 2023 World Press Freedom Index.
- ✓ It is followed by Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Lithuania, Estonia, Portugal and Timor-Leste among top 10 countries.

**Q. The World Press Freedom Index is published by which institution?**

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) Reporters Without Borders
- D) U.S. Chamber's Global Intellectual Property Center

**Answer : C**







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- These four states are-Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- World Bank has signed two complementary loans with India worth USD 500 million each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.
- Indian Origin Ajay Banga to be next World Bank President.
- World Bank chief David Malpass has announced his resignation nearly a year early.
- India will be the first country in the world to receive \$100 billion from remittances during 2022, the World Bank.
- World Bank forecast Pakistan's economic growth to slow further to two percent during the current year; according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.
- WORLD BANK
- Founded : 1944
- Headquarters : Washington Dc
- 14th President : Ajay Banga
- MD&CFO : Anshula Kant
- Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart
- Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar
- Member Countries :189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).
- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID

**Q. The Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant (MSTPP) is NTPC LTD's first overseas capacity addition. The plant is located in which country?**

- A) Malaysia
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Sri Lanka

**Answer : C**



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- ✓ NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- ✓ The state-owned NTPC Ltd has marked its first overseas capacity addition with the installation of Unit-1 of project named Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant (MSTPP) in Rampal, Mongla, Bagerhat, Bangladesh.
- ✓ The project has two units of 660 MW capacity each (1320 MW (2×660)).
- ✓ With the new addition, the total Installed Capacity of NTPC Group has reached to 72304 MW.
- ✓ The MSTPP project was executed in collaboration with the Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Pvt Ltd. (BIFPCL), a foreign joint venture company of NTPC Ltd.

### NTPC IN NEWS 2023

- NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- NTPC hosts an international seminar on 'Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage' (CCUS) at First Energy Transitions Working Group meeting in Bengaluru.
- NTPC Limited announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Vault Holdings ("Energy Vault").
- NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL) signs MoU with Government of Tripura for cooperation in renewable energy development.
- NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd has signed an MoU with the Indian Army for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) model.
- About NTPC
- The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.



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- The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh

**Q. Name the player who has won the 2023 World Snooker Championship?**

- A) Luca Brecel
- B) Ricky Walden
- C) Mark Selby
- D) Robert Milkins

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Belgium's Luca Brecel has become the first European player to win 2023 World Snooker Championship. This was his first world title.
- ✓ He defeated Mark Selby of England with an 18-15 win.
- ✓ The tournament was held from 15 April to 1 May 2023 at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England

**Q. Name the recruitment portal launched by the University Grant Commission (UGC) for recruitment of the faculties in Central Universities?**

- A) CU-Niyukt
- B) CU-Chayan
- C) CU-Adhikar
- D) CU-Sweekar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The University Grant Commission (UGC) Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar launched the Central University Faculty recruitment portal CU-Chayan, which is completely user-friendly.
- ✓ CU-Chayan is a unified recruitment portal, designed and developed specifically for recruitment of the faculties in Central Universities.
- ✓ CU-Chosen is an integrated recruitment portal, specially designed and developed for faculty recruitment in Central Universities.
- ✓ The portal is completely user friendly and caters to the needs of all the stakeholders in the recruitment process.
- ✓ UGC has developed this portal to create an enabling environment for both universities and applicants.
- ✓ The portal was launched on May 2, 2023 by Professor Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC.
- ✓ About University Grants Commission (UGC)





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- It is also called Maldives Islands, an independent island country in the north-central Indian Ocean.
- Basis of economy -fisheries, tourism
- Industries - handicraft or cottage including the making of coir (coconut-husk fibre) and coir products, fish canning, and boatbuilding.
- Capital -Male
- President -Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Currency -Rufiyaa

**Q. What is the new deadline set by EPFO for employees to submit applications regarding higher pension?**

A) June 26

B) May 03

C) July 01

D) May 31

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has extended the deadline to apply for pension on higher wages till June 26, 2023.
- ✓ The decision has been taken to provide a larger window of opportunity and to enable all eligible persons to file their applications.
- ✓ The initial deadline of March 3 was extended till May 3, 2023.
- ✓ The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has raised the interest rate on the provident fund (PF) deposits marginally to 8.15 percent for FY23.
- ✓ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0"- A District Outreach Program for expanding its presence in more than 685 districts of the country
- ✓ About EPFO
- ✓ Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is a statutory organisation set up under the Union ministry of Labour and Employment was set up in 1951 by an Ordinance issued by the President.
- ✓ Later Parliament passed the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, act 1952.
- ✓ It is the country's largest social security organisation.
- ✓ EPFO assists the Central Board of Trustees in the administration of a provident fund scheme, pension scheme and an insurance scheme for the registered establishments in India



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**Q. The Ministry of Tourism participated in Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023, with the theme Incredible India. The event was organised at which place?**

- A) Doha  
B) Cairo  
C) Dubai  
D) Sharjah

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is participating in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023, being held in Dubai, UAE from May 01 to 04, 2023.
- ✓ The ATM 2023 is a leading global events for the travel and tourism industry, attracting visitors and exhibitors from around the world.
- ✓ The Indian pavilion is participation in the ATM 2023 event with the theme “Incredible India”. It shall showcase India’s rich cultural and natural heritage, including its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, wildlife sanctuaries, and spiritual destinations.
- ✓ India has also launched Visit India Year 2023 campaign at the event.
- ✓ With this, India aims to present itself as a preferred travel destination among the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) markets.

**Q. Bharti Airtel has planned to merge its which overseas business operations with Dialog Axiata to become the largest telecom provider in that country?**

- A) Bangladesh  
B) Maldives  
C) Malaysia  
D) Sri Lanka

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The telecom major Bharti Airtel has announced its plan to merge its Sri Lanka operations with Dialog Axiata, the largest telecom provider in Sri Lanka.
- ✓ The merged entity will become the largest telecom provider in Sri Lanka.
- ✓ Under the pact Bharti Airtel will be granted a stake in Dialog, representing fair value of Airtel Lanka. Bharti Airtel will accordingly be issued new shares in Dialog upon completion of the deal.
- ✓ Bharti Airtel
- ✓ Founded : 1995
- ✓ Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi



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- ✓ Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- ✓ MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal.

### SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2023

- Bharti Airtel has announced its plan to merge its Sri Lanka operations with Dialog Axiata, the largest telecom provider in Sri Lanka.
- The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka assent to Adani Green's \$442 Million Wind Power Project.
- India will support Sri Lanka's debt restructuring plan as the island nation looks to trim its huge public expenditure to win approval for a crucial bailout from the International Monetary Fund.
- India has supplied 50 buses to Sri Lanka on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence.
- Indian High Commission signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to establish a Hindi Chair.
- India & Sri Lanka inaugurate exhibition 'Geoffrey Bawa' in New Delhi.
- Reliance Retail Ventures Limited announced a strategic partnership with Sri Lanka-headquartered Maliban Biscuit Manufactories Limited.
- 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 : parliamentua (225 seats)
- National day : 4 February 1948





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**Q. Sharad Pawar has stepped down as the National President of which political party?**

- A) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)                      B) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)  
C) Indian National Congress (INC)                D) Communist Party of India (Marxist)

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) President Sharad Pawar has stepped down from his position on May 02, 2023.
- ✓ The noted politician made the announcement of his retirement during the release of his autobiography titled, 'Lok Majhe Sangati – Political Autobiography'.
- ✓ He was the first and former president of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which was founded in 1999, after separating from the Indian National Congress.
- ✓ Apart from this, Pawar has served as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for four terms.
- ✓ Pawar has also served as the Minister of Defence in the Cabinet of P.V Narsimha Rao and Minister of Agriculture in the Cabinet of Manmohan Singh.

**Q. Who is the author of the autobiography titled 'Lok Majhe Sangati – Political Autobiography'?**

- A) Uddhav Thackeray                                      B) Sharad Pawar  
C) Devendra Fadnavis                                    D) Eknath Shine

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The noted politician made the announcement of his retirement during the release of his autobiography titled, 'Lok Majhe Sangati – Political Autobiography'.

### AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN NEWS 2023

- Sharad Pawar autobiography 'Lok Maze Sangati' (Lok Maze Sangati) .
- Tennis player Jaideep Mukherjee launches his autobiography "Crosscourt".
- Ghulam Nabi Azad's Autobiography 'Azaad' .
- K.K. Abdul Gaffar's autobiography, 'Njaan Sakshi' (me as the witness).



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**Q. Sanjiv Kapoor has recently announced to quit as CEO-designate of which company?**

- A) Infosys                                      B) Go First  
C) Jet Airways                                  D) Tata Power

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Sanjiv Kapoor, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)-designate of airline company Jet Airways', has announced to quit the company.
- ✓ His last day at the office will be on 1 May, 2023.
- ✓ He had joined Jet Airways as their Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on 4 April, 2022

**Q. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently launched a book titled 'Reflections'. Who is the author of this book?**

- A) Subramaniam Ramadorai                      B) Keki Dadiseth  
C) Narayanan Vaghul                              D) Arundhati Bhattacharya

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launched a book titled 'Reflections', in Mumbai recently.
- ✓ The book has been written by eminent banker Shri Narayanan Vaghul, who is widely considered as the architect of modern banking in India..
- ✓ Author Shri Vaghul has compiled his decades-long experiences in India's financial landscape in this book..

**Q. The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi celebrated its which Foundation Day in 2023?**

- A) 60th    B) 90th  
C) 50th    D) 75th

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, means, 60th Foundation Day on May 02, 2023.
- ✓ Established in 1963, IIFT is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ It is a leading business school in India with its main campus in New Delhi and additional campuses in Kolkata and Kakinada.



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- ✓ It also functions as a civil services training institute
- ✓ Late Shri HD Shourie was the founding Director General, who laid the foundation of IIFT with the motto, 'Excellence is a way of life'.
- ✓ **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).**
- ✓ The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body under the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry to contribute in the skill building for the external trade sector of India.
- ✓ It is one of the top business schools of India with a special focus on Trade and Finance.
- ✓ The Institute was granted "Deemed to be University" status in 2002.

**Q. Telangana state has introduced an insurance scheme for toddy tappers named 'Geetha Karmikula Bhima'. What amount of insurance cover will be provided under this scheme?**

- A) Rs 10 lakh                      B) Rs 3 lakh  
C) Rs 2 lakh                        D) Rs 5 lakh

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The state government of Telangana, led by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has planned to introduce a new insurance scheme for toddy tappers, under the name 'Geetha Karmikula Bhima'.
- ✓ AS per the scheme, an insurance money of Rs 5 lakh would be deposited directly in the bank account of the respective family members in case any toddy tapper dies accidentally while collecting toddy from palm trees in the fields.
- ✓ The insurance amount would be disbursed within a week.

**Q. Manobala, who has passed away recently, was associated with which field?**

- A) Film Industry                      B) Author  
C) Sports                                D) Banker

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Veteran South comedian actor, director and producer Manobala has passed away, due to health issues. He was 69.
- ✓ Manobala was known for his work in the Tamil film industry.
- ✓ His official name was Balachander.



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- ✓ Manobala was his stage name

**Q. Shabnim Ismail of South Africa has announced her retirement from which sports?**

- A) Badminton
- B) Tennis
- C) Cricket
- D) Hockey

**Answer : C**

- ✓ South African fast bowler Shabnim Ismail has announced her retirement from international cricket.
- ✓ Ismail is the quickest bowler in the women's game.
- ✓ She has played a total of 241 international matches and took 317 wickets across all formats.
- ✓ In ODIs, she claimed 191 wickets, which is second only to India's Jhulan Goswami (255), and 123 wickets in T20 internationals.

**Q. Tori Bowie, who has passed away recently, was associated with which sports?**

- A) Formula One Racer
- B) Footballer
- C) Cricketer
- D) Sprinter

**Answer : D**

- ✓ American track and field athlete, Tori Bowie, has passed away. She was 32.
- ✓ Tori primarily competed in the long jump, 100 meters, and 200 m.
- ✓ She won 100m silver medal and 200m bronze at the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- ✓ She claimed 100m bronze and 100m gold at the 2015 and 2017 World Championships in Athletics respectively.
- ✓ She also won gold medals in the women's 4 × 100 m relays at both the 2016 Olympic Games and 2017 World Championships

**Q. The National Coal Miners Day is observed in India on which day?**

- A) 03 May
- B) 04 May
- C) 02 May
- D) 05 May

**Answer : B**

- ✓ In India, the Coal Miners Day is celebrated on May 4 every year, to recognize the hard work of some of the great unsung heroes of Industrial Revolution.



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- ✓ The day aims to show appreciation for the coal miners and honour their accomplishments, who spend most of the days digging, tunnelling and extracting coal from the mines.
- ✓ Though coal miners have been working for centuries, they became significantly important due to the Industrial revolution between 1760 and 1840 when coal was used on a large scale to fuel stationary and locomotive engines and heat buildings.
- ✓ Indian states such as Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra are the significant coal suppliers

**Q. India's first Rafale lady pilot Shivangi Singh participating in Orion Military Exercise 2023 belongs to which state?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh                      B) Bihar  
C) Kerala                                      D) Rajasthan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- ✓ She hails from Fatehabad, Bihar and is considered a major fighter serving in the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The fourth and final phase of the Orion Military Exercise is being held between April 19 to May 05, 2023.
- ✓ This is a multilateral international exercise of the Indian Air Force..

### FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu 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 Dharmi becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).



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- 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.
- Nallathambi 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.



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

**Q. Where was the meeting of Foreign Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held?**

- A) Gujarat                                      B) Maharashtra  
C) Goa    D) Delhi

**Answer : C**

- ✓ A meeting of foreign ministers of eight member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was held in Goa on May 4 and 5. The apex meeting of SCO will be held in New Delhi in July.
- ✓ Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also participated in this meeting. Bilawal Bhutto is the first Pakistani foreign minister to visit India in almost 12 years.
- ✓ In the year 2023, India is presiding over the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- ✓ SCO is a Eurasian political, economic, international security and defense organization.
- ✓ It was established in 2001.
- ✓ India became its member in 2017.

### SCO IN NEWS 2023

- A meeting of foreign ministers of eight member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was held in Goa on May 4 and 5.
- India is set to host the 23rd edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit on July 3-4, 2023 in New Delhi.
- The theme of India's Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is 'SECURE-SCO'.
- 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.



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- A meeting of the National Security Advisors of the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is being organized in New Delhi. NSA Ajit Kumar Doval is presiding over this meeting.
- 18th meeting of Chief Justices of the Supreme Courts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States was held in New Delhi.
- Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice President of India inaugurated the 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Faridabad, Haryana on 3 February 2023.
- This year the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is the partner nation for the Surajkund International Crafts Fair.
- The 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) Leaders' Meeting is being hosted by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in Lucknow.
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Film Festival will be organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in Mumbai from 27 to 31 January 2023.
- The SCO is an intergovernmental organization established in 2001. The members of the bloc include India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
- 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 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





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- C- China
- K - Kazakhstan
- IN - Iran
- K - Kyrgyzstan
- U - Uzbekistan
- R - Russia
- TA - Tajikistan
- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Turkey are the dialogue partner of SCO.
- The theme of this year's SCO Summit is SECURE- SCO concept, where 'S' stands for security for citizens, 'E' for economic development, 'C' for connectivity in the region, 'U' for unity, 'R' for respect of sovereignty and integrity, and 'E' for the environment.
- Exercise SCO Peace Mission is a joint military exercise that the SCO member countries conduct.
- SCO has collaborations with the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- Main purpose of the SCO : Promote economic and political cooperation among member countries

**Q. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh laid the foundation stone of 'Vizag Tech Park', which is being set up by which group?**

- A) Bharti Mittal Group**
- B) Reliance Group**
- C) Tata Group**
- D) Adani Group**

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone of Vizag Tech Park.
- ✓ The program was attended by Adani Group MD Rajesh Adani and CEO Karan Adani.
- ✓ Adani Group is setting up two data centers in the Rs 21,844-crore tech park, one of 200 MW and the other of 100 MW.
- ✓ This will be the biggest facility of its kind in the country which will be based on green energy.



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#### PARK IN NEWS 2023

- India's First International Multimodal Logistics Park Coming at Jogighopa, Assam.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone of Vizag Tech Park.
- Adani Group is setting up two data centers in the Rs 21,844-crore tech park, one of 200 MW and the other of 100 MW.
- India has put forward a proposal to construct a G20 park in Delhi.
- Tiger spotted in Haryana's Kalesar National Park after 10 years.
- Bandipur National Park, located in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, recently completed 50 years as a Project Tiger Reserve.
- A rare orange-colored bat was spotted in the Banana plantation in Parali Bodal village of Kanger Valley National Park in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari laid the Foundation Stone of the world's largest and unique Divyang Park – Anubhuti Inclusive Park in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop a theme park 'Ramaland' modelled on Disneyland to narrate the story of Lord Ram.
- Government, Ministry of Textiles, has issued a notification to set up 7 Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks with a total outlay of Rs. 4,445 crore.
- Seven sites were chosen out of 18 proposals for PM MITRA parks which were received from 13 States.
- Eravikulam National Park in Munnar, Kerala, which is home to the Nilgiri tahr, now features a new attraction: a fernarium located within the park.
- World's largest safari park to be developed in Gurugram.
- A Namibian Cheetah passed away at Kuno National Park in MP, India. The cheetah, named Sasha.
- Silent Valley National Park, located in Kerala, in the last month identified 141 species of birds of which 17 were new species of birds.

**Q. India has signed an MoU with which country on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation with focus on several key technology areas**

A) France

B) South Korea

C) Israel

D) Germany



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#### Answer : C

- ✓ India and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance industrial research and development cooperation in high-tech areas such as AI, quantum, semiconductors, healthcare, aerospace, sustainable energy and agriculture.
- ✓ The partnership aims to facilitate collaborative initiatives for industrial research and development in a diverse range of high-tech domains, including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, semiconductor technology, synthetic biology, healthcare, aerospace, sustainable energy and agriculture.
- ✓ The MoU will focus on specific projects and will be monitored by a Joint Steering Committee to ensure effective implementation.
- ✓ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):
- ✓ It is a type of agreement between two or more parties that expresses a shared intention to take a common line of action.
- ✓ Memoranda of Understanding can be used in situations where the parties do not intend a legal commitment or cannot form a legally enforceable agreement.
- ✓ About Israel
- ✓ Israel is a Middle Eastern country on the Mediterranean Sea.
- ✓ It is considered the Holy Land of the Bible by Jews, Christians and Muslims.
- ✓ Tel Aviv is the financial centre of the country and is known for its beaches and Bauhaus architecture.
- ✓ Capital and largest city - Jerusalem
- ✓ Official language - Hebrew
- ✓ Recognized Language - Arabic
- ✓ Government - Unitary parliamentary republic
- ✓ President - Isaac Herzog
- ✓ Prime Minister - Benjamin Netanyahu

#### Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) IN NEWS 2023

- India and Israel sign MoU for cooperation on industrial research and development.
- India and the United Kingdom have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for collaboration on science and innovation.
- United States and India will sign a memorandum of understanding on semiconductors.



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- India-Armenia sign MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects.
- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Climate Action.
- India, Mexico ink MoU on research, technology and innovation collaborations.
- India, Panama sign agreement on cooperation in training diplomats.
- India and Fiji sign MoU on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and official passports.
- Cabinet Approves Signing of the MoU between the India and South Africa for cooperation in Disability Sector.
- RBI, Central Bank of UAE sign MoU to promote innovation in financial products and services.
- India and Egypt signed an MOU to facilitate content exchange, capacity building, and Co-Productions between Prasar Bharati and the National Media Authority of Egypt.
- India signs MoU with Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council to promote adoption of energy efficiency.

**Q. With whom has the Reserve Bank of India launched the Global Tech Competition 'G20 TechSprint'?**

**A) World Bank**

**B) State Bank of India**

**C) World Economic Forum**

**D) Bank for International Settlements**

**Answer : D**

- ✓ 4th edition of G20 TechSprint competition launched by RBI and BIS.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) launched the G20 TechSprint 2023 competition for cross-border payments innovation.
- ✓ The competition focuses on three problem statements: AML/CFT, sanctions technology and CBDC platform.
- ✓ The competition is open to global innovators and aims to showcase innovative technology solutions for cross border payments.
- ✓ Techsprint fosters collaboration between financial institutions, technology providers and stakeholders to develop innovative solutions for cross-border payments



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**Q. Which company has partnered with the ICICI Bank for the acceptance of the digital Rupee on its PoS terminals?**

A) PayU

B) Incred Finance

C) Pine Labs

D) Intellect Design Arena

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Merchant commerce platform "Pine Labs" announced the acceptance of the digital Rupee on its PoS (point-of-sale) terminals in partnership with ICICI Bank.
- ✓ The technology integration between the two entities will now support Digital Rupee acceptance at Pine Labs' point-of-sale terminals across key retail outlets in Mumbai and Bengaluru.
- ✓ Pine Labs' execution of the Digital Rupee payment process is completely digital via dynamic QR (quick response) built within its smart Android PoS terminals.

### ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2022-23

- Pine Labs partners with ICICI Bank to enable acceptance of Digital Rupee on its PoS terminals.
- ICICI Bank offers Ecosystem Banking for Indian Startups.
- ICICI Bank and BNP Paribas have signed an initial pact to cater to the banking requirements of European corporates operating in India.
- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- SBI, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank to launch Rupay based Credit card on UPI platform by March 2023.
- ICICI bank has announced a new bank account "The HomeVantage Current Account (HVCA)" for Indian students in UK.
- ICICI Bank's board of directors has reappointed Sandeep Bakshi as the MD and CEO for a period of 3 years.
- ICICI Bank launches 'Smart Wire', an easy online solution for inward remittances..
- ICICI Bank launches 'ICICI Bank Mine' comprehensive banking program.
- ICICI Bank and NMDFC ink an Agreement for development of banking software.
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- ICICI Bank launched a digital platform 'Campus Power' for the student ecosystem.



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- ICICI Bank Partners with ZestMoney to Expand 'Cardless EMI' Facility.
- ICICI Bank and Santander UK Partner for business ease between India and UK.
- ICICI Bank launched India's 'open-for-all' digital ecosystem for MSMEs.
- ICICI Bank's Sandeep Bakhshi named Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.
- ICICI Bank launches online platform 'Trade Emerge' for exporters and importers.
- Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK
- Founded : 1994
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi
- Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

**Q. India's UPI merchant payments to reach \_ by FY26.**

- A) \$2.5 trillion                      B) \$2 trillion  
C) \$1.5 trillion                      D) \$1 trillion

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India's Merchant Payments through UPI Anticipated to Reach \$1 Trillion by FY26.
- ✓ Merchant payments over the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in India are expected to grow by 40 to 50 percent to reach \$1 trillion by the fiscal year (FY) 2026, according to a report by Bain & Company.
- ✓ This growth will be driven by greater awareness, increased merchant adoption of UPI, new payment capabilities like UPI Lite and UPI 123 Pay, and the introduction of international payment lanes on the domestic payment railroad. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) estimates that in March 2023 alone, merchant transactions worth nearly \$40 billion were cleared through UPI. The industry has already surpassed a \$500 billion payment run rate.
- ✓ UPI and mobile wallets will account for 28% of India's \$3.2 trillion digital payments market in FY26, up from 11% in FY22. Meanwhile, cash will drop to 48% from 69% in FY22, as all digital payment methods, including credit cards, debit cards, and buy now, pay later, increase.
- ✓ According to Bain & Company's report, credit card spending in India is expected to increase 2.5 times to \$280 billion by FY26 from a present level of roughly \$100 billion.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India reports that there were 85 million credit cards in circulation as of March 2023



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**Q. Which company has announced two new initiatives aimed at supporting India's small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs)?**

- A) Amazon  
B) Meta  
C) Google  
D) Microsoft

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Microsoft has announced two new initiatives to guide India's small and medium businesses (SMBs) on digital transformation projects and help them learn new technology and business skills. The initiatives include a SMB-focused website and a dedicated helpline number.
- ✓ The SMB-focused website – Microsoft for Small and Medium Businesses, aims at bringing together business owners and entrepreneurs in India to network with peers, enhance their skills and achieve holistic growth.
- ✓ While the Digital Transformation helpline offers dedicated support to help SMBs navigate their technological adoption and deployment journey.
- ✓ MICROSOFT
- ✓ Founded : 1975
- ✓ Founders : Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- ✓ Headquarters : Washington DC
- ✓ Chairman : Satya Nadella
- ✓ CEO : Satya Nadella
- ✓ President : Brad Smith

**Q. Which country has named the cyclonic storm 'Cyclone Mocha' in the Bay of Bengal?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a cyclonic storm 'Cyclone Mocha' in the Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas which is expected to hit the east coast between May 7 and May 9.
- ✓ The cyclonic storm has been named Mocha which is given by Yemen.
- ✓ The name is inspired by the name of Mocha (or Mokha), a Yemeni city on the Red Sea coast



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**Q. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force?**

- A) Air Marshal Surendra Sinha                      B) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit  
C) Air Marshal Ajay Chowdhury                  D) Air Marshal Mahesh Kapoor

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as the new Deputy Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force. He will be in charge of modernization of the Air Force.
- ✓ Prior to this, Ashutosh Dixit was serving as a senior Air Force officer in the South-Western Air Command in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- ✓ He was also a part of the modernization and self-reliant India campaign in the Air Force
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief of Air Staff.
- ✓ CDS is a four-star General

**Q. Recently which company got Telecom license in India?**

- A) Zoom    B) Meta  
C) Tesla    D) RailTel

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Zoom Video Communications, the parent company of the video conferencing platform 'Zoom', has received a nationwide telecom license from the Indian Telecom Department.
- ✓ Under this, the company will now provide telephone service to enterprise customers in the country, as well as the company will also provide its cloud based private branch exchange service (Zoom Phone) service to enterprise customers.





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✓ Zoom is an American company based on video conferencing.

**Q. Which University is hosting Y20 Seminar on “Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance”?**

A) Calcutta University

B) Madras University

C) Manipur University

D) Hyderabad University

**Answer : C**

✓ Manipur University is organising the Y20 Seminar on “Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance” on May 04, 2023. This is among the 5 themes of India’s Y20 Summit. With this project, the Indian Government plans to connect across 16 districts of Manipur state. There are over 550 participants which includes 26 foreign panellists and delegates.

✓ The final round of the G20 Summit is scheduled to happen in September this year.

**Q. Which Hollywood actor will receive Honorary Palme d’Or Prize at Cannes Film Festival 2023?**

A) Martin Sheen

B) Tom Cruise

C) Michael Douglas

D) Jack Nicholson

**Answer : C**

✓ Michael Douglas to be honoured with Honorary Palme d’Or Prize also known as the Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a 78-year-old actor well known for films like Fatal Attraction (1987), Wall Street (1987), Basic Instinct (1992), etc. He will receive this award for his spectacular engagement in cinema. This award will be granted to him at the 76th edition of the Festival de Cannes to be hosted on May 16, 2023

**Q. Which country will host the first franchise-based Global Chess League in 2023?**

A) Australia

B) Turkey

C) Egypt

D) Dubai

**Answer : D**

✓ Dubai has been selected to host the inaugural session of the Global Chess League (GCL) that will take place between June 21 to July 02, 2023. The round-robin format of the tournament includes 6 teams of 6 players each with 2 female players and 1 iconic player and each team will have to play 10 matches.



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**Q. India's domestic coal production has risen by how much percent during the last five years?**

- A) 22%
- B) 25%
- C) 16%
- D) 31%

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India's domestic coal production rises by over 22 % during last 5 years.
- ✓ The country's overall coal production has seen a quantum jump to 893.08 million tonnes in the Financial Year 2022-23 as compared to 728.72 million tonnes in the Financial Year 2018-2019 with a growth of about 22.6 percent.
- ✓ The priority of the Ministry is to enhance domestic coal production to reduce the dependence on substitutable coal imports.
- ✓ The production of Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased by 703.21 million tonnes as compared to 606.89 million tonnes in the Financial Year 2018-2019 with a growth of 15.9 percent in the last five years

**Q. Anurag Thakur has launched the Logo, jersey, mascot, torch, and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG 2022). Which city will host Khelo India University Games 2022?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched the Logo, jersey, mascot, torch and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG 2022) in Lucknow 5th May.
- ✓ The 3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games will take place from May 23 to June 3.
- ✓ The opening ceremony is scheduled on May 25 at the Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow.
- ✓ Recently, 5th Khelo India Youth Games begins in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Maharashtra topped the medal tally by winning 161 medals including 56 gold. While Haryana stood second with 128 medals including 41 gold.
- ✓ Host Madhya Pradesh finished third with 96 medals including 39 gold
- ✓ About Khelo India
- ✓ Khelo India, which translates to 'Let's Play India', was proposed by the Government of India in 2017.
- ✓ It aims to revive the sporting culture of India by connecting with children at the grassroots level.



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- ✓ Under this, Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), Khelo India University Games (KIUG) and Khelo India Winter Games were established as annual national sports competitions.
- ✓ The initiative started with the Khelo India School Games in 2018 held in New Delhi

**Q. Which country has launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit?**

- A) UAE  
B) Saudi Arabia  
C) Japan  
D) United Kingdom

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The UAE government launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' summit in Dubai, one of the first international conferences in Artificial Intelligence (AI) across the region.
- ✓ The conference is being held in partnership between Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications Office and 'Machines Can See' company.
- ✓ The conference aims to bring together experts from around the world to discuss the future of AI and its potential to contribute to the UAE's vision of creating the next Silicon Valley.
- ✓ The event was organized in collaboration with the Dubai Department of Economic and Tourism and the Dubai Future Foundation.
- ✓ The summit included presentations and panel discussions from various experts in the field of AI.
- ✓ The UAE is the only country with a state-level AI programme, which is a testament to its commitment to supporting the progress of AI technology.
- ✓ What is Artificial Intelligence?
- ✓ It is a broad branch of computer science that deals with the creation of smart machines capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence

**Q. Which Payments Bank has introduced Face Authentication for Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS)?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) introduced face authentication for Aadhaar-Enabled Payment System (AePS).



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- ✓ The new facility will be available across five lakh Airtel banking points and will enhance the accessibility and security of Aadhaar-based transactions.
- ✓ In the first phase, Airtel Payments Bank will enable non-financial transactions such as balance inquiry and mini-statement
- ✓ As per NPCI guidance, Airtel Payments Bank will enable the functionality for other bank customers and also for the bank's customers at other banking outlets.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with NPCI to test digital payments through feature phones and interactive voice response (IVR) for digital payments in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank
- ✓ Founded : 2017
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas
- ✓ Stake : Bharti Airtel Limited(80.01%) & Kotak Mahindra Bank(19.9%)
- ✓ Subsidiaries : YTS Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

**Q. Which state government has launched the Facial Recognition System (FRS) for Inner Line Permit (ILP) system?**

- A) Tripura
- B) Manipur
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Bihar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched the Facial Recognition System (FRS) for Inner Line Permit (ILP) system and flagged off two camera-mounted mobile FRS vehicles.
- ✓ The system has been implemented on a trial basis for some time now, even during the trial period, the system had managed to identify defaulters of the ILPS.
- ✓ It will also help in the effective checking of ILP holders whose validity has expired and in better management of the system.





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➤ Draupadi Murmu : 15th President of India

**Q. Who has become the 11th woman in India to achieve International Master title?**

- A) Harika Dronavalli                      B) Koneru Humpy  
C) Vantika Agrawal                      D) Padmini Rout

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Vantika Agrawal is the new India Women No.3 in Chess and the 11th Indian women to achieve the International Master title.
- ✓ Agrawal has played 4 International tournaments previously where she has increased her FIDE rating by 61 points.
- ✓ She has also won a bronze medal in the National Women's Championship held in Kohlapur in January 2023 and a gold medal for the Airport Authority of India in February 2023.
- ✓ She was honored with the President's Award by former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee for her excellence in sports.

**Q. Ranjit Guha passed away recently. Who was he?**

- A) Historian                                      B) Politician  
C) Social Worker                              D) Writer

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The eminent Indian historian Ranajit Guha has passed away due to old age-related ailments. He was 100.
- ✓ He was born on May 23, 1923 at Barisal in present-day Bangladesh. His family later shifted to Kolkata in 1934, where he started practising as an advocate in the Calcutta High Court.
- ✓ Guha was the oldest living historian in the country.  
He had immense interest in the intellectual history and literature of Bengal.

**Q. When is the International No Diet Day celebrated?**

- A) May 3    B) May 5  
C) May 4    D) May 6

**Answer : D**





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- Tech startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone capable of vertical take-off and landing. This drone has been named Skyhawk.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled the country's first drone-air traffic management system "Sky UTM".
- India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Luminous Power Technologies announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.
- India's First AC Double Decker Electric Bus Introduced in Mumbai.
- NCERT Launched India's First National Assessment Regulator "PARAKH".
- PARAKH stands for The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Shivangi Singh being the first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter aircraft, is a trailblazer in the Indian Air Force.
- India's first "Water Metro" services will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 25, 2023 in Kochi, Kerala.
- Mana village on India-China border in UK's Chamoli district declared as 'India's first village' by BRO.
- Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity campus in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- City Union Bank (CUB) launched India's first Voice Biometric Authentication banking app for its mobile banking app which uses it to improve security.
- India's first semi high-speed regional rail services in NCR named 'RAPIDX'.
- India's first 3D-printed post office is being built in Bengaluru.
- 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.
- India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) in Gurugram, Haryana.
- IPL India's first unicorn with a \$1.1 billion valuation.





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- Northern India's first nuclear plant to come up in Haryana's Gorakhpur.
- MobiKwik becomes India's first app to Support Credit Cards on UPI.
- India's 1st National Metro Rail Knowledge Centre to be built in Delhi.

**Q. Which state has been ranked the most innovative state by the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ A survey conducted by the government's Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on the level of innovation in manufacturing in India has found that the state of Karnataka is not only the most innovative in its manufacturing sector but also has the highest number of companies in manufacturing that carry out innovations.
- ✓ The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, released earlier this month, also found that innovation in manufacturing is the lowest in the Northeastern states (excluding Assam), followed by Bihar.
- ✓ The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, released earlier this month, also found that innovation in manufacturing is the lowest in the Northeastern states (excluding Assam), followed by Bihar.
- ✓ DST ranked Karnataka, followed by Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Haryana as high innovation states. Uttarakhand has the highest score among the hill states.
- ✓ While Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu has the highest score among the UTs.
- ✓ Apart from Northeastern states, low-performing states include Jharkhand, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu had the highest share of innovative firms at 46.18 per cent, 39.10 per cent and 31.90 per cent, respectively, among the total manufacturing firms surveyed from the respective states, according to the report.



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- ✓ Odisha, Bihar, and Jharkhand reported the least share of innovative firms at 12.78 per cent, 13.47 per cent and 13.71 per cent, respectively.

### KARNATAKA IN NEWS 2023

- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 Karnataka, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank .
- World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water.
- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya .
- The Karnataka Government will build the country’s first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program began in Karnataka.
- Karnataka bags National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana, implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- Karnataka Bank awarded ‘Prathista Puraskar for achieving highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy ‘The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka

**Q. Which bank has partnered with India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd under the co-lending model to offer secured MSME loans to middle and low-income borrowers in semi-urban areas?**

- A) Axis Bank
- B) Yes Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) ICICI Bank

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd (IndiaShelter) have signed a strategic partnership under the co-lending model to offer secured MSME loans to middle and low-income borrowers in semi-urban areas.
- ✓ This partnership will leverage the deep financial expertise of Axis Bank and the strong loan processing technology of IndiaShelter to assess the borrower's credit profile and offer them loans at an optimal interest rate, ensuring a seamless banking experience.
- ✓ The partnership will empower Axis Bank and IndiaShelter to reach out to potential customers in the informal segment who are new to credit and are underserved by larger institutions.

### AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd announce strategic partnership under the co-lending model.
- Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank Partners with OPEN to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account.
- AXIS BANK
- Founded : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

**Q. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of Wakefit?**

- A) Akshay Kumar                      B) John Abraham  
C) Preity Zinta                          D) Ayushmann Khurrana

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Manufacturer of mattresses, Wakefit Innovations Private Limited, has signed actor Ayushmann Khurrana as Wakefit.co's brand ambassador.
- ✓ Besides being the face of the brand and spearheading upcoming campaigns, the actor will also help the brand in spreading awareness about sleep health and its importance in the modern context.



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- ✓ Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana, has been appointed as the National Ambassador of Child Rights for UNICEF India.

### LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023

- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- 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
- Prasoos Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus
- Janhvi Kapoor : Marico's Saffola Fittify
- Deepa Malik : Ambassador of Nikshay Mitra (TB Campaign)
- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.



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**Q. SJVN Green Energy Limited has secured a 100 MW grid-connected wind power project in which state?**

A) Kerala

B) Gujarat

C) Karnataka

D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer : B**

- ✓ State-owned SJVN Ltd has secured a 100 MW grid-connected wind power project in Gujarat.
- ✓ The project was awarded to SJVN Green Energy Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SJVN, through a competitive bidding process followed by an e-reverse auction organized by Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited.
- ✓ The project, with an estimated cost of \$108 million, will be developed by SGEL through an EPC contract and can be set up anywhere in India.
- ✓ In its first year, it is projected to generate 281 million units of electricity, with a 25-year total of 7,025 million units. The project will also help reduce carbon emissions by 344,255 tons.
- ✓ SJVN also emphasizes the importance of bolstering its green energy portfolio and advancing toward its 50,000 MW target by 2040.

**Q. SEBI has introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for issuers of non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments, and security receipts. How many digits are there in Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)?**

A) 16

B) 15

C) 21

D) 20

**Answer : D**

- ✓ SEBI introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for issuers of non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments and security receipts.
- ✓ The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) is a 20-digit number used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions worldwide to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems.
- ✓ LEI is a unique global identifier for legal entities participating in financial transactions.
- ✓ The system is primarily intended for issuers that have listed or plan to list non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments and security receipts.



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- ✓ It aims to create a global reference data system that identifies each legal entity that is party to a financial transaction.
- ✓ The LEI system will enable greater transparency and better risk management in the financial markets.
- ✓ Companies planning to list non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments, and security receipts will need to obtain an LEI from an authorised issuer.
- ✓ The LEI system will also help prevent fraud and financial crimes by properly identifying and verifying legal entities participating in financial transactions.
- ✓ Entity Identifier India Limited is a subsidiary of Clearing Corporation of India Limited.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandates non-individual borrowers having an aggregate exposure of above Rs 25 crore to obtain the LEI code.
- ✓ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**
- ✓ It is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India established in 1988.
- ✓ Its main objectives are to protect the interests of investors in securities and promote the development of the securities market in India by regulating intermediaries, ensuring transparency and accountability of listed companies, and promoting investor education.
- ✓ It is owned by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, but functions as an autonomous body with its own governing board.
- ✓ It has the power to issue guidelines, rules and regulations, investigate and punish fraudulent business practices.
- ✓ It is the regulator of the Capital market and Commodities market in India.
- ✓ The first SEBI chairman was Dr S A Dave (1988-90)
- ✓ Madhabi Puri Buch is the current and 10th Chairperson of the SEBI.
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai

**Q. Who has been elected as the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?**

- A) Brendon McCullum
- B) Andrew McDonald
- C) Mark Nicholls
- D) Russell Domingo

**Answer : C**



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- ✓ Mark Nicholls has been elected as the next President of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- ✓ He will take over from current chairman Stephen Fry in October this year.
- ✓ His appointment was announced during the Annual General Meeting of the MCC.
- ✓ Nicholls became a member of the MCC in 1981 and had a successful professional cricket career spanning over two decades, in which he scored over 25,000 runs and took 173 wickets.
- ✓ **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC):**
- ✓ It is a cricket club which was established in 1787.
- ✓ MCC is one of the oldest and most prestigious cricket clubs in the world.
- ✓ Since 1814, the MCC has been based at the Lord's Cricket Ground in St John's Wood, London and is the owner of the MCC Lord's Cricket Ground.
- ✓ Founder - Thomas Lord

**Q. Who has been appointed by the Delhi High Court as the administrator of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) to conduct elections in the organization?**

- A) Justice Pritinker Diwaker                      B) Justice Prashant Mishra  
C) Justice P Krishna Bhat                         D) Justice T. S. Sivagnanam

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Delhi High Court has appointed former Karnataka High Court Justice P Krishna Bhat as the Administrator of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).
- ✓ The appointment has been made to conduct elections in the organisation, and it came into force with immediate effect.
- ✓ The Administrator will continue to act until a newly elected body takes over the BFI.
- ✓ The court has directed the administrator to ensure that the election process is completed as soon as possible in accordance with the Sports Code.
- ✓ The decision was taken in response to several petitions regarding the election of office bearers and members of the executive committee for the period 2023-2027.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Accenture India?**

- A) Ajay Vij    B) Rajesh Verma  
C) Anshul Singh                                     D) Narendra Singh

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ Ajay Vij has been appointed as Country Managing Director of Accenture, a newly created role in the company.
- ✓ Mr. Vij's new role as Country Managing Director will include expanding his current responsibilities as the Corporate Services and Sustainability Lead for India.
- ✓ He will provide overall leadership and drive coordinated decision-making for key priorities of the company.
- ✓ Sandeep Dutta has been appointed as the head of Accenture's India market unit.
- ✓ Rekha M. Menon, Senior Managing Director and Chairperson of Accenture in India, will retire on June 30.
- ✓ About Accenture
- ✓ It is a global professional services company providing a range of services and solutions across strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations.

**Q. Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has become the fastest player to reach 5000 runs in the ODI format. In how many innings did he cross the 5000-run mark?**

A) Babar Azam

B) Rohit Sharma

C) Virat Kohli

D) Mohammad Rizwan

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Pakistan skipper Babar Azam on 5th May became the fastest batsman to complete 5,000 one-day international runs during the fourth match against New Zealand in Karachi.
- ✓ He crossed the 5000 run-mark in 97 innings. Babar broke Hashim Amla's record of scoring 5000 runs in 101 innings.
- ✓ Azam has been the number one batsman in the International Cricket Council's ODI rankings for the last two years.
- ✓ He is the 14th Pakistani to complete 5,000 or more runs in ODI cricket, topped by former captain Inzamam-ul-Haq with 11,701 runs.
- ✓ Azam made his ODI debut in May 2015 against Zimbabwe in his hometown Lahore.
- ✓ Former West Indies legend Vivian Richards completed his 5,000 runs in ODIs in 114 innings.
- ✓ Former Indian team captain Virat Kohli is fourth in this list with 114 innings.
- ✓ Australian opening batsman David Warner has now reached number 5 in this list with 115 innings.





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**Q. Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the Diamond League 2023 title with a throw —.**

A) 85.55 meter

B) 87.97 meter

C) 88.67 meter

D) 86.88 meter

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India's Neeraj Chopra has started the 2023 season on a bright note by winning the javelin throw title at the ongoing Diamond League in Doha.
- ✓ The 25-year-old Chopra, who won the 2022 Diamond League Final trophy in Switzerland last September, won with a best throw of 88.67m.
- ✓ Chopra struck his straps on his first attempt with a world-leading throw of 88.67 metres, which was the fourth best of his career.
- ✓ He maintained the lead till the end to win the event in his second appearance at the Qatar Sports Club.
- ✓ Czech Republic's Vadlejch finished second and Grenada's Peters finished third.
- ✓ With this victory, Neeraj has also achieved the world lead.
- ✓ Top three in Javelin Throw
  1. Neeraj Chopra (88.67m)
  2. Jakub Vadlejch (88.63m)
  3. Anderson Peters (85.88m)

**Q. Who announced the introduction of CVV-free online transactions for domestic tokenised credentials in India?**

A) Mastercard

B) Capital One

C) Visa

D) American Express

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Digital payment solution provider Visa on May 5, 2023 announced the introduction of CVV-free online transactions for domestic tokenised credentials in India. The move is in accordance with Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) guidelines on tokenisation, Visa said in a press release.
- ✓ Tokenisation is a process that replaces a card's 16-digit number with a unique alternate card number or 'Token', which can be used for online transactions, mobile point-of-sale (POS) transactions, or in-app transactions.



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- ✓ **About Visa Inc.**
- ✓ It is a multinational financial services corporation.
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- ✓ Establishment - September 18, 1958
- ✓ Founder - Dee Hock
- ✓ Headquarters – San Francisco, California, US

**Q. Adani Ports Completes Sale Of Myanmar Port For \_ Million.**

- A) \$25 Million                      B) \$30 Million  
C) \$50 Million                      D) \$75 Million

**Answer : B**

- ✓ A flagship Adani group firm, the Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has reportedly concluded the Myanmar Port sale for a cumulative consideration of about \$30 million.
- ✓ The Adani group declared the Myanmar port sale in one of its latest exchange communications

**Q. RBI has announced the interest rate of \_\_\_\_ on the Floating Rate Bond 2024, for the half year from May 7 to November 6, 2023.**

- A) 6.97%                              B) 7.42%  
C) 7.91%                              D) 8.34%

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced interest rate of 6.97 percent on Floating Rate Bond (FRB) 2024, for the half year starting from May 7 to November 6.
- ✓ The rate of interest on the FRB 2024 shall be reset at the average rate (rounded off up to two decimal places) of the implicit yields, at the cut-off prices of the last three auctions of 182-days treasury bills, held up to the period preceding the coupon reset date.
- ✓ **Decoding floating rate bonds :** Floating Rate Bonds are securities that do not have a fixed coupon rate. They have a variable coupon rate which is re-set at preannounced intervals. In other words, the interest rate of a floating rate bond keeps fluctuating throughout its tenure.







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- ✓ The theme of the conference was 'Health Wellness and Sports'. The delegates discussed youth health, fitness and sports in the conference.
- ✓ About 250 delegates from India and abroad are participating in the conference.

**Q. Which day of the year is observed as the International Day of the Midwife?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Every year the, International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) celebrates the International Day of the Midwife on 5 May.
- ✓ Theme 2023 –Together Again: From Evidence to Reality.
- ✓ This day is observed to honor midwives' work and promote awareness about their importance in providing crucial care to mothers and their newborns.
- ✓ The concept of a day to commemorate and acknowledge midwives arose from a conference held by the International Confederation of Midwives in the Netherlands in 1987.
- ✓ The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), the World Health Organization (WHO), and Novametrics collaborated on the report, which demonstrates growth since the first edition in 2011 and outlines obstacles and challenges to future progress.

**Q. When is the World Athletics Day 2023 being observed by the IAAF?**

- A) 06 May                                      B) 03 May  
C) 05 May                                      D) 07 May

**Answer : D**

- ✓ World Athletics Day is celebrated every year on May 7.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – Athletics for All – A New Beginning.
- ✓ To promote sports and exercise as a means of preventing diseases and maintaining good health.
- ✓ World Athletics Day was introduced by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in 1996 with the aim of promoting awareness of the physical and mental benefits of sports.



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