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

Q. Who is taking over as Twitter's new CEO?

- A) Raj Subramaniam B) Linda Yaccarino
C) Brie Carere D) Edwin Khodabakchian

Answer : B

- ✓ Former NBCUniversal ad chief Linda Yaccarino named CEO of Twitter.
- ✓ Linda Yaccarino, former advertising chief at NBCUniversal, has been appointed as the new CEO of Twitter, according to a tweet by Elon Musk, the current CEO of Twitter.
- ✓ Yaccarino will primarily focus on business operations, while Elon Musk will focus on product design and new technology.
- ✓ Yaccarino is credited with modernizing the advertising business of Comcast Corp's entertainment and media division.
- ✓ Twitter's reputation with advertisers has taken a hit recently, with many leaving the platform amid concerns about ads appearing alongside inappropriate content.
- ✓ Musk completed the purchase of Twitter in October 2022 for \$44 billion and said in December that he would step down as CEO once he found a suitable person for the position.
- ✓ About Twitter
- ✓ Twitter was founded in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams as a social media platform for short, real-time messages called "tweets."
- ✓ It launched publicly in July 2006 and quickly gained popularity.
- ✓ In its early years, Twitter became known for its role in political activism and citizen journalism during events such as the Arab Spring.
- ✓ In October 2022, Twitter was acquired by Tesla CEO Elon Musk in a deal worth \$44 billion.
- ✓ Best CEOs in the World in 2023
- ✓ Linda Yaccarino - CEO of Twitter
- ✓ Adam Mosseri - CEO of Instagram
- ✓ Neal Mohan - CEO of YouTube
- ✓ Tim Cook – CEO of Apple



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- ✓ Sundar Pichai – CEO of Google
- ✓ Satya Nadella – CEO of Microsoft
- ✓ Mark Zuckerberg – CEO of Meta (Facebook)
- ✓ Elon Musk – CEO of Tesla
- ✓ Andy Jassy – CEO of Amazon
- ✓ Jensen Huang – CEO of Nvidia
- ✓ Michael Miebach – CEO of Mastercard
- ✓ Daniel Zhang – CEO of Alibaba
- ✓ Shantanu Narayen – CEO of Adobe
- ✓ Arvind Krishnan – CEO of IBM
- ✓ Lakshman Narasimhan – CEO of Starbucks
- ✓ Doug McMillon - CEO of Walmart

Q. Indian National Congress has won a clear majority in Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023. How many assembly seats are there in Karnataka?

- A) 281
- B) 224
- C) 310
- D) 411

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian National Congress has won a clear majority in Karnataka Assembly Elections.
- ✓ According to the Election Commission of India, Congress has won 135 seats out of a total 224 Assembly seats.
- ✓ A party requires to win 113 seats for forming the government as it is the majority mark.
- ✓ The ruling BJP bagged 65 seats. JD(S) has come third winning 19 seats while others have won 4 seats.
- ✓ Outgoing Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai wins Shiggaon seat beating Congress candidate Pathan Yasir Ahmed Khan by nearly 36 thousand votes.
- ✓ Former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, who joined Congress before the elections, was defeated from Hubballi – Dharwad Central seat by BJP candidate by a margin of over 34,000 votes.



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KARNATAKA IN NEWS 2023

- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 Karnataka, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank .
- World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water.
- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya .
- The Karnataka Government will build the country’s first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program began in Karnataka.
- Karnataka bags National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana, implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- Karnataka Bank awarded ‘Prathista Puraskar for achieving highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy ‘The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.
- **About Karnataka State**
- Formation - 1 November 1956
- Capital- Bengaluru
- Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Legislative Assembly seats- 224
- Lok Sabha seats- 28
- Jog Falls (Garsoppa) located in Karnataka is the highest waterfall in India which is on Sharavathi River.



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- Yakshagana is the main folk dance of Karnataka.

Q. Karthik Balagopalan has been appointed as the new Managing Director of which company?

- A) Puma
B) Nike
C) Adidas
D) Reebok

Answer : A

- ✓ Sportswear retailer Puma has appointed Karthik Balagopalan as the new Managing Director of PUMA India.
- ✓ He will succeed Abhishek Ganguly, who worked for PUMA's Indian business for 17 years and has been the Managing Director of PUMA India since 2014.
- ✓ Balagopalan earlier served as Global Director Retail and e-commerce at the company.
- ✓ Balagopalan has been with the company since 2006.

PUMA IN NEWS 2023.

- Sportswear retailer Puma has appointed Karthik Balagopalan as the new Managing Director of PUMA India.
- Puma India named Indian Captain Harmanpreet Kaur as its brand ambassador.
- Puma India ropes in Anushka Sharma as brand ambassador.
- PUMA
- Founder : Rudolf Dassler
- Headquarters : Herzogenaurach, Germany
- CEO : Arne Freundt
- PUMA is a German multinational company

Q. The Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 is scheduled to be held in which country?

- A) China
B) Thailand
C) South Korea
D) Singapore

Answer : C

- ✓ The Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 is scheduled to be held in Busan, South Korea from June 27 to 30.



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- ✓ The continental kabaddi event will be played after a hiatus of six years. The last edition was held in Gorgan, Iran in 2017.
- ✓ India is the defending champions having beaten Pakistan 36-22 in the final in 2017.
- ✓ In the women's category, too, India are the defending champions. They defeated South Korea 42-20 in the final in 2017.
- ✓ The Indian women's kabaddi team is also the most successful side in the competition having won four gold medals while South Korea has claimed one title in the five editions so far.

SOUTH KOREA IN NEWS 2022-23

- Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 is scheduled to be held in Busan, South Korea.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in South Korea.
- India-South Korea holds 5th Foreign Policy and Security Dialogue.
- Both the countries agreed to take bilateral trade to US\$ 50 billion by 2030 from an all-time high of US\$ 28 billion at present.
- Japan, U.S., South Korea, Taiwan launch 'Chip 4' talks for supply chain.
- South Korea's Mina Sue Choi was crowned Miss Earth 2022.
- HDFC Bank, the leading private sector bank in India, has signed a Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement with the Export-Import Bank of Korea, with a total value of US \$300 million.
- South Korea breaks its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate.
- Operation Vigilant Storm currently underway in South Korea.
- Danuri, South Korea's first moon mission launched from SpaceX.
- South Korea won the Uber Cup 2022, defeating China.
- SOUTH KOREA
 - Capital : Seoul
 - Currency : Won
 - President : Yoon Suk-yeol
 - Prime Minister : Kim Boo-kyum



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Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Addressed the 29th Biennial Education Conference of All India Primary Teachers's Federation organized at which place?

- A) Ahmedabad B) Gandhinagar
C) Surat D) Varanasi

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi Addressed the 29th Biennial Education Conference of All India Primary Teachers's Federation organized at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on 12th May.
- ✓ The theme of this summit is 'Teachers at the Heart of Transforming Education.'
- ✓ **Purpose of the conference**
- ✓ The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for primary teachers to exchange ideas, share experiences and collectively address challenges in primary education.
- ✓ **Focus on primary education**
- ✓ The conference mainly focused on issues related to primary education, including curriculum development, teaching methods, classroom management and welfare of primary school teachers.
- ✓ **Professional Development and Training**
- ✓ The conference emphasized the importance of professional development and training for primary teachers.
- ✓ **Policy discussion**
- ✓ The conference discussed education policies, reforms and initiatives at the national and state levels.
- ✓ The participants shared their views, suggestions and concerns regarding the policy implementation and its impact on primary education.
- ✓ **Teacher Welfare and Rights**
- ✓ The conference addressed the welfare and rights of primary school teachers, including issues such as pay structure, job security, working conditions, and professional recognition.

GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- Urban-20 City Sherpas' meet begins at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term.



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- Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli passed away.
- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year. The state was established on May 1, 1960.
- Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as “Swagat Saptah” in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the “State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology” (SWAGAT) initiative.
- Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in GIFT city.
- Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat’s GIFT City.
- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat.
- International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Vedanta-Foxconn JV choose Dholera SIR for India’s first semiconductor facility.

Q. Who is the current CEO of Walmart?

A) Tim Cook

B) Jensen Huang

C) Marc Benioff

D) Doug McMillan

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Doug McMillan, CEO of American multinational retail corporation Walmart.
- ✓ The purpose of the meeting between PM Modi and Doug McMillan was to discuss and explore potential areas of collaboration, investment and partnership between the Government of India and Walmart.
- ✓ The meeting reflects the importance of the economic relationship between India and Walmart. The discussions covered topics such as trade, investment opportunities and promoting a conducive business environment in India.
- ✓ The meeting discussed opportunities to leverage digital technologies and innovation in the retail sector.
- ✓ The discussion centered around sustainable business practices, environmental initiatives and social responsibility.



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✓ **About Walmart**

- ✓ It is an American multinational retail corporation that operates a chain of hypermarkets, discount department stores, and grocery stores.
- ✓ It was founded in 1962 by Sam Walton.
- ✓ It has grown to become one of the world's largest retail chains.

Q. The 76th Cannes Film festival 2023 held in which country in May 2023?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L Murugan will lead the Indian delegation to the Cannes International Film Festival from May 16 to 27.
- ✓ They will also be joined by filmmaker Guneet Monga of The Elephant Whispers fame, Indian actresses Manushi Chhillar, Esha Gupta and acclaimed Manipuri actor Kangabam Tomba.
- ✓ The India Pavilion is being conceptualised and designed by National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad with the theme - 'Showcasing India's Creative Economy' to the global community.
- ✓ The pavilion design has been inspired by the Saraswati Yantra, the abstract representation of goddess Saraswati.
- ✓ Four Indian films, including Kanu Behl's Agra and Anurag Kashyap's Kennedy, have made it to the official selection in the Cannes Film Festival.
- ✓ Apart from these, many Indian films will be screened in Marche du Films.
- ✓ A Manipuri film 'Ishanhrou' will be showcased in the 'Classics' section.
- ✓ **About Cannes Film Festival**
- ✓ The Cannes Film Festival is one of the most prestigious international film festivals held annually in Cannes, France

Q. G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture in which country?

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

Answer : D



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- ✓ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture in Nagasaki, Japan.
- ✓ The meeting was organized to discuss the global health challenges and ways to ensure preparedness, prevention and response to future health emergencies.
- ✓ The health ministers of the G7 countries and the "Outreach 4" countries of India, Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand were invited to the meeting.
- ✓ **Objectives of the meeting**
- ✓ To foster collaboration and exchange ideas on health innovation.
- ✓ Addressing global health challenges, and promoting advancements in healthcare research, technology, and policies.
- ✓ Topics discussed
- ✓ The G7 health ministers discuss various pressing health issues such as infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, vaccine development, healthcare accessibility, digital health, and the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare.
- ✓ **About G7**
- ✓ The G7 is a group of seven major industrialized countries, including Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- ✓ The G7 holds annual meetings to discuss various global issues, but these meetings are usually held in different locations each year.
- ✓ The 48th G7 summit was hosted by Germany in 2022.
- ✓ **SURPRISE FACTS G7 SUMMIT**
- ✓ 1st - 1975 : France
- ✓ 46th - 2020 : United States
- ✓ 47th - 2021 : United Kingdom
- ✓ 48th - 2022 : Germany
- ✓ 49th - 2023 : Japan
- ✓ 50th - 2024 : Italy
- ✓ Trick to remember G7 Countries
- ✓ Trick - Drink JUICE with GF (girlfriend)
- ✓ JUICE case :-



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- ✓ J for Japan
- ✓ U for USA
- ✓ I for Italy
- ✓ C for Canada
- ✓ E for England
- ✓ GF case :-
- ✓ G for Germany
- ✓ F for France

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has visited 'Jana Shakti Art exhibition' at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA). NGMA is a prominent art museum located in which city?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 14th May visited 'Jana Shakti Art exhibition' at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Delhi.
- ✓ Amazing samples of art based on some episodes of Mann Ki Baat have been displayed in the exhibition.
- ✓ This is an exhibition of wonderful samples of art based on some episodes of Mann Ki Baat. He congratulated all the artists who have enriched the exhibition with their creativity
- ✓ **About National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)**
- ✓ NGMA is a prominent art museum located in New Delhi, India.
- ✓ NGMA aims to preserve, document, and promote modern and contemporary art in India.
- ✓ It serves as a platform for showcasing and appreciating various forms of artistic expression.
- ✓ NGMA houses an extensive collection of artworks, including paintings, sculptures, prints, photographs, and installations.
- ✓ Apart from the main gallery in New Delhi, NGMA has regional branches in Mumbai and Bengaluru.

Q. The 3rd Energy Transition Working Group Meeting (ETWG) under India's G20 chairmanship began in which city?

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



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Answer : B

- ✓ The 3rd Energy Transition Working Group Meeting (ETWG) under India's G20 chairmanship began in Mumbai from May 15 to 17, 2023.
- ✓ The meeting was organized to discuss and address issues related to energy transition in the context of global energy challenges and sustainable development.
- ✓ **Purpose of the meeting**
- ✓ To facilitate dialogue, knowledge-sharing and cooperation among countries and stakeholders to accelerate the transition to clean, sustainable and affordable energy sources.
- ✓ **Topic of discussion**
- ✓ Discussions focused on understanding and addressing the challenges associated with the transition from traditional fossil fuel-based energy systems to renewable energy sources.
- ✓ This includes topics such as energy efficiency, renewable energy deployment, grid integration and energy access.
- ✓ Discussions could include topics such as energy storage, smart grids, electric mobility and digitisation, as well as their role in facilitating the energy transition.

Q. Indian government will soon launch a 'Trusted Traveller Programme' for faster immigration clearance of pre-verified travellers. This program will be launched on pilot basis at how many airports this year?

- A) three
- B) two
- C) four
- D) six

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian govt to launch faster immigration clearance scheme for 'trusted travellers'
- ✓ With an aim to reduce congestion at airport check points, Indian government will soon launch a 'Trusted Traveller Programme' for faster immigration clearance of pre-verified travellers.
- ✓ The new scheme will be launched for travellers with Indian passports across international airports in India.
- ✓ The program will be started on a pilot basis at Delhi and Mumbai airports this year.
- ✓ Later it will be expanded to 15 more international airports by 2027 and all airports by 2032.



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Q. The technology firm Cisco will establish a manufacturing facility in which state of India?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The technology firm Cisco has announced its plans to commence manufacturing operations in India, aiming to establish a more diverse and resilient global supply chain and support India's vision of becoming a global manufacturing hub.
- ✓ The company's CEO, Chuck Robbins, stated that the manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu would generate 1,200 job opportunities.
- ✓ Cisco has set a target of \$1 billion in combined domestic production and exports in the upcoming years.
- ✓ Cisco plans to establish core manufacturing capabilities in India, including testing, development, logistics, and expanding in-house repair operations

Q. Who has been conferred the first Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by the Astronomical Society of India (ASI)?

- A) Karan Jani
B) Ramana Athreya
C) Shrinivas Kulkarni
D) Jayant Naralikar

Answer : D

- ✓ Veteran astronomer Jayant Naralikar has been conferred the first Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by the Astronomical Society of India (ASI).
- ✓ Naralikar, a past president of ASI, was the founding director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) and amongst the first to initiate cosmology research in the country.
- ✓ The award is named in honour of Prof. Govind Swarup (1929-2020), widely regarded to be the founder of radio astronomy in the country.

Q. Who becomes 2nd person to scale Everest 26 times?

- A) Pasang Dawa Sherpa
B) Oliver Scoubes
C) Gurdial Singh
D) Gombu Sherpa

Answer : A

- ✓ 46 year old Pasang Dawa Sherpa, has become the second person to climb Mount Everest for the 26th time.



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- ✓ Praveen Sood, a 1986 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as the next director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- ✓ Praveen Sood will replace current CBI Director Subodh Jaiswal when his term ends on May 25.
- ✓ The Department of Personnel and Training approved the appointment of Sood as CBI Director for a period of two years.
- ✓ **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):**
- ✓ CBI is the premier investigative agency of India.
- ✓ It was established in 1941 as Special Police Establishment and later renamed as Central Bureau of Investigation in 1963.
- ✓ Its primary objective is to maintain the integrity and credibility of administration, ensure justice and uphold the rule of law.
- ✓ It is responsible for the investigation of a wide range of cases including corruption, economic offences, fraud, organised crime and other serious crimes of national and international importance.

Q. According to the IDMC's annual report, How many people internally displaced worldwide the end of 2022?

A) 71 Million

B) 78 Million

C) 86 Million

D) 93 Million

Answer : A

- ✓ According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)'s annual report, the number of internally displaced people around the world reached 71 million as of the end of 2022.
- ✓ The number of movements in which people fled in search of safety and shelter was also unprecedented in 2022 with a figure of 60.9 million.
- ✓ The conflict in Ukraine triggered nearly 17 million displacements and monsoon floods in Pakistan triggered 8.2 million.
- ✓ Internal displacement is a global phenomenon, but nearly three-quarters of the world's IDPs live in just 10 countries - Syria, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ukraine, Colombia, Ethiopia, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia and Sudan - many as a result of unresolved conflicts that continued to trigger significant displacement in 2022



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Q. India's exports of agricultural products cross __ crore mark.

- A) Rs. 2 lakh Crore B) Rs. 3 lakh Crore
C) Rs. 3.4 lakh Crore D) Rs. 4 lakh Crore

Answer : D

- ✓ Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that India's exports of agricultural and allied products have crossed 4 lakh crore rupees.

Q. Which bank has recently launched the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign in every district of the country?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign for banks to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district of the country within 100 days.
- ✓ This measure will complement the ongoing efforts and initiatives by the Reserve Bank to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/claimants.
- ✓ At present, the depositors and beneficiaries of unclaimed bank deposits of 10 years or more have to go through the website of multiple banks to locate such deposits
- ✓ **What is Unclaimed Deposit?**
- ✓ An unclaimed deposit is one which does not see any activity like the infusion of funds, withdrawal, etc. from the depositor for 10 years or more, and is deemed as an inactive deposit.

Banks transfer these amounts to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund maintained by the RBI

Q. The Indian Navy is participating in the fourth maritime exercise 'Samudra Shakti' with the Navy of which country?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ INS Kavaratti, indigenously designed & built ASW Corvette, arrived at Batam, Indonesia to participate in the 4th edition of India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23 from 14-19 May 23.



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- ✓ An Indian Navy Dornier maritime patrol aircraft and Chetak helicopter are also participating in the exercise.
- ✓ The Indonesian Navy is represented by KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda, CN 235 Maritime Patrol Aircraft and AS565 Panther helicopters.
- ✓ **About exercise 'Samudra Shakti'**
- ✓ Samudra Shakti is a joint naval exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy.
- ✓ Objective of the exercise: The primary objective of the exercise is to enhance the interoperability and mutual understanding between the two navies.
- ✓ Other Exercises between India and Indonesia:
- ✓ Samudra Shakti: A bilateral maritime exercise.
- ✓ Garuda Shakti: A joint military exercise
- ✓ India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)
- ✓ INDONESIA
- ✓ Capital : Jakarta
- ✓ New Capital : Nusantara
- ✓ Currency : Rupiah
- ✓ President : Joko Widodo
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) : Headquarters : Jakarta, Indonesia

Q. AR Khaleel passed away recently. He was the former Vice President of which sports organization?

- A) All India Football Federation B) All India Chess Federation**
C) Badminton Association of India D) International Hockey Federation

Answer : A

- ✓ The former All India Football Federation (AIFF) Vice-President, AR Khaleel passed away at the age of 91.
- ✓ He also served as the president of the Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) for 28 years till 2018.
- ✓ He was a footballer, who ran Jawahar Union FC, one of Bengaluru's traditional clubs.
- ✓ He also donned managerial roles for the Indian National Teams in various age groups.
- ✓ All India Football Federation (AIFF) is the national governing body of football in India.
- ✓ Founded : 1937
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ President : Kalyan Chaubey



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Q. Which of these days is observed as the World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)?

- A) Second Saturday of May B) Second Sunday of May
C) Second Monday of May D) Second Friday of May

Answer : A

- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is officially celebrated twice in a year since it started in 2006. Firstly it is held on Second Saturday of May and again on Second Saturday of October.
- ✓ In 2023, the WMBDD falls on May 13, 2023
- ✓ The day is observed to spread awareness for the need to conserve migratory birds and their habitats.
- ✓ Theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2023 is 'Water and its importance for migratory birds'.
- ✓ **Background of the day**
- ✓ The day was first initiated in 2006 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS).
- ✓ Since its inception, World Migratory Bird Day has grown to become a global event celebrated in over 100 countries, involving various organizations, governments, and individuals.

Q. What is the theme of the 2023 World Migratory Bird Day?

- A) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!
B) Birds Connect Our World
C) Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!
D) Water and its importance for migratory birds

Answer : D

Q. 7th UN Global Road Safety Week is being observed from _.

- A) 12 May to 18 May 2023 B) 13 May to 19 May 2023
C) 14 May to 20 May 2023 D) 15 May to 21 May 2023

Answer : D

- ✓ The 7th UN Global Road Safety Week is being observed from 15 May to 21 May 2023 to raise awareness about road safety and the importance of taking steps to prevent accidents.
- ✓ 2023 slogan: #RethinkMobility



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- ✓ The week is organized by the WHO and the UN regional commissions and supported by governments, NGOs, and individuals.
- ✓ The Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030 reflects an ambitious target to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030.

Q. In which state will Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) set up a new ethanol plant?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu informed that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) will set up an ethanol plant at Jeetpur Baheri in Una district at a cost of Rs 500 crore.
- ✓ This ethanol plant will be set up on 30 acres.
- ✓ HPCL is a subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, functioning under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.

HIMACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu informed that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) will set up an ethanol plant at Jeetpur Baheri in Una district at a cost of Rs 500 crore.
- European Commission (EC) has awarded protected geographical indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, a unique variety of tea grown in the Kangra district of India's Himachal Pradesh.
- Himachal Pradesh (HP) has become the first Indian state to develop a DNA database for unidentified bodies.
- Himachal Pradesh launched Sanjeevani Project to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers and livestock owners.
- Himachal Pradesh targets to be first 'green energy state' by 2025.
- Himachal Cabinet approves monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women of Spiti Valley.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu announced to set up of Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashraya Sahayata Kosh for the destitute in the state.



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- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Prasoon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus
- Janhvi Kapoor : Marico's Saffola Fittify
- Deepa Malik : Ambassador of Nikshay Mitra (TB Campaign)
- Suryakumar Yadav : UrbanGabru
- MS Dhoni : Navi Technologie
- Neeraj Chopra : Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland Tourism.

Q. Who has inaugurated the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory at the National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) Hyderabad, Telangana?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar officially inaugurated the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory located in Hyderabad.
- ✓ This laboratory is an important milestone in promoting sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practices.
- ✓ The primary focus of the laboratory is on the use of biological control methods.
- ✓ The laboratory serves as the center for research and development activities related to biological control.



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NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. Who has launched the 'Sanchar Saathi portal'?

A) Nitin Gadkari

B) Nirmala Sitharaman

C) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

D) Ashwini Vaishnav

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav launched the Sanchar Saathi portal during a function in New Delhi.
- ✓ Sanchar Saathi Portal aims to empower mobile phone users by providing essential services.
- ✓ Essential Services: The portal provides services such as tracking and blocking of lost mobile phones.



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- ✓ Citizen-centric: The Sanchar Saathi portal focuses on the needs and requirements of mobile phone users.
- ✓ Accessibility: The Portal has been designed to be easily accessible to all users.
- ✓ Collaborative effort: It is a joint effort between the government and mobile phone service providers.
- ✓ **About Sanchar Saathi Portal:**
- ✓ It is an initiative developed by the Department of Telecom.
- ✓ It allows citizens to control the connections associated with their names.
- ✓ The portal consists of three modules to enhance security and reduce fraudulent activities.
- ✓ The purpose of the Central Equipment Identity Register is to block lost or stolen mobiles.
- ✓ Knowing your mobile connection section provides an easy way to cut unnecessary connections.
- ✓ An artificial intelligence and facial recognition solution has been implemented to identify fake customers.
- ✓ The portal has detected more than 40 lakh bogus connections and disconnected more than 36 lakh connections.

Q. Which State has ranked second in country with 48 GI-tags?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tags for three more ODOP crafts - Mainpuri tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura stone craft, and Sambhal horn craft.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has now 48 GI tags.
- ✓ Currently Tamil Nadu has a maximum of 55 GI-tagged goods while UP and Karnataka have 48 and 46 GI products respectively.
- ✓ Among the 48 GI goods of UP, 36 products belong to the handicraft category. In Varanasi region alone, 18 GI-tagged goods out of 23 belong to the handicraft category.
- ✓ **Sambhal horn craft.**
- ✓ The horn-bone handicraft products made in Sambhal are immensely popular.
- ✓ **Mahoba Gaura patthar hastshilp**
- ✓ Mahoba is known nationwide for its exquisite Gaura stone craft.
- ✓ **Mainpuri tarkashi.**
- ✓ Tarkashi is a technique of inlaying brass, copper or silver wires in wood.



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LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2022-23

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



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- Khola Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- What is GI tag?
- A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q. Who will inaugurate the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi ?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the International Museum Expo 2023 on 18 May 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ✓ The International Museum Expo is a significant event organized as part of the ongoing Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, commemorating the 47th International Museum Day (IMD).
- ✓ Theme 2023 : This year (2023), the IMD theme is 'Museums, Sustainability, and Well Being', aiming to highlight the role of museums in fostering sustainable development and promoting well-being.



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Q. Which State becomes the first state in India to launch a welfare fund for Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers?

- A) Bihar
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Rajasthan
D) Kerala

Answer : D

- ✓ In a first in the country, the Kerala government launched a welfare fund for Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers in the State.
- ✓ The welfare fund has been formed as per the Kerala Employment Guarantee Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 2021. The current BJP government at the Centre is reducing the funds for the MGNREGS.
- ✓ In 2020-21, Rs 1,12,000 crore was allocated for the scheme but that was reduced to Rs 60,000 crore this year (2023).

Q. Who Inaugurated Training Program on Legislative Drafting in New Delhi?

- A) Amit Shah
B) J. P. Nadda
C) Narendra Modi
D) Droupadi Murmu

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated a training program on legislative drafting in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Programme is being organised by the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies in collaboration with Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies.
- ✓ It is aimed at creating an understanding of the principles and practices of legislative drafting among officers of Parliament, State Legislatures and various ministries, statutory bodies and other government departments.
- ✓ **About Legislative Drafting**
- ✓ It is the process of making legislation and related written material and includes the formulation and structure of laws enacted by the legislature.
- ✓ Its goal is to create laws that are clear, consistent and accessible to the general public.
- ✓ The purpose of legislative drafting is to develop laws that serve the intended purposes and are in tune with the needs of society.



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- ✓ He has participated in missions like 'Safed Sagar' and 'Rakshak'.
- ✓ **Chiefs of Indian Services**
- ✓ Chief of Defense Staff: Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (Retd.).
- ✓ Army: General Manoj Pandey
- ✓ Navy: Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar.
- ✓ Air Force: Air Marshal VR Chowdhary.
- ✓ Air Marshal Amanpreet Singh has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
- ✓ Lt. Gen. M.V. Suchindra Kumar took over as Vice Chief of the Army Staff.
- ✓ Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh took over as the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff on April 02, 2023.
- ✓ Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief of Air Staff.
- ✓ CDS is a four-star General

Q. Who has launched a mobile application named Meri LiFE (My life) in New Delhi?

A) Hardeep Singh Puri

B) Rameswar Teli

C) Bhupender Yadav

D) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Answer : C

- ✓ The Meri LiFE app was launched by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav.
- ✓ The Meri LiFE app aims to revolutionise progress tracking for individuals and communities.
- ✓ The app is part of a global mass movement inspired by the vision of the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The Meri LiFE app encourages people to protect the environment and adopt a sustainable lifestyle.
- ✓ This app empowers users to make a positive impact on the environment.
- ✓ The Meri LiFE App promotes sustainable living practices.
- ✓ **Mission LiFE:**
- ✓ The mission was launched by the Prime Minister on October 20, 2022 at Kevadia, Gujarat.
- ✓ It is objective to bring about behaviour change in individuals through simple, actionable steps.
- ✓ It aims to discourage mindless and wasteful consumption patterns and promote conscious and planned usage.



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Q. The annual ASEAN Tourism Forum will be hosted by Which Country in January 2024?

- A) Laos B) Cambodia
C) Malaysia D) Philippines

Answer : A

- ✓ The annual ASEAN Tourism Forum will be hosted by Laos in January 2024.
- ✓ Theme : The theme of the forum will be "Quality and Responsible Tourism -- Sustaining ASEAN Future".
- ✓ Previously, Laos hosted the ASEAN Tourism Forum in 2004 and 2013.
- ✓ The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in Indonesia.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth.
- ✓ 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)
- ✓ Trick to Remember Countries of ASEAN
- ✓ Trick : TV CLIP of MBBS
- ✓ T - Thailand
- ✓ V - Vietnam
- ✓ C - Cambodia
- ✓ 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.



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Q. European Union regulators approve Microsoft's _ billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard.

- A) \$50 Billion B) \$54 Billion
C) \$63 Billion D) \$69 Billion

Answer : D

- ✓ The European Union approved Microsoft's \$69 billion purchase of video game maker Activision Blizzard, deciding the deal won't stifle competition for popular console titles like Call of Duty and accepting the US tech company's remedies to boost competition in cloud gaming.
- ✓ The blockbuster deal is still in jeopardy because British regulators have rejected it and U.S. authorities are trying to thwart it.

Q. Who has taken oath as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?

- A) Vinay Mittal B) Arvind Saxena
C) Manoj Soni D) Bhim Sain Bassi

Answer : C

- ✓ Eminent educationist Manoj Soni has taken oath as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ✓ Soni, who joined the Commission as a member on June 28, 2017, has been performing the duties of the UPSC chairman since April 5, 2022.
- ✓ He was administered the oath of office and secrecy as chairman, UPSC by Smita Nagaraj, senior most member in the Commission.
- ✓ Prior to his appointment in the UPSC, Soni has served three terms as Vice-Chancellor.
- ✓ Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is the central recruiting agency in India. It is an independent constitutional body.
- ✓ Articles 315 to 323 in Part XIV of the constitution contain elaborate provisions regarding the composition of the UPSC.
- ✓ The commission usually consists of 9 to 11 members including the Chairman
- ✓ UPSC is consists of the Chairman and the members appointed by the President of India.
- ✓ The Chairman and the members of the UPSC hold the office for a term of 6 years or till the age of 65 years.
- ✓ Note – Article 315 of the Indian Constitution deals with Public Service Commissions.



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- ✓ Article 316 deals with the appointment and term of office of members.
- ✓ Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
- ✓ Formed : 1 October 1926
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Manoj Soni

Q. World Hypertension Day (WHD) is observed on which day of the year?

- A) 17 May
- B) 14 May
- C) 15 May
- D) 16 May

Answer : A

- ✓ The World Hypertension Day (WHD) is celebrated on 17 May worldwide to promote public awareness of increasing high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer.
- ✓ The day was held for the first time in May 2005.
- ✓ World Hypertension Day (WHD) is an initiative of the World Hypertension League (WHL), an affiliated section of the International Society of Hypertension.
- ✓ Theme of 2023 is 'Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer'.

Q. Who has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of the Competition Commission of India?

- A) Rekha Sharma
- B) Ravneet Kaur
- C) Gurmeet Singh Badal
- D) Kavya Kohli

Answer : B

- ✓ Ravneet Kaur has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) by the Central Government.
- ✓ She has become the first woman officer to reach this position.
- ✓ Significantly, this post was vacant since the retirement of Ashok Kumar Gupta in October 2022.
- ✓ Sangeeta Verma is currently serving as the interim chairperson.
- ✓ Competition Commission of India is a statutory body, it was formed in 2003.
- ✓ **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**
- ✓ It is the chief national competition regulator in India.



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- ✓ It was set up under the Competition Act, 2002.
- ✓ It comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- ✓ It promotes healthy market competition and prevents activities that have an adverse effect on competition in India.
- ✓ CCI also approves merger and acquisitions of companies in India so that the two merging entities do not dominate the market unfairly.
- ✓ Headquarter - New Delhi

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhavar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dhami becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.



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- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Lance Naik Manju became the Indian Army's first woman skydive.
- Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as the first female President of Slovenia.
- Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Draupadi Murmu may become India's First Tribal and Second Female President.

Q. Who has become India's 82nd Grandmaster?

A) Sayantan Das

B) Vuppala Prraneeth

C) Pranesh M

D) Rahul Srivastava

Answer : B

- ✓ Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth became India's 82nd Grandmaster.
- ✓ A 15-year-old chess player from Telangana, V. Prraneeth has
- ✓ Achieved the title of Grandmaster, becoming the sixth from the state and the 82nd in India.
- ✓ He secured this milestone by defeating GM Hans Niemann from the US during the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023.

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2022-23

- Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth became India's 82nd Grandmaster.
- Global Chess League (GCL) announced Dubai as the inaugural edition of the world's largest and first franchise-based chess league. The league is a joint venture between FIDE and Tech Mahindra.
- Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.



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- Sayantan Das from West Bengal has become India's 81st Chess Grandmaster.
- Vignesh NR became the 80th Grandmaster of the country.
- Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title At World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event.
- 16-year-old from Tamilnadu, M Pranesh became India's 79th chess grandmaster .
- Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.
- Aditya Mittal Becomes India's 77th Chess Grandmaster.
- Magnus Carlsen (From Norway) wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022.
- R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in New Delhi.
- D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.
- Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster.
- Alireza Firouzja wins Sinquefeld Cup & The Grand Chess Tour.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess.
- Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world.
- International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)
- Founded : 1924 { Paris, France }
- Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- President : Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)
- Vice president : Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu)

Q. Which country has recently reported the first case of poliovirus of 2023?

A) Pakistan

B) Afghanistan

C) Bangladesh

D) Maldives

Answer : C

- ✓ Afghanistan has reported the first case of poliovirus of 2023. The country's health authorities detected it in the Nangarhar province.
- ✓ A four-year-old child has been identified as having polio sickness in the region, and up to two cases of wild poliovirus have been found worldwide.



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- ✓ A total of 56 cases of polio were reported in Afghanistan in 2020, while four cases were reported in 2021. Two instances of polio were reported last year. The number of polio cases in the country has hence been dropping.
- ✓ **About Polio**
- ✓ Polio is a severely contagious and disabling disease typically spread through contaminated water or food.
- ✓ The infection can induce complete paralysis within hours after invading the nervous system.

BANGLADESH IN NEWS 2023

- The 6th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) is taking place in Dhaka, Bangladesh from May 12-13, 2023.
- India and Bangladesh have recently jointly launched the '50 Start-up Exchange Programme' to promote collaboration and exchange between the start-up ecosystems of the two countries.
- Mohammad Shahabuddin elected President of Bangladesh .
- He will be the 22nd President of Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh will be connected to North-East by 2024.
- The 21st meeting of the Bangladesh–India Joint Steering Committee (BIJSC) on the power sector was held on 4th May at Khulna, Bangladesh.
- a new border-haat was inaugurated between India and Bangladesh at Bholaganj under Companyganj Upazila of Sylhet.
- The High Commission of India opened its 16th Visa application center in Kushtia town of Southwestern Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh Power Development Board received 450 MW of electricity from Adani Power.
- Power is supplied from Adani's power plant in Godda, Jharkhand.
- India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline to be jointly inaugurated by PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina.
- Bangladesh, India, and Japan are set to hold a connectivity event in Tripura, India on April 11-12.
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first submarine base of Bangladesh 'BNS Sheikh Hasina' at Pekua in Cox's Bazar.
- NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Capital: Dhaka



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- Currency : Taka
- Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina Wazed
- President: Mohammad Shahabuddin

Q. Which country is hosting the G-7 Summit 2023?

A) Germany

B) Italy

C) Canada

D) Japan

Answer : D

- ✓ The 49th G-7 summit will be held in Hiroshima, Japan from 19 to 21 May 2023.
- ✓ Japan has also invited eight countries including India as guest countries in this conference.
- ✓ Apart from India, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has invited South Korea, Australia, Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia, Comoros and Cook Islands.
- ✓ PM Modi will participate in this summit from the Indian side.
- ✓ About the G7
- ✓ The G7 is a group of seven major industrialised countries, including Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- ✓ The G7 holds annual meetings to discuss various global issues, but these meetings are usually held in different locations each year.
- ✓ SURPRISE FACTS G7 SUMMIT
- ✓ 1st - 1975 : France
- ✓ 46th - 2020 : United States
- ✓ 47th - 2021 : United Kingdom
- ✓ 48th - 2022 : Germany
- ✓ 49th - 2023 : Japan
- ✓ 50th - 2024 : Italy
- ✓ Trick to remember G7 Countries
- ✓ Trick - Drink JUICE with GF (girlfriend)
- ✓ JUICE case :-
- ✓ J for Japan



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- ✓ U for USA
- ✓ I for Italy
- ✓ C for Canada
- ✓ E for England
- ✓ GF case :-
- ✓ G for Germany
- ✓ F for France

Q. Who has been appointed as the new President of Paytm?

- A) Ajay Sethi
- B) Manak Gupta
- C) Abhinav Vashisht
- D) Bhavesh Gupta

Answer : D

- ✓ Paytm-owned One 97 Communications Limited has appointed Bhavesh Gupta as its new President and Chief Operating Officer.
- ✓ He will report to Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Paytm.
- ✓ Bhavesh has over 25 years of experience, he joined Paytm in 2020.
- ✓ **About Paytm**
- ✓ Paytm is an Indian multinational financial technology company headquartered in Noida.
- ✓ The company specialises in providing a wide range of digital payment solutions and financial services.
- ✓ The primary focus of Paytm is to facilitate digital transactions and make payments convenient for the users.
- ✓ Paytm provides a comprehensive platform that enables users to pay bills, recharge mobiles, book tickets and shop online.
- ✓ Establishment - August 2010
- ✓ Founder/CEO - Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- ✓ Parent Organization - One97 Communications

Q. IRDAI has recently constituted a five-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance. Who will be headed by this committee?

- A) Pravin Kutumbe
- B) K Ganesh
- C) Deepak Mohanty
- D) Pratima Murthy



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Answer : D

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has recently constituted a five-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance.
- ✓ The panel has been constituted for two years to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance.
- ✓ The committee will provide advice and input on existing insurance coverage and what is offered for mental illnesses.
- ✓ It will also provide guidance on terminology and concepts from a medical perspective and aspects related to mental illness from an insurance perspective.
- ✓ Pratima Murthy, director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), has been made the chairperson of the committee.
- ✓ **About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI).**
- ✓ IRDAI is the regulatory body responsible for overseeing and regulating the insurance industry in India.
- ✓ It was set up to promote and regulate the insurance sector in India.
- ✓ It was established on April 1, 2000, under the provisions of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999.
- ✓ The primary role of the IRDAI is to regulate and promote the insurance industry in India.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- IRDAI has recently constituted a five-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance; Headed By : Pratima Murthy.
- Razorpay forms 4-member advisory board to strengthen corporate governance; Head-former RBI deputy governor NS Vishwanathan.
- Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee forms panel to suggest changes to National Pension Scheme (NPS); Headed By- Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has set up a 14-member committee to look into stalled real estate projects; Headed By – Amitabh Kant.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'. Chaired By - Bhuvnesh Kumar.



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- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has formed an expert committee to create a roadmap to encourage Indian startups/fintech domiciled abroad to relocate to the GIFT City in Gujarat. Chaired By - G. Padmanabhan.
- A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) will now be made by a high-power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.
- The five-judge Constitution Bench was headed by Justice K M Joseph.
- Supreme Court has formed a six-member expert committee to examine Hindenburg Research firm's report on the Adani Group and probe the stock price crash in Adani stocks. Headed By - AM Sapre.
- Government of India (GoI) constituted a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to analyse the need for a separate law for competition in the digital market and to draft a digital competition act within three months. Headed By - Manoj Govil.
- The Shipping Ministry has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for operationalization of Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. Headed By- Sanjay K. Mehta.
- BCCI has reappointed former cricketer Chetan Sharma as the Chairman of the five-member selectors committee for national men's cricket team.

Q. Which company has announced an investment of \$1 million in the form of grants to the IIT Madras?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ US technology giant Google announced an investment of \$1 million in the form of grants to the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras).
- ✓ Google has been announced as the inaugural 'platinum consortium' member of the IIT Madras newly formed Centre for Responsible Artificial Intelligence (CeRAI).
- ✓ CeRAI's major goal will be to create high-quality research outputs such as research publications in high-impact journals or conferences, white papers, and patents, among other things.



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Q. Which stock Exchange has launched the rupee-denominated NYMEX WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas futures in its commodity derivatives segment?

- A) Madras Stock Exchange B) National Stock Exchange
C) Calcutta Stock Exchange D) Bombay Stock Exchange

Answer : B

- ✓ The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched the rupee-denominated NYMEX WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas futures in its commodity derivatives segment.
- ✓ It will provide effective trading and hedging opportunities to market participants, with the availability of key energy products on a single trading platform.
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- ✓ National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).
- ✓ NSE was established in the year 1992 as the first dematerialized electronic exchange in the country.
- ✓ The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) is the largest financial market in India.
- ✓ Nifty 50 is the flagship index of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE).
- ✓ NIFTY 50 index was launched by NSE in the year 1996.
- ✓ Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Managing Director & CEO - Ashish Kumar Chauhan

Q. PayNearby has launched the 'PayNearby Mall' platform for small businesses and consumers. This platform will be integrated with which platform?

- A) Reliance Retail B) Viacom 18
C) Open Network for Digital Commerce D) Network 18

Answer : C

- ✓ A branchless banking and digital network in India, PayNearby has launched a new meta-commerce platform called PayNearby Mall.
- ✓ With this initiative, the company aims to upgrade every retailer, in its active network, to benefit from the ongoing e-commerce acceleration.
- ✓ This platform is designed to enable easy access to goods and services and will be integrated with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform.



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- ✓ Aim – To upgrade every retailer in its million+ active network and help them meet the demand of their customers.
- ✓ **About PayNearby Mall**
- ✓ PayNearby Mall is envisioned as a meta-commerce platform that will empower every retailer and seller, from big merchants and e-commerce platforms to local sellers and small businesses (through ONDC) meet the unmet demand of their customers, both locally and across a wider market PAN India.
- ✓ Founde and MD & CEO of PayNearby- Anand Kumar Bajaj

Q. RuPay has introduced the CVV free payment experience for its debit, credit, and prepaid cardholders. What is the full form of CVV?

- A) Card Verified Value B) Card Value Verification
C) Credit Verification Value D) Card Verification Value

Answer : D

- ✓ RuPay has introduced the CVV (Card Verification Value) free payment experience for its debit, credit and prepaid cardholders who have tokenized their cards on the merchant application or webpage.
- ✓ This new CVV less experience ensures that the cardholder will not have to reach out to their wallet or remember any card details, if they have saved (tokenized) their card on the e-commerce merchant which supports this feature.
- ✓ They will just have to enter the OTP or their device will auto-populate the OTP during the domestic e-commerce transaction and the payment will be done.
- ✓ Tokenization is a simple technology to secure card transactions without sharing clear or real card details with the merchants.

Q. Who has won La Liga for 1st time since 2019?

- A) Manchester United B) Manchester City
C) Barcelona D) Liverpool

Answer : C

- ✓ Barcelona has won its first Spanish league title after the departure of Lionel Messi with a 4-2 victory against Espanyol
- ✓ Robert Lewandowski scored twice to lead the Catalan club to its first league title since 2019.



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- ✓ The title was secured with four rounds remaining and two years after Lionel Messi left amid the club's financial struggles.
- ✓ Alejandro Balde and Jules Koundé also scored for Barcelona, which now has 27 league titles, eight fewer than Real Madrid

Q. Sumit Mukherjee won the gold medal at the Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle-East Championship (BFAME). In which country is the BFAME Championship being organized?

- A) Bangladesh B) Pakistan
C) Vietnam D) Thailand

Answer : B

- ✓ Sumit Mukherjee, a metro employee from Kolkata, won four gold medals at the Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle-East Championship (BFAME) held in Lahore, Pakistan.
- ✓ Sumit Mukherjee was the only railway staff member in the 24-member Indian contingent.
- ✓ The games were divided into four categories: Open, Women's, Mixed and Senior, and Sumit represented India in the Open category.
- ✓ Sumit Mukherjee had earlier won a bronze medal at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games and the 4th Asia Cup Bridge Championships to be held in Jakarta in 2022.
- ✓ **Pakistan Bridge Federation (PBF):**
- ✓ It is the official governing body for bridges in Pakistan.
- ✓ It was established in 1972 as Pakistan Bridge Association and in 1993 it was renamed as Pakistan Bridge Federation.
- ✓ The PBF is responsible for regulating and overseeing the sport of bridge across the country.
- ✓ Headquarters - Karachi
- ✓ President - Khurshid Hadi

Q. Who will inaugurate the Indian Pavilion at the Cannes International Film Festival in France?

- A) Dr. L. Murugan B) Smriti Irani
C) Amit Shah D) Anurag Singh Thakur

Answer : A

- ✓ Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan will inaugurate the India Pavilion at the Cannes International Film Festival in France.



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- ✓ Four Indian films, including Kanu Behl's Agra and Anurag Kashyap's Kennedy, have made it to the official selection at the Cannes Film Festival. The Indian pavilion is based on the theme of 'Showcasing India's Creative Economy' to the global community.

Q. When is the International Museum Day observed globally?

- A) 15 May
- B) 16 May
- C) 17 May
- D) 18 May

Answer : D

- ✓ The International Museum Day is celebrated on 18 May, since 1977, to raise awareness about the fact that “Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.”
- ✓ Theme of International Museum Day 2023 : Museums, Sustainability and Well-being
- ✓ It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

Q. The World AIDS Vaccine Day is marked on __ annually

- A) 17 May
- B) 16 May
- C) 15 May
- D) 18 May

Answer : D

- ✓ World AIDS Vaccine Day, (also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day), is observed annually on May 18 to promote the continued urgent need for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
- ✓ The concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day was proposed on May 18, 1997, during commencement speech at Morgan State University made by then-President Bill Clinton, which underlined the need of a vaccine to curb the spread of HIV.
- ✓ The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was thus observed on May 18, 1998 to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton’s speech.
- ✓ The World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on 1 December every year.



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Q. What is the theme of the International Museum Day 2023?

- A) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics
- B) Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion.
- C) Museums, Sustainability and Well-being
- D) Museums and contested histories: Saying the unspeakable in museums

Answer : C

Q. UNEP suggests measures to reduce 80% of world's plastic pollution by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2030
- C) 2040
- D) 2050

Answer : C

- ✓ Plastic pollution could be slashed by 80 per cent by 2040, according to a new report by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ✓ About 400 million tonnes of plastic waste are generated every year.
- ✓ This ambitious target relies on major policy changes and the deployment of existing technologies in the way we produce, use and dispose of plastics.
- ✓ Sustainable alternatives could reduce pollution by 17 per cent by 2040.
- ✓ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- ✓ Formation : 5 June 1972
- ✓ Headquarters : Nairobi, Kenya
- ✓ Executive Director : Inger Andersen (Denmark).

TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2023

- UNEP suggests measures to reduce 80% of world's plastic pollution by 2040.
- India aims to become one trillion dollar tourism economy by 2047.
- The government announced a plan to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next five years to achieve its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030.
- India has set targets for half of its installed electricity capacity to be from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and for the country to attain net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.



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- 2023 foreign trade policy has the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.
- India to get 9% of Electricity from Nuclear Sources by 2047.
- India sets target to become 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030
- Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.
- India to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030.
- India has set a target to replace the use of diesel by renewable energy in the agriculture sector by 2024.
- Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- India targets ₹25,000-cr worth defence exports by 2024.
- Reserve Bank of India's 2023 monetary policy objective is to hold inflation within the mandated tolerance band and guide it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024.

Q. Who has recently been conferred with the highest civilian honor of France?

- A) Draupadi Murmu B) N. Chandrasekaran
C) Narendra Modi D) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran has recently been awarded France's highest civilian honor 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'.
- ✓ French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna gave him this honor.
- ✓ Chandrasekaran has been given this award for strengthening business relations between India and France.

FAMOUS AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023

- Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran has recently been awarded France's highest civilian honor 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'.
- Argentina's World Cup-winning captain Lionel Messi was named Laureus Sportsman of the Year .
- Maria Stepanova, a Russian author currently living in Berlin, has won the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023 for her poetry collection 'Girls Without Clothes' .
- British-Indian Meera Syal to be awarded BAFTA TV fellowship.
- Ratan Tata has received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.



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



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- NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- Author Dr Peggy Mohan has won the 'Mathrubhumi Book of the Year' award for his book 'Wanderers, Kings and Merchants'.
- Goa Manohar International Airport (MIA) has been awarded the prestigious "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award.

Q. The Union Cabinet has approved the second edition of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI 2.0) scheme for IT hardware with how much rupees?

A) Rs 17,000 crore

B) Rs 23,000 crore

C) Rs 15,000 crore

D) Rs 10,000 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17th May approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware with a budgetary outlay Rs 17,000 crore.
- ✓ Electronics manufacturing in India has seen a steady growth with a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of 17% in the last 8 years.
- ✓ This year it crossed a major benchmark in production of USD 105 billion (about Rs 9 lakh crore).
- ✓ India has become the second largest mobile phone manufacturer in the world.
- ✓ Mobile phone exports have crossed a major milestone of US \$ 11 billion (about Rs 90 thousand crore) this year.
- ✓ The global electronics manufacturing ecosystem is coming to India, and India is emerging as a major electronics manufacturing country.
- ✓ **Features of PLI Scheme 2.0 for IT hardware**
- ✓ It covers laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers and ultra small form factor devices.
- ✓ The tenure of this scheme is 6 years.
- ✓ Expected incremental production is Rs 3.35 Lakh crore.
- ✓ Expected incremental investment is Rs 2,430 crore.
- ✓ Expected incremental direct employment is 75,000.
- ✓ **What is Production Linked Incentive Scheme?**
- ✓ It is an initiative that provides incentives to domestic industries to promote production at the local level.



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- ✓ Through this scheme, the government aims to incentivize companies to increase the sales of manufactured products in domestic units.
- ✓ The objective of the scheme is to make domestic manufacturing globally competitive and to become a global champion in manufacturing.
- ✓ The government has launched this scheme with an outlay of around Rs 2 lakh crore for 14 sectors including Automobiles and Auto Components, White Goods, Pharma, Textiles, Advanced Chemistry Cell and Specialty Steel.

Q. University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently launched two UGC websites named, UTSAH and POP portals. What is the meaning of S in UTSAH and second P in POP respectively?

A) Solution, Practice

B) Strategies, Professor

C) Student, Professor

D) Strategies, Practice

Answer : D

- ✓ UGC Chairman Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar redesigned the UGC website, UTSAH and POP portal.
- ✓ University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched two UGC websites, UTSAH (Undertaking Transformative Strategies and Actions in Higher Education) and POP (Professor of Practice) portals.
- ✓ The redesign is part of the UGC's transformational strategies and actions for higher education.
- ✓ The updated website aims to provide a user-friendly interface for students, teachers and stakeholders.
- ✓ The UGC website, UTSAH and POP portals are now live and accessible.
- ✓ UTSAH Portal:
 - ✓ It serves as a platform for detailed information about UGC's initiatives for qualitative improvement in higher education.
 - ✓ It allows institutions to showcase achievements, share best practices and engage in knowledge-sharing.
 - ✓ Institutions can access UGC schemes, monitor progress and submit reports online through the portal.
- ✓ Professor of Practice Portal (POP):
 - ✓ It is an initiative to bridge the gap between academia and industry.
 - ✓ It facilitates interaction between industry professionals, faculty members and students.
 - ✓ The portal provides valuable insights and real world knowledge to the students.
 - ✓ It aims to bring fresh perspectives and expertise to the academic field.



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UGC IN NEWS 2023

- University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched two UGC websites, UTSAH (Undertaking Transformative Strategies and Actions in Higher Education) and POP (Professor of Practice) portals.
- University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a new portal named 'CU-Chayan' for faculty appointments in central varsities..
- Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar appointed as the Chairman of UGC.
- About University Grants Commission (UGC)
- It came into existence in 1953.
- It became a statutory Organization of the Government of India by an Act of Parliament in 1956.
- Its functions are coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the International Museum Expo 2023 in which city?

A) Kochi

B) Chennai

D) Hyderabad

D) New Delhi

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- ✓ The International Museum Expo is being organised as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 47th International Museum Day.
- ✓ The theme for this year is 'Museums, Sustainability and Well Being'.
- ✓ The Museum is a comprehensive effort to highlight and showcase historical events, personalities, ideas and achievements related to India's past that have contributed to the making of India's present.
- ✓ PM also unveiled the Mascot of the International Museum Expo, the Graphic Novel – A Day at the Museum, the Directory of Indian Museums, the Pocket Map of Kartavya Path, and Museum Cards.
- ✓ The Mascot of the International Museum Expo is a contemporized version of the Dancing Girl made of wood in the Chennapatnam art style.



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NEW DELHI IN NEWS 2023

- Union Minister of Health, Chemicals and Fertiliser Dr Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 in New Delhi .
- Amit Shah Inaugurates Training Program on Legislative Drafting in New Delhi.
- First Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting held New Delhi on World Food India 2023.
- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 on 3rd May at NASC Complex New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar on 27th April inaugurated the Summit on Farm Machinery Technology, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Tractor and Mechanisation Association (TMA) in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 6th edition of Advantage Healthcare India (AHCI) 2023 on 26th April at Pragati Maidan New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organised the Asia Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination in New Delhi.
- The two day European Union (EU)-India Aviation Summit began in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi.
- Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the meeting of Heads of Departments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member-states in New Delhi.
- The sixth meeting of the Steering Committee on matters relating to the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 was held in New Delhi .
- According to the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas a two-day Global Conference on Compressed Biogas will be held in New Delhi.
- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day International Conference on Defense Finance and Economics in New Delhi.
- 1st General Body Meeting of National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) on 22 March in New Delhi.
- The Global Millets Conference will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 19, 2023 in New Delhi.



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- 16th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Youth Council was held in hybrid mode in New Delhi on 14 March, under the chairship of India.
- 8th edition of the National Conference on Economics of Competition law was held in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the eighth edition of the Raisina Dialogue on Geopolitics and Geostrategy in New Delhi.
- The 22nd World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) was held on 22-24 February 2023 in New Delhi.
- Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates SemiconIndia Conference of Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain Ecosystem in New Delhi.
- The Economic Times Global Business Summit 2023 was held in New Delhi on 17 February.
- The third edition of the Interpol Young Global Police Leaders Program has been launched in New Delhi with the theme 'Trust'..
- The first India Stack Developers Conference has been organised to focus on ways and means to ensure wider adoption of India's digital goods across the globe in New Delhi on 25 January 2023.
- The first Global Tourism Investors Summit will be organised by the Union Ministry of Tourism from 10 to 12 April 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)?

A) Anil Kumar Jain

B) Ramesh Kandula

C) Rajnish Srivastava

D) Abhishek Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Anil Kumar Jain has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
- ✓ AK Jain is replacing former PNGRB chief DK Saraf, who retired on December 3, 2020.
- ✓ Former coal secretary AK Jain will serve as the chairman of PNGRB for a period of five years.
- ✓ **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB):**
- ✓ It was established under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (No. 19 of 2006).



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- ✓ The purpose of setting up the Board is to protect the interests of consumers and entities involved in activities related to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas.

PERSON IN NEWS 2023

- Arjun Ram Meghwal appointed as the new Law and Justice Minister.
- AK Jain was appointed as the new chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
- Dr. Manoj Soni took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as the Chairman of UPSC.
- Paytm appoints Bhavesh Gupta as President and Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- Ravneet Kaur as the new chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- Vedanta Limited has appointed Sonal Srivastava as its Chief Financial Officer with effect from June 1, 2023..
- Praveen Sood appointed as new CBI director.
- Linda Yaccarino named CEO of Twitter.
- Parminder Chopra will become the first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited.
- Ajay Banga appointed as new President of World Bank.
- Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission .
- Rajneesh Karnataka appointed as new MD & Chairman of Bank of India.
- Debdudd Chand appointed as the new Managing Director of Bank of Baroda.
- Siddharth Mohantyas the chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) till June 2024.
- Arun Sinha was appointed as the new chairman of the National Technical Research Organization (NTRO)

Q. Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army has conducted a Joint Flood Relief 'Exercise Jal Rahat' in which state?

A) Rajasthan

B) Odisha

C) Assam

D) Mizoram

Answer : C



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- ✓ Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, along with other disaster management groups, conducted a joint flood relief drill, 'Exercise Jal Rahat', at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River in Assam.
- ✓ Apart from Indian Army- SSB, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) and Police representatives participated in the exercise.
- ✓ The event included coordination and rehearsal for rescue missions of people from inundated areas by joint efforts of expert teams of Army, NDRF and SDRF.
- ✓ **Purpose of "Jal Rahat" Exercise:**
- ✓ To showcase the Indian Army's preparedness and capabilities in responding to natural disasters, particularly floods
- ✓ To effectively coordinate relief efforts, rescue operations, and provide essential supplies and medical aid to the affected people in a timely manner.
- ✓ **Response to flood situation**
- ✓ Assam is prone to annual floods due to heavy rainfall and overflowing rivers.
- ✓ The "Jal Rahat" exercise of the Indian Army demonstrated its quick response to the flood situation.
- ✓ **Assam State**
- ✓ Chief Minister - Himanta Biswa Sarma
- ✓ Governor - Jagdish Mukhi
- ✓ Number of Districts - 33
- ✓ Lok Sabha seats - 14
- ✓ Rajya Sabha seats - 7
- ✓ State Animal - Indian Rhinoceros
- ✓ State Bird - White Winged Duck
- ✓ National Parks – Dibru-Saikhowa National Park, Kaziranga National Park, Manas National Park, Nameri National Park, Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park

ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

- Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, along with other disaster management groups, conducted a joint flood relief drill, 'Exercise Jal Rahat', at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River in Assam.
- India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.



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- 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. G20 RIIG Conference on Scientific Challenges and Opportunities for sustainable blue economy held at Which Location on 18 May 2023?

- A) Diu
- B) Dwarka
- C) Udaipur
- D) Mumbai



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Answer : A

- ✓ G20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Conference on Scientific Challenges and Opportunities for sustainable blue economy held at Diu (Diu, Daman, Nagar Haveli).
- ✓ Theme : The main theme of RIIG during India's G-20 Presidency in 2023 is "Research and Innovation for an Equitable Society".
- ✓ The four priority areas of RIIG under India's G20 Presidency are :
 - ✓ i) Materials for Sustainable Energy;
 - ✓ ii) Circular bio-economy;
 - ✓ iii) Eco-Innovations for Energy Transition;
 - ✓ iv) Scientific Challenges and Opportunities for a Sustainable Blue Economy.

Q. Ministry of Cooperation has informed that government will form How Many New Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in the Cooperative Sector?

- A) 1,000
- B) 1,100
- C) 1,200
- D) 1,300

Answer : B

- ✓ Government to set up 1,100 new farmer producer organisations in the cooperative sector.
- ✓ The government will set up 1,100 new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in the cooperative sector and the initiative is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "prosperity through cooperation".
- ✓ The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will monitor the allotment of these additional FPOs.
- ✓ Each FPO will get financial assistance of Rs 33 lakh.
- ✓ Cluster based business organisations associated with FPOs will be given Rs 25 lakh per FPO.
- ✓ The aim of setting up the FPO is to provide the necessary market linkages to the farmers.
- ✓ Its objective is to ensure remunerative prices for the produce of the farmers
- ✓ **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC):**
 - ✓ It is a statutory corporation established on March 13, 1963, by an Act of the Parliament of India.
 - ✓ The objectives of NCDC include planning and promoting cooperative programs for the production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce, food items, industrial goods, livestock and other specified goods and services.



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- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Law Minister of the country?

- A) DK Shivakumar B) Arjun Ram Meghwal
C) KC Venugopal D) Kiren Rijiju

Answer : B

- ✓ Arjun Ram Meghwal was appointed as the new Law and Justice Minister and the previous Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju was assigned the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ Meghwal will also continue in his current position as Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture.
- ✓ Arjun Ram Meghwal will replace Kiren Rijiju in the Ministry of Law and Justice .
- ✓ Arjunram Meghwal is a BJP Lok Sabha MP from Bikaner.
- ✓ He contested for the first time in 2009 from Bikaner on a Bharatiya Janata Party ticket and won.
- ✓ **Ministry of Law and Justice:**
- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice is a cabinet ministry in the Government of India.
- ✓ It is responsible for the management of legal affairs, legislative activities and administration of justice in India.
- ✓ The ministry consists of three departments: Legislative Department, Department of Legal Affairs and Department of Justice.
- ✓ The Department of Legal Affairs advises various Ministries of the Central Government

Q. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- A) DK Shivakumar B) Randeep Surjewala
C) Siddaramaiah D) T Swaminathan

Answer : C

- ✓ The top Congress leadership has nominated Siddaramaiah as the next Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- ✓ DK Shivakumar, who was in the race for Chief Minister, has been elected Deputy Chief Minister.

KARNATAKA IN NEWS 2023

- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 Karnataka, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.



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- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank .
- World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water.
- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya .
- The Karnataka Government will build the country's first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program began in Karnataka.
- Karnataka bags National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana, implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- Karnataka Bank awarded 'Prathista Puraskar for achieving highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy 'The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.
- About Karnataka State
- Formation - 1 November 1956
- Capital- Bengaluru
- Chief minister : Siddaramaiah
- Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Legislative Assembly seats- 224
- Lok Sabha seats- 28
- Jog Falls (Garsoppa) located in Karnataka is the highest waterfall in India which is on Sharavathi River.
- Yakshagana is the main folk dance of Karnataka.



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Q. Which country is on top in the world in terms of highest mobile speed?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Internet speedtesting tech firm Ookla has recently released the Global Speed Test Report.
- ✓ Under which the ranking of different countries at the global level has been released.
- ✓ Globally, Qatar ranks on top in terms of mobile internet speed with an average download speed of 189.98 Mbps.
- ✓ Qatar is followed by UAE, Macau (SAR), Kuwait, Norway and Denmark.
- ✓ India is at 60th position in this list.

Q. Who was the chairman of Hinduja Group, who passed away recently?

- A) S.P. Hinduja
B) Ashok Hinduja
C) Ajay Hinduja
D) Jai Hinduja

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, Chairman of Hinduja Group S.P. Hinduja died in London at the age of 87.
- ✓ After completing his education in 1952, he joined his father and Hinduja Group founder P.D. Entered into business with Hinduja.
- ✓ The Hinduja Group was founded in 1914 by Parmanand Deepchand Hinduja.

Q. Who unveiled the pocket map of 'Kartavya Path'?

- A) Draupadi Murmu
B) Narendra Modi
C) Arvind Kejriwal
D) Raghav Chadha

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a pocket map of the Duty Path, which has information about various sites and historical cultural institutions located around the India Gate complex.
- ✓ Last September, Rajpath was renamed as 'Kartavya Path' and was inaugurated as part of the Central Vista Avenue.
- ✓ The pocket map was unveiled during the International Museum Expo being held on May 18-20 at Pragati Maidan



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Q. Who has become the first South Asian woman to hold the highest ranking in the New York Police Department?

A) Usha Awasthi

B) Shreya Williams

C) Preeti Sinha

D) Pratima Bhullar Maldonado

Answer : D

- ✓ Captain Pratima Bhullar Maldonado, an Indian-origin police officer of the New York Police Department, has recently become the highest-ranking South Asian woman in the New York Police Department, after being promoted to the rank of Captain.
- ✓ She was born in the state of Punjab, India.
- ✓ She is attached to the 102nd Unit in South Richmond Hill, Queens.

Q. Which state government has introduced an electronic service delivery system, e-Chits' to regulate and usher in transparency in the sector?

A) Telangana

B) Andhra Pradesh

C) Karnataka

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh government has introduced an electronic service delivery system, e-Chits' to regulate and usher in transparency in the sector.
- ✓ The initiative through which transactions can be done only online, will enable the registration department officials to verify subscribers and only then give approval.
- ✓ The app will also ensure that subscribers know which registered companies are operating in the chit fund business

Q. Which rescue operation has been launched by India in Myanmar affected by Cyclone Mocha?

A) Operation Durga

B) Operation Shakti

C) Operation Madad

D) Operation Karuna

Answer : D

- ✓ India launched "Operation Karuna" to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by Cyclone Mocha.
- ✓ Three ships from India carrying relief material reached Yangon on 18th May.



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- ✓ Indian Naval Ships Shivalik, Kamorta and Savitri were the first Naval ships to arrive at Yangon with relief material on 18th May.
- ✓ The ships are carrying emergency food supplies, tents, essential medicines, water pumps, portable generators, clothes, hygiene items, etc.
- ✓ **About Cyclone Mocha**
- ✓ Cyclone Mocha which recently hit Myanmar has been classified as an extremely severe cyclonic storm by the IMD.
- ✓ It has been classified as a 'Super Cyclone' by the global weather website Zoom Earth.
- ✓ The name of the storm 'Mocha' has been suggested by Yemen.
- ✓ Mocha originated in the Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ With a recorded wind speed of 277 kmph, Mocha has become the strongest all-season cyclone to form in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal since 1982.

IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2022 -23

- India launches Operation Kaveri to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Sudan
- **OPERATION DOST**
- Due to the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, India has launched a campaign named 'Operation Dost' to help the affected people.
- **OPERATION GARUDA**
- Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network.
- **OPERATION YATRI SURAKSHA**
- To give assurance of the safety to the passengers, the Indian railways with the coordination of Railway Protection Force has launched a pan India drive under the code name Operation Yatri Suraksha.
- **OPERATION "NARCOS"**
- Railway Protection Force (RPF) recently recovered narcotic products worth Rs 7.40 crore under "Operation Narcos".
- **OPERATION SANKALP**
- Indian Navy's stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed for Op-Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf.



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➤ OPERATION SATARK

➤ Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started “Operation Satark” taking action against illicit liquor, fake currency circulation, etc.

➤ OPERATION GANGA

➤ India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine

Q. The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has achieved a significant milestone by providing 12 crore tap water connections across the country. PM Modi launched the Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019 with an aim to provide tap water connection to all by which year?

A) 2027

B) 2024

C) 2025

D) 2030

Answer : B

- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission, a flagship program launched by the Government of India, has achieved a significant milestone by providing 12 crore tap water connections across the country.
- ✓ This achievement marks a major step towards ensuring access to clean drinking water for every household.
- ✓ At the time of announcement of launch of JJM only 3.23 Crore (16.64%) households in villages had access to piped water connection.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh at 98.35%, followed by Bihar at 96.05%, are also set to achieve saturation in the near future.
- ✓ Goa, Haryana, Punjab, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, D&NH and D&D are 'Har Ghar Jal' certified States/UTs.
- ✓ **100% tap water coverage**
- ✓ Till date, 5 states (Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat and Punjab) and 3 union territories (Puducherry, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Andaman and Nicobar Islands) have reported 100% coverage.
- ✓ **About Jal Jeevan Mission**
- ✓ It is a flagship programme of the Government of India which was announced from the ramparts of Red Fort by the Prime Minister on August 15, 2019.



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- ✓ The objective of the mission is to supply potable tap water in adequate quantity, prescribed quality and on a regular and long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024.
- ✓ It is implemented by the Government of India in partnership with the States/Union Territories.
- ✓ This mission comes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ✓ **Funding Pattern :**
- ✓ The fund sharing pattern between the Center and the states under the mission is 90:10 for Himalayan and North-Eastern states and 50:50 for other states.
- ✓ In the case of Union Territories, 100% contribution is made by the Centre

Q. The 3rd G20 Tourism Working Group meeting will be held in which city from May 22 to 24?

A) Srinagar

B) Siliguri

C) Gandhinagar

D) Ahmedabad

Answer : A

- ✓ The third G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting will be held in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir from 22 to 24 May.
- ✓ Security arrangements on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) have been reviewed by the Army and other security agencies.
- ✓ NH-44 is the only all-weather road connecting the Kashmir Valley to the rest of the country.
- ✓ First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- ✓ The meeting of 2nd Tourism Working Group under India's G20 presidency which was held at Siliguri, West Bengal from 1st to 3rd April.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN NEWS 2023

- The third G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting will be held in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- 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.



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- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 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 - Koteswar Singh.

Q. Defence production beats _ crore mark on back of crucial reforms.

A) ₹1 lakh crore

B) ₹2 lakh crores

C) ₹3 lakh crores

D) ₹4 lakh crores

Answer : A

- ✓ Defence production crosses Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the first time ever.
- ✓ The value of defense production in the financial year (FY) 2022-23 has crossed the Rs one lakh crore mark for the first time.
- ✓ The value is currently Rs 1,06,800 crore and may increase further once data is received from the remaining private defense industries.
- ✓ The present value of defense production in FY 2022-23 is over 12 per cent higher than Rs 95,000 crore in FY 2021-22.



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- ✓ **Government's efforts to boost defense production**
- ✓ Simplified defence industrial licensing, relaxation of export controls and grant of No Objection Certificate.
- ✓ Specific incentives introduced under the foreign trade policy.
- ✓ Defence Production & Export Promotion Policy 2020.
- ✓ The government had issued two "positive indigenization lists" which included 209 items that could not be imported.
- ✓ The government has also announced two dedicated corridors in Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh to act as clusters of defense manufacturing.
- ✓ The number of defense licenses issued by the government to industries has increased by almost 200 per cent in the last 7-8 years.
- ✓ **The vision of the government**
- ✓ To achieve a turnover of \$25 billion, including exports of \$5 billion in aerospace and defence goods and services by 2025

Q. Who has approved the proposed merger of Credit Suisse Group AG with UBS Group AG?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- B) Competition Commission of India (CCI)**
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
- D) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

Answer : B

- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves merger of Credit Suisse Group with UBS Group.
- ✓ UBS Group AG (UBS) is a multinational investment bank and financial services company
- ✓ It is a Switzerland based company and is active globally.
- ✓ UBS's businesses include wealth management, asset management, investment banking services, and retail and corporate banking.
- ✓ In India, UBS's business is primarily focused on brokerage services.
- ✓ **About Credit Suisse Group AG (Credit Suisse)**
- ✓ Credit Suisse Group AG (Credit Suisse) is a multinational investment bank and financial services company established in Switzerland.
- ✓ In India, Credit Suisse's businesses include wealth management and investment banking services.



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- ✓ **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**
- ✓ It is the chief national competition regulator in India.
- ✓ It was set up under the Competition Act, 2002.
- ✓ It comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- ✓ It promotes healthy market competition and prevents activities that have an adverse effect on competition in India.
- ✓ CCI also approves merger and acquisitions of companies in India so that the two merging entities do not dominate the market unfairly.
- ✓ Headquarter - New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Ravneet Kaur

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life"?

A) Chetan Bhagat

B) Shashi Tharoor

C) Arvind Adiga

D) Ruskin Bond

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian author Ruskin Bond wrote a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life".
- ✓ The Golden Years book is published by HarperCollins India and released on 19 May 2023, Bond's 89th birthday.
- ✓ "The Golden Years" focuses on Bond's experiences during the 60s, 70s and 80s.
- ✓ About Ruskin Bond
- ✓ He was born on 19 May 1934 in Kasauli, Punjab States Agency, British India.
- ✓ His first book, "The Room on the Roof", was written when he was 17 and featured the semi-autobiographical character Rusty.
- ✓ In 1992, Bond received the Sahitya Akademi Award for his work "Our Tree Still Grows in Dehra".
- ✓ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014 for his contribution to literature and education
- ✓ A book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure'; authored by Ruskin Bond.
- ✓ A book titled 'A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 Years of Independence' authored by Ruskin Bond.



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- ✓ A new book titled "It's a Wonderful Life" authored by Ruskin Bond.
- ✓ A new book titled "All Time Favourites for Children" was authored by Ruskin Bond.
- ✓ Ruskin Bond's new book titled 'Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes' released on his 86th Birthday.
- ✓ A book titled 'A Song of India' authored by Ruskin Bond
- ✓ 5 popular books by Ruskin Bond
 1. The Room on the Roof
 2. The Blue Umbrella
 3. A Flight of Pigeons
 4. Rusty, the Boy from the Hills
 5. A Handful of Nuts

IMPORTANT BOOKS AND AUTHORS MAY 2023

- The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life : Ruskin Bond.
- Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise : Amitabh Kant.
- Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills : Kasturi Ray.
- Collective Spirit, Concrete Action : Shashi Shekhar Vempati.
- Milk and Honey : Rupri Kaur.
- Supreme Court on Commercial Arbitration : Manoj Kumar.
- The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces : Feroze Varun Gandhi.
- My Life as a Comrade : K.K. Shailaja

Q. Which state government has approved the 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, on May 17 approved the 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.



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- ✓ It was decided in the meeting that the name of Mukhya Mantri Kaushal Kamai Yojana will be 'Mukhyamantri Sikho-Kamao Yojana' (Chief Minister Learn-Earn Scheme).
- ✓ Under the scheme, at least one lakh youths will be provided training in establishments.
- ✓ All the youth who have done 12th pass, ITI, Diploma, Graduation and Post Graduation will be eligible for this scheme.
- ✓ Establishments will be able to train student trainees up to 15 percent of their total workforce.
- ✓ Under the scheme, 12th passed trainees will be given 8 thousand rupees, ITI passed 8 thousand 500 rupees, diploma passed 9 thousand rupees and graduate passed or higher educational qualification will be given 10 thousand rupees per month stipend.

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.
- 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.
- **About Madhya Pradesh.**
- In terms of area, it is the second largest state of India after Rajasthan.
- According to the Indian Forest Status Report-2021, Madhya Pradesh has the maximum forest cover in the country in terms of area.
- 25.14% of its area is covered by forests.
- Chief Minister - Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Capital - Bhopal



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Q. What is the theme of World Food India 2023?

- A) Recover Together, Recover Stronger
- B) Processing for Prosperity
- C) People, Planet, Prosperity
- D) One Earth One Family One Future

Answer : B

- ✓ Secretary, Food Processing Industries (FPI) Anita Praveen, chaired the First Inter- Ministerial Committee Meeting with senior representatives from Ministries/Departments/Boards on 16th May 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The agenda of the committee meeting was to apprise the officials about the preparations made so far for World Food India 2023 and to discuss the participation of concerned Ministries/Departments/Organizations in the event.
- ✓ **About World Food India**
- ✓ World Food India (WFI) is a global event to facilitate partnerships between Indian and international businesses and investors.
- ✓ It is a gateway to the Indian food economy and an opportunity to showcase, connect and collaborate.
- ✓ It is organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.
- ✓ World Food India 2023 theme is "Processing for Prosperity".
- ✓ It aims to provide investment and business opportunities in the food processing sector for leading Indian and international companies.

Q. Union Health Ministry announced the "75/25" initiative to provide standard care to 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes by which year?

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2030
- D) 2027

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Health Ministry announced the "75/25" initiative to provide standard care to 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes by 2025 through Primary Health Centers (PHCs).
- ✓ **75/25 Initiative:**



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- ✓ 40,000 primary health care medical officers will be trained on standard treatment workflow for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) through the SASHAKT portal.
- ✓ India has the largest coverage of NCDs globally, aiming to reach 75 million people with hypertension under standard care in primary healthcare by 2025.
- ✓ The initiative was launched during the G20 co-branded event "Accelerating Prevention and Management of Hypertension and Diabetes".
- ✓ **SASHAKT Portal:**
- ✓ The National Health Systems and Resources Center (NHSRC) has developed a web portal named SASHAKT (Systematic Assessment of Health care providers Knowledge and Training).
- ✓ The portal supports states in implementing and monitoring training for health workers

Q. Which country has announced sanctions on the military-industrial complex and metals as well as Russian diamonds in a new round of sanctions ahead of the G7 meeting in Japan?

A) United States

B) United Kingdom

C) Japan

D) Italy

Answer : B

- ✓ The United Kingdom has announced sanctions on the military-industrial complex and metals as well as Russian diamonds in a new round of sanctions ahead of the G7 meeting in Japan.
- ✓ The ban specifically covers imports of copper, aluminium and nickel of Russian origin.
- ✓ In addition to trade sanctions, the UK is targeting 86 members of Russia's military-industrial complex and individuals involved in key industries such as energy, metals and shipping.
- ✓ The UK government aims to crack down on sanctions violations and target those who aid the Kremlin in undermining the effect of existing sanctions.
- ✓ **About G7**
- ✓ It is an intergovernmental political forum.
- ✓ It consists of seven member states: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- ✓ In addition to the seven member states, the European Union is also part of the G7 as a non-enumerated member.
- ✓ Formation - 25 March 1973.



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- ✓ 1st - 1975 : France
- ✓ 46th - 2020 : United States
- ✓ 47th - 2021 : United Kingdom
- ✓ 48th - 2022 : Germany
- ✓ 49th - 2023 : Japan
- ✓ 50th - 2024 : Italy
- ✓ Trick to remember G7 Countries
- ✓ Trick - Drink JUICE with GF (girlfriend)
- ✓ JUICE case :-
- ✓ J for Japan
- ✓ U for USA
- ✓ I for Italy
- ✓ C for Canada
- ✓ E for England
- ✓ GF case :-
- ✓ G for Germany
- ✓ F for France
- ✓ **United Kingdom:**
- ✓ It is an island nation located in northwestern Europe. It consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- ✓ Capital - London
- ✓ Currency : Pound sterling
- ✓ Prime Minister - Rishi Sunak
- ✓ Emperor - Charles III

Q. How many gold medals did India win in the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023?

- A) 14
- B) 15
- C) 16
- D) 17

Answer : C



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- ✓ India bags 16 gold medals at the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023 concluded in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ In this event more than 100 athletes from six countries Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal participated.
- ✓ The hosts India won all the gold medals on offer on the last day at the Dorjee Khandu Indoor Stadium on 17th May.
- ✓ Besides, the Indians also bagged four silver medals in the singles.
- ✓ On the second day of the championships, the Indians won three gold medals in the U-15 Boys, U-19 Girls and U15 Girls, while Nepal claimed the U-19 Boys gold.
- ✓ In the Under-19 Boys singles, Ankur Bhattacharjee defeated Payas Jain 4-2 to claim the gold.

Q. Amazon Web Services has announced how much investment in India's cloud infrastructure by 2030?

- A) \$12.7 billion B) \$13.7 billion
C) \$14.7 billion D) \$15.7 billion

Answer : A

- ✓ With an aim to meet the growing demand for cloud services, Amazon Web Services will invest \$12.7 billion in India by 2030. Which is expected to contribute \$ 23.3 billion to India's economy.
- ✓ Punit Chandhok, President, Commercial Business, AWS India and South Asia, reiterated AWS's commitment to driving economic transformation in India

Q. Recently, after the appointment of two new judges in the Supreme Court, the number of judges has increased to how much?

- A) 31 B) 32
C) 33 D) 34

Answer : D

- ✓ CJI DY Chandrachud administered the oath of office to Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and senior advocate Kalpathy Venkataraman Viswanathan as a judge of the Supreme Court.
- ✓ With this, the total strength of judges in the Supreme Court has gone up to the sanctioned strength of 34.
- ✓ However, the number of Supreme Court justices will remain at its highest level for only a short period as three judges are due to retire in June.



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- ✓ Justice KM Joseph, Justice Ajay Rastogi and Justice V Ramasubramanian are set to complete their tenure next month during the summer vacation.
- ✓ Summer vacation of the apex court will run from May 22 to July 2.
- ✓ Justice Vishwanathan, the newly appointed Supreme Court judge, will become the Chief Justice of India after the retirement of Justice JB Pardiwala on August 11, 2030, and will hold office till May 25, 2031.
- ✓ Appointment of Judges : Collegium System
- ✓ The collegium system in India refers to the process of appointment and transfer of judges in the higher judiciary, which includes the Supreme Court and the High Courts.
- ✓ SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE
- ✓ Also known as the 'guardian of our Constitution.
- ✓ Also known as 'court of record'.
- ✓ Formation : 28 January 1950
- ✓ Appointer : President of India
- ✓ Term length : Until the age of 65
- ✓ First Chief justice : Harilal Jekisundas Kania (1950–1951)
- ✓ 45th Chief Justice : Deepak Mishra
- ✓ 46th Chief Justice : Ranjan Gogoi
- ✓ 47th Chief justice : Sharad Arvind Bobde
- ✓ 48th Chief justice : N V Ramana
- ✓ 49th Chief justice : UU Lalit
- ✓ 50th Chief Justice : DY Chandrachud
- ✓ Seat : New Delhi
- ✓ Salary : ₹280,000 (Per month)
- ✓ Supreme Court judges : 34 { 33 (Judge) + 1 (Chief Justice of India)}
- ✓ There have been 11 female justices in the court since then. Presently there is 4 sitting female judge out of the total 33 judges in the court. (Indira Banerjee, Hima Kohli, B. V. Nagarathna & Bela Trivedi).
- ✓ Leila Seth was the first woman chief justice of a state high court in the country : Himachal Pradesh High court.
- ✓ Anna Chandy, one of India's first female judges.
- ✓ Fathima Beevi first female judge of the Supreme Court of India.



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- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of 'Family ID – One Family One Identity'.
- Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.
- Uttar Pradesh came in third with its tableau commemorating Ayodhya's Deepotsav.
- Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida.
- Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021.
- Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- Kannuj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India.
- Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region.

Q. Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 held in which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of Health, Chemicals and Fertiliser Dr Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Chemical and Petrochemicals Manufacturers Association (CPMA) of India hosted the 41st edition.
- ✓ The theme of the event was "Ushering in a Sustainable Future".



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- ✓ **About Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference**
- ✓ The conference is hosted on a rotational basis by the seven member countries–Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan and India.
- ✓ It is a prominent event held annually in Asia that brings together industry professionals, experts, and stakeholders from the petrochemical sector.
- ✓ **About CPMA**
- ✓ It is the apex forum in the country representing the Indian Chemicals & Petrochemicals Industry.
- ✓ It was established in 1993.
- ✓ It provides a linkage between the industry, the Government and the society at large

Q. Who has been appointed as the Minister of State in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

- A) Arjun Ram Meghwal B) S.P. Singh Baghel
C) Kiren Rijiju D) Anurag Singh Thakur

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister S.P. Singh Baghel has been relieved of the charge of Union Minister of State for Law.
- ✓ Baghel has now been appointed as the Minister of State in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ✓ Earlier, in place of Kiren Rijiju, Arjun Ram Meghwal was appointed as the new law minister of the country.
- ✓ Arjun Ram Meghwal was appointed as the new Law and Justice Minister and the previous Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju was assigned the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Q. Which state government has inaugurated an online rural education program 'Pahal'?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary, Durga Shankar Mishra has inaugurated an online rural education program 'Pahal' at Government UP Sainik Inter College, Sarojini Nagar.
- ✓ This programme has been prepared by the Department of secondary education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur.
- ✓ The initiative aims to provide educational opportunities to rural children who have limited access to quality education.



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- ✓ ₹2000 currency note will remain legal tender after 30th September too. RBI expects that 4 month time is enough for people to exchange notes with the banks.
- ✓ Most of the ₹2000 notes that are in circulation will return to banks within the given time frame of 30th September.
- ✓ The objective of introducing ₹2000 banknotes was met once banknotes in other denominations became available in adequate quantities.
- ✓ **NEW INDIAN CURRENCY**
- ✓ ● RS 10
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 63*123 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Chocolate Brown
- ✓ ◆ Design : Konark Sun temple
- ✓ ● RS 20
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 63*129 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Yellow Greenish
- ✓ ◆ Design : Ellora Cave
- ✓ ◆ Signature : Shaktikanta Das
- ✓ ● RS 50
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 66*135 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Fluorescent blue
- ✓ ◆ Design : Hampi with chariot
- ✓ ● RS 100
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 66*142 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Lavender
- ✓ ◆ Design : Rani Ki vav
- ✓ ● RS 200
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 66*146 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Bright Yellow



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- ✓ ◆ Design : Sanchi stupa
- ✓ ◆ Angular bleed lines for Visually Impaired : 4
- ✓ ● RS 500
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 66*150 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Stone grey
- ✓ ◆ Design : Red Fort
- ✓ ◆ Angular bleed lines for Visually Impaired : 5
- ✓ ● RS 2000
- ✓ ◆ Dimension : 66*166 mm
- ✓ ◆ Colour : Magenta
- ✓ ◆ Design : Mangalyaan
- ✓ ◆ Angular bleed lines for Visually Impaired : 7

Q. Who unveiled bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Amit Shah
C) J. P. Nadda D) S. Jaishankar

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan, ahead of the second day of G-7 summit.
- ✓ The bust was gifted by India to Hiroshima as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between India and Japan on the occasion of PM Modi's visit to the city for the G7 summit.
- ✓ The 42-inch tall bronze bust has been sculpted by Padma Bhushan awardee Ram Vanji Sutar

JAPAN IN NEWS 2023

- Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, was present at the unveiling ceremony of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan.
- Japan 'seriously looking' at joining India's UPI payments system.
- India invited to attend G7 Hiroshima summit in Japan.



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- United Kingdom has announced sanctions on the military-industrial complex and metals as well as Russian diamonds in a new round of sanctions ahead of the G7 meeting in Japan.
- 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).
- 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.
- Japan will provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of USD 1.24 billion to Bangladesh for infrastructure and connectivity projects.
- 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).
- Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023' between the Indian Air Force and the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will be conducted from January 12 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan.
- The dialogue on April 05, 2023 was co-chaired by Mr. Giridhar Armane, Defense Secretary of India and Mr. Oka Masami, Defense Minister of International Affairs of Japan.
- According to the latest Nikkei Asia industry data, India has overtaken Japan to become the third largest auto market for the first time.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture in Nagasaki, Japan.
- India and Japan will conduct their first Air exercise from 16 January to 26 January 2023 at the Hyakuri Air Base and at the Iruma Air Base in Sayama Japan.
- The 4th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Japan, "X Dharma Guardians" will be conducted from 17 February to 2 March 2023 at Camp Imazu, Shiga Prefecture, Japan.
- Bangladesh, India, and Japan are set to hold a connectivity event in Tripura, India on April 11-12.
- Japan to invest ₹7,200 crores in Uttar Pradesh, HMI Group is developing 30 hotels in the state.
- SJVN Ltd, a state-owned company, has secured Rs 915 crore in 'GREEN' financing from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to support its 90 MW Omkareshwar floating solar project in Madhya Pradesh and 100 MW Raghanesda solar project in Gujarat.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with the Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF) which was conducted from 13 February 2023 to 02 March 2023 at Komatsu, Japan.
- Japan, U.S., South Korea, Taiwan launch 'Chip 4' talks for supply chain.



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- ✓ The STARS project also aims to focus on initiatives of PM e-Vidya, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Mission and National Curricular and Pedagogical Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

Q. In 2025 year to be observed as 'special tourism year' in Which country?

- A) Nepal
B) Sri Lanka
C) Maldives
D) Vietnam

Answer : A

- ✓ The decade of the 2080s of Bikram Samvat will be marked as 'the Visit Nepal decade' and the year 2025 as the special year for tourism.
- ✓ This was announced by the President of Nepal Ram Chandra Paudel while presenting the policies and programmes for the fiscal year, 2080/81 at the joint meeting of the federal parliament.
- ✓ The tourism sector which witnessed a huge dent from the COVID crisis is slowly recovering.

NEPAL IN NEWS 2023

- Nepal designates 2025 as a 'Special tourism year'.
- Nepali climber Kami Rita Sherpa reached the top of Mount Everest for the 27th time, reclaiming the record for the most summits of the world's highest mountain.
- Pasang Dawa Sherpa becomes 2nd person to scale Everest 26 times.
- Indian E-Wallets to be Accepted in Nepal for Digital Payments.
- Nepal becomes founding member of International Big Cats Alliance.
- Ram Chandra Paudel has been elected to serve as the new president of Nepal.
- Nepal have qualified for the Asia Cup 2023 after winning the ACC Men's Premier Cup.
- Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav becomes Nepal's third Vice President.
- 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise "SURYA KIRAN-XVI" between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi, Nepal.
- General Bipin Rawat, a bell has been placed at Nepal's revered Shree Muktinath Temple. The bell named "Bipin Bell,".



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- Aasif Sheikh, a wicketkeeper from Nepal, has been awarded the 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award.
- **About Nepal**
- The kingdom of Nepal was established by the Shah dynasty.
- It is a landlocked country in South Asia.
- Prime Minister - Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- President - Ram Chandra Paudel
- Capital - Kathmandu
- Currency - Nepalese Rupee

Q. Who took oath as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- A) D. K. Shivakumar B) B. S. Yediyurappa
C) H. D. Kumaraswamy D) Siddaramaiah

Answer : D

- ✓ Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader Siddaramaiah was sworn in as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka for his second term and Karnataka Congress President DK Shivakumar was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister.

KARNATAKA IN NEWS 2023

- Siddaramaiah was sworn in as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka for his second term .
- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 Karnataka, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank .
- World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water.
- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya .



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- The Karnataka Government will build the country's first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program began in Karnataka.
- Karnataka bags National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana, implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- Karnataka Bank awarded 'Prathista Puraskar for achieving highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy 'The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.
- About Karnataka State
- Formation - 1 November 1956
- Capital- Bengaluru
- Chief minister : Siddaramaiah
- Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Legislative Assembly seats- 224
- Lok Sabha seats- 28
- Jog Falls (Garsoppa) located in Karnataka is the highest waterfall in India which is on Sharavathi River.
- Yakshagana is the main folk dance of Karnataka.

Q. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, lies in which state?

A) Assam

B) Karnataka

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ An official said a tiger cub was found dead with injuries in the core area of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Madhya Pradesh.



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- ✓ Wings India 2024 will bring together various stakeholders and participants from all over the world from the aviation industry to promote collaboration, showcase innovations and explore business opportunities..

Q. India Supplied Arms Worth ___ Crore to Myanmar Junta, UN Report Reveals.

A) ₹365 Crore

B) ₹422 Crore

C) ₹491 Crore

D) ₹567 Crore

Answer : B

- ✓ United Nations (UN) has unveiled that Indian government-owned companies and private firms in the country supplied arms, dual-use items, and raw materials worth ₹422 crore (approximately \$51 million) to the military junta in Myanmar.
- ✓ The report, titled “The Billion Dollar Death Trade: International Arms Networks that Enable Human Rights Violations in Myanmar,” highlights the involvement of UN member states in facilitating this trade, which directly contributes to human rights violations in Myanmar.
- ✓ Violation of International Law : The UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar, Tom Andrews, raises concerns about the implications of India’s continued supply of materials to Myanmar.

MYANMAR IN NEWS 2023

- A recent report by the United Nations (UN) has unveiled that India Supplied Arms Worth ₹422 Crore to Myanmar Junta.
- India launched "Operation Karuna" to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by Cyclone Mocha.
- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal and Deputy Prime Minister of Myanmar Admiral Tin Aung San jointly inaugurated Sittwe Port in Myanmar.
- Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will receive the first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar.
- Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry L Murugan on 22nd April became the first central minister to visit India’s first village Avangkhu, a village along the India-Myanmar border in Nagaland’s Phek district.
- MYANMAR
- Capital : Naypyidaw



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- ✓ Modi also dedicated 100% electrification of the rail network in Odisha.

ODISHA IN NEWS 2022-23

- PM Modi launches railway projects worth over 8,000 crore rupees in Odisha.
- Odisha government has expanded the jurisdiction of Special Development Councils (SDCs) from nine to 23 districts to improve the lives of 84 lakh tribal people.
- Odisha has its 88th foundation day on 1st April 2023.
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state.
- Aska police station of Odisha's Ganjam district became the country's number one police station.
- Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.
- Gold Deposits Found at Different Location in Three Districts of Odisha , including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slum-free by the end of 2023.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur
- Odisha govt launched Anemia eradication programme 'AMLAN'.
- Odisha government observed 10th November as 'Millet Day' in the state.
- Odisha government to provide free 5 Kg rice per month for one year under the State Food Security Scheme.
- Odisha Government has started working on the Sukapaika River revival plan following a direction from the National Green Tribunal (NGT).
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a 24×7 piped drinking water project — 'Drink from Tap' — in 19 cities of the state.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced a winter assistance of Rs 146 crore to the needy to protect themselves from the coming winter.
- Odisha Govt announces Rs 200 crores relief for drought hit distressed farmers.



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Q. Which company has signed an MoU with HPCL Mittal Energy Ltd to collaborate in renewable energy and generation of green hydrogen?

A) NTPC Green

B) JSW Energy

C) ReNew Power

D) Adani Enterprises

Answer : A

- ✓ State-owned power giant NTPC's arm NTPC Green Energy Ltd has signed an MoU with HPCL Mittal Energy Ltd to collaborate in renewable energy and generation of green hydrogen.
- ✓ The two companies will work together to source 250 MW of renewable energy power for HPCL Mittal Energy.
- ✓ NTPC is India's largest power utility firm, having a core business of power generation with a total installed capacity of 72 GW (including JVs and subsidiaries).
- ✓ HMEI is a joint venture between HPCL and Mittal Energy Investments Pvt Ltd, which is an integrated refining and petrochemical company in India.

NTPC IN NEWS 2023

- NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- NTPC hosts an international seminar on 'Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage' (CCUS) at First Energy Transitions Working Group meeting in Bengaluru.
- NTPC Limited announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Vault Holdings ("Energy Vault").
- NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL) signs MoU with Government of Tripura for cooperation in renewable energy development.



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FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022-23

- Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- Ravneet Kaur will take over as the first full-time woman Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhavar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dharmi becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.



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- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Lance Naik Manju became the Indian Army's first woman skydive.
- Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as the first female President of Slovenia.
- Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Draupadi Murmu may become India's First Tribal and Second Female President.

Q. Who has becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations?

A) Rajasthan

B) Maharashtra

C) Gujarat

D) Kerala

Answer : B

- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde approved the first Good Governance Regulations in the country.
- ✓ The purpose of the rules is to enhance accountability, accessibility, dynamism and transparency in state administration.
- ✓ A separate cell will be set up to address the effects of climate change.
- ✓ The rules also include expanding the scope of 'Aaple Sarkar Seva Kendra' for end-to-end online services to citizens within the prescribed time limit.
- ✓ Citizens' complaints will be redressed at a speedy pace.
- ✓ The chief minister's direction to develop the rules was given in September last year.
- ✓ The rules were drawn up in consultation with ministerial officials, experts and NGOs.
- ✓ 161 department-wise indices have been prepared to evaluate the performance of good governance.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations.
- Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season.
- A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' started in Nagpur, Maharashtra.



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- 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 state has overtaken Maharashtra in sugar production in the current season?

A) Karnataka

B) Andhra Pradesh

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Gujarat

Answer : C

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has overtaken Maharashtra in sugar production in the current season, with 118 sugar mills operating in UP during the period as compared to 210 mills in the western state.
- ✓ The total sugar produced by Uttar Pradesh in the sugar season 2022-2023 is 107.29 lakh tonnes, while the total sugar produced by Maharashtra is 105.30 lakh tonnes.
- ✓ The area under sugarcane cultivation in Uttar Pradesh is 28.53 lakh hectares (highest in India) as compared to 14.87 lakh hectares in Maharashtra.
- ✓ The sugarcane crushing season runs from October to June.
- ✓ Total cane crushed by sugar mills in UP in the 2022-2023 season was 1,084.57 lakh tonnes, whereas it was 1,053 lakh tonnes in Maharashtra.
- ✓ In Uttar Pradesh, 19.84 lakh tonnes of sugar was converted into ethanol, while in Maharashtra it was 15.70 lakh tonnes.
- ✓ The number of sugar mills established in UP is 157 as compared to 246 sugar mills established in Maharashtra.



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Answer : A

- ✓ Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister (CM) of Madhya Pradesh (MP), flagged off a batch of 32 senior citizens (comprising 24 men and eight women) on pilgrimage to Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (UP), from Raja Bhoj Airport in Bhopal, MP, through a flight under the “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana”.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has become India’s 1st state to conduct pilgrimage by air on government expenditure under the “Mukhya Mantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana”.
- ✓ So far, 7,82,000 senior citizens have travelled on pilgrimage on 782 special trains as part of the Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana.
- ✓ **About the Mukhyamantri Tirth Darshan Yojana:**
- ✓ The Government of Madhya Pradesh launched Mukhyamantri Tirth Darshan Yojana in June 2012.
- ✓ Under the scheme, senior citizens will be taken on a free spiritual tour across India.
- ✓ The senior citizens of MP who are 60 years of age and older are eligible to visit different holy places outside MP under this scheme.

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.
- 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.
- About Madhya Pradesh.
- In terms of area, it is the second largest state of India after Rajasthan.
- According to the Indian Forest Status Report-2021, Madhya Pradesh has the maximum forest cover in the country in terms of area.
- 25.14% of its area is covered by forests.



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- Chief Minister - Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Capital - Bhopal

Q. Which entity has introduced a risk disclosure framework for individual traders for trading in the equity Futures & Options (F&O) segment?

- A) SEBI
- B) RBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) SIDBI

Answer : A

- ✓ SEBI Introduced Risk disclosure Framework for Trading by Individual Traders in Equity F&O Segment..
- ✓ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a risk disclosure framework for individual traders for trading in the equity Futures & Options (F&O) segment.
- ✓ To empower the traders with detailed information about the risks associated with trading in derivatives and also to facilitate informed decision-making by the investors.
- ✓ The risk disclosure framework would come into force with effect from July 01, 2023.

SEBI IN NEWS 2023

- SEBI Introduced Risk disclosure Framework for Trading by Individual Traders in Equity F&O Segment.
- SEBI introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for issuers of non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments and security receipts.
- NDTV appoints former SEBI Chairman UK Sinha and business leader Dipali Goenka as Independent Directors.
- Sebi introduces Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) -like facility for secondary market trading in India.
- NSE gets the final SEBI approval to launch Social Stock Exchange.
- Markets regulator SEBI has launched an information database on municipal bonds.
- SEBI allowed Alternative Investment Funds(AIFs) to participate in the Credit Default Swaps(CDS) market as protection buyers and sellers in a bid to facilitate the deepening of the domestic corporate bond segment.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):



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- It is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India established in 1988.
- Its main objectives are to protect the interests of investors in securities and promote the development of the securities market in India by regulating intermediaries, ensuring transparency and accountability of listed companies, and promoting investor education.
- It is owned by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, but functions as an autonomous body with its own governing board.
- It has the power to issue guidelines, rules and regulations, investigate and punish fraudulent business practices.
- It is the regulator of the Capital market and Commodities market in India.
- The first SEBI chairman was Dr S A Dave (1988-90)
- Madhabi Puri Buch is the current and 10th Chairperson of the SEBI.
- Headquarters : Mumbai

Q. Which life insurance company has launched the India's first small-cap fund in the ULIP segment namely 'Bajaj Allianz Life Small Cap Fund'?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India B) Max Life Insurance
C) Bajaj Allianz Insurance D) Bharti AXA Insurance

Answer : C

- ✓ Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Ltd launched the India's first small-cap fund in the ULIP (Unit Linked Insurance Plan) segment namely 'Bajaj Allianz Life Small Cap Fund' that offers customers the opportunity to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of small-cap stocks.
- ✓ The NFO (New Fund Offer) period for Bajaj Allianz Life's small-cap fund ends on May 23, 2023.
- ✓ The benchmark index is the Nifty Small Cap 100 index.

Q. Who has launched India's-first Recycled PVC RuPay Card?

- A) Hindustan Unilever B) Asian Paints
C) Bombay Dyeing D) Tide and Transcorp

Answer : D

- ✓ rPVC[1]: Tide and Transcorp launch India's-first Recycled PVC RuPay Card.



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- ✓ Tide in partnership with the Transcorp International Limited launched India's first recycled (rPVC[1]) Rupay card, along with MCT Cards & Technology Pvt. Ltd. and NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).
- ✓ PVC is an acronym for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC). PVC cards are more durable than paper-based cards and can last longer without getting damaged or torn, along with security features

Q. Aditya Birla Capital has announced the launch of “Udyog Plus”, an innovative one-stop business platform, designed for Which sector?

- A) Healthcare and Insurance B) Real Estate
C) Renewable Energy D) MSME

Answer : D

- ✓ Aditya Birla Capital launches ‘Udyog Plus’: An Innovative One-Stop Business Platform for MSMEs.
- ✓ Aditya Birla Capital, the financial services business of the Aditya Birla Group, through its lending arm, Aditya Birla Finance, has announced the launch of “Udyog Plus”, an innovative one-stop business platform, designed for the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers.
- ✓ This new Business-to-business (B2B) digital platform offers solutions for MSMEs, including financing, protection, investments, advisory and value-added services for managing and growing their businesses.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled “Partitioned Freedom”?

- A) Ram Madhav
B) Umesh Lalit
C) Rajesh Verma
D) Rajiv Dixit

Answer : A

- ✓ Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Assam, released a book titled “Partitioned Freedom”, which was authored by Ram Madhav and published by Prabhat Prakashan Pvt. Ltd, in Guwahati, Assam.
- ✓ The book “Partitioned Freedom” offers profound insights into the events that unfolded during 1905 and the pre-independence era.
- ✓ Ram Madhav is an Indian Politician, Author, and thinker. His other books are “Uneasy Neighbours: India and China After 50 Years of the War” and “Asahaj Padosi”.



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UGC IN NEWS 2023

- UGC Launches 'NEP SAARTHI' to Involve Students in Implementing NEP 2020.
- University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched two UGC websites, UTSAH (Undertaking Transformative Strategies and Actions in Higher Education) and POP (Professor of Practice) portals.
- University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a new portal named 'CU-Chayan' for faculty appointments in central varsities..
- Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar appointed as the Chairman of UGC.
- About University Grants Commission (UGC)
- It came into existence in 1953.
- It became a statutory Organization of the Government of India by an Act of Parliament in 1956.
- Its functions are coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education

Q. Which district has launched "Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme" a first of its kind initiative in Andhra Pradesh (AP), to provide free medical services for Special children?

A) Kurnool

B) Vijayawada

C) Guntur

D) Visakhapatnam

Answer : D

- ✓ Visakhapatnam district launched "Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme" a first of its kind initiative in Andhra Pradesh (AP), to provide free medical services for Special children i.e. children suffering from autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities.
- ✓ About Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme.
- ✓ The scheme intends to provide free medical services for special children.
- ✓ Rs 1,34,750 has been allocated to the scheme from the 'Sanjeevani Nidhi' fund for payment of insurance premiums to the physically challenged.
- ✓ Visakhapatnam there are around 1,404 children with special needs and the district is implementing the scheme with the assistance of 'The Ability People Organisation'.



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Q. Which IIT has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Israel to build an 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT) in Water Resources Management and Water Technologies?

A) IIT Kanpur

B) IIT Bombay

C) IIT Madras

D) IIT Kharagpur

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Israel to build an 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT) in Water Resources Management and Water Technologies.

IIT IN NEWS 2023

- India, Israel to jointly develop Center of Water Technology at IIT Madras.
- 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.



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- ✓ Russian tennis player Daniil Medvedev won the Men's Singles title at the 2023 Italian Open (also known as the Rome Masters or the Internazionali BNL d'Italia) by defeating Holger Rune of Denmark in the final. The 2023 Italian Open was from 2nd to 21st May 2023 at Foro Italico in Rome, Italy.
- ✓ This marks Daniil Medvedev's first-ever Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) title on the clay court of his career and his first-ever Italian Open title.
- ✓ With this win, Daniil Medvedev ascended to world number 2 in the ATP rankings.
- ✓ **Women's Singles:**
- ✓ The 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina won the Women's singles title at the Italian Open 2023 by defeating Anhelina Kalinina of Ukraine. This marks her first major title on clay.
- ✓ **Italian Open 2023:**
- ✓ Italian Open 2023 is the 80th edition of the Internazionali BNL d'Italia

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

- A) Daniil Medvedev B) Casper Ruud
C) Stefanos Tsitsipas D) Carlos Alcaraz

Answer : A

- ✓ Russian tennis player Daniil Medvedev won the Men's Singles title at the 2023 Italian Open (also known as the Rome Masters or the Internazionali BNL d'Italia) by defeating Holger Rune of Denmark in the final

Q. Who has clinched a bronze medal at the Golden Grand Prix 2023 athletics meet in the women's long jump event in Yokohama, Japan?

- A) Shaili Singh B) Nayana James
C) Mercy Kuttan D) Reeth Abraham

Answer : A

- ✓ In her first major senior outdoor international event, long jumper Shaili Singh won a bronze at the Seiko Golden Grand Prix in Yokohama.
- ✓ She finished third in the women's long jump with a creditable effort of 6.65m.
- ✓ Germany's Maryse Luzolo won the gold medal with an effort of 6.79 meter while Australia's Brooke Buschkuehl bagged the silver medal with a 6.77 meter leap.



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- ✓ In April, Shaili Singh had a jump of 6.76 meters, the second highest long jump after Anju Bobby George, who had won the gold medal at the Indian Grand Prix.



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STATE - HARYANA



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NAME - PRAVEEN
ROLL NO - 1801005776
SELECTED IN - RRB PO
KARNATAKA GRAMMENA
BANK
STATE - KARNATAKA



Name: Bathina Maneesha
Rollno: 2543024278
Selected in : RRB clerk
State : Telangana

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NAME - BATHINA MANEESHA
ROLL NO - 2543024278
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
STATE - TELAGANA



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NAME - NISHU SHARMA
ROLL NO - 1523008901
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
STATE - HARYANA



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NAME - GURIYA KUMARI
ROLL NO - 1373006773
SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK
DAKSHIN BIHAR GRAMEEN
BANK



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NAME - GURPREET KAUR
ROLL NO - 2283002821
BANK - PUNJAB GRAMIN BANK
STATE - FROM PUNJAB



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NAME - MANU VARGHESE
ROLL NO - 2110710970
BANK - KERALA GRAMEEN
BANK CLERK