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- Q. After Jammu and Kashmir, lithium reserves have been traced in the Degana district of __.
 - A) Haryana B) Rajasthan

C) Odisha D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: B

- ✓ After discovering lithium deposits in Jammu and Kashmir, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered another deposit of the important mineral at Degana in Rajasthan's Nagaur district.
- ✓ It is believed that these reserves are much bigger in quantity than the one found in the Union Territory and can meet 80% of the total country's demand.
- ✓ Currently, India is dependent on imports for several minerals such as lithium, nickel and cobalt.
- ✓ Lithium deposits were found for the first time in Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir in February this year.
- ✓ This was the first significant lithium mineral discovery in India, as earlier only a small deposit had been discovered in Karnataka.
- ✓ Since lithium is a major component of batteries used in electric vehicles, the government is exploring deposits of the rare metal within and outside the country.
- ✓ Lithium reserves are concentrated in the Lithium Triangle in South America Argentina, Bolivia and Chile, with 50% of deposits concentrated in these regions.
- ✓ China is ahead of other countries and it controls 75% of lithium refining.
- ✓ <u>About Lithium</u>
- ✓ It is a chemical element with the symbol (Li).
- ✓ It is a soft and silvery white metal.
- ✓ It is the lightest metal and the lightest solid element at standard conditions.
- \checkmark It is alkaline and a rare metal.
- ✓ Lithium has an atomic number of 3 and an atomic mass of 6.941u.
- ✓ Lithium is one of the key components of rechargeable batteries for mobile phones, laptops, digital cameras and electric vehicles.
- ✓ It is also used in some non-rechargeable batteries for things like heart pacemakers, toys, and watches.
- ✓ Countries with the largest reserves: Chile > Australia > Argentina

JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN NEWS 2023

- Government of India blocked 14 messenger mobile applications widely used in Jammu and Kashmir for spreading terror.
- Home Minister Amit Shah e-inaugurated the Mata Sharda Devi Temple near the Line of Control in Karnah sector of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Wildlife conservationist Aliya Mir was awarded Wildlife Conservation Award by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmi.
- Jammu & Kashmir becomes the first union territory in India to completely switch to a digital method of administration.
- For the first time in the country, reserves of 59 lakh tonnes of lithium have been found in the Reasi district of Jammu division.
- Union Ministry of Tourism in association with Real Sports India in collaboration with local administration, Amazing Bhaderwah Tourism Association (ABTA) organised Snow-Marathon at Bhaderwah, Jammu.
- > About Jammu and Kashmir
- It was a state of India until August 2019, which was bifurcated as two union territories namely Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on 31 August 2019.
- Capital- Srinagar (May-October), Jammu (November-April).
- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.
- Legislative Council 36 seats.
- Legislative Assembly 89 seats.
- > Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, Justice Koteshwar Singh.
- Q. Who has won the men's single title of Madrid Open 2023?
 - A) Rafael Nadal

B) Novak Djokovic

C) Carlos Alcaraz

D) Alexander Zverev

Answer : C

- ✓ Spanish tennis player, Carlos Alcaraz has successfully defended his title at Madrid Open 2023.
- \checkmark He is the fourth ATP Tour trophy of the year and his tenth overall.
- ✓ In the final, he defeated Jan-Lennard Struff (German) 6-4 3-6 6-3.
- ✓ While Aryna Sabalenka from Belarus has clinched the Women's singles title at Madrid Open 2023.

IMPORTANT SPORTS IN NEWS 2023

- 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 runmark in 97 innings.
- India has bagged 14 medals at the Asia Cup Stage 2 World Ranking Tournament to top the event in Tashkent.
- > In 14 medals seven were gold, five were silver and two bronze.
- > Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League title with a best throw of 88.67m.
- Global Chess League (GCL) announced Dubai as the inaugural edition of the world's largest and first franchise-based chess league.
- Indian weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the silver medal in the snatch event at the Asian Weightlifting Championship held in Jinju, Korea.
- 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.
- 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 Thị 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).
- 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. Japan has decided to provide specialized training to how many Indian engineers ahead of starting work on the high-speed rail track system for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)?

A) 800	B) 1000
C) 750	D) 1200

Answer: B

- ✓ Japan has decided to provide specialized training to 1,000 Indian engineers ahead of starting work on the high-speed rail track system for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR).
- ✓ National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has signed an MoU with Japan Railway Technical Service (JARTS) to operationalize bullet trains in the country.
- ✓ Work on the high-speed rail track system will be started only under this agreement.
- ✓ The bullet train being built between Mumbai and Ahmedabad will use a ballastless slab track system, similar to that used in the Japanese Shinkansen high-speed railway. Because the Japanese Shinkansen high speed railway will be used in the Indian bullet train.
- ✓ The ballastless slab track system is known as J slab track system.
- ✓ The Japanese track system is one of the best in the world and its construction requires a very high level of skill from all the technicians.
- ✓ According to the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) in this regard, the track is the most important part of the HSR system and needs to be laid with a very high degree of precision.
- ✓ For this purpose, 20 Japanese experts will provide intensive training to Indian engineers, supervisors and technicians and certify their skills.
- ✓ <u>Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)</u>
- ✓ The total length of the corridor between Ahmedabad and Mumbai is 508 km, of which 348 km falls in Gujarat and 156 km in Maharashtra. The remaining four kilometers will fall in Dadra Nagar Haveli.

✓ A total of 12 stations will be set up in the journey between Ahmedabad and Mumbai, of which eight stations will be in Gujarat and four in Maharashtra.

Q. In which district, the Uttar Pradesh government has approved the setting up of the state's first Pharma Park?

A) Ghaziabad	B) Meerut
C) Lalitpur	D) Kushinagar

Answer : C

- ✓ The state government has given green signal to the project of setting up a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- ✓ For this, the state government will transfer 1500 hectares of land in Lalitpur district to the Animal Husbandry Department.
- ✓ The state government will spend Rs 1560 crore for development works and providing necessary facilities to the investors in Lalitpur Pharma Park.
- A proposal has been prepared to transfer the vacant land of the Animal Husbandry Department in Lalitpur to the Industrial Development Department.
- The Detail Project Report (DPR) will be prepared soon after selecting a consultant for the development of the Pharma Park.
- ✓ Entrepreneurs setting up units in Pharma Park will be given 100% exemption in stamp duty on land purchase, capital subsidy, construction of houses for laborers, employment generation etc. by the government.
- First Medical Device Park in Gautam Buddha Nagar
- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government is setting up a medical device park on 350 acres of land at the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YIDA) in Gautam Buddha Nagar.
- ✓ The park is being set up in Sector 28 of Yeida where plots have been allotted to 50 entrepreneurs so far.
- ✓ There is complete preparation to connect this park with metro, expressway, transport city and bullet train.
- ✓ A flatted factory with a common hydrant facility will also be constructed in the Medical Device Park.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has received investment proposals worth Rs 16,420 crore in the medical devices manufacturing sector at the Global Investors Summit (GIS) held in February this year.

A total of 175 MoUs have been signed in this area. Most of these investors have expressed their willingness to set up their units in Medical Device Park and Pharma Park

PARK IN NEWS 2023

- The government has given green signal to the project of setting Uttar Pradesh a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- > 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 operationalized the Sittwe Port with the departure of the inaugural shipment, the MV-ITT LION (V-273), from Syall Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. Sittwe Port is located in which country?

A) Bangladesh

- B) Afghanistan
- C) Maldives
- Answer: D
- ✓ India has operationalized the Sittwe Port in Myanmar with the departure of the inaugural shipment, the MV-ITT LION (V-273), from Syall Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.

D) Myanmar

- Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will receive the first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar.
- Sittwe Port is a part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project and its development will enable multi-modal transit connectivity with Southeast Asia.
- ✓ The port has been built under a framework agreement between India and Myanmar to set up a multimodal transit transport facility on the Kaladan River, which connects Sittwe Port in Myanmar to Mizoram in India.
- The Kaladan River route has the potential to open up economic opportunities for the entire Bay of Bengal peninsula.
- ✓ <u>About Myanmar</u>
- ✓ It is a country located in Southeast Asia and is bordered by India, Bangladesh, China, Laos and Thailand.
- ✓ The capital city of Myanmar is Naypyidaw, which was officially designated as the capital in 2005.
- President Myint Swe (Acting)
- ✓ SAC President and Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing

Q. Who has been appointed as the Domestic Policy Advisor in US President Joe Biden's team?

- A) Vivek Murthy
- C) Vanita Gupta

B) Neera Tandon

D) Vinay Reddy

Answer: B

- Indian-American Neera Tandon has been appointed as the domestic policy advisor in US President Joe Biden's team.
- ✓ Tandon's appointment has been made keeping in mind the presidential election to be held in the US in 2024.
- ✓ Following Biden's decision to appoint Neera Tandon, she became the first Asian-American to lead the White House Advisory Council.

- ✓ Prior to this, Tandon served as Biden's staff secretary during this term.
- ✓ Neera Tandon responsibly processed all the paperwork that arrived on the President's desk.
- ✓ According to the White House, Neera Tandon oversaw decision-making processes in the domestic, economic and national security teams.
- ✓ Neera Tandon is the former US Secretary of State and a close aide of Hillary Clinton, the Democratic presidential candidate in the 2016 presidential election.
- ✓ Neera also helped pass the Affordable Care Act in the Obama administration
- Q. How many gold medals India has won in Asia Cup Stage 2 Archery?

A) 5	B) 4
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C) 7 D) 6

Answer : C

- ✓ India has bagged 14 medals at the Asia Cup Stage 2 World Ranking Tournament to top the event in Tashkent.
- ✓ In 14 medals seven were gold, five were silver and two bronze.
- India won gold medals in all the categories except women's individual recurve and mixed recurve and won silver medals in these two categories.
- The Indian trio of Mrinal Chauhan, Partha Salunkhe and Juyel Sarkar defeated Bangladesh 5-1 in the final of the men's recurve team event to win the gold medal.
- ✓ The women's recurve team of Avni, Bhajan Kaur and Lakshmi Hembrom beat Bangladesh 5-4 in the gold medal decider in their final match.
- ✓ <u>List of Indian medal winners</u>
- ✓ Women's Team Compound Gold (Sakshi Chowdhary, Preneet Kaur and Aditi Gopichand Swami).
- ✓ Men's Team Compound Gold (Rishabh Yadav, Prathamesh Phuge and Prathamesh Javkar).
- ✓ Mixed Team Compound Gold (Prathmesh Phuge and Preneet Kaur).
- ✓ Men's Individual Compound Prathamesh Phuge (Gold); Rishabh Yadav (Silver); Javkar Solutions (Bronze).
- ✓ Women's Individual Compound Sakshi Chowdhary (Gold); Preneet Kaur (Silver).
- ✓ Women's Team Recurve Gold (Avni, Bhajan Kaur and Lakshmi Hembrom).
- ✓ Men's Team Recurve Gold (Mrunal Chauhan, Partha Salunkhe and Juyel Sarkar).
- ✓ Mixed Team Recurve Silver (Parth Salunkhe & Bhajan Kaur).

- ✓ Men's Individual Recurve Mrinal Chauhan (Gold); Parth Salunke (Bronze).
- ✓ Women's Individual Recurve Bhajan Kaur (Silver).

Q. Which Indian Navy ship has been decommissioned recently after a distinguished service of 36 years?

- A) INS Magar B) INS Karanj
- C) INS Shardul D) INS Airavat

Answer : A

- ✓ INS Magar, the oldest landing ship of the Indian Navy has decommissioned after a prestigious service to the country for 36 years.
- ✓ The ship, commanded by Cdr Hemant V Salunkhe, has decommissioned at a sunset ceremony held at the Naval Base here.
- ✓ INS Magar was launched on November 16, 1984 by Meera Tahiliani and commissioned on July 18, 1987 at Garden Reach Shipyard and Engineers Limited, Kolkata by late Admiral R H Tahiliani.
- ✓ INS Magar Indian Navy's Landing Ship Decommissioned After 36 Years of Service at the Naval base in Kochi.

Q. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) observes its Raising Day every year on 7 May. In 2023, the BRO is celebrating which edition of its raising day?

A) 64	B) 55
C) 72	D) 36

Answer : A

- ✓ Border Roads Organization (BRO) celebrated its 64th Raising Day on 7 May 2023 at all its detachments across the country.
- ✓ The main function 'Chief Engineers and Equipment Management Conference' was organized at BRO School & Centre in Pune.
- ✓ The Prime Minister has praised the initiative by Border Roads Organisation Project Dantak to commemorate 64th Raising Day.
- ✓ Project Dantak is one of the oldest projects of the Border Roads Organization (BRO).
- ✓ It was established on 24th April1961.

- ✓ It was a result of the visionary leadership of the King of Bhutan and Jawahar Lal Nehru, then Prime Minister of India.
- ✓ It was established under the provision of the Indo-Bhutan Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1949.
- ✓ It is tasked with the construction and maintenance of roads suitable for motorized transport in Bhutan.
- ✓ About Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- ✓ BRO, a pioneer in the field of infrastructural development in the border areas of the country.
- ✓ BRO is a major road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with the primary objective of providing road connectivity to the border areas.
- ✓ BRO was formed on 7th May 1960.
- ✓ It develops and maintains the road network in India's border areas and friendly neighbouring countries.
- One of the biggest infrastructural achievements of BRO longest highway tunnel built in Himachal Pradesh, and its name is Atal Tunnel.
- ✓ Atal tunnel under Rohtang Pass is an 8.8-kilometer-long tunnel.
- ✓ This will reduce the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 kms and will save on transportation costs.
- ✓ Director General of BRO Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhry
- Q. Which has rebranded its multi-brand loyalty program, Payback India to Zillion?
 - A) PhonePe

- B) Zerodha
- C) Pine Labs D) BharatPe

Answer : D

- BharatPe Group, has announced that it will be rebranding Payback India, multi-brand loyalty program to Zillion.
- ✓ This new brand identity is in line with the company's vision to make Zillion ubiquitous to loyalty and rewards across the country.
- Aim : The new brand identity aims to target customers across age groups and add a new dimension to their overall shopping experience, across categories and brands.
- ✓ Zillion will offer a wide range of options for customers to earn and redeem at a wide range of partners across the country. The customers will be able to earn 'Zillion coins' for their routine spends, that will in turn add a moment of delight in their life.
- ✓ BharatPe becomes ICC's official partner till 2023.



✓	BharatPe	
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✓ Founded : 2018

- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Founded / CEO : Ashneer Grover
- ✓ Developed By : NPCI
- ✓ Chairmam : Rajnish Kumar
- Q. Who has become the first cricketer in IPL history to score 7,000 runs?
 - A) Virat Kohli
 - C) Shikhar Dhawan

B) David WarnerD) Rohit Sharma

Answer : A

- Royal Challengers Bangalore's star batsman Virat Kohli has become the first cricketer in IPL history to score 7,000 runs.
- ✓ Virat achieved this feat in the match against Delhi Capitals in IPL 2023 and also completed his 50th halfcentury of IPL.
- ✓ Virat has achieved the feat of 7,000 runs in 225 innings.
- ✓ The number of Shikhar Dhawan (6,535), David Warner (6,211) and Rohit Sharma (6,063) comes after him

Q. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra in which city?

A) Lucknow	B) Bhopal
C) Patna	D) Secunderabad

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Warasiguda, Secunderabad.
- ✓ On this occasion, he said that with the help of these Jan Aushadhi Kendras, affordable health care will be provided and it will also provide self-employment opportunities for the youth.
- Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Yojana has been launched to provide quality generic medicines to the common man at low cost.
- Q. Which Indian athlete has created a national record in the men's triple jump event?

A) Murali Sreesankar	B) Nayana James
C) Praveen Chitravel	D) Shelly Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian athlete Praveen Chitravel created a national record and won the athletics men's triple jump event in Havana, Cuba, completing a record throw of 17.37m.
- ✓ He broke the record of 17.37m held by Ranjit Maheshwari at the 3rd Indian Grand Prix in Bangalore in 2016.
- ✓ He missed a medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 by a small margin but has had a good start to the 2023 season.
- Praveen had won a silver medal at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2023 in Astana in February, creating a new national indoor record

Q. Who won the silver medal for India in the Asian Weightlifting Championship?

A) Vikas Thakur

B) Jeremy Lalrinnunga

C) Satish Shivalingam

D) Ganesh Mali

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the silver medal in the snatch event at the Asian Weightlifting Championship held in Jinju, Korea on 7 April.
- ✓ Jeremy Lalrinnunga, 20, won the silver medal in the snatch event with a lift of 141 kg in the 67 kg category.
- ✓ He became the only Indian weightlifter to win a medal at the Asian Weightlifting Championship this year.
- ✓ The gold medal in the 67 kg weight category went to China's He Yuji, who finished the event with a higher weight than Lalrinnunga
- Q. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the first-of-its-kind Indian Air Force (IAF) Heritage Centre in which city?
 - A) Bengaluru
 - C) Hyderabad

- **B)** Chandigarh
- D) New Delhi

Answer : B

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the first-of-its-kind Indian Air Force (IAF) Heritage Centre at Chandigarh.
- ✓ It was set up under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the IAF which was signed last year.

✓ Spread over 17,000 square feet, this is the first heritage centre of the IAF and depicts its role in 1965, 1971 and the Kargil wars and the Balakot air strike through murals and scale models.

Q. The trailer of 'Love in 90s', the first film made in Tagin language has launched by Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi. Tagin is a language of which Indian state?

- A) Sikkim
- **B)** Tripura
- C) Nagaland
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ The trailer of 'Love in 90s', the first film made in Tagin language of Arunachal Pradesh, was launched by Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju on 6th May in New Delhi.
- ✓ The film depicts the vibrant and colorful world of the 90s, based on the Tagin community in Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh and the first film made entirely in Tagin language.
- ✓ Directed by Tapen Natam, the film brings to the national platform the rich culture, tradition and local filmmaking initiatives of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The film highlights the love story of two youths amidst the challenges faced by this community in Arunachal Pradesh during the 1990s.
- ✓ The film not only celebrates local talent and filmmaking initiatives, but also offers a unique perspective on the struggles and triumphs of the Tagin community.
- ✓ Through this film, viewers can witness the beauty and rich heritage of Tagine culture and traditions.
- ✓ <u>About Tagine Community</u>
- Tagin or Ghasi Miri tribe is one of the prominent tribe of Arunachal Pradesh, members of the Tani tribe descended from Abu Tani.
- Most tagines are in Upper Subansiri district, but are also found in surrounding districts, especially in West Siang and Papum Pare.
- ✓ The most important festival of the Tagins is the Si-Doni Festival, in which the Earth (Si) and the Sun (Doni) are worshiped.
- ✓ The notable personality of this community is Tapi Mra (1st Everest Climber).

- Who has won the Miami Formula One Grand Prix title 2023? Q.
 - A) Max Verstappen
 - C) Charles Leclerc

B) Sebastian Vettel

D) Lewis Hamilton

Answer : A

- ✓ Max Verstappen has won the Miami Formula One Grand Prix title.
- ✓ Verstappen defeated Sergio Perez to win the Miami GP.
- ✓ Fernando Alonso claims third-place while George Russell was fourth place.
- \checkmark Red Bull have now won all five races of the 2023 season.
- Who has inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in West Jaintia Hills district, Meghalaya? Q.
 - A) Nityanand Rai **B)** Nisith Pramanik
 - C) Sushil Kumar Modi

D) Ajay Kumar Mishra

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister Nityanand Rai inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district to improve trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh. Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Sniawbhalang Dhar were also present during the inauguration.
- ✓ The Dawki Land Port is situatedd in West Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya, approximately 55 kilometers from Jowai district headquarters and around 84 kilometers from the state capital, Shillong.
- ✓ Tamabil is the matching Land Port located in Bangladesh.

NMCG and the NIUA jointly organized the 'River-Cities Alliance Global Seminar' in Which City? Q.

- A) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi

B) Kolkata

D) Bengaluru

Answer : C

✓ The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in association with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) organized the 'River-Cities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River-Sensitive Cities' on 4th May in New Delhi.

- ✓ The aim of this global symposium was to provide a platform for officials from member cities and international stakeholders to discuss and learn from good practices for managing urban rivers.
- ✓ The RCA Global Symposium saw the participation of Embassies/High Commissions of select countries and their respective river cities.
- ✓ The seminar highlighted RCA's objectives, achievements and potential collaborative outcomes.
- ✓ <u>About River Cities Alliance (RCA)</u>
- ✓ It was launched in 2021 as a dedicated platform for river cities of India for discussion and exchange of information for sustainable management of urban rivers.
- ✓ It was started with 30 cities in 2021 and currently has 95 cities as members across India.
- ✓ It is formed by the successful partnership of the two Ministries Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ✓ It focuses on three broad themes networking, capacity building and technical support.
- ✓ National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG)
- ✓ It was registered on 12 August 12, 2011 as a society under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- ✓ It serves as the implementing arm of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), which was constituted under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986.
- ✓ It was established to address pollution challenges in the Ganga river.
- ✓ The operational area of the project covers the Ganga basin and all the states through which the river flows, including Delhi.
- ✓ The objective is to reduce pollution and ensure rejuvenation of the Ganga river.
- Q. Haryana Govt to introduce a new feature on which portal to enable Administrative Secretaries?
 - A) Haryana-eMitra portal
- B) Haryana-eSamiksha portal
- C) Haryana-eSahakhar portal
- D) Haryana-eAkshara portal

Answer : B

✓ Haryana Government will be introducing a new feature on the Haryana-eSamiksha portal to enable Administrative Secretaries and Head of Departments to monitor the follow-up action taken on decisions made during their meetings and presentations.

- Q. The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed annually on which day?
 - A) 08 May
 - **C) 07 May**

B) 06 MayD) 05 May

Answer : A

- ✓ The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed every year on 8 May.
- ✓ The day aims to celebrate the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to reduce the suffering of people and enabling them to lead a dignified life with independence, humanity, impartiality, universality, unity and neutrality.
- ✓ Theme 2023 : "Everything we do comes #fromtheheart."
- ✓ The day also marks the anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant (8 May 1828), who was the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- \checkmark He was the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.

Q. When is the World Thalassemia Day observed?

A) May 07	B) May 08
C) May 06	D) May 05

Answer: B

- ✓ World Thalassemia Day is a global health care event, observed every year on 8 May across the globe.
- ✓ This year the theme on World Thalassemia Day is "Be Aware, Share, Care : Strengthening Education to bridge the Thalassemia care gap.
- ✓ Apart from raising awareness about the disease among the local public and policy makers, the day strengthens the morale of the victims, who have been battling this deadly disease for years.
- ✓ The first World Thalassemia Day was declared on May 8, 1994, by Panos Englezos, the president and founder of the Thalassemia International Federation (TIF).
- ✓ <u>About Thalassemia</u>
- ✓ Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder that causes the human body to have less haemoglobin than normal.
- ✓ Iron deficiency is the most common and can cause extreme tiredness, shortness of breath, weakness and cold hands and feet.

- ✓ Iron is a mineral that our body needs for growth, development and making haemoglobin.
- ✓ Haemoglobin is a protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs to all parts of the body.

Q. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has announced a new introductory-level online training programme called START. What is the full form of START?

A) Space Science and Technology Awareness Training

B) Scholarship of Science and Technology Awareness Training

- C) Space Science and Technology Astrophysics Training
- D) Space Science and Technology Academic Training

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has announced a new introductory-level online training programme called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START).
- ✓ START is aimed at postgraduate and final-year undergraduate students of Physical Sciences and Technology.
- ✓ The programme will cover various domains of Space Science, including Astronomy and Astrophysics, Heliophysics and Sun-Earth interaction, Instrumentation, and Aeronomy.

ISRO IN NEWS 2023

- ISRO has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START).
- ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- ISRO has successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- ISRO has successfully launched India's largest Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) rocket/OneWeb India-2 Mission with 36 satellites onboard from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ISRO successfully launched a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -C52(PSLV-C52) on 14 February 2022 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

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- > The PSLV-C52 rocket carried three satellites EOS-04 ,INSPIR Esat-1and INS-2TD).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch OneWeb India-2 mission from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- Under a commercial agreement with NewSpace India Ltd, will launch 72 satellites of UK-based Network Access Associates Ltd and place them in low Earth orbit.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently successfully carried out a controlled descent of its 12-year-old low earth orbit satellite Megha Tropiques-1 (MT-1) into the Pacific Ocean.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently released images of Earth captured by the EOS-06 satellite.
- > Earth Observation satellite (EOS-6) is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series.
- Indian Space Research Organization has launched its smallest rocket SSLV-D2 into space from Satish Dhawan Space Center (Sriharikota).
- > ISRO's SSLV-D2 flew into space carrying three satellites with it.
- These include ISRO's satellite EOS-07, Chennai-based space startup Spacekidz's satellite Azad SAT-2 and American company Antaris's satellite JANUS -1.
- > All these three satellites will be placed in circular orbit 450 km apart.
- An Earth-observation satellite jointly developed by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and ISRO will be sent to India in late February 2023 for a possible launch in September.
- India's first ever private Vikram-S (Suborbital) rocket was launched on 18 November from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- Vikram-S, designed by Skyroot Aerospace.
- ISRO has successfully launched its heaviest rocket LVM3-M2, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota spaceport, Andhra Pradesh on 23 October 2022. The mission, which was named LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1, carried 36 broadband communication satellites of OneWeb Company.
- ISRO will launch 36 satellites of OneWeb, the UK's global communications network, on October 23, 2022.
- > The name of the rocket is LVM3, it was earlier called GSLV Mk III.
- > ISRO 'Shukrayaan I' mission to planet Venus reportedly shifted to 2031.
- ISRO is doing to boost the use of 'NAVigation with the Indian Constellation' (NavIC), India's version of GPS.

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

Q. Which state has introduced a new policy named State Robotics Framework?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana government has introduced a new policy called State Robotics Framework.
- ✓ This has been done to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem.
- ✓ It has been prepared by the Emerging Technologies Wing of the ITE&C Department of Telangana in collaboration with the All India Robotics Association.

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

- > Telangana govt launches first of its kind State Robotics Framework.
- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad. The 400 feet tall structure will be constructed on six acres of land in Narsingi at a cost of Rs 200 crore.
- > The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently unveiled a 125-feet 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-Srisailam 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.
- 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 ministry has launched the Learning Management Information System 'Saksham'?
 - A) Ministry of Health
 - **C)** Ministry of Coal

- **B)** Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Health Ministry launched the SAKSHAM Learning Management Information System and it was launched by Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan.
- ✓ SAKSHAM stands for Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management.
- ✓ It aims to provide online training and medical education to all health professionals across the country.
- ✓ This digital learning platform will facilitate comprehensive capacity building among health professionals.
- ✓ Currently, it offers over 200 public health and 100 clinical courses in an online format.
- ✓ Health professionals can register for these courses by visiting the website lmis.nihfw.ac.in.
- ✓ After completing the required training and meeting the evaluation criteria, participants will receive certification.
- ✓ SAKSHAM was developed by the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.
- Q. Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.73 crore on which bank?
 - A) Axis Bank

B) Union Bank Of India

C) HSBC Bank

D) State Bank of India

Answer : C

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.73 crore on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) Bank.
- ✓ RBI has imposed this penalty for violation of the Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006.
- This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not related to any transaction carried out by the bank with its customers.
- Q.Ministry of Culture and MyGov have launched a singing talent hunt by which name?A) Yuva PratibhaB) Young SingerC) Singing GloryD) Sur Sangram

- Ministry of Culture in association with MyGov launched the 'Young Talent Singing Talent Hunt' (Yuva Pratibha).
- ✓ The objective of this program is to identify new and young talents in various singing genres and give them recognition at the national level.
- ✓ All Indian citizens can participate in this program.
- ✓ Under this, the first prize winner will be given a prize money of 1,50,000 while the second and third winners will be given 1,00,000 and 50,000 respectively.
- Q. Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 27th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in which city?
 - A) New Delhi B) Hyderabad
 - C) Bengaluru

Answer : A

✓ Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 27th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) on 8th May in New Delhi.

D) Chennai

- ✓ During the meeting of the Council, it was discussed that necessary policy and legislative reform measures can be formulated to further develop the financial sector.
- ✓ <u>Highlights of the meeting</u>
- ✓ Regulators should maintain constant vigil to ensure that 'financial sector stability is a shared responsibility'.
- ✓ Regulators should adopt a focused approach to reduce the compliance burden further and ensure a streamlined and efficient regulatory environment.
- ✓ The regulators need to be proactive and ensure cyber-security preparedness of the information technology systems to reduce the risk of cyber-attacks.
- ✓ Safeguarding the stability and resilience of the Indian financial ecosystem.
- Regulators should conduct a special drive to facilitate the settlement of unclaimed deposits and claims in the financial sector.
- ✓ Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)
- ✓ It was set up on the recommendation of the Raghu Ram Rajan committee on "Financial Sector Reform".
- ✓ FSDC was set up by the Government of India in 2010.
- ✓ Function of the FSDC

- The Council monitors macro prudential supervision of the economy, including functioning of large financial conglomerates, and addresses inter-regulatory coordination and financial sector development issues.
- $\checkmark~$ It also focuses on financial literacy and financial inclusion.
- Q. The Petersberg Dialogue 2023 on Climate Change has been held in which city?
 - A) Berlin, Germany B) Paris, France
 - C) Vienna, Austria D) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer : A

- ✓ The Petersberg Dialogue on Climate Change was held in Berlin from May 2-3, 2023.
- ✓ The Petersberg Climate Dialogue (PCD) was hosted by Germany and the United Arab Emirates, which is hosting the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- ✓ Ministers from 40 countries attended the conference to discuss the way forward towards COP28.
- ✓ The main topics of discussion at the event were renewable targets, climate finance and global stocktake.
- ✓ <u>Key points of the summit</u>
- \checkmark To limit global warming to 1.5°C, the world needs to cut its greenhouse gas emissions at a rapid pace.
- ✓ The conference agreed to focus on phasing out fossil fuel emissions while phasing out viable, affordable zero-carbon alternatives.
- ✓ It calls for tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030 and then doubling it by 2040.
- ✓ 2023 is the year of Global Stocktech. The Global Stocktake is essentially a periodic review of global climate action aimed at assessing whether current efforts will enable us to reach the objectives set out in the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ The COP28 conference will be held in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December 2023
- Q. The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in Indonesia. What is the theme of ASEAN 2023?
 - A) We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper B) Stronger Together
 - C) ASEAN Together D) ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth

Answer : D

- ✓ The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in Indonesia.
- ✓ Theme 2023 ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth.

- The summit aims to demonstrate the bloc's hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development.
- ✓ President Joko Widodo, who holds the presidency of the bloc.
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- ✓ Founded : 1967
- ✓ Headquarteres : Jakarta, Indonesia
- ✓ Secretary General : Lim Jock Hoi
- ✓ Member : 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam)
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- ✓ L-Laos
- ✓ I Indonesia
- ✓ P Philippines of silent
- ✓ M Malaysia
- ✓ B Burma (Myanmar)
- ✓ B Brunei
- ✓ S Singapore.
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed 'in principle' to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member.

Which bank has partnered with Cashfree Payments to offer 'Global Collections', an international Q. collection service for exporters? A) HDFC Bank **B) Yes Bank**

C) ICICI Bank

D) Axis Bank

Answer : B

- Cashfree Payments and YES Bank have partnered to offer 'Global Collections', an international collection service for exporters, who are account holders of YES Bank.
- ✓ Under this partnership, the bank's account holders will be able to collect payments in over 30 foreign currencies using the Global Collections service.
- ✓ The funds so received can then be converted into rupee and settled into their local bank account in India within one business day.

YES BANK IN NEWS 2023

- > Cashfree Payments partners with YES Bank to offer Global Collections service for exporters.
- YES Bank has collaborated with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).
- > Reliance General becomes first insurer to accept CBDC in tie-up with YES Bank.
- > Yes Bank, Turtlefin Launched Online Insurance Services platform 'EasyNsure.
- Yes Bank has signed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) with JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), acquiring a 9.9 percent stake in the ARC at Rs 11.43 per share.
- YES BANK
- ➢ Founded : 2004
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- > Tagline : Experience our Expertise

Q. Who is the author of the new book titled 'My Life as a Comrade'?

- A) K.K. Shailaja
- C) Arundhati Roy

B) Jhumpa Lahiri

D) Amitav Ghosh

Answer : A

- ✓ Former CEO of the Kochi Biennale Foundation and journalist K.K. Shailaja has come up with her new book 'My Life as a Comrade'.
- ✓ It is published by Juggernaut Books, a Delhi-based publishing house.
- ✓ It has been co-written with Manju Sara Rajan.

✓ K. Shailaja is an Indian politician and former Health Minister of Kerala who hails from Kannur district.

Q. According to Everest Annual ITS rankings 2023, which company has topped the list?

A) TCS	B) Accenture
C) Wipro	D) HCL

Answer: B

- ✓ Accenture takes the number one spot for the seventh straight year in the Everest 2023 PEAK Matrix Service Provider of the Year Awards for Information Technology (IT) services.
- ✓ The ranking of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Capgemini, and Wipro has risen to take the number 2, 3, and 4 spots, respectively. HCL Tech ranks fifth.
- ✓ Since Everest Group, a global IT research firm, launched the rankings in 2016, TCS has been in the top five, and this year it climbed to second place. Capgemini and Wipro each rose three positions in the rankings over last year.
- Q. Oil ministry panel has recommended the Indian government to ban the use of diesel-powered fourwheeler vehicles by which year?

A) 2027	B) 2030
C) 2035	D) 2026

Answer : A

- ✓ Oil Ministry panel proposes ban on 4-wheeler diesel vehicles by 2027.
- ✓ An oil ministry panel has recommended the Indian government to ban the use of diesel-powered fourwheeler vehicles by 2027 and switch to electric and gas-fuelled vehicles in cities with more than a million people and polluted towns in order to cut emissions.
- ✓ By 2030, no city buses should be added which are not electric...diesel buses for city transport should not be added from 2024 onwards.
- ✓ The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has set up an Energy Transition Advisory Committee, headed by former oil secretary Tarun Kapoor.
- ✓ The country aims at producing 40% of its electricity from renewables to achieve its 2070 net zero goal.

- Q. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in which city of state?
 - A) Nizamabad B) Peddapally
 - C) Mahbubnagar D) Hyderabad

Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad.
- ✓ The 400 feet (120 meters) tall structure will be constructed on six acres of land in Narsingi at a cost of Rs 200 crore.
- ✓ The tower will house the temples of Sri Sri Radha Krishna and Sri Venkateswara Swamy.
- Q. Which company has signed an MoU with Emjay Control Systems to jointly manufacture and develop business for electro-mechanical bollards for use in various defence, homeland security, paramilitary, and export projects?
 - A) Hindustan Unilever Limited B) Bharat Electronics Limited

C) Tata Advanced Systems

D) Reliance Industries Limited

Answer : B

- ✓ Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has signed an MoU with Emjay Control Systems to jointly manufacture and develop business for electro-mechanical bollards for use in various defence, homeland security, paramilitary, and export projects.
- ✓ The bollards are envisaged to safeguard vital installations by pre-empting the unauthorized entry of heavy vehicles.
- ✓ They are built to withstand the impact of IED-laden vehicles weighing from 24,000 to 1,50,000 kg and coming in at alarming speeds of 80 to 100 km/h.
- Q. A new Border-Haat between India and which country was inaugurated in Bholaganj under the Companiganj upazila of Sylhet?

A) Bangladesh

B) Bhutan

C) Nepal

D) Afghanistan

Answer : A

- New border-haat was inaugurated between India and Bangladesh at Bholaganj under Companyganj Upazila of Sylhet.
- ✓ The opening of the border haat at Bholaganj on the border between Sylhet in Bangladesh and the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya was greeted with great enthusiasm by people on both sides of the border.
- This is the fourth border haat in Sylhet division, out of which three are currently functioning. There are plans to open three more border haats in Sylhet division.
- ✓ The Border Haat will open from 10 am to 4 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- ✓ The first border haats were inaugurated in 2011 at Kalaichar in West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya and Kurigram in Bangladesh.
- Q. A capacity-building program for civil servants of Maldives and Bangladesh is being organized by the National Center for Good Governance (NCGG) in which city?
 - A) DehradunB) New DelhiC) MussoorieD) Bengaluru

Answer : C

- ✓ In Uttarakhand, a capacity-building program for civil servants of Maldives and Bangladesh is being organized by the National Center for Good Governance (NCGG) at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.
- ✓ This training program will continue till 19th May.
- ✓ 50 administrative trainees from Maldives and 45 from Bangladesh are participating in this programme.
- Q. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with Max Life Insurance Company Limited to offer life insurance offerings to bank customers?
 - A) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- **B) AU Small Finance Bank**
- **C)** Capital Small Finance Bank
- D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Capital Small Finance Bank Limited has partnered with Max Life Insurance Company Limited to offer life insurance offerings to Capital SFB's customers.
- ✓ Through this tie-up, Capital SFB will offer its customers a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans of Max Life.

SMALL FINANCE BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Capital Small Finance Bank Limited has partnered with Max Life Insurance Company Limited to offer life insurance offerings to Capital SFB's customers.
- 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 won the men's triple jump event at athletics meet in Havana, Cuba?

- A) Renjith Maheshwary
- **B) Eldhose Paul**
- C) Praveen Chithravel D) Abdulla Aboobacker

Answer : C

- Indian triple jumper Praveen Chithravel won the men's triple jump event at an athletics meet in Havana, Cuba with a national record-breaking mark of 17.37m.
- ✓ The previous men's triple jump national record of 17.30m was set by Renjith Maheswary at the third Indian Grand Prix in Bangalore in 2016.
- ✓ Praveen Chithravel achieved his record-breaking mark with his fifth jump at the Prueba de confrontacion 2023 with a headwind reading of -1.5m/s. The permissible wind assistance for official records is +2.0m/s

- Q. In Which IIT and DRDO have developed cutting-edge sensor technology for underwater communications?
 - A) IIT Guwahati
 - C) IIT Madras

- **B) IIT Roorkee**
- D) IIT Gandhinagar

Answer : C

- ✓ IIT Madras researchers have partnered withDefence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) scientists to develop sensor technology for underwater communications, which will be advantageous to defence applications, especially in the Navy.
- ✓ 'Piezoelectric MEMS technology' is needed to develop high-performance thin films and to convert 'piezothin films' into future naval sensors and devices for underwater applications.
- Piezo thin film is an important component of piezo MEMS devices and is considered for acoustics and vibration-sensing applications.
- The installation of state-of-the-art Piezo MEMS technology enables India to advance defense efficiency and allows the nation to execute strategic operations of critical applications.
- ✓ The large area piezo thin film and MEMS process technology will support the ongoing/future technologies for DRDO's next generation sonar program for the Indian Navy.

IIT IN NEWS 2023

- > IIT Madras researchers partner for development of materials and micro-device processing techniques.
- 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.
- 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.

Q. India has recently extended a \$1 billion credit line for which country by one year giving the crisis hit? A) Maldives

B) Mauritius

D) Nepal

C) Sri Lanka

Answer : C

- ✓ India has extended a \$1 billion credit line for Sri Lanka by one year giving the crisis-hit country a backup infusion of dollars for essential imports.
- The credit line, part of about \$4 billion in emergency assistance extended by India during the peak of Sri Lanka's financial crisis early last year, was scheduled to end in March.

Post-negotiations, the credit line was extended until March 2024. There is about \$350 million left of the credit line that can be utilized as needed.

SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2023

- India Extends \$1 Billion Credit Line to Sri Lanka Amid Economic Crisis.
- > India led as the top source market for Sri Lanka's tourism sector for the month of April 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 : parliamenthua (225 seats)
- National day : 4 February 1948

- Q. Which state has become first state to make digital health cards for children?
 - A) Andhra Pradesh
 - C) Kerala

B) TelanganaD) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh becomes first state to make digital health cards for children.
- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh's Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City launched a "School Health Program".
- Under the pilot project, the School Health Program has been started by Lucknow Smart City in three schools in Lucknow.
- A digital health report card for the overall physical and mental well-being of 1765 municipal school students is also being prepared under the project.
- \checkmark The benefit of health insurance worth Rs 25,000 is also being given to these children

Q. Which company has developed Artificial Intelligence based solution to tackle fraud messages?

- A) Reliance
- **B)** Vodafone Idea
- C) Airtel
- D) BSNL

Answer : C

- ✓ Bharti Airtel has developed an artificial intelligence (AI)/machine learning-based solution to proactively detect, prevent, and eliminate phishing, spam, and fraud through messaging, and is testing it in partnership with HDFC Bank.
- ✓ Direct connectivity has been established between Airtel and HDFC to help secure end-to-end SMS (short messaging service) connectivity and flagging any other route.
- ✓ The solution uses an anti-spam filter that can detect and block up to two million messages per day.
- ✓ In April 2023 Vodafone Idea (Vi) became the first telecom operator to showcase its anti-phishing solution to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) as well as financial regulators the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for a variety of development projects worth over ₹5,500 crores in which state?
 - A) Madhya Pradesh B) Rajasthan
 - C) Haryana D) Uttar Pradesh
- Answer: B
- ✓ PM Modi inaugurates projects worth over 5500 crore in Rajasthan
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for a variety of development projects worth over ₹5,500 crores.
- ✓ Modi dedicates three key national highway projects to the country, including the 114 km (71 miles) six-lane Udaipur-Shamlaji section of NH-48, the 110 km Bar-Bilara-Jodhpur section of NH-25, and the 47 km NH 58E.

RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023

- PM Modi Launches Projects Worth Rs 5,500 Crore In Rajasthan, Including 114 Km Long Six-Lane Udaipur-Shamlaji Section Of NH-48.
- Lithium reserves have been discovered in Rajasthan's Degana following the recent discovery in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan virtually on Abu Road in the Sirohi district of Rajasthan.
- ➢ Indian Air Force's MiG-21 crashes near Hanumangarh in Rajasthan.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot has announced the launch of 19 new districts and 3 new divisions in Rajasthan.
- > Presently there are 33 districts in the state.
- With the creation of these 19 new districts, the total number of districts in Rajasthan will increase to 52.

- Q. Rukart has tied up with Which Bank for providing easy loans to customers for buying the cold storage system 'Subjee Cooler'?
 - A) State Bank of India

B) Reserve Bank of India

C) Indian Bank

D) Union Bank of India

Answer : A

- ✓ Agritech firm Rukart, which sells 'Subjee Cooler' to enhance shelf life of fruits and vegetables, has tied up with State Bank of India (SBI) to help potential customers in getting easy loan options to buy the product.
- ✓ Founded in May 2019, Rukart manufactures Subjee Cooler, a cold chain storage system that requires only 20 liters of water a day to function. It increases the shelf life of fruits, flowers and vegetables by 4-6 days.
- ✓ The cost of the product is Rs 50,000 each and one Subjee Cooler has a storage capacity of 100 kg.
- Rukart is mentored by the Powering Livelihoods program, jointly run by Council On Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) and Villgro Innovations Foundation.
- ✓ Sharayu S Kulkarni, Co-Founder, RuKart, said, the tie-up will assist farmers and retailers in adopting clean energy-based cold chain solutions.

SBI IN NEWS 2022-23

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

- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 3,717 crore through its third Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 bond issuance in the current financial year at coupon rate of 8.25 per cent..
- SBI reintroduces 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term deposit scheme and provides an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- State Bank of India has signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects.
- Union Ministry of Finance has nominated Vivek Joshi as a Director to the Board of State Bank of India (SBI).
- State Bank of India (SBI) surpassed Rs 6 trillion in Assets Under Management (AUM) under the Home Loan segment.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has bought the entire 13.82 per cent stakes held by Small Industrial Bank of India (SIDBI), Bank of Maharashtra and Union Bank of India in the SBI Global Factors Ltd (SBIGFL).
- SBI has reduced the interest rate on savings accounts by a marginal 5 basis points to 2.70 per cent effective from 15 October 2022. 100 basis points is equal to 1%.

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

Q. Digital travel firm MakeMyTrip has collaborated with which company to introduce voice-assisted bookings in Indian languages to make travel planning more inclusive and accessible for its customers?

A) TCS

B) Microsoft

C) Reliance Industries

D) Adani Group

Answer : B

- ✓ Digital travel firm MakeMyTrip has collaborated with Microsoft to introduce voice-assisted bookings in Indian languages to make travel planning more inclusive and accessible for its customers.
- ✓ This new platform is powered by Microsoft Azure OpenAI and Azure Cognitive Services.
- ✓ The new service will enable user interactions and offer personalized travel recommendations based on their preferences.
- ✓ MICROSOFT
- ✓ Founded : 1975
- ✓ Founders : Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- ✓ Headquarters : Washington DC
- ✓ Chairman : Satya Nadella
- ✓ CEO : Satya Nadella
- ✓ President : Brad Smith.
- Q. Russia has celebrated which edition of the Victory Day Parade on 8th May 2023?

A) 64th	B) 58th
C) 78th	D) 68th

Answer : C

- ✓ Russia holds the 78th Victory Day parade anniversary at Red Square, Moscow on May 9 to commemorate the historic victory in 1945 when the Soviet Union defeated Nazi Germany in World War II, which is also known as the Great Patriotic War.
- ✓ This year's parade featured more than 10,000 individuals and 125 pieces of weaponry, which were all showcased by the Russian Defense Minister, Sergey Shoigu.
- Victory Day is an important public holiday in Russia as it commemorates the tremendous sacrifices made by the Soviet Union during WWII, where approximately 27 million citizens perished.
- Q. Who has been recommended by the Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation (PFC)?
 - A) Sailesh Mishra B) Soma Mandal

C) Parminder Chopra D) Mallika Srinivasan

Answer : C

- ✓ Parminder Chopra, first woman to lead India's largest NBFC.
- ✓ Parminder Chopra will become the first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited, the largest NBFC in India.
- ✓ The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) recommended the name of Parminder Chopra as the next CMD of PFC.
- ✓ She has been with the company since 2005 and has been serving as Director (Finance) and CFO as well as a member of the Board of Directors since 2020.
- Q. Reserve Bank gold reserves rose 4.5% to _____ tonnes in 2022-23.

A) 794.64	B) 798.60
C) 807.12	D) 823.47

Answer : A

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) added 34.22 metric tonnes of gold in the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023, taking the total gold reserves to 794.64 metric tonnes.
- ✓ RBI held 760.42 metric tonnes as of March 31, 2022, compared to 695.31 metric tonnes as of March 31, 2021.
- ✓ The gold reserves as of March 31, 2023, included gold deposits of 56.32 metric tonnes, according to the RBI's half-yearly report on Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves- October 2022 March 2023.
- ✓ As of March 31, 2023, the country's total foreign exchange reserves stood at \$578.449 billion, and gold reserves were at \$45.2 billion.
- A recent World Gold Council (WGC) report showed that the RBI added 7 metric tonnes of gold in January-March 2023.
- Q. President Droupadi Murmu has conferred How Many Gallantry awards in New Delhi?

B) 41

D) 34

A) 45

C) 37

Answer : C

✓ President Draupadi Murmu, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, presented eight Kirti Chakras including five posthumously and 29 Shaurya Chakras including five posthumously to Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/UT personnel in New Delhi on May 9, 2023

- Where will the 6th Indian Ocean Conference be held? Q.
 - A) New Delhi
 - C) Dhaka

B) Colombo

D) Kathmandu

- Answer : C
- ✓ The 6th Indian Ocean Conference will be held on May 12 and 13 in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.
- ✓ High-level government delegations and think tanks from around 25 countries are expected to participate in the meeting. On behalf of India, External Affairs Minister Dr S.
- Jaishankar will deliver the keynote address in the inaugural session in Dhaka. \checkmark
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate this conference \checkmark
- Which Indian player has won a bronze medal in ISSF World Cup 2023? Q.
 - A) Manu Bhaker B) Apurvi Chandela
 - C) Priyanka Singh
- **D)** Rhythm Sangwan

Answer : D

- ✓ India's shooter Rhythm Sangwan has won the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2023.
- ✓ The ISSF World Cup 2023 is being organized in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan.
- ✓ Rhythm won the bronze medal by scoring 219.1 in the final.
- ✓ This is Rhythm Sangwan's first World Cup medal
- Q. Legendary footballer Antonio Carbajal passed away recently, he was a player of which of the following country?
 - A) Brazil

B) France

C) Mexico

D) England

Answer : C

- ✓ Mexico's great footballer Antonio Carbajal passed away at the age of 93.
- ✓ He was the first Mexican player to participate in five World Cups.
- ✓ He was a key player in the Mexico team that reached the quarter-finals of the 1958 World Cup.
- ✓ He was also the President of the Mexican Football Federation from 1988-1994.
- ✓ He was inducted into the Mexican Football Hall of Fame in the year 1998

- Q. The National Technology Day is observed every year on which day?
 - A) 10 May
 - **C) 09 May**

B) 11 MayD) 08 May

Answer: B

- ✓ In India, the National Technology Day is observed every year on May 11 since 1999 to mark the anniversary of 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests and India's technological advancements in space.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1998 that India successfully fired an Operation Shakti missile at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. The Test was led by late aerospace engineer and President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- ✓ It also highlight the achievements of our scientists and engineers in the field of science and technology and encourage students to embrace Science as a career option.

Q. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Ayushman Assam Scheme under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya (MMJA) in Which district of Assam?

- A) Jorhat
- B) Dibrugarh
- C) Golaghat
- D) Guwahati

Answer : D

- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Ayushman Assam Scheme under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya (MMJA) in Guwahati.
- ✓ The scheme will be available in more than 300 hospitals.
- ✓ The scheme is a transformative healthcare system for the people of Assam. While this is similar to the central government's scheme, it is slightly different because the scheme will cover treatment expenditure for all kinds of diseases.
- ✓ Under this scheme, beneficiaries will be able to get facilities in more than 300 empanelled hospitals in Assam and all the AB-PMJAY empanelled hospitals across the country. Approximately 2.6 million beneficiary families will be covered under the scheme.

 The government has also launched an e-KYC drive under AB-PMJAY and AA-MMJAY for NFSA beneficiaries.

ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Ayushman Assam Scheme under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya (MMJA) in Guwahati.
- 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

- Q. Which company has collaborated with the NASA to to convert satellite data into high resolution maps?
 - A) TCS B) IBM
 - C) Intel D) Oracle

Answer: B

- ✓ International Business Machines (IBM) has collaborated with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to launch a new geospatial foundation model.
- ✓ It is designed to convert satellite data into high-resolution maps of floods, fires, and other landscape changes to reveal the planet's past and hint at its future.
- ✓ This geospatial offering is expected to be available for preview in the second half of this year.
- ✓ Potential applications of this platform would include helping to estimate climate-related risks to crops, buildings, and other infrastructure, valuing and monitoring forests for carbon-offset programmes, and developing predictive models to help enterprises create strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- ✓ International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)
- ✓ Founded : 1911
- ✓ Founders : Charles Ranlett Flint
- ✓ Headquarters : Armonk, New York, U.S.
- ✓ Chairman & CEO : Arvind Krishna.

NASA IN NEWS 2022-23

- NASA launched an air-quality monitor called TEMPO (Tropospheric Emissions Monitoring of Pollution instrument) in collaboration with Elon Musk's SpaceX.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- NASA and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) announced the names of four astronauts, who will venture around the Moon for science and exploration under Artemis II mission.
- They are Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Hammock Koch, from NASA and Jeremy Hansen from CSA.
- > NASA is preparing four individuals to live on Mars on June 2023.
- > NASA and ISRO have jointly manufactured an earth science satellite named, NISAR

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

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

Q. PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple scientific projects worth over 5800 crore rupees on the occasion of National Technology Day in which city?

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

Answer : C

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation multiple scientific projects worth over 5800 crore rupees on the occasion of National Technology Day in New Delhi.
- This year, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has received special attention in the celebration of National Technology Day.
- ✓ The AIM Pavilion will showcase multiple innovative projects and provide an opportunity for visitors to witness live tinkering sessions, engage in tinkering activities and witness outstanding innovations and products by Startups.
- Prime Minister also inaugurated the Expo showcasing scientific and technological advancements made in India in the recent past.
- \checkmark The projects whose foundation stone was laid by the PM.
- ✓ Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory India (LIGO-India), Hingoli.
- ✓ Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Jatni in Odisha.
- ✓ Platinum Jubilee Block of Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai.
- ✓ The LIGO-India will be one of the handful Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave observatories in the world. It will work in synchronisation with two such observatories operating in the United States.

✓ When LIGO-India is completed, it will join a global network of gravitational-wave observatories that includes Virgo in Italy and KAGRA in Japan.

Q. Who has launched 'Harit Sagar' the Green Port Guidelines 2023 in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra ModiB) Piyush Goyal
- C) Amit Shah D) Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer: D

- ✓ Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has launched 'Harit Sagar' the Green Port Guidelines 2023 at a function in New Delhi.
- ✓ The guidelines have launched to meet the larger vision of achieving the Zero Carbon Emission Goal set by the Ministry.
- ✓ Harit Sagar Guidelines 2023 envisages ecosystem dynamics in port development, operation, and maintenance while aligning with the 'Working with Nature' concept and minimizing impact on biotic components of harbor ecosystem.

Q. Which state has become the first state in India to implement the 'right to walk'?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Punjab has become the first state in India to implement the 'right to walk' by making it mandatory for all road-owning agencies to provide footpaths and cycle tracks in all future expansions of roads and construction.
- The state government has issued these directions following two court orders after PILs were filed at Punjab and Haryana High Court and another in the Supreme Court. The courts have sought the action taken reports on safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
- ✓ Government data show that the number of pedestrians killed in road crashes has increased from 25,858 in 2019 to 29,124 in 2021, indicating that road infrastructures don't cater to the safety of pedestrians. The road accident report of 2022 has not yet been published.

- Q. Which country will host the 6th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC)?
 - A) India
 - C) Singapore

B) Bangladesh D) Sri Lanka

Answer: B

- ✓ The 6th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) is taking place in Dhaka, Bangladesh from May 12-13, 2023.
- ✓ The sixth edition of the conference is being organized by the India F oundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies.
- ✓ The theme of this year's conference is 'Partnership for Peace, Prosp erity and a Resilient Future'.
- ✓ The conference was inaugurated by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- ✓ According to Bangladesh Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Shaha ryar Alam, around 150 foreign guests including representatives from D8, SAARC and BIMSTEC will participate in the conference.
- ✓ The IOC is expected to provide a forum for discussion on a wide range of issues related to the Indian Ocean including trade, security, climate change and regional connectivity.
- ✓ <u>Aim of the conference</u>
- ✓ The aim of the conference is to bring together high-level government delegations and think tanks from around 25 countries to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation among countries in the Indi an Ocean region.
- ✓ <u>About Indian Ocean Conference</u>
- It has been launched by the Delhi-based think tank India Foundation along with its partners from Singapore, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
- The aim of the conference is to bring together Heads of States/Governments, Ministers, thought leaders, scholars, diplomats, bureaucrats and practitioners from across the region on a single platform.

Q. Who will launch 'Bank Clinic' to help retail customers with grievance redress?

- A) All-India Bank Employees' Association
- **B)** Central Board of Direct Taxes
- C) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- D) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry

Answer : A

✓ All-India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) plans to set up an online 'Bank Clinic' to assist bank customers with grievance redress.

- ✓ Once a bank's retail customer lodges an online complaint with our "Bank Clinic", our team will take up the complaint with the Bank for redress," AIBEA General Secretary CH Venkatachalam said.
- ✓ The Bank Clinic will be one more channel through which a retail bank customer can get his grievances addressed besides the normal Banking Ombudsman channel
- Q. Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro (L&T)?
 - A) Vivek Sankaran B) Punit Renjen
 - C) Vasant Narasimhan D) S N Subrahmanyan

Answer : D

- S N Subrahmanyan has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro, with effect from October 1, 2023.
- ✓ He will succeed A M Naik, who steps down as Non-Executive Chairman of the L&T Group at the end of his tenure on 30 September 2023.
- ✓ Currently, S N Subrahmanyan is serving as the CEO and MD of L&T.
- ✓ Subrahmanyan has also worked as Deputy MD & President leading L&T's infrastructure business to its position as the country's largest construction organization

Q. Who has taken over charge as Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP, Kolkata)?

- A) Shyam Srinivasan
- C) Anubrata Biswas D) Ka
- B) Rathendra Raman
 - D) Kadambelil Paul Thomas

Answer: B

- Rathendra Raman has taken over charge as Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP, Kolkata).
- ✓ Before this appointment, Raman was Chief Freight Traffic Manager (CFTM) in South Eastern Railway.
- Raman has been awarded the General Manager's medal four times and the Railway Minister's medal in 2006.
- Q. Who has been appointed as Gucci's First Indian Global Ambassador?
 - A) Alia BhattB) Deepika PadukoneC) Katrina KaifD) Priyanka Chopra

Answer : A

\checkmark	Ália Bhatt Becomes Gucci's First Indian Global Ambassador.		
\checkmark	Alia Bhatt has been appointed as Gucci's global ambassador.		
\checkmark	With this feat, the actress has been	come the first Indian to be the face of the Italian luxury fashion house.	
\checkmark	She will make her appearance as	their ambassador at the Gucci Cruise 2024 show in Seoul.	
\checkmark	Gucci is an Italian high-end luxury fashion house based in Florence, Italy.		
Q.	. Who has been awarded Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award for creating a fear-free state?		
	A) Yogi Adityanath	B) Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao	
	C) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy	D) Bhupesh Baghel	
A	nswer : A		
\checkmark	Former President of India Ram	Nath Kovind honoured Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with the Bharat	
	Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award for creating a fear-free Uttar Pradesh.		
\checkmark	✓ The award ceremony was organized at Shanmukhananda Auditorium in Mumbai where member of the UP		
	legislative council Lalji Prasad Nirmal received the award on behalf of Yogi Adityanath.		
\checkmark	Buddhanjali Research Foundation	on organized the award ceremony which was graced by Ramnath Kovind	
	as the chief guest.		
Q.	Who has won the bronze a Rifle/Pistol in Baku, Azerba	medal in the women's 10m air pistol final at the ISSF World Cup ijan?	
	A) Rhythm Sangwan	B) Manu Bhaker	
	C) Saurabh Chaudhary	D) Apurvi Chandela	
A	nswer : A		
\checkmark	Rhythm Sangwan has won the b	pronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol final at the ISSF World Cup	
	Rifle/Pistol in Baku, Azerbaijan.		
\checkmark	Rhythm finished behind two former Olympic champions, gold medal winner Anna Korakaki of Greece and		
	silver medallist Olena Kostevych of Ukraine.		
Q.	Q. Who is the author of book titled "The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces"?		
	A) Feroze Varun Gandhi	B) Vikram Seth	
	C) Chetan Bhagat	D) Salman Rushdie	
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Answer : A

- ✓ The book titled "The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces" is authored by Feroze Varun Gandhi.
- ✓ The book examines the challenges facing India's urban spaces, including poverty, inequality, crime, and environmental degradation.
- ✓ Gandhi argues that India's cities need to be transformed in order to be more inclusive and sustainable.
- ✓ The book is based on Gandhi's own experiences as a politician and urban planner.

FAMOUS BOOKS AND AUTHORS IN NEWS 2033

- > "The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces" :Feroze Varun Gandhi.
- > Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise" : Amitabh Kant .
- Milk and Honey : Rupi 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.
- "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
- Q. Legendary footballer Antonio Carbajal passed away recently, he was a player of which of the following country?

A) Brazil	B) France
C) Mexico	D) England

Answer : C

✓ Mexico's great footballer Antonio Carbajal passed away at the age of 93. He was the first Mexican player to participate in five World Cups. He was a key player in the Mexico team that reached the quarter-finals of the 1958 World Cup. He was also the President of the Mexican Football Federation from 1988-1994. He was inducted into the Mexican Football Hall of Fame in the year 1998.

- Q. Rajasthan Royals opener Yashasvi Jaiswal etched his name in history by scoring the fastest halfcentury against which team in the Indian Premier League by scoring 50 runs in just 13 balls?
 - A) Chennai super kings
 - **B) Kolkata Knight Riders**
 - C) Mumbai Indians
 - **D)** Lucknow Super Giants

Answer : B

- ✓ Rajasthan Royals opener Yashasvi Jaiswal etched his name in history by becoming the fastest fifty in the Indian Premier League against Kolkata Knight Riders.
- ✓ Chasing 149, Jaiswal created history by scoring 50 off just 13 balls, surpassing KL Rahul's 14-ball fifty in 2018. He also went past KKR's Pat Cummins, who scored a 14-ball fifty in 2022.
- ✓ Yashasvi hit three sixes and seven fours in the first 50 runs.
- ✓ Batting first after losing the toss, Kolkata scored 149 runs losing eight wickets in 20 overs.
- ✓ The record of scoring the most runs in the first over of the innings is in the name of Mumbai Indians. He scored 27 runs in the very first over against Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2011.
- ✓ These include seven extras. Rajasthan is at number two
- Q. Which is the first airport in India to have a 'Reading Lounge'?
 - A) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
 - B) Lal Bahadur Shastri International (LBSI) Airport
 - **C)** Chennai International Airport
 - D) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International (CSMI) Airport

Answer: B

- ✓ The country's first reading lounge has been inaugurated at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi, the parliamentary constituency of PM Modi. Books related to Varanasi have been kept here.
- Along with this, a library has also been made in the lounge. There is a collection of literature and books in many international languages apart from the books of young authors published under Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana.n

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. Where did the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy conduct the 35th CORPAT Exercise?

- A) Aden Sea
- B) South China Sea
- C) Andaman Sea
- D) Arabian Sea
- Answer : C
- ✓ The Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy organized the 35th CORPAT Exercise in the Andaman Sea. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kesari participated in this exercise.
- ✓ The 35th Indo-Thai Corporate Inter-operability is another step towards cementing the strong bond between India and Thailand..

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.
- 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.
- 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. Which company has replaced BharatPe as the global sponsor of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

A) MasterCard	B) Paytm
C) Tata Neu	D) Dream11

Answer : A

- American multinational financial services corporation, Mastercard has replaced BharatPe as the global sponsor of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- The sponsorship pact between ICC & Mastercard is a multi-year arrangement and will cover the upcoming 4 years.
- ✓ For the past year, Mastercard has been aiming to bag some lucrative sponsorship deals as it also secured title sponsorship rights of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) international and domestic home fixtures from Paytm.
- ✓ ICC primarily helms a three-year sponsorship and its partnership with BharatPe was kicked off on June 2021.

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2023

- Mastercard has reportedly taken over from BharatPe as the global sponsor of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- > Tata Group bags Title sponsorship rights for the Women's Premier League to 2027.
- Adani Sportsline is principal sponsor of Indian Olympic Association Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and the Paris Olympic Games 2024.
- > Kewal Kiran Clothing (KKCL) replaces MPL as Indian cricket team's official sponsor.
- > Adidas will sponsor the India cricket team kit as part of a Rs 350 billion deal.
- > BCCI to become an official partner of the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) for the 2023 season.
- Sony Sports signs Hyundai Ioniq 5, Samsonite as sponsors for Australian Open 2023.
- > Odisha extends Indian Hockey team sponsorship till 2033.
- For the second year in a row, the State Bank of India (SBI) has extended its sponsorship for Khleo India Youth Games (KIYG) in Madhya Pradesh and remained as KIYG's Principal sponsor for KIYG 2022 edition.

Q. Which player has been honored with the 2023 "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" Award?

A) Cristiano Ronaldo

B) Lionel Messi

C) Lewis Hamilton

D) Rafael Nadal

Answer: B

- Argentina footballer, Lionel Messi has been named the Sportsman of the Year at the 2023 Laureus World Sports Awards.
- Messi also became the first athlete to scoop both the World Sportsman of the Year Award and the World Team of the Year Award in the same year.
- ✓ With the win, the Argentine becomes the only footballer ever to win Laureus Awards twice. Messi previously won the Sportsman of the Year award in 2020 in a ceremony that took place in Berlin.
- ✓ He was awarded for his remarkable achievements on the pitch in the past year, which included leading Argentina to victory in the FIFA World Cup.
- ✓ Sportswoman of the Year: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jamaica) Athletics.
- ✓ World Breakthrough of the Year Award Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)



- ✓ World Comeback of the Year Award Christian Eriksen
- ✓ World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award Catherine Debrunner
- ✓ World Action Sportsperson of the Year Award Eileen Gu
- ✓ Laureus Sport for Good Award -TeamUp
- ✓ World Sportsman of the Year Award Lionel Messi
- ✓ World Sportswoman of the Year Award Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce
- ✓ World Team of the Year Award Argentina Men's Football Team
- Q. Name the female player who has been felicitated with the "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2023 Laureus World Sports Awards
 - A) Simona Halep B) Anna Van Hooft
 - C) Ashleigh Barty

D) Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce

Answer : D

- ✓ Sportswoman of the Year: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jamaica) Athletics
- Q. Who among the following has been awarded the World Breakthrough of the Year Award at the 2023 Laureus World Sports Awards?
 - A) Novak DjokovicB) Kylian MbappeC) Carlos AlcarazD) Eliud Kipchoge

Answer : C

- ✓ World Breakthrough of the Year Award Carlos Alcaraz.
- ✓ Carlos Alcaraz Garfia is a Spanish professional tennis player.
- ✓ Laureus World Sports Awards
- The Laureus World Sports Awards is an annual award ceremony honouring individuals and teams from the world of sports along with sporting achievements throughout the year. It was established in 1999 by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation founding patrons Daimler and Richemont.
- ✓ Swiss tennis player Roger Federer holds the record for the most awards with six, five for Sportsman of the Year and one for Comeback of the Year.
- ✓ Serena Williams holds the record for most awards held by a female with five, four for Sportswoman of the Year and one for Comeback of the Year.

- Q. Which institute has designed a face mask equipped with a sensor to detect illness?
 - A) BITS Pilani Hyderabad
 - C) IIT Bombay

B) IIT Kanpur D) IIT Madras

Answer : A

- ✓ Researchers at BITS Pilani Hyderabad have designed a face mask equipped with a sensor to detect illness.
- The team designed and developed a 'Kirigami' based stretchable, flexible Laser induced Graphene (LIG) a
 3-D carbon nanomaterial, for real-time attachments with surgical masks.
- ✓ LIG is a widely used material for monitoring vital physiological signs such as breath rate (BR) or respiratory rate (RR), body temperature, pulse rate, and blood oxygen saturation.
- ✓ Monitoring breath rate is considered as a parameter to detect diseases like cardiac arrest, asthma, pneumonia, pulmonary edema, and of course, COVID-19.
- Q. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card?

C) Capital Small Finance Bank D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Answer: B

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card, a solution tailored to meet the financial requirements of self-employed customers.
- ✓ This is aimed at providing a diverse range of benefits to small businesses.
- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank's Business Cashback RuPay Credit Card simplifies financial operations for businesses with benefits like upto 2 percent cashback, 48 days interest-free credit, and instant loans
- Q. Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Technical Officials Committee in the Badminton Association of India?
 - A) Umar Rasheed

B) Muhammad Miftak

C) Dwi Kristiawan

D) Tesana Panvisvas

Answer : A

✓ Badminton Asia appointed Umar Rasheed, joint secretary of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), as the chairman of the Technical Officials Committee.

- ✓ As chairman of the technical officials' committee, Rasheed will oversee the development and implementation of rules and regulations to elevate officiating standards in badminton tournaments across the country.
- Rashid is committed to strengthening the governance of badminton in India and the region, by upholding the integrity of the game and ensuring high quality officiating in all tournaments.
- ✓ Badminton Association of India (BAI).
- ✓ It serves as the governing body for badminton in India.
- ✓ BAI is registered as an association under the Societies Act.
- Since 1936, BAI has been responsible for organizing and hosting national level badminton tournaments in India.
- ✓ Establishment -1934
- ✓ Headquarters New Delhi
- ✓ President Himanta Biswa Sarma
- ✓ <u>Badminton Asia Championship:</u>
- ✓ It is an annual badminton tournament organized by the governing body Badminton Asia.
- ✓ The tournament has been held since 1962 and has been an annual event since 1991
- Q. Which Ministry Recommends Anti-Dumping Duty On Optical Fibre Imported From China, Korea, Indonesia?
 - A) Ministry of External Affairs B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 - C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry D) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer : C

- ✓ Anti-Dumping Duty on Imported Optical Fiber from China, Korea, Indonesia.
- ✓ DGTR, an arm of the Ministry of Commerce, has recommended imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of a certain type of optical fiber from China, Korea and Indonesia to protect the domestic industry from cheap inbound shipments.
- ✓ The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has recommended the duty after examination on dumped imports of 'Dispersion Unshifted Single-Mode Optical Fiber' from these countries.
- ✓ The product is mainly applied to high-data rate, long distance and access network transportation.

- ✓ Birla Furukawa Fiber Optics Pvt Ltd had asked on behalf of the domestic industry to initiate an antidumping investigation on this product.
- ✓ Why was it recommended to impose an anti-dumping duty?
- The DGTR in its findings found that the domestic industry has suffered material injury due to the dumped imports.
- ✓ DGTR said in a notification that the presence of dumped imports in the Indian market has forced the applicant to sell the product at prices below the cost of sales, causing losses and adversely affecting the profitability standards of the domestic industry.
- ✓ <u>What is Dumping?</u>
- ✓ According to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), if a company exports a product at a price lower than the price it normally charges on its own home market, it is said to be "dumping" the product.
- ✓ This is done by companies to grab market share in other countries from the local companies.
- ✓ What is Anti- Dumping?
- ✓ Anti-dumping duties are taxes imposed on imported goods to compensate for the difference between their export price and their normal value.
- ✓ It is imposed to protect producers of competing products in the importing country from harm.
- ✓ The recommended duty was in the range of USD 122 per KFKM and USD 857.23 per KFKM.
- ✓ The trading of this commodity occurs in FKM (fibre kilometre). 1 KFKM = 1,000 FKM.
- Q. Which actor has been included in the Indian team as an ambassador for the Special Olympics trip to Berlin?

A) Akshay Kumar	B) Ajay Devgn
C) Amitabh Bachchan	D) Ayushmann Khurrana

Answer : D

- ✓ Ayushmann Khurrana has been chosen to inspire and support the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming Special Olympics for individuals with intellectual disabilities, set to take place in Berlin from June 16 to June 25, 2023.
- Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana, has been appointed as the National Ambassador of Child Rights for UNICEF India.

 Manufacturer of mattresses, Wakefit Innovations Private Limited, has signed actor Ayushmann Khurrana as Wakefit.co's brand ambassador.

Q. Who has conferred CDS Unit Citations award to the Strategic Forces Command, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad and 2 PARA (Special Forces)?

A) Droupadi Murmu	B) Yogendra Dimri
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C) Ajit Doval D) Anil Chauhan

Answer : D

- ✓ General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Defence Staff, conferred CDS Unit Citations award to the Strategic Forces Command, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad & 2 PARA (Special Forces) for their exemplary performance for the Year 2021-22 in a ceremony held in New Delhi on May 11, 2023.
- Q. Who launched a campaign named "Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi" for strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)?

A) Kiren Rijiju	B) Smriti Irani
C) Rajnath Singh	D) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Women and Child Development Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani launched "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi", an Early Childhood Care and Education program under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 on 12th May in New Delhi.
- ✓ Under this campaign, work will be done in Anganwadis across the country to provide nutrition as well as better education to children in the age group of 3 to 6 years.
- There are about 13 lakh 90 thousand Anganwadis across the country, in which work is being done to provide better nutrition as well as better education to the students.
- Anganwadi workers are being trained by NIPCID regarding the mental development of children aged 3 to 6 years under the National Education Policy 2020.
- ✓ More than 51 lakh activities have been conducted by the Ministry in Gram Panchayats, as well as emphasis is being laid on early education for children coming to Anganwadis through toys made in India.
- ✓ About Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.
- ✓ The scheme was approved by the Government of India for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

- ✓ It is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme.
- ✓ It has been implemented to address the challenges of malnutrition among children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- ✓ The restructured scheme consists of ICDS, POSHAN Abhiyaan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) and National Creche Scheme.
- ✓ Objectives of Poshan 2.0
- ✓ Address challenges of malnutrition.
- ✓ Contribute to the development of human capital of the country.
- ✓ Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for better health.
- ✓ Addressing nutritional deficiencies through key strategies
- Q. Ministry of AYUSH has tied up with whom to promote integrated health research?

A) Ministry of Health	B) UGC
C) AIIMS	D) ICMR

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research and AYUSH Ministry on 11 May signed an MOU for collaborative and cooperative momentum on health research in the field of Integrated Medicine.
- ✓ The MoU was signed by Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH and Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary DHR & DG, ICMR in the presence of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare.
- The MoU envisages collaboration in areas of convergence and synergy between the two organizations to strengthen integrated health research and research capacity.
- ✓ The MoU also envisages exploring the possibility with the Ministry of AYUSH and ICMR to work on public health research initiatives to address diseases of national importance.
- ✓ A Joint Working Group will be formed between the Ministry of AYUSH and ICMR which will meet quarterly to explore other areas of collaboration and work on deliverables.
- ✓ Both the institutes will formulate and implement joint research projects and programmes.
- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ✓ It is one of the oldest medical research bodies in the world headquartered in New Delhi for the coordination and promotion of biomedical research.

- ✓ It works under the Department of Health Services (DHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ✓ It was established in 1911 as Indian Research Fund Association (IRFA).
- ✓ Later in 1949 its name was changed to ICMR
- Q. Which of the following entity has launched the Automated Return Scrutiny Module for GST returns?
 - A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
 - B) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
 - C) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
 - D) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)

Answer : A

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has recently launched the Automated Return Scrutiny Module for GST returns.
- ✓ This module will enable tax officers to scrutinize GST returns of centrally administered taxpayers based on data analytics and risks identified by the system.
- ✓ The module identifies discrepancies in the returns and shows them to the tax officer, who can communicate with the taxpayer through the GSTN Common Portal to resolve any issues.
- ✓ The Automated Return Scrutiny Module will help in streamlining the GST return scrutiny process and ensure that it is more efficient, transparent and effective.
- ✓ About Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
- ✓ In India, it is a part of the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance.
- ✓ CBIC is responsible for the administration of indirect taxes such as GST, Customs Duty and Excise Duty in India.
- ✓ The board was formed in 2019 as a result of the merger of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) and the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- ✓ CBIC is headed by a Chairman who is assisted by a number of members responsible for various areas such as GST, Customs, Legal and Administration.
- The main functions of CBIC include policy-making, implementation, and administration of indirect taxes, and prevention of smuggling and evasion of taxes.
- ✓ CBIC works towards creating a fair and efficient tax administration system, which is transparent and taxpayer friendly.

✓ CBIC plays a vital role in ensuring compliance of tax laws and regulations in India

Q. When is the International Nurses Day celebrated?

A) May 10	B) May 11
C) May 12	D) May 09

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Nurses Day is celebrated on May 12, every year to mark the contributions and hard work of nursing staff around the world.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 International Nurses Day is "Our Nurses, Our Future".
- The day was created by the International Council of Nurses, and is celebrated globally since January 1974. This day also marks the birth anniversary of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who was born on May 12, 1820.
- Q. What is the theme of the 2023 International Nurses Day?
 - A) Our Nurses, Our Future
 - B) Nurses: A Voice to lead Health is a human right
 - C) Nurses: A Voice to Lead Nursing the World to Health
 - D) Nurses: A Voice to Lead A vision for future healthcare

Answer : A

Q. The International Nurses Day marks the birth anniversary of which social reformer?

- A) Clara Barton B) Florence Nightingale
- C) Marie Curie D) Mother Teresa

Answer : B

- ✓ The International Nurses Day marks the birth anniversary of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who was born on May 12, 1820.
- Q. Who becomes the first city in India to adopt the localisation of the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG)?

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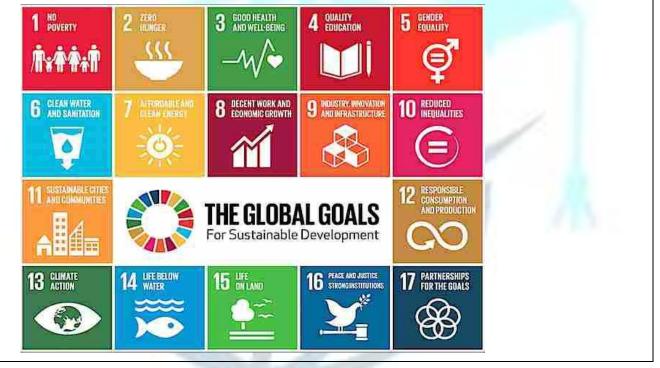
A) Indore	B) Bhopal
C) Surat	D) Hyderabad

Answer: B

- ✓ Bhopal becomes the first city in India to adopt the localisation of the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG).
- ✓ India's Bhopal city has conducted India's first city-level Voluntary Local Review (VLR)of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ Bhopal has launched 'Agenda for Action: Sustainable Urban Transformation in Bhopal', which was unveiled by Madhya Pradesh Chief MinisterShivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ✓ In 2015, all 193 UN member states adopted "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", which included 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets, as a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity.
- Member countries report on their progress towards achieving the goals through Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).
- ✓ What is VLR?
- ✓ A Voluntary Local Review (VLR) is a powerful tool that enables cities and regions to localize the SDGs and report their progress towards achieving them.
- ✓ VLRs have emerged as a powerful tool at the forefront of local action.
- New York City became the first city in 2018 to submit its voluntary local review to the HLPF of the United Nations.
- ✓ By 2021, some 33 countries had publicly available 114 VLRs or similar review documents.
- ✓ <u>United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG)</u>
- The United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) were adopted by all 193 member states in 2015 as a plan of action for people, planet, and prosperity.
- There are 17 SDGs and 169 targets, which aim to eradicate poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.
- ✓ The SDGs cover a range of areas such as health, education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, climate action, and more.
- The member states report their progress towards the achievement of the SDGs through a Voluntary National Review (VNR) to UN's High Level Political Forum (HLPF).
- Cities and regions have a pivotal role to play in the achievement of Agenda 2030, as at least 60% of the 169 targets could not possibly be achieved without their involvement.

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, a recognition that protects and acknowledges the work of tribal artists.
- > Madhya Pradesh government launched Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Madhya Pradesh Government on 5 March launched Ladli Bahna scheme under which each woman will be given one thousand rupees per month..
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on March 4 to make Tehsil Mauganj of Rewa district the 53rd district of the state.
- > The 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to transform our world.



Q. In which city of Uttarakhand the four-day millet festival (Shri Anna Mahotsav) started?

A) Dehradun

B) Haridwar

C) Chamoli

D) Rudraprayag

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Answer : A

- ✓ In Uttarakhand, a four-day millet festival (Shri Anna Mahotsav) began on May 13 in Dehradun to create public awareness about the health benefits of millets and deliberate on the state's potential to grow crops in this category.
- Agriculture ministers, scientists and farmers of other states including Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar participated in the Anna Mahotsav.
- ✓ The four-day deliberations aimed at attracting more and more people towards millet production, which has been set to double by 2025.
- ✓ The Uttarakhand state government has made a provision of Rs 73 crore for the promotion of millets in this financial year.
- ✓ 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.

MILLET IN NEWS 2023

- > 4-day Millet Festival to begin today in Dehradun; Uttarakhand to create public awareness.
- > MyGov and IHM, Pusa are launching 'YUVA PRATIBHA Culinary Talent Hunt' on May 12, 2023.
- > YUVA PRATIBHA Culinary Talent Hunt promoting millets and Indian heritage.
- India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in New Delhi on 18th March, 2023.

- United Nations agency Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) hosted an opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.
- The 4th International Trade Fair of Millets and Organics Products began on 20 January 2023 at Tripuravasini, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- > The year 2023 is being observed all over the world as the International Year of the millets.
- The Government of India aims to make the International Year of the millets a 'People's Movement' and position India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'.
- > India is the largest producer of millets in the world.
- According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation, global millet production in 2020 was 30.464 million metric tonnes (MMT), of which India accounted for 12.49 MMT or 41 per cent of the total millet production.
- India is the largest producer of millets in the world followed by Niger and China and the second largest exporter of these grains.
- The Government of India has set a target of production of 205 lakh tonnes of Nutri Cereals in the country by 2022-23.
- To promote the export of millets, a one-day 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' conclave was organised by the government on 5th December in New Delhi.
- > Assam government launches millet mission to double the income of state farmers.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced to observe the first Thursday of the Margasira month of the Hindu calendar on November 10 as 'Mandia Day' or 'Millet Day' in the state.

Q. Who has been recently featured on the latest cover of TIME magazine?

A) Deepika Padukone

B) Scarlett Johansson

- C) Jennifer Lawrence
- D) Julia Roberts

Answer : A

- ✓ Bollywood star Deepika Padukone has been featured on the latest cover of TIME magazine.
- ✓ The iconic American magazine described Padukone as a 'global star' bringing 'the world to Bollywood'.
- ✓ It had previously named Padukone among its list of 100 most influential people in the world in 2018.
- ✓ Deepika is called 'the most popular actress in the world's most populous country'. On the cover, she is seen wearing a beige oversized suit and no shoes.

TIME MAGAZINE'S IN NEWS 2023

- > Deepika Padukone has been featured on the latest cover of TIME magazine.
- Shah Rukh Khan has achieved the top spot on 2023 TIME100 poll, the TIME magazine's annual list of the most influential people.
- > Odisha's Mayurbhanj and Ladakh among TIME magazine's list of 'World's Greatest Places of 2023'.
- Time magazine named President Volodymyr Zelensky as well as "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 person of the year.

Q. Which state has become the first state in the country to have a drone surveillance system in all police districts in the state?

A) Uttar Pradesh	B) Punjab
C) Kerala	D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ Kerala has become the first state in the country to have a drone surveillance system in all police districts in the state.
- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan distributed the drones to all police districts and the drone pilot licences to the specially trained drone pilots.
- ✓ He also launched indigenously developed anti-drone software on the occasion.
- ✓ Kerala has been at the forefront of modernization of the police force and that since the use of drones has increased in society, the development of an anti-drone system is also important.

KERALA IN NEWS 2023

- ➢ Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- Kerala has adopted a water budget, the first of its kind in the country, to deal with the problem of water scarcity in summer.
- > Dharmadam, Kerala becomes first complete library constituency in India.
- ➢ Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project.

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- > India's first Graphene Innovation center to be set up in Kerala.
- Recently, a group of researchers discovered a butterfly subspecies from the fringes of Akkulam and Vembanad lakes in Kerala.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th April flagged off Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station.
- > Kerala declared first State to enable digital banking service.
- > M T Vasudevan Nair was awarded the "Kerala Jyoti", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the 2nd G20 Empower meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the theme "Women Empowerment: Win-win for Equality and Economy".
- ▶ Kerala to become first State to use robotics tech extensively for manhole cleaning.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites.

Q. The first mining start-up summit will be held on 29th May in which city to encourage the participation of start-ups in the mineral and mining sector?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The first mining start-up summit will be held on 29th May in Mumbai to encourage the participation of start-ups in the mineral and mining sector.
- ✓ Start-ups in the fields of exploration, virtual reality, automation, drone technology, and consultancy will participate in it.
- ✓ The summit will mainly focus on innovation and techniques that will support and improve performance, safety, and help in building autonomy in the field of mining and metallurgy.
- ✓ It will also be focusing on interaction with leading industries in the mineral exploration sector, financial institutions, and banks.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- > A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' started in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister, is scheduled to present the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' Award to Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari, also known as Appasaheb Dharmadhikari, on April 16 for his notable work as a social worker and reformer.
- Maharashtra Government has introduced a 4% quota for employees with disabilities in promotions.
- > Bank of Maharashtra inaugurated its first dedicated Branch for Start-ups in Pune.
- Ramesh Bais Appointed as the New Governor of Maharashtra.
- > Maharashtra became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill.
- > Recently a rare low altitude basalt plateau has been discovered in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra..
- > Nilesh Sambre conferred with 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' by Maharashtra State.
- Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune.

Q. Which Edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF 2023) will be held from December 1 to 5, 2023 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala?

A) 3rd Edition

B) 4th Edition

C) 5th Edition

D) 6th Edition

Answer : C

- ✓ The fifth edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF 2023) will take place in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from December 1 to December 5, 2023.
- ✓ The event is being organized by the Center for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA) in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of Kerala and several Ayurveda associations.
- ✓ The event will focus on showcasing the potential of Ayurveda in addressing the health challenges of the present day world and setting up a platform for global networking of Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders.
- ✓ The theme of GAF 2023 is "Emerging Challenges in Healthcare and a Resurgent Ayurveda".
- ✓ Top scientists including Nobel laureates and 7,500 delegates from 75 countries are expected to participate in the event.

- ✓ About Global Ayurveda Festival
- ✓ The Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) is a biennial event that aims to showcase the potential of Ayurveda as a holistic system of medicine.
- ✓ The festival provides a platform for global networking of Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders.
- ✓ The festival includes presentations of research papers, poster sessions, and exhibitions of Ayurvedic medicines, herbal products, and wellness services

Q. London Stock Exchange Group to set up Technology Centre of Excellence in Which City?

A) Hyderbad

C) Bengaluru

D) Kolkata

B) Chennai

Answer : A

- ✓ Telangana IT and Industries Minister "KT Rama Rao's" four-day tour of the United Kingdom (UK) to attract investors to Telangana has got off to a good start.
- ✓ London Stock Exchange Group PLC (LSEG) announced that it will establish a Technology Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad, which will generate employment for about 1000 people in a year.
- ✓ The establishment of the Technology Centre of Excellence by London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) in Hyderabad is a significant boost to the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector in the city.

HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2023

- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad.
- > London stock exchange group to set up technology centre in Hyderbad.
- > Food Conclave-2023 in Hyderabad.
- > Hyderabad-based startup gets India's first real-time Gold ATM.
- The countdown of the first-ever ABB FIA Formula E World Championship race in India is to be held in Hyderabad.
- > DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- > Hyderabad chosen as host of WEF Center for Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- > US Announced Support Project for Restoration of Paigah Tombs in Hyderabad.
- > Bharti Airtel to Invest Rs 2,000 Crore to set up Hyperscale data Centre in Hyderabad.
- > World Health Organisation (WHO) to Set Up mRNA Vaccine Hub in Hyderabad.

Telangana CM unveils 125 ft-tall Ambedkar statue unveiled in Hyderabad.

Q. The first ministerial meeting of the India and the European Union Trade and Technology Council (TTC) will be held in which City?

A) Paris	B) London
C) Brussels	D) Geneva

Answer : C

- ✓ The first ministerial meeting of the India and the European Union Trade and Technology Council (TTC) will be held in Brussels on 16 May.
- ✓ The meeting will be co-chaired by the Ministers of External Affairs, Commerce and Industry and Communications, Electronics and Information Technology from the Indian side.
- ✓ India is only the second country after the US with which the European Union (EU) has a TTC, and the two sides agreed to launch the strategic mechanism during the visit of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to India in April 2022.
- ✓ The TTC aims to deepen trade and investment ties between India and the European Union, as well as foster greater cooperation on technology and innovation.
- ✓ About India-EU Trade and Technology Council
- ✓ The trade and technology council was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during Ms Leyen's visit to India in April 2022.
- ✓ Three Working Groups under the TTC
- ✓ 1. A Working Group on Strategic Technologies, Digital Governance and Digital Connectivity
- ✓ 2. A Working Group on Green and Clean Energy Technologies
- ✓ 3. A Working Group on Trade, Investment and Resilient Value Chains.
- ✓ India-EU Trade relation
- ✓ India is the 10th largest trading partner of the European Union, accounting for 2.1% of the total trade in goods.
- ✓ The EU is India's third largest trading partner, accounting for €88 billion in goods trade in 2021 or a little over 10% of total Indian trade.
- ✓ Trade in services between the two sides reached €30.4 billion in 2020.

- ✓ <u>About European Union</u>
- ✓ The European Union is a group of 27 European countries.
- \checkmark The United Kingdom which was the founding member of the European Union has left the organisation.
- ✓ It was founded on 1 November 1993
- ✓ Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium

Q. How many railway stations across states and union territories will be covered under one station one product?

A) 567	B) 728
C) 687	D) 426

Answer : B

- ✓ Under the One Station One Product' (OSOP) scheme of Indian Railways, 728 stations are covered with 785 OSOP outlets in 21 States and 3 Union Territories across the country so far.
- ✓ Its aim is to promote the government's 'Vocal for Local'vision.
- ✓ Under this scheme, OSOP stalls at railway stations offer a diverse range of unique products related to handicrafts, textiles, traditional wear and local agricultural produce and processed food items.
- ✓ The stalls have been uniformly designed through the National Institute of Design to ensure sustainability and promote visibility and accessibility of the scheme.
- ✓ About One Station One Product Scheme
- \checkmark The scheme was launched with a vision to promote 'Vocal for Local'.
- ✓ This will help local manufacturers sell their products and create additional income opportunities for the marginalized sections of the society.
- \checkmark Under the scheme, allotment is made to all the eligible applicants on a rotation basis.
- ✓ The scheme was launched on25 March 2022 in pilot mode.
- ✓ This scheme is doing welfare of local artisans, potters, weavers, tribals etc.
- \checkmark The products under the OSOP scheme .
- ✓ Food items (Seasonal or Processed or semi processed foods)
- ✓ Handicrafts
- ✓ Artefacts
- ✓ Textiles



- ✓ Handlooms
- ✓ Traditional Garments
- ✓ Local agricultural produce
- ✓ Local toys
- ✓ Leather products
- ✓ Local Gems and Jewellery
- Q. Which Port has been awarded the prestigious Sagar Shreshta award 2023?
 - A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
 - **C)** Tuticorin Port

B) Cochin PortD) Paradip Port

Answer: B

- Cochin Port has been awarded the prestigious Sagar Shreshta award for the year 2023 by the Ministry of Shipping in recognition of its outstanding performance in the maritime sector.
- ✓ The Sagar Shreshta award is given to Indian ports for achieving excellence in various categories, including efficiency, productivity, and environmental sustainability.
- ✓ Cochin Port was selected for the award based on its impressive track record of achieving high standards of operational efficiency, safety, and environmental sustainability, as well as its contribution to the development of the maritime sector in India.
- ✓ Cochin Port's receipt of the Sagar Shrestha award reflects its leadership in the maritime sector and its commitment to driving innovation and excellence in the industry

Q. DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) has imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh on which airlines?

A) SpiceJet

C) Vistara

B) Jet Airways

D) Air India

Answer : D

- ✓ DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) has imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh on Air India for violating the rules.
- In the violation in question, an Air India pilot allowed a female friend into the cockpit during a Dubai-Delhi flight.

- ✓ The aviation watchdog had issued a show cause notice to Air India CEO Campbell Wilson for lapse in reporting the incident.
- ✓ Air India has been fined ₹30 lakh for not promptly and effectively addressing a safety-sensitive issue.
- ✓ The incident took place on February 27, 2023 when a cabin crew member lodged a complaint with the DGCA.
- ✓ The DGCA has suspended the pilot's license for three months for violating regulations and "misuse of his authority."
- ✓ Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) .
- ✓ It is a statutory body and formed under the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- ✓ It is headquartered in New Delhi and functions under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- ✓ It investigates aviation accidents and enforces all regulations related to aviation.
- ✓ It registers and provides certificates to civil aircrafts.
- ✓ It coordinates all regulatory functions with the International Civil Aviation Organisation
- ✓ <u>About Air India</u>
- ✓ Establishment of Air India -1932
- ✓ Headquarters- New Delhi
- ✓ Founder Air India- Ratan Tata
- ✓ President of Air India- N Chandrasekaran
- Q. Who has recently successfully tested the delivery of blood bags by drone under its iDrone initiative?
 - A) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
 - **B)** Serum Institute of India
 - C) Bharat Biotech International Limited
 - D) Zydus Cadila
- Answer : A
- ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently successfully tested the delivery of blood bags by drone under its iDrone initiative.
- ✓ The trial run was conducted on May 10, 2023, a drone carrying a blood bag weighing 500 grams flew for a distance of 12 kilometres and delivered it safely at the designated location.
- \checkmark The drone then returned to the base station with another blood bag.

- Its objective is to address the challenges of blood transfusion services in rural and tribal areas, where access to blood banks and transportation facilities is limited.
- ✓ About iDrone initiative
- ✓ It was launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ✓ It aims to assess the feasibility of using drones to deliver vaccines and medical supplies.
- ✓ The i-Drone was first used by the ICMR during the COVID-19 pandemic for the delivery of vaccines to inaccessible areas.
- ✓ It is now being used to deliver blood and blood-related products that need to be kept at low temperatures.
- Q. Who launched "Open Challenge Program (OCP) 2.0" as part of a series of OCP programs by Kalpataru-CoE (Center for Entrepreneurship)?
 - A) Indian Oil Corporation Limited B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
 - C) NTPC Limited

D) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)

Answer : D

- ✓ Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) launched "Open Challenge Program (OCP) 2.0" as part of a series of OCP programs by Kalpataru-CoE (Center for Entrepreneurship).
- ✓ The objective of this program is to select startups specialising in Industry 4.0 technologies for collaboration with RINL.
- ✓ The startups' technologies are expected to provide faster return on investment for RINL, contribute to energy savings and enhance process safety.
- ✓ The "Center of Excellence (CoE) on Industry 4.0" project involves collaboration between STPI (Software Technology Parks of India), MeitY (Ministry of Electronics & IT), RINL and Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Over a period of 5 years, the CoE plans to incubate around 175 startup companies, of which 50 are incubated in physical mode and 125 are incubated in virtual mode.
- ✓ <u>Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)</u>
- ✓ It is a government body that oversees the operations of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), India's first shore-based integrated steel plant.
- ✓ The VSP plant was commissioned in 1992 and initially had a capacityto produce 3.0 MTPA of liquid steel.
- ✓ Establishment -18 February 1982
- ✓ Headquarters Visakhapatnam, India



- ✓ CMD Atul Bhatt
- Q. Who has been appointed as the US Ambassador for Global Women's Issues?
 - A) Neera Tanden
 - C) Uzra Zeya

B) Vanita Gupta

D) Geeta Rao Gupta

Answer : D

- ✓ The US Senate has confirmed the appointment of Indian-American Geeta Rao Gupta as the 'Ambassador at Large'for global issues related to women at the State Department.
- The Senate is deeply impressed by Gupta's efforts to promote the rights of women and girls through US foreign policy.
- ✓ Gupta's nomination was confirmed earlier this week by a 51-47 vote in the US Senate.
- According to Geeta Rao Gupta, women across the world face many inequalities and stigma and this prevents them from participating fully in the economy.
- ✓ She served as the executive director of the UN Foundation's 3D Program for Girls and Women.
- ✓ She also advises the UNAIDS Global Coalition on Women and AIDS and is on the boards of the InterAction and Moria Fund.
- ✓ She has also held the position of Co-Chair of the United Nations Millennium Project Task Force on Education and Gender Equality
- Q. Which entity has announced its participation in the Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) greenwashing techsprint?

A) SEBI	B) RBI
C) NPCI	D) SIDBI

Answer: B

- RBI has announced its participation in the Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) greenwashing techsprint.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has invited firms to participate in the Greenwashing TechSprint to develop technology solutions to detect incidents of greenwashing in financial products.
- ✓ TechSprint is part of RBI's efforts to promote sustainable finance and ensure that financial products marketed as green or sustainable are actually aligned with environmental objectives.

- ✓ TechSprint is open to firms and individuals who can provide innovative technology solutions to detect greenwashing in financial products using technologies such as natural language processing and artificial intelligence.
- ✓ What is Greenwashing?
- ✓ Greenwashing refers to the practice of making false or misleading claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service.
- ✓ It is a marketing tactic used by companies to make their products appear more environmentally friendly or sustainable.
- ✓ Greenwashing can take various forms, such as using vague or exaggerated language, making unsubstantiated claims, or highlighting minor environmental benefits while ignoring significant environmental harms.
- ✓ About Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN).
- ✓ This is an international network of financial regulators that seeks to foster innovation in the financial services sector.
- ✓ It was established in 2018 by a group of 12 financial regulators, including the UK Financial Conduct Authority, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- It aims to provide a platform for regulators to collaborate and share best practices on innovative financial products and services, as well as regulatory approaches to innovation

Q. Gyanvapi mosque which was seen in the news is situated?

A) Lucknow	B) Varanasi
C) Agra	D) Prayagraj

Answer: B

- ✓ The Allahabad High Court has recently ordered the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a carbon dating test of a 'Shivling' located inside the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi, India.
- ✓ The court order came in response to a petition filed by a group of Hindu activists, which claimed that the mosque was built on the site of a Hindu temple.
- ✓ Activists argued that the 'Shivling' inside the mosque was proof of the presence of a pre-existing Hindu temple at the site.

- ✓ The carbon dating test will be carried out by a team of experts from the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ✓ Gyanvapi Mosque is a17th-century mosque located in Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in India.
- ✓ What is Carbon dating?
- ✓ Carbon dating is a scientific technique used to determine the age of organic materials by measuring the amount of carbon-14 present in a sample.
- Q. Export lender Exim Bank to raise up to record _ billion in FY 2023-24 (FY24) for Trade Finance and Term Loans.

A) \$2.7 billion	B) \$3 billion
C) \$3.3 billion	D) \$4 billion

Answer : D

- ✓ T Export lender Exim Bank plans to raise up to record \$4 billion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) for extending trade finance and term loans.
- Exim Bank raised \$1 billion through sustainability bond in Jan-uary 2023, under its environm-ent social governa-nce (ESG) fra-me-work. It later raised \$100 million via a second offering of the bond.
- ✓ Financial Performance and Loan Portfolio in FY23.
- ✓ Exim's Bank net profit more than doubled to Rs 1,556 crore in FY23 from Rs 738 crore in FY22. Total income increased to Rs 11,487 crore in FY23 from Rs 8,363 crore in FY22.
- ✓ Net loan portfolio increased by 17 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 1.34 trillion in FY23 from Rs 1.17 trillion in FY22.
- ✓ Exim's gross non-performing assets (NPA) rose to 4.09% at the end of March 2023 from 3.56% at the end of March 2022.
- ✓ Exim Bank's Asset Quality and Capital Adequacy Ratio :
- ✓ Net NPA increased to 0.71% in March 2023 from nil in March 2022. The bank in FY23 made a provision for exposure to Ghana.
- ✓ The bank's capital adequacy ratio (CAR) stood at 25.43% in March 2023 as against 30.49 per cent a year ago.



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