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

Q. Which company to become new kit sponsor of Indian cricket team?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ BCCI ropes in Adidas as new kit sponsor of Indian cricket team.
- ✓ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced Adidas as the new kit sponsor of the Indian cricket team, replacing interim sponsor Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited.
- ✓ Adidas is a German multinational corporation best known for the design and manufacture of athletic footwear, apparel, and equipment

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2023

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



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Q. Who has becomes world No. 1 in World Athletics men's javelin throw ranking?

- A) Anderson Peters B) Neeraj Chopra
C) Jakub Vadlejch D) Julian Weber

Answer : B

- ✓ Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw.
- ✓ Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra on May 22 achieved the number one ranking in men's javelin throw for the first time. This is a major milestone in his career.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra is on top with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- ✓ The Indian national record holder in men's javelin throw, took part in the season-opening Doha Diamond League on May 5 and finished first with a throw of 88.67m.
- ✓ Anderson Peters finished third in Doha with a throw of 85.88m.
- ✓ **Top 5 in Men's javelin throw**
 1. Neeraj Chopra (India) -1455 points
 2. Anderson Peters (Granada) - 1433 points
 3. Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic)- 1416 points
 4. Julian Weber (Germany)- 1385 points
 5. Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan) - 1306 points
- ✓ Switzerland Tourism has appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as the 'Friendship Ambassador'.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra's Olympic gold medal-winning throw of 87.58m at Tokyo 2020 .
- ✓ The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra presently holds the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana.

Q. Reserve Bank of India has approved how much rupees dividend payout to the central government for 2022-23?

- A) Rs 74,896 Crore B) Rs 67,137Crore
C) Rs 87,416 Crore D) Rs 91,567 Crore

Answer : C



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- ✓ RBI Board approved Transfer of Rs 87,416 Crore as Surplus to Government.
- ✓ the board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the transfer of Rs 87,416 crore as surplus to the Government for the year 2022-2023 at the 602nd meeting of the RBI's Central Board of Directors, Chaired by Governor Shaktikanta Das. It also decided to raise the contingency risk buffer to 6% from 5.5%.
- ✓ In the financial year (FY) 2021-2022, the RBI transferred Rs 30,307 crore to the government.
- ✓ The RBI's annual report and its financial statements for the accounting year 2022–2023 were approved by the board, led by Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ The board also discussed the working of the RBI during the year April 2022 to March 2023.

Q. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have come a long way and their profit has reached ____ in 2022-23.

- A) 1,04,649 crore B) 2,12,908 crore
C) 2,46,126 crore D) 1,72,761 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Public Sector Banks' total profit reaches Rs 1,04,649cr in FY23.
- ✓ The 12 Public Sector Banks' (PSBs) cumulative profit crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark in the FY23 by touching Rs 1,04,649 crore.
- ✓ They witnessed a 57% increase in total profit compared to Rs 66,539.98 crore earned in FY22.
- ✓ In the March 2023 quarter, the PSBs' profit cumulatively increased more than 95% to Rs 34,483 crore as compared to Rs 17,666 crore in March 2022.
- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) had the highest net profit growth with 126% to Rs 2,602 crore.
- ✓ It is followed by UCO Bank with a 100% rise to Rs 1,862 crore, and
- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BoB) with a 94% increase to Rs 14,110 crore.
- ✓ In absolute terms, State Bank of India (SBI) has reported an annual profit of Rs 50,232 crore in 2022-23, showing an increase of 59% over FY22.
- ✓ Except for the Punjab National Bank (PNB), other PSBs have reported impressive annual increases in their profit after tax. PNB posted a 27% decline in annual net profit from Rs 3,457 crore in 2021-22 to Rs 2,507 crore in March 2023.
- ✓ The PSBs which reported an annual profit in excess of Rs 10,000 crore are Bank of Baroda (Rs 4,110 crore) and Canara Bank (Rs 10,604 crore).



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- ✓ Punjab & Sind Bank posted an annual profit growth 26% (Rs 1,313 crore), Central Bank of India 51% (Rs 1,582 crore), Indian Overseas Bank 23% (Rs 2,099 crore), Bank of India 18% (Rs 4,023 crore), Indian Bank 34% (Rs 5,282 crore) and Union Bank of India 61% (Rs 8,433 crore)

Q. Which IIT joined hands with YES Bank by signing an MoU that seeks to provide crucial support to the startups incubated at SIIC?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with YES Bank to provide financial support to the startups incubated at SIIC.
- ✓ As per the terms of the MoU, SIIC and YES Bank will collaborate to identify innovative startups and extend them the necessary financial backing.
- ✓ The partnership intends to establish the startup ecosystem in India by granting ventures access to a wide range of resources through YES Bank’s specialised startup-focused program called YES Head-Startup.

YES BANK IN NEWS 2023

- YES Bank Partners with IIT Kanpur to Transform Startups and Red Hat to Redefine Mobile Banking Experience.
- Cashfree Payments partners with YES Bank to offer Global Collections service for exporters.
- YES Bank has collaborated with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).
- Reliance General becomes first insurer to accept CBDC in tie-up with YES Bank.
- Yes Bank, Turtlefin Launched Online Insurance Services platform ‘EasyNsure.
- Yes Bank has signed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) with JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), acquiring a 9.9 percent stake in the ARC at Rs 11.43 per share.
- YES BANK
- Founded : 2004
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra



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- MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- Tagline : Experience our Expertise

Q. Sarbananda Sonowal has informed that the government will provide financial support of ___ for the promotion of Green Shipping.

- A) 50% B) 40%
C) 30% D) 20%

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has announced 30 per cent financial assistance to promote green shipping.
- ✓ Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal made five important announcements focusing on green shipping and digitization of ports at the end of the second Chintan Shivir of the ministry held in Munnar, Kerala.
- ✓ Green Hydrogen hubs will be developed at the Deendayal Port at Kandla and Chidambaranar Port at Tuticorin.
- ✓ Two tugs each will be procured for Jawaharlal Nehru, VO Chidambaranar, Paradip and Deendayal ports under the Green Tug Transition Programme.
- ✓ Jawaharlal Nehru and Tuticorin ports will be made smart ports by next year.
- ✓ **What is Green Shipping?**
- ✓ Green shipping is when people or goods are transported via ships using the minimum resources and energy possible to protect the environment from pollutants generated by the ships.
- ✓ Green shipping promotes clean practices by implementing emission control, efficient port management and equipment management

Q. PM Narendra Modi has addressed the 76th Session of the World Health Assembly in which country?

- A) Switzerland B) Sweden
C) Norway D) Denmark

Answer : A

- ✓ The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has addressed the 76th Session of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.



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- ✓ India shipped almost 300 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to over 100 countries including many countries from the Global South.
- ✓ India's commitment to international cooperation and informed that the country shipped almost 300 million doses of covid-19 vaccines to over 100 countries including many countries from the Global South.
- ✓ India's vision for good health is 'One Earth One Health', which extends to the entire.

Q. Which Countries are signed agreement in the field of Green Hydrogen?

- A) India and United Kingdom B) India and Switzerland
C) India and New Zealand D) India and Australia

Answer : D

- ✓ The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was exchanged after a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese in Sydney.
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi invited Prime Minister Albanese and Australian cricket fans to India for the Cricket World Cup.
- ✓ Prime Minister Albanese announced the establishment of a new Australian Consulate General in Bengaluru to link Australian businesses to India's digital and innovation ecosystem.

AUSTRALIA IN NEWS 2023

- India and Australia sign agreements in the field of migration, mobility partnership and green hydrogen.
- India and Australia sign a framework mechanism for mutual recognition of qualifications.
- Australian High Commission in India Announces Government Grant for Project in Kargil.
- Ratan Tata has received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.
- Australia will host the third in-person Quad summit in Sydney.
- An Indian-origin politician, Daniel Mookhey has been appointed as the Treasurer of the New South Wales in Australia.
- India and Australia target \$100 billion bilateral trade in next five years.
- Australia and India have agreed to accelerate a broader economic partnership and to boost their defence ties, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in New Delhi.



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

Q. Which Company Introduces Support for RuPay Credit Cards on UPI, Expanding Digital Payment Options?

A) Apple Pay

B) PhonePe

C) Google Pay

D) Amazon Pay

Answer : C



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- ✓ Google Pay in Partnership with NPCI Allows UPI Payments using RuPay credit cards.
- ✓ Google Pay in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched a feature to make United Payments Interface (UPI) payments with RuPay credit cards.
- ✓ To further deepen the reach and usage of UPI, in June 2022, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed the linking of credit cards (starting with RuPay at first) to the UPI platform to make payments.
- ✓ Currently, UPI facilitates transactions by linking savings and current accounts through debit cards
- ✓ Currently, the feature is available to RuPay credit card holders of Axis Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, HDFC bank, Indian Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank of India.

Q. Which Company has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud to launch Generative AI?

- A) TCS B) HCL
C) Infosys D) Wipro

Answer : A

- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced an expanded partnership with Google Cloud and the launch of a new offering called TCS Generative AI.
- ✓ This offering utilizes Google Cloud's generative AI services to create custom-tailored business solutions that help clients accelerate their growth and transformation.

TCS IN NEWS 2022-23

- BSNL has placed an order worth ₹15,000 crore to tech firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to further expand the 4G network in India. .
- No TCS on LRS transactions upto Rs 7 lakh via international debit, credit cards from July 1, 2023.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI.
- K Krithivasan Appointed CEO Designate of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- Telefónica Germany Selects TCS as Transformation Partner to Build Future-Ready Operations Support.
- Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys grew their brand value to retain their positions as the second and third most valuable IT services brands, according to the 'IT Services 25' list prepared by UK-based consultancy Brand Finance for the year 2023.



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- Accenture retained the top slot for the fifth year straight, with a brand valued at \$39.8 billion.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been named to FORTUNE® magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,821 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey..
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Founded : 1968
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- MD & CEO : Kriti Krithivasan

Q. Who appointed brand ambassador of Tripura tourism?

- A) Sourav Ganguly
- B) MS Dhoni
- C) Rahul Dravid
- D) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer : A

- ✓ Former India cricket captain and former BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly has been named as the brand ambassador for Tripura Tourism.
- ✓ The Tripura government believes that Ganguly's popularity and charisma will draw attention to the state's unexplored tourist destinations.
- ✓ The selection of Ganguly as the brand ambassador is expected to attract more visitors to Tripura and give a boost to the tourism industry.
- ✓ Sourav Ganguly Autobiography: A Century is Not Enough

Q. Who has appointed Renée Fleming and Pretty Yende as the Goodwill Ambassadors for Arts and Health?

- A) World Bank
- B) World Health Organization
- C) United Nations
- D) International Monetary Fund



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Answer : B

- ✓ WHO is delighted to announce the appointment of internationally acclaimed artists Renée Fleming and Pretty Yende as Goodwill Ambassadors for Arts and Health.
- ✓ This prestigious announcement was made as part of WHO's 75th Anniversary commemoration during the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly on 22 May 2023.

Q. Which Company launched 'GAINS' 2023 Startup Challenge in Kolkata?

- A) HSL B) GRSE
C) BEML D) MIDHANI

Answer : B

- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd launched GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme 2023 or 'GAINS 2023' in Kolkata, West Bengal (WB) to utilize the eco-system that tackles current and future challenges in the ship design and construction sector.
- ✓ GAINS 2023 is a part of GRSE's drive to identify and promote the development of innovative solutions towards technological advances in shipbuilding by Startups.

Q. Which government has formulated the 'Green Hydrogen' policy to promote the use of green hydrogen?

- A) Assam B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Meghalaya D) West Bengal

Answer : B

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has 'Green Hydrogen' policy would be formulated to promote the use of green hydrogen and establish the state as a leading hub for its production.
- ✓ The state's abundant renewable energy resources, including ample sunlight, water and wind, make it an ideal location for generating green hydrogen.

Q. Which city has received the first rank in the best Urban Local Body category of the National Water Award 2022?

- A) Prayagraj B) Chandigarh
C) Patna D) Gurugram

Answer : B



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- ✓ Chandigarh has received the first rank in the best Urban Local Body category of the National Water Award 2022.
- ✓ The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation declared the 4th National Water Award in 2022.
- ✓ The Ground Water Augmentation Awards and National Water Awards were launched in 2007 to encourage all stakeholders for adopting innovative practices of groundwater augmentation through rainwater harvesting.

Q. A naval exercise Al Mohammad Al Hindi 2023 will be held between India and which country?

- A) Qatar
B) Iran
C) Saudi Arabia
D) UAE

Answer : C

- ✓ AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise.
- ✓ Indian Navy ships INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA arrived at Port Al-Jubail in Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ The visit of these ships marks the beginning of the harbor phase of the second edition of the naval exercise between the two countries, known as 'Al-Mohad Al-Hindi 2023'.
- ✓ **About Al-Mohed Al-Hindi Exercise**
- ✓ The decision on this bilateral exercise between India and Saudi Arabia was taken at the Riyadh summit held in 2019.
- ✓ Its aim is to carry out tactical maneuvers, search and rescue operations, and an electronic warfare drill to enhance interoperability.
- ✓ It aims to strengthen the defense ties between India and Saudi Arabia.

MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

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



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- The 7th edition of joint military exercise between India and the United Kingdom, named “AJEYA WARRIOR-23” is being conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom.
- Indian Navy and Royal Navy conducted annual bilateral maritime Exercise KONKAN 2023 off Konkan Coast in the Arabian Sea.
- Indian Air Force and the US Air Force will conduct the bilateral air exercise ‘Cope India’ from April 10 to 21, 2023 at the air force base in Kalaikunda, West Bengal.
- INS Androth, second in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched on March 21, 2023, in Kolkata.
- Africa-India field training exercise AFINDEX-23 to be held in Pune.
- Indian Navy deployed a P8I aircraft to Guam, USA, on March 14, 2023, to participate in the third edition of ‘Exercise Sea Dragon 23’, a coordinated multi-lateral Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft organized by the US Navy.
- Operation Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour training exercise, was held from March 6–13, 2023, in Jodhpur Military Station in India.
- Indian Ocean Area will host the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse. The Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy, and United States Navy.
- Indian Navy’s indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea.
- 2023 edition of Indian Navy’s major maritime exercise Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX), is currently underway in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Indian Army and the French Army will hold their first joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23, at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces.
- A joint training exercise “Exercise Trishakri Prahar” was conducted in North Bengal.
- The fourth iteration of the biennial training exercise DUSTLIK (2023) will be held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.



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- ✓ The port will help develop Machilipatnam on the lines of developed port cities like Mumbai and Chennai as it will be connected by National Highway 216 and Gudivada-Machilipatnam railway line soon.
- ✓ **About Machilipatnam Port**
- ✓ It is a proposed deep sea port on the Bay of Bengal coast located at Machilipatnam, the district headquarters of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The project is being implemented by the Machilipatnam Port Development Corporation Limited (MPDCL).
- ✓ The first phase of the port is expected to have a capacity of 35 million tonnes.

Q. Where will be the 3rd khelo India University Games?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The third Khelo India University Games will begin with a Kabaddi event on May 23 in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ 15 teams representing different universities are participating in the Kabaddi competition.
- ✓ The matches will be held at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Stadium in Gautam Budh Nagar district.
- ✓ The official opening ceremony of the Khelo India University Games will take place on May 25 in Lucknow and will continue till June 3.
- ✓ The Khelo India University Games will be held in four cities: Gautam Buddha Nagar, Lucknow, Gorakhpur and Varanasi and the closing ceremony of the Games will be held in Varanasi.
- ✓ Wrestling and Yogasana (yoga postures) events will be organised in Varanasi during the Khelo India University Games.

Q. The second Trade and Investment Working Group meeting under the G20 India Presidency began in which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ 2nd Trade and Investment Working Group meeting begins in Bengaluru.



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- ✓ It is a three-day meeting and is attended by 75 delegates from G20 countries, invited countries and regional/international organisations.
- ✓ The objective of the Bengaluru meeting is to address issues related to international trade and investment and seek agreeable solutions.

Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash inaugurated the seminar.

Q. The World Turtle Day is observed on which day?

- A) May 23
- B) May 22
- C) May 21
- D) May 20

Answer : A

- ✓ World Turtle Day is an annual celebration held on May 23, founded by American Turtle Rescue (ATR).
- ✓ American Turtle Rescue (ATR) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and welfare of turtles.
- ✓ The theme for this year's World Turtle Day is 'I Love Turtles', emphasising the critical need to protect these species and their future in the face of shrinking habitats.
- ✓ World Turtle Day was established by ATR on 23 May 2000 and has its 24th anniversary in 2023.

Q. Georgi Gospodinov has won International Booker Prize 2023 for 'Time Shelter'. She is from which country?

- A) Norway
- B) Sweden
- C) Bulgaria
- D) Ethiopia

Answer : C

- ✓ Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter".
- ✓ The novel was translated into English by Angela Rodel and is the first Bulgarian novel to win the International Booker Prize.
- ✓ "Time Shelter" is a captivating and remarkable literary work that explores themes of time, identity, and the human experience.
- ✓ Georgi Gospodinov was born in Yambol, Bulgaria.
- ✓ Angela Rodel originally from Minnesota, the United States of America (USA) is a literary translator.



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- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of 50,000 pounds, divided equally between the author and the translator. In addition, the shortlisted authors and translators each receive £2,500.
- ✓ **DON'T CONFUSED**
- ✓ The International Booker Prize is an international literary prize awarded every year for a single book that is translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.
- ✓ Booker Prize for Fiction is a literary prize awarded each year for the best original novel written in the English language and published in the United Kingdom
- ✓ **Don't Confused First's Indian Booker Prize and International Booker Prize.**
- ✓ Geetanjali Shree has become the first Indian author to win the prestigious International Booker Prize for her novel 'Tomb of Sand'
- ✓ Arundhati Roy was the first Indian to win the Prestigious Booker prize in 1997 for her first novel The God of Small Things
- ✓ **DON'T CONFUSED**
- ✓ Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter".
- ✓ Shehan Karunatilaka, a Sri Lankan author wins the Booker prize 2022 for "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida".

Q. Which of the following books was awarded the International Booker Prize 2023?

- A) Klara and the sun
- B) Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir
- C) Cloud Cuckoo Land
- D) Time Shelter

Answer : D

- ✓ Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter".

Q. Which bank has launched Digital Onboarding platform 'Sarathi' for POS Terminals?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Axis Bank Ltd has launched 'Sarathi', a first of its kind digital onboarding platform to enable easy installation of Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (POS) for merchants.
- ✓ Sarathi provides a seamless and hassle-free experience for merchants unlike the traditional onboarding process that can take several days.



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AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. Great prayer festival is celebrated in which state/UT?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir B) Ladakh
C) Kerala D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Ladakh's Annual Great Prayer Festival 'Ladakh Monlam Chenmo 2023' held from May 11 to 16 2023.
- ✓ Ladakh's annual five day group prayer camp of Buddhist monks and nuns named 'Ladakh Monlam Chenmo 2023' which is also called as Great Prayer Festival was held from May 11 to 16, 2023 in Leh (Ladakh) for world peace and happiness

FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023

- Great Prayer Festival : Ladakh
- Sinthan Snow Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- Heritage Festival : Goa
- Thawe Festival : Bihar
- Bohag Bihu festival : Assam



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- 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- Yaoshang festival : Manipur
- Purple Fest : Goa
- Orange Festival : Nagaland
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Losar Festival : Ladakh
- 23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur
- Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh
- 26th National Youth Festival 2023 : Hubbali, Karnataka
- International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi
- Mongeet Festival : Assam
- International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana

Q. According to the World Bank's annual "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing" report, revenues from carbon taxes and ETS reach approximately how many billions?

A) \$73 Billion

B) \$81 Billion

C) \$90 Billion

D) \$95 Billion

Answer : D

- ✓ According to the World Bank's (WB) annual report 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2023' released on May 23, 2023, revenues collected from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) globally have reached a record high, about US\$95 billion in 2022 despite the challenging context for governments facing high inflation, fiscal pressures, and energy crises.
- ✓ The revenues collected from carbon taxes and ETS in 2021 was about US\$ 84 billion
- ✓ As per the report, there are currently 73 global carbon pricing instruments are in operation, compared with 68 in May 2022 when the World Bank issued its 2022 report.



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- ✓ The 73 Carbon Pricing initiatives covered 11.66 GtCO₂e (gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent), representing 23% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- ✓ As of April 1, 2023 less than 5% of global GHG emissions are covered by a direct carbon price at or above the range recommended by 2030.

WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2023

- World Bank Report: Revenues Collected Globally via Carbon Pricing Raised to US\$95 billion in 2022.
- Indian origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the 14th President of World Bank.
- World Bank has approved a loan of US \$ 363 million for the supply of clean drinking water from taps to 2 million rural households in Karnataka.
- India and the World Bank have signed a loan agreement for the construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in four States.
- These four states are-Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- World Bank has signed two complementary loans with India worth USD 500 million each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.
- Indian Origin Ajay Banga to be next World Bank President.
- World Bank chief David Malpass has announced his resignation nearly a year early.
- India will be the first country in the world to receive \$100 billion from remittances during 2022, the World Bank.
- World Bank forecast Pakistan's economic growth to slow further to two percent during the current year; according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.
- WORLD BANK
- Founded : 1944
- Headquarters : Washington Dc
- 14th President : Ajay Banga
- MD&CFO : Anshula Kant
- Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart
- Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar
- Member Countries :189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).



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- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID

Q. Which company only Indian firm in BCG list of Top 50 innovative companies 2023 List?

A) Adani Group

B) Larsen & Toubro

C) Tata Group

D) Aditya Birla Group

Answer : C

- ✓ Tata Group only Indian firm in BCG list of top 50 Most Innovative Firms 2023; Apple Top.
- ✓ Boston Consulting Group (BCG) has released a report namely 'Most Innovative Companies 2023: Reaching New Heights in Uncertain Times' showcasing top 50 companies in 2023 that are most innovative in their operations. In this, Tata Group is the only Indian company to feature in this list at 20th position
- ✓ The top 10 ranks : In the list went to Apple, Tesla, Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, Moderna, Samsung, Huawei, BYD and Siemens, in that order.
- ✓ BCG's list parameters : Superior performance, higher resilience to shocks and disruptions, and the ability to exploit innovation faster for value-creating growth, among other things

Q. Which Govt Higher Education Department has signed an MoU with Infosys and Nasscom?

A) Odisha

B) Jharkhand

C) Rajasthan

D) Telangana

Answer : A

- ✓ Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha, has signed MoUs with Infosys and the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom) to create a future-ready talent workforce.
- ✓ Aim : The MoUs aim at upskilling youths, mostly the undergraduate and postgraduate students at colleges and universities of Odisha.



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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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- Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield.
- Dhanu Yatra' festival, considered to be the world's largest open-air theatre, began on 27th December in the Western Odisha town of Bargarh.

Q. Who has been Elected As New President of Basketball Federation of India?

- A) Roger Binny B) Dilip Tirkey
C) Dr K. Govindaraj D) Subramanya Gupta

Answer : C

- ✓ Dr K. Govindaraj elected as the President of International Basketball Federation (FIBA),

Q. Which state government has launched the 'Shasan Aplya Dari' (government at your doorstep) initiative with an aim to provide benefits of government schemes at one place?

- A) Gujarat B) Kerala
C) Maharashtra D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ Maharashtra government launches 'Shasan Aplya Dari' initiative .
- ✓ Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of the Government of Maharashtra launched the 'Shasan Aplya Dari' initiative in Satara district of Maharashtra.
- ✓ The initiative aims to provide citizens easy access to government schemes and documents at one place.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of the Government of Maharashtra launched the 'Shasan Aplya Dari' initiative in Satara district of Maharashtra.
- 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. India has recently announced plans to open its fourth consulate in which country?

- A) Japan
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) Australia

Answer : D

- ✓ India has announced plans to open its fourth consulate in Australia in Brisbane, the capital of Queensland state.
- ✓ The announcement was made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a diaspora event in Sydney.
- ✓ India has a high commission in the national capital Canberra and there are currently consulates in Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth. There is also an honorary consulate in Brisbane.

Q. Which of the following company has recently launched bonds platform for retail investors in India?

- A) Paytm Money
- B) PhonePe
- C) GooglePay
- D) Freecharge

Answer : A

- ✓ One97 Communications Limited (OCL), which owns the Paytm brand, its wholly-owned subsidiary Paytm Money Limited has launched bonds platform for retail investors in India.



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- ✓ The company is making bonds more accessible for retail investors by offering three distinct types: government bonds, corporate bonds and tax-free bonds.
- ✓ Bonds on the Paytm Money app present investors with all relevant information in one place and convert everything to yield so that investors can analyze and understand the returns they can earn

Q. Jayakumar S. Pillai has been appointed as Deputy Managing Director of which bank?

- A) IDFC First Bank B) IDBI Bank
C) Indian Overseas Bank D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Board of Directors of Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank Limited approved the appointment of Jayakumar S. Pillai as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) on the Board of IDBI for a period of 3 years .
- ✓ Recently, the Central govt & LIC decided to sell off their 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank
- ✓ Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1964
- ✓ Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : M. R. Kumar
- ✓ MD & CEO : Rakesh Sharma

Q. Who has launched 'General Surety Bond Bima (Conditional & Unconditional)' insurance product for infrastructure projects?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ SBI General launches 'Surety Bond Bima' for Infrastructure Projects On May 23, 2023, SBI General Insurance (SBIG), the non-life insurance arm of State Bank of India (SBI), launched 'General Surety Bond Bima (Conditional & Unconditional)' insurance product for infrastructure projects.
- ✓ It will act as a security arrangement to provide protection for infrastructure projects and shield both the contractor and the principal (the entity awarding the contract).
- ✓ This Surety Bond Insurance is available in two variants viz. Conditional and Unconditional.
- ✓ **What is Surety Insurance?**



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- ✓ It provides an assurance to the project owner in the form of a Surety Bond that the contractor would complete the project as per the agreed terms and conditions. It involves three parties: the principal (contractor), the obligee (the individual or entity hiring the contractor), and the surety company (the insurer).

Q. Who has been conferred with the highest honors by Fiji and Papua New Guinea?

A) Amit Shah

B) Yogi Adityanath

C) Narendra Modi

D) Droupadi Murmu

Answer : C

- ✓ PM Modi conferred with highest civilian honours by Fiji, Papua New Guinea.
- ✓ PM Modi was honored with the island nation's highest civilian award during his visit to Papua New Guinea to attend the 3rd India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) summit.
- ✓ PM Modi was awarded "The Companion of the Order of Fiji" by his Fijian counterpart Sitweni Rabuka for his global leadership, a rare honor for a non-Fijian.
- ✓ Papua New Guinea conferred its highest civilian honour, Grand Companion of the Order of Loghu (GCL) on PM Modi for his efforts towards unity of the Pacific island nation.
- ✓ **Republic of Fiji**
- ✓ Capital: Suva
- ✓ Currency: Fijian Dollar
- ✓ Prime Minister: Sitiveni Rabuka
- ✓ **Papua New Guinea**
- ✓ Prime Minister: James Marape
- ✓ Capital: Port Moresby
- ✓ Currency: kina (K)

Q. Which State Home Minister 'Mohamood Ali' launched a SAHAS?

A) Karnataka

B) Maharashtra

C) Rajasthan

D) Telangana

Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana Home Minister Mohamood Ali launched a SAHAS initiative to make workplaces safer for women.



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- ✓ SAHAS, which means Courage, is a program that aims at strengthening the support ecosystem for women who face workplace sexual harassment.
- ✓ Under the initiative, the SAHAS Microsite, SAHAS Sathi Chatbot, SAHAS Whatsapp Number, Forum, and online support facilities were launched.
- ✓ It is the first of its kind initiative in the country.

Q. Who releases Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' in Tok Pisin language?

A) Rajnath Singh

B) Narendra Modi

C) Droupadi Murmu

D) S. Jaishankar

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with his Papua New Guinea counterpart James Marape on 22 May 2023 released the Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' in the Tok Pisin language to bring the Indian thought and culture closer to the people of this southwestern Pacific nation.
- ✓ Modi arrived here on 21 May 2023 on his maiden visit to Papua New Guinea, becoming the first Indian prime minister to visit the country. He co-hosted with Marape a key summit between India and 14 Pacific island countries to boost bilateral ties.
- ✓ Tok Pisin is the official language of Papua New Guinea.

Q. Who has formally inaugurated the Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) at ICFRE, Dehradun?

A) Rajnath Singh

B) Hardeep Singh Puri

C) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

D) Bhupendra Yadav

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the Center of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) in Dehradun.
- ✓ The CoE-SLM was announced by the Prime Minister of India during the 14th Conference of Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019.
- ✓ CoE-SLM aims to promote South-South cooperation and address issues of land degradation through sustainable land management practices.



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- ✓ Bhupendra Yadav released two publications during the inauguration: "Technical Paper on the Pathway to Achieving LDN in India" and "Compendium of Sustainable Land Management Practices."

Q. With which company has BSNL joined hands to set up 4G network in India?

- A) Reliance Communication B) Tech Mahindra
C) TCS D) Airtel

Answer : C

- ✓ BSNL has placed an order worth ₹15,000 crore to tech firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to further expand the 4G network in India.
- ✓ The deal includes Tejas Networks, a Tata Group telecom gear maker, which will provide Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment.
- ✓ The TCS-led consortium includes Tejas Networks and C-DOT.

Q. Which state is set to declare itself India's first "total e-governed state"?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala is set to declare itself India's first "total e-governed state".
- ✓ The state has achieved this feat through policy initiatives aimed at transforming it into a digitally empowered society.
- ✓ The government focused on setting up a knowledge-based economy and achieving 100% digital literacy.
- ✓ Important services across various sectors were digitized to ensure transparency, inclusiveness and accessibility for all citizens.

KERALA IN NEWS 2023

- Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- Kerala has adopted a water budget, the first of its kind in the country, to deal with the problem of water scarcity in summer.



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

Q. The Indian Railways handed over 20 Broad Gauge locomotives to which country as part of a grant assistance program?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ India hands over 20 broad gauge locomotives to Bangladesh
- ✓ Taking a significant step towards enhancing bilateral cooperation in the railway sector, India and Bangladesh handed over 20 broad gauge locomotives to Bangladesh.
- ✓ The initiative is aimed at meeting the growing demand for passenger and freight traffic between the two neighboring countries.



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



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Q. Rayyanah Barnawi has become the first Arab woman astronaut to go to space. She is from which country?

- A) UAE
B) Saudi Arabia
C) Kuwait
D) Qatar

Answer : B

- ✓ Part of Axiom Space's private mission to the International Space Station (ISS), Rayyanah Barnawi became the first Arab woman astronaut to go into space.
- ✓ Barwani is part of a team which has travelled to the ISS in a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral in the southern state of Florida.
- ✓ The group — also including Peggy Whitson, a former NASA astronaut who will be making her fourth flight to the ISS, and John Shoffner, a businessman from Tennessee — will stay aboard the space station for around eight days to carry out a variety of experiments.
- ✓ **What is Axiom Space's private mission?**
- ✓ Called Axiom Mission 2, or Ax-2, this is the second private mission by Axiom Space, an American privately funded space infrastructure manufacturing company that was co-founded by Michael Suffredini, who served as NASA's International Space Station Program Manager from 2005 to 2015

Q. Who has been appointed as the Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network?

- A) PV Sindhu
B) Saina Nehwal
C) Sania Mirza
D) Ankita Raina

Answer : C

- ✓ Sania Mirza appointed as the Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network.
- ✓ Leading sports broadcaster Sony Sports Network has announced the exclusive onboarding Sania Mirza as the Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network.
- ✓ Sony Sports Network has also launched a campaign called Home of Tennis.
- ✓ The second film is Mirza presenting Roland Garros, Clay that Slays, to Indian audiences.
- ✓ The third film will showcase Sony Sports Network as the Home to Tennis with all three Grand Slams – Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, presented by the Tennis Ace.
- ✓ The fourth film with Mirza will be a teaser for the US Open, which is a Glam Slam and will launch in August.



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✓ **International Tennis Career of Sania Mirza**

- ✓ Sania has won the mixed doubles title of Australian Open in 2009, French Open in 2012, US Open in 2014.
- ✓ Apart from this, she has won the 2016 Australian Open, 2015 Wilmington, 2015 US Open title in women's doubles.
- ✓ Sania Mirza has won many titles and honours in her career. She has been awarded the Arjuna Award in 2004, Padma Shri in 2006, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2015 and Padma Bhushan in 2016.

LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023

- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network
- Sourav Ganguly : Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- Alia Bhatt : Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise



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- Prason 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 received Honoris Causa for his noble work at Apex University's Jaipur?

A) Sonu Sood

B) Rajkumar Rao

C) Ayushmann Khurrana

D) Akshay Kumar

Answer : A

- ✓ Actor Sonu Sood Receives Honoris Causa at Apex University's Jaipur
- ✓ Sonu Sood, the acclaimed actor and philanthropist, was the centre of attention at the 1st Convocation Ceremony of Apex University Jaipur, where he received the esteemed Honoris Causa for his noble work.
- ✓ The event held at the Apex University campus in Jaipur was a momentous occasion as graduates from various academic programmes received their degrees, diplomas, and certificates.
- ✓ Sonu Sood's tireless efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic have garnered him nationwide recognition as a true humanitarian.

Q. The first-ever Urban Climate Film Festival will be held in which city?

A) Chennai

B) Kolkata

C) Hyderabad

D) Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ The first ever Urban Climate Film Festival is going to be held in New Town, Kolkata from June 3 to 5 to sensitize the audience about the environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change on urban settlements.
- ✓ The festival will highlight the environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change on urban settlements.



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- ✓ The audience will be able to see these scenarios through the film.
- ✓ During this, 16 films from 12 countries will be screened.
- ✓ It aims to encourage citizens to 'behave environmentally responsible' in line with the call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister through the U-20 Priority Sectors and Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) Mission.
- ✓ The festival will conclude with a special closing ceremony on June 5, the occasion of World Environment Day.
- ✓ **Organizer of the festival**
- ✓ Launched in New Delhi in March 2023, the film festival is being organized by the National Institute of Urban Affairs.
- ✓ The festival is supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the French Development Agency (AFD), the European Union and the New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation Limited.
- ✓ The Urban Climate Film Festival was launched on March 24 at the Alliance Francaise in New Delhi

Q. Which state government has launched the 'Hamar Sughar Laik Abhiyan' in the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan' program?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has launched the 'Hamar Sughar Laik Abhiyan' in the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan' program at Sankra in Durg district.
- ✓ The campaign aims to bring 1,800 malnourished children, identified through a survey, into the category of well-nourished children.

Q. Under which initiative of the government of India the Vande Bharat Express was designed and manufactured by integral coach factory at perambur chennai?

- A) Mitra Scheme B) NISHTHA
C) Make in India D) Niryat Rin Vikas

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated the Delhi (Anand Vihar)-Dehradun Vande Bharat Express.
- ✓ This is the first Vande Bharat to be introduced in Uttarakhand.



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- ✓ The train will cover a distance of 302 km in 4 hours and 45 minutes.
- ✓ Earlier, PM Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat Express between Puri and Howrah.
- ✓ **About Vande Bharat Express Train**
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019.
- ✓ These trains have a self-propelled engine which can save diesel and reduce electricity usage by up to 30%.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- ✓ It was manufactured under the 'Make in India' programme, at a cost of about Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ These trains can achieve a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- ✓ In the Union Budget for 2022-2023 the government has proposed the development and manufacture of 400 new Vande Bharat trains in the next three years

Q. Which country will introduce mandatory health labelling of alcoholic drinks, warning of the links to cancer, liver disease, and the risk of drinking while pregnant?

A) Ireland

B) Norway

C) Denmark

D) Sweden

Answer : A

- ✓ Ireland to become the first country in the world to introduce health warnings on alcohol.
- ✓ Ireland's health minister, Stephen Donnelly, signed new regulations on May 22 that will carry warnings about the health risks of drinking alcohol, as well as the product's calorie count
- ✓ This innovative step aims to raise awareness about the potential health risks associated with alcohol consumption.
- ✓ The introduction of health warnings on alcohol bottles and cans will serve as a powerful tool for public health promotion and education.
- ✓ **Republic of Ireland**
- ✓ The Republic of Ireland is a western European country which shares a boundary with Great Britain.
- ✓ The Parliament of Ireland is called the Oireachtas.
- ✓ President of Ireland: Michael D. Higgins
- ✓ Currency: Euro
- ✓ Capital: Dublin



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Q. India's GDP has crossed USD 3.5 trillion in 2022 and is projected to remain the fastest-growing G20 economy over the next few years. Which organization has given this statement?

- A) Fitch Rating
B) IMF
C) World Bank
D) Moody

Answer : D

- ✓ According to Moody's Report 2023, India's GDP has crossed USD 3.5 trillion in 2022 and is predicted to continue to be the fastest-growing G20 economy over the next few years.
- ✓ Moody's has warned that reform and policy barriers could hamper investment in India.
- ✓ In a research report, the US-based agency said that bureaucracy could slow approval processes in obtaining licences and setting up businesses, prolonging project gestation.

Q. Which company has launched the Nifty 200 Momentum 30 Index Fund, an open-ended scheme?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company
B) SBI Funds Management Pvt Ltd
C) HDFC Asset Management
D) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund

Answer : A

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company has launched the Kotak Nifty 200 Momentum 30 Index Fund, an open-ended scheme.
- ✓ The new fund aims to track the performance of the top 30 companies within the Nifty 200, selected based on their Normalized Momentum Score.
- ✓ The new fund offer (NFO) for this scheme will open on May 25 and will close on June 8, 2023

Q. How many million loan agreement has been signed by the Government of India with the Asian Development Bank for infrastructure development in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) USD 105.50 Million
B) USD 122.75 Million
C) USD 141.12 Million
D) USD 167.37 Million

Answer : C

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$141.12 million loan agreement for the development of an industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh.



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- ✓ The agreement has been signed to support the development of high quality indoor infrastructure facilities in three industrial areas in Andhra Pradesh. These are: roads, water supply plants and power distribution systems.
- ✓ The loan is the second tranche of a \$500 million Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) under the program approved by ADB in 2016.
- ✓ With this loan facility, infrastructure facilities will be developed in three industrial clusters under the Visakhapatnam and Srikalahasti-Chittoor areas sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh

ADB IN NEWS 2022-23

- ADB will give \$ 141.12 million loan for the development of industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh.
- Pakistan is the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced its plans to invest in non-convertible debentures valued at Rs 150 crore in Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL).
- ADB approves \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- ADB to provide \$1.2 billion loan for infrastructure projects.
- ADB to provide \$125 million loan to improve Urban Services in Tamil Nadu.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to improve the road connectivity in Maharashtra.
- ADB to invest Rs 200 crore in the VA Tech Wabag water company.
- Asian Development Bank announces \$14 billion support for food security in Asia Pacific.
- IndusInd Bank and ADB collaborate to improve financing for supplier chains
- ADB, India sign \$96.3 mn loan to improve water supply, sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.
- Maharashtra to take ₹4,000 crore loan from ADB to set up medical colleges in 12 districts.
- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded : 19 December 1966
- HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian)
- Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
- Executive Director : Sameer Kumar



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- Member Countries : 68 (Nuie) [India is a founding member]
- Objective: To promote social and economic development in Asia.
- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- It is a regional multilateral financial institution focused on countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
- It currently has 68 members – of which 49 are from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 from outside.

Q. Which IIT has launched 15 Centres of Excellence (CoE) as part of the 'Institute of Eminence (IoE)' Scheme?

A) IIT Delhi

B) IIT kharagpur

C) IIT Guwahati

D) IIT Madras

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) launched 15 Centres of Excellence (CoE) as part of the 'Institute of Eminence' (IoE) Scheme.
- ✓ The IoE Scheme was launched by the Government of India to empower Higher Educational Institutions to become world-class teaching and research institutions.
- ✓ The financial support through IoE will enable IIT Madras faculty members to pursue ambitious research goals, undertake cutting-edge projects and attract top talent to work on ground- breaking research topics.

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).



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

Q. Who has inaugurated the "PCIM&H e-Office Portal"?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Draupadi Murmu
- C) Sarbananda Sonowal
- D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer : C



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- ✓ Union Minister for AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated "PCIM&H e-Office Portal" and an online portal.
- ✓ The objective of the online portal is to facilitate easy access of Pharmacopoeia Monographs to the stakeholders across the globe.
- ✓ PCIM&H, under the Ministry of AYUSH, is actively involved in standardisation and quality control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathic (ASU&H) drugs, and publishes standards in the form of Pharmacopoeia.

SARBANANDA SONOWAL IN NEWS 2023

- Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will receive the first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar .
- The real-time performance monitoring dashboard of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), known as 'Sagar Manthan' was recently inaugurated by the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Union Minister of AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the two-day National AYUSH Mission (NAM) Conclave in New Delhi.
- 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.
- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the Discovery Campus of the National Technology Center for Ports, Waterways and Coasts at IITM, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, along with Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha, inaugurated the School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication in Agartala.
- Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard of MoPSW called 'Sagar Manthan' was virtually launched by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Union Minister of AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated a two-day scientific convention on the theme 'Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness' in New Delhi.
- Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the National Logistics Portal (marine) in New Delhi.



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- Sarbananda Sonowal, the Union Minister for AYUSH, inaugurated the International Yoga Mahotsav at the Dibrugarh University Playground to mark the upcoming International Day of Yoga 2023, which is just 75 days away.

Q. Which Country celebrates Bhoto Jatra?

- A) Bhutan
C) Nepal
B) Mongolia
D) Sri Lanka

Answer : C

- ✓ Nepal celebrates Bhoto Jatra which is a public holiday in Kathmandu Valley.
- ✓ This celebration is a part of Rato Machhindranath Jatra which is a month-long chariot procession.
- ✓ In Bhoto Jatra, a "lost & found" bejeweled Nepali vest "bhoto" of Rato Machchindranath is displayed to the public to find its "rightful owner"..

NEPAL IN NEWS 2023

- Nepal celebrates Bhoto Jatra which is a public holiday in Kathmandu Valley.
- 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. India's AI supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' has bagged which position in the prestigious Top 500 Global Supercomputing list?

A) 70th

B) 75th

C) 81st

D) 86th

Answer : B

- ✓ The AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', installed at C-DAC, Pune has been ranked 75th in the top 500 Global Supercomputing List.
- ✓ The announcement was made during the 61st edition of the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) held in Germany.
- ✓ The establishment of 'AIRAWAT' at C-DAC Pune is part of the National Program on AI initiated by the Government of India.
- ✓ The list has been topped by the United States (US) Frontier. This HPE Cray EX system is the first US system with a performance exceeding one Exaflop/s (EXA Floating point Operations per Second).
- ✓ **About supercomputer AIRAWAT**
- ✓ AIRAWAT is the name for an in-house cloud platform for big data.
- ✓ The proposed AIRAWAT system is a 100+ petaflop AI-focused supercomputer.
- ✓ There are parallels drawn to Japan's AI Bridging Cloud Interface supercomputer in the NITI Aayog report.
- ✓ This system is a 130 petaflop computer focused on providing compute for AI, ML and big data tasks.
- ✓ **What are supercomputers?**



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- ✓ A supercomputer can perform high-level processing at a faster rate than a normal computer.
- ✓ They work together to perform complex operations that are not possible with normal computing systems.
- ✓ Fast speed and fast memory are the characteristics of supercomputers.
- ✓ **National Supercomputing Mission**
- ✓ The National Supercomputing Mission was launched In 2015.
- ✓ The aim of the mission was to enhance the research capacities in the country to form a Supercomputing grid.
- ✓ It supports the government's vision of 'Digital India' and 'Make in India' initiatives.
- ✓ It is implemented by Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune and IISc, Bengaluru.
- ✓ **Some important facts about supercomputer**
- ✓ China has the maximum number of supercomputers followed by the US, Japan, France, Germany, Netherlands, Ireland and the United Kingdom..
- ✓ India's first supercomputer - PARAM 8000
- ✓ first supercomputer assembled indigenously - PARAM Shivay, installed in IIT (BHU).
- ✓ PARAM Shakti, PARAM Brahma, PARAM Yukti, PARAM Sanganak are some name of india's supercomputers.
- ✓ India's PARAM-Siddhi AI, has been ranked 63rd in the Top 500 list of most powerful supercomputers in the world

Q. Who approves Global Greenhouse Gas Watch(GGGW)?

- A) World Health Organization B) World Intellectual Property Organization
C) International Maritime Organization D) World Meteorological Organization

Answer : D

- ✓ According to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the World Meteorological Congress approved a new greenhouse gas (GHG) monitoring initiative.
- ✓ The initiative aims to support urgent action in reducing heat-trapping gases that contribute to global temperature rise.
- ✓ The newly established Global Greenhouse Gas Watch integrates observational systems, modelling capabilities and data assimilation.
- ✓ The initiative addresses critical information gaps in GHG monitoring.



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- ✓ The unanimous support of the 193 members of the WMO highlights the importance of greenhouse gas monitoring.
- ✓ The initiative strengthens the scientific basis for climate change mitigation efforts.
- ✓ **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**
- ✓ It was established in 1873 by the International Meteorological Organization.
- ✓ Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ On March 23, 1950, the World Meteorological Organization became a specialised organisation of the United Nations.
- ✓ This organisation uses the latest information on meteorology, climatology, hydrology and related geophysical research to contribute to the safety and welfare of society.
- ✓ **About Greenhouse Gases**
- ✓ Greenhouse gas definition: A greenhouse gas absorbs and emits thermal infrared radiation, causing the greenhouse effect.
- ✓ Primary Greenhouse Gases: The main greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere are water vapour, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone.
- ✓ Water vapour: It is the most abundant greenhouse gas and contributes to the natural greenhouse effect.
- ✓ Carbon Dioxide (CO₂): Released by human activities such as burning of fossil fuels and deforestation, it is a major cause of global warming.
- ✓ Methane (CH₄): Produced during coal, oil and gas production as well as livestock farming, it is a potent greenhouse gas.
- ✓ Nitrous Oxide (N₂O): Emitted from agricultural and industrial activities, it contributes to both global warming and ozone depletion.
- ✓ Ozone (O₃): While beneficial in the stratosphere, at lower levels, it acts as a greenhouse gas

Q. Which Governments have signed a MoU to collaborate towards enhancing the tourism landscape?

- A) Goa and Kerala B) Goa and Uttarakhand
C) Kerala and Uttar Pradesh D) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ The governments of Goa and Uttarakhand have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate towards enhancing the tourism landscape of both Goa and Uttarakhand.



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- ✓ The MoU is aimed at promoting bilateral cooperation in the travel and tourism sector and facilitating travel between the states to increase the number of tourists visiting Goa and Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The signing of this MoU between the officials of the two states marks a significant step towards promoting tourism in Goa and Uttarakhand and showcasing India's rich cultural diversity to the world.
- ✓ This is in line with the 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to encourage people to witness and experience the rich heritage and vivid culture of India.
- ✓ According to the official press note, Goa witnessed over 7 million domestic visitors, while over 40 million domestic tourists visited Uttarakhand in 2022.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2022-23

- Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.
- Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year.
- Uttarakhand Governor Approved 30% Women's Reservation Bill.
- PM Modi has inaugurated connectivity projects worth 3,400 crores in Mana village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand recently received the first prize in two categories - the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- India's first commercial space observatory will be set up in the Garhwal division of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.



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- Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal “Samarth”.
- India-US Armies to hold mega military exercise “Yudh Abhyas” from October 14 to 31, 2022, at Auli in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand becomes first state in India to implement New Education Policy (NEP) at pre-primary level.
- Uttarakhand govt decides to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each district.
- World Bank has approved a project worth ₹1,000 crore for taking rain-fed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand.
- Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama introduces e-FIR service and a police app for Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand to launch “Him Prahari” scheme for ex-servicemen & youngsters.
- Rishabh Pant appointed as the State Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand becomes the 1st Indian state to roll out drone in healthcare.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approves new Defence Estates Circle for Uttarakhand.
- Pushkar Singh Dhama takes oath as 11th CM of Uttarakhand.
- India’s 1st liquid-mirror telescope in Uttarakhand will be Asia’s largest.

GOA IN NEWS 2023

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



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Q. CBDT has raised the tax exemption Exemption for leave encashment raised to _____ lakhs, effective from 1 April 2023.

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has raised the tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement of non-government salaried employees from ₹3 lakh to ₹25 lakh.
- ✓ The relief, which was announced in the union budget speech this year (2023), is effective from 1 April 2023.
- ✓ CBDT provides essential inputs for policy and planning of direct taxes in India and is also responsible for administration of direct tax laws through the Income Tax Department.
- ✓ It is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963
- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- ✓ Founded : 1860
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Nitin Gupta
- ✓ Minister responsible : Ministry of Finance

Q. Narendra Modi to Launch New _____ Coin to Mark New Parliament Inauguration.

- A) ₹100 B) ₹75
C) ₹50 D) ₹25

Answer : B

- ✓ The Center will launch a new ₹75 coin on May 28 to mark the inauguration of the new Parliament.
- ✓ The coin is being issued to commemorate the inauguration of the new Parliament House of India.
- ✓ The coin will be unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28 and coincides with the celebration of 75 years of India's independence.
- ✓ The obverse of this coin has the Lion Capital of Ashoka Pillar and the words "Satyamev Jayate" below it.
- ✓ The coin also bears the inscription "Bharat" in Devanagari script on the left and "India" in English on the right.



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- ✓ It displays the rupee symbol below the Lion Capital and the denomination value of 75 in International Numerals.
- ✓ The obverse of the coin depicts the image of the Parliament Complex and the reverse bears the inscription "Sansad Sankul" in Devanagari script on the upper periphery and "Parliament Complex" in English on the lower periphery.
- ✓ **About Rs. 75 Coin**
- ✓ Diameter: A coin with a diameter of 44 millimetres and 200 serrations for added aesthetics.
- ✓ Weight: Weighing in at 35 grams, a coin that offers a solid and substantial feel.
- ✓ Alloy Composition: A four-part alloy composition of 50% silver, 40% copper, 5% nickel, and 5% zinc for durability and value.

Q. India's total forex reserves reached _____ billion during the week ending on May 19, 2023.

- A) \$552.41 B) \$564.82
C) \$579.15 D) \$593.48

Answer : D

- ✓ India's foreign exchange reserves saw a fall of \$6.052 billion to \$593.477 billion as on May 19, 2023, as per Reserve Bank of India data updated on Friday. The drop in the kitty has snapped two consecutive weeks of increases.
- ✓ India's forex kitty had jumped \$3.553 billion to \$599.529 billion for the week ended May 12.
- ✓ Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets (FCAs) include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. India's total FCA saw a dip of \$4.654 billion to \$524.945 billion.
- ✓ India's reserve position in the IMF saw a dip of \$35 million to \$5.130 billion.

Q. Who has been appointed as Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President for 2023-2024?

- A) R. Dinesh B) B. Govindarajan
C) Niranjan Gupta D) Puneet Chhatwal

Answer : A

- ✓ TVS Supply Chain Solutions Executive Vice President R. Dinesh was appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2023-24.



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- ✓ Sanjiv Puri, Managing Director of ITC has been named the Chairman and the announcement was made during the CII National Council meeting in New Delhi.
- ✓ Rajeev Memani, President, EY India Region, has been appointed as the Vice President of CII.
- ✓ Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group headquartered in New Delhi, India, founded in 1895.
- ✓ President : R Dinesh
- ✓ Director General : Chandrajit Banerjee.

Q. Who Sworn in as UPSC Member?

A) Suman Sharma

B) Aditya Kumar Anand

C) Anshul Gupta

D) Rajkumar Vishwakarma

Answer : A

- ✓ Suman Sharma, a member of the 1990 batch, took oath as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ✓ UPSC Chairman Dr Manoj Soni administered the oath of office and secrecy.
- ✓ Suman Sharma has served as an officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) for more than 30 years.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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



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Q. Who has been elected the chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for 2023-25?

- A) Bhavit Sheth
B) Harsh Jain
C) Vani Kola
D) Anand Jain

Answer : B

- ✓ Harsh Jain, CEO of online gaming platform 'Dream11', has been appointed as the new chairman of 'Internet and Mobile Association of India' (IAMAI) for two years (2023-2025).
- ✓ Harsh Jain has replaced Sanjay Gupta, Vice President and Country Manager, Google India at IAMAI.
- ✓ Along with this, MakeMyTrip co-founder and Group CEO Rajesh Mago has been appointed as IAMAI Vice Chairman and Times Internet Vice Chairman Satyan Gajwani as Treasurer.
- ✓ Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
- ✓ Establishment : 2004
- ✓ IAMAA is a non-profit industrial body registered under the Societies Act, 1896.

Q. Harris Park has been renamed as 'Little India'. It is located in which country?

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

Answer : C

Q. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Union Ministry of AYUSH has organized a mega 'Yoga Festival' in which city?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Union Ministry of AYUSH organized a mega 'Yoga Festival' at NCC Parade Ground, Hyderabad.
- ✓ Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan was the chief guest at the Yoga Festival being organized at NCC Parade Ground, Hyderabad on May 27.
- ✓ This event was organized 25 days before the Yoga Festival to be held in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of 'International Yoga Day' on June 21, 2023.



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- ✓ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal announced the theme of International Day of Yoga this year as 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.
- ✓ According to Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, on June 21, the ocean will become a ring of yoga when yoga exercises will be carried out on several ports and ships by the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- ✓ Yoga will also be done in the region from Arctic to Antarctica, in which countries on or near the Prime Meridian line will also participate in Yoga.

HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2023

- Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Union Ministry of AYUSH organized a mega 'Yoga Festival' at NCC Parade Ground, Hyderabad.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently unveiled a 125-foot tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad.
- Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023.
- The G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting began on April 17 in Hyderabad.
- 'Grand start-up Conclave' on Animal Husbandry and Diary in Hyderabad.
- The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- The seasoned Jean Eric Vergne of DS Penske automobiles won an action-packed Formula E Prix in Hyderabad.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar officially inaugurated the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory located in Hyderabad.
- two-day inception meeting of the Startup-20, the new engagement group of G-20 initiated by India, has begun in Hyderabad.
- Hyderabad host Street Circuit Car Racing before the India's first Formula E grand Prix to be held in February 2023.



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Q. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has constituted an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee. Who will head this committee?

A) Abhijit Sen

B) Bimal Jalan

C) Chandra Shekhar

D) Rajesh Gopal

Answer : D

- ✓ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) set up an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee.
- ✓ The committee works under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- ✓ Rajesh Gopal, general secretary of the Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as the chairman of the committee.
- ✓ The decision to form the committee was taken after the death of six cheetahs involved in the translocation project.
- ✓ The objective of the committee is to address the challenges and issues related to the Cheetah Translocation Project.
- ✓ The committee includes 10 other members with diverse backgrounds and expertise.
- ✓ National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA):
- ✓ It was established in December 2005.
- ✓ The establishment of NTCA was based on the recommendation made by the Tiger Task Force.
- ✓ The primary objective of the NTCA is to reorganise the management of Project Tiger and India's many tiger reserves.
- ✓ NTCA plays a key role in formulating policies and guidelines for the conservation of tigers, their habitats and prey species.
- ✓ NTCA oversees the management and administration of various tiger reserves located across India.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has established an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Rajesh Gopal, secretary general of Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as its chairman..
- 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.



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

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

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

Answer : C

- ✓ NITI Aayog has released the “Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023” in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme.



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- ✓ Reason : To commemorate 75 years of India's independence and highlight and laud the efforts of Union Ministries and State Governments, this compendium includes 75 case studies cutting across 14 key social sectors.
- ✓ The case studies have been sourced from all States and Union Territories and 30 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. The aim of this exercise has been to synthesise lessons for the future to expand, enhance and improve life at the grassroots level.

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2023

- BVR Subrahmanyam was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog
- The government has monetised assets worth ₹26,000 crore during FY23 against the target of ₹1.6 lakh crore for the current fiscal : NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog, the Indian government's policy think-tank, recently released a report titled "Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India." .
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), an initiative by NITI Aayog, has launched three new resources aimed at fostering innovation and creativity among India's youth.
- NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)
- Founded : 1st January 2015
- Preceding : Planning Commission (15th March 1950)
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery
- CEO : BVR Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Q. Which bank has partnered with Manipal Global Academy of BFSI to launch its Future Banker 2.0 programme to groom young graduates into banking professionals within a year?

A) ICICI Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : B



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- ✓ HDFC Bank has partnered with Manipal Global Academy of BFSI to launch its Future Banker 2.0 programme to groom young graduates into banking professionals within a year.
- ✓ The nationwide recruitment initiative seeks to establish a talent pipeline for the bank's retail banking division to man its expanded network post-Merger.
- ✓ The one-year professional diploma, offered in collaboration with Manipal Global Academy of BFSI, incorporates classroom sessions, guest lectures, group discussions, role plays, and practical fieldwork.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2022-23

- HDFC Bank has launched a retail banking initiative called 'Vishesh' aimed at customers in semi-urban and rural areas.
- HDFC Bank partners Manipal Global to build up a talent pipeline.
- SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- HDFC Bank has signed a "Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement" with Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit.
- HDFC Bank recommends re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan MD, CEO for 3 yrs.
- HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is 'BS Banker of the Year 2022'.
- HDFC Bank, IRCTC launch India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card.
- HDFC Bank, Lulu Exchange ink deal to enhance cross-border payments between India-Gulf region.
- HDFC Bank collaborates with Microsoft as part of its digital transformation.
- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee issued by HDFC Bank.
- HDFC Bank has unveiled its state-of-the-art 'Bank on Wheel' van in Gujarat.
- HDFC Bank introduced "Vigil Aunty" to promote secure banking practices.
- HDFC Bank and Tata Neu, the "super app" of the Tata Group, announced their collaboration to introduce co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks.



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- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- HDFC BANK
- Founded : 1994
- Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We understand your world

Q. Which country has successfully test-launched a ballistic missile 'Kheibar' with a range of around 2,000 km?

- A) Iran
- B) UAE
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Egypt

Answer : A

- ✓ Iran successfully launched ballistic missile 'Kheibar'
- ✓ Iran has successfully test-launched a ballistic missile with a range of around 2,000-km.
- ✓ The liquid-fuel missile had been named the Kheibar the latest version of the Khorramshahr. The missiles are capable of carrying 1,500 kg of warheads.
- ✓ Iran, which has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East, says its weapons are capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases in the region.
- ✓ Despite opposition from the United States and European countries, Tehran has said it would further develop its "defensive" missile programme.



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Q. Who has recently created a Guinness World Record by singing Shri Ramcharitmanas for 138 hours, 41 minutes, and two seconds?

A) Homen Borgohain

B) Dr. Jagadish Pillai

C) Nabakanta Barua

D) Bhabendra Nath Saikia

Answer : B

- ✓ Dr. Jagadish Pillai of Varanasi created a Guinness World Record by singing Shri Ramcharitmanas for 138 hours, 41 minutes and two seconds.
- ✓ This achievement made Shri Ramcharitmanas the longest song in the world.
- ✓ Dr. Jagadish Pillai has been credited with five years of broadcast of Sri Ramcharitmanas recitals on more than 100 official audio channels across the globe.
- ✓ His rendition was streamed on official music platforms such as Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music and others.
- ✓ The entire process of recording, editing and mixing took four years, 63 days and 295 hours to complete.
- ✓ The previous record for the longest song was held by UK's Mark Christopher Lee and The Pocket Gods on December 1, 2021 with a duration of 115 hours and 45 minutes.
- ✓ About Ramcharitmanas
- ✓ It is a 16th-century epic poem by the Indian poet Tulsidas in the Awadhi language.
- ✓ It is based on the Hindu epic Ramayana and is also known as Tulsi Ramayana, Tulsikrit Ramayana, Tulsidas Ramayana or Manas.
- ✓ The name "Ramcharitmanas" is translated as "Lake of the Deeds of Rama" and is considered one of the greatest works of Hindu literature.

Q. Which of the following state has recently achieved 100 percent household coverage of banking services extending them to all sections of people under Jan Dhan Yojana?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Gujarat

C) Haryana

D) Telangana

Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana achieves 100% coverage of PMJDY.
- ✓ Since the launch of Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana, Telangana State has achieved 100 percent household coverage of banking services extending them to all sections of people.



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- ✓ As per the Social Security Administration survey, the state has achieved 100 percent coverage and the benefits of 135 welfare schemes and programmes under 20 departments are credited to these zero-balance bank accounts of the beneficiaries..

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

- Telangana achieves 100% coverage of PMJDY.
- Telangana govt launches first of its kind State Robotics Framework.
- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad. The 400 feet tall structure will be constructed on six acres of land in Narsingi at a cost of Rs 200 crore.
- The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently unveiled a 125-foot tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023.
- IAS 'Shanti Kumari' becomes first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- The G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting began on April 17 in Hyderabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of Pongal on 15 January, virtually flagged off the Vande Bharata Express train connecting Secunderabad with Vishakhapatnam.
- About Telangana
 - It is a state located in south-central India on the high Deccan Plateau.
 - It is the eleventh largest state of India by area.
 - Formed (by split) - 2 June 2014
 - Capital - Hyderabad
 - District - 33
 - Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan
 - Chief Minister - K Chandrasekhar Rao (BRS)



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- State Legislature - Bicameral
- Rajya Sabha - 7 seats
- Lok Sabha - 17 seats
- High Court - Telangana High Court
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a nation-wide financial inclusion program of Government of India.
- It was announced by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August 2014.
- Slogan Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha (“My account brings me good fortune”)
- Age of Eligible Beneficiaries 18-65 Years
- Overdraft facility up to Rs.10000 after satisfactory operation of the account for 6 months
- Account holder will get RuPay Debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh.
- Life insurance cover of Rs 30,000

Q. Who has been selected to serve on the Advisory Committee to the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the UNFCCC?

A) Mukesh Ambani

B) Gautam Adani

C) Ratan Tata

D) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer : A

- ✓ Mukesh Ambani, chairman and CEO of Reliance Industries, has been selected to serve on the Advisory Committee to the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✓ Other than Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment, Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian, on the Advisory Committee to the President of COP28.
- ✓ The COP28 UAE Advisory Committee brings together the climate expertise of thought leaders from countries across six continents.
- ✓ From November 30, 2023, to December 12, 2023, the UAE will serve as the host country for the Conference of Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC. It will take place in Dubai Expo City.



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- ✓ The Presidency and venue of COP rotate among the five recognized UN regions — Caribbean, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Central, Eastern and Western Europe.
- ✓ The first COP meeting was held in Berlin, Germany in March 1995.
- ✓ About, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✓ Till date, it has been ratified by 197 countries.
- ✓ UNFCCC is headquartered in Bonn, Germany
- ✓ UNFCCC is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Agreement as well as 1997 Kyoto Protocol.
- ✓ The UNFCCC was established to work towards “stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere
- ✓ 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC was originally scheduled to take place from 9-19 November 2020, in Glasgow, UK.
- ✓ 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UNFCCC will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC is scheduled to take place from 6-17 November 2023. It will take place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Q. Which Small Finance Bank has signed an agreement with International Business Machines (IBM) to design and build a digital banking platform?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Equitas Small Finance Bank has signed an agreement with International Business Machines (IBM) to design and build a digital banking platform.
- ✓ The collaboration between the two entities aims at boosting the digital products offered by Equitas as well as its service offerings, as it evolves its business for a digital-first generation.
- ✓ Equitas aims to commence its modernization journey with a cloud-native platform architecture.
- ✓ This partnership with IBM is just the first step towards engaging customers. This strategic partnership will help simplify and transform the banking experience for customers across the board.



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SMALL FINANCE BANK IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. Which Digital payment service provider has become the first digital payments app to enable the linkage of 2 lakh Rupay credit cards to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

A) Paytm

B) PhonePe

C) Google Pay

D) Freecharge

Answer : B

- ✓ PhonePe becomes first payment app to link 2 Lakh RuPay Credit Cards to UPI.
- ✓ Digital payment service provider PhonePe has become the first digital payments app to enable the linkage of 2 lakh Rupay credit cards to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- ✓ It has also processed a Total Payment Value (TPV) of Rs 150 crore through Rupay Credit on UPI. TPV refers to the total transaction value processed through the platform in a given time period.



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- ✓ Several lenders across the country have already linked their Rupay credit cards to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) network.
- ✓ PhonePe
- ✓ Founded : 2015
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Founder & CEO : Sameer Nigam
- ✓ Co-Founder & CTO : Rahul Chari
- ✓ It is owned by Flipkart, a subsidiary of Walmart.
- ✓ PhonePe app, based on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), went live in August 2016.
- ✓ Walmart completed the acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart in August 2018

Q. Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of which bank?

A) Karnataka Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma appoints as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank
- ✓ Private sector lender Karnataka Bank has appointed Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma as the new managing director and chief executive officer of the bank for three years.
- ✓ The appointment is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing AGM or within a period of 3 months from the date of assuming charge whichever is earlier.
- ✓ He has also worked at HDFC Bank Limited, Yes Bank, and Jio Payments Bank
- ✓ KARNATAKA BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1924
- ✓ Headquarters : Mangaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairmam : Pradeep Kumar Panja
- ✓ MD & CEO : Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- ✓ Tagline : Your Family Bank Across India



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NEWLY MD & CEO IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. Who has won the Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland 2023?

- A) Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa B) Pentala Harikrishna
C) Parimarjan Negi D) Magnus Carlsen

Answer : D

- ✓ Five-time World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway has won the Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland 2023, held at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland.
- ✓ He finished with a score of 24/36 and won the cash prize of \$40,000.



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- ✓ Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Polish), who placed second ended with 23/36. While the USA's Wesley So and France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave finished in a tie for third.
- ✓ The 2023 Grand Chess Tour continues with the SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz in Zagreb Croatia, taking place from July 3-10 and Saint Louis in USA (November 12 – 19).

Q. Who has won the Men's Singles title of Malaysia Masters 2023 at Kuala Lumpur?

- A) HS Prannoy B) Srikanth Kidambi
C) Lakshya Sen D) B. Sai Praneeth

Answer : A

- ✓ India's star shuttler HS Prannoy won the gold medal in the Malaysia Masters Badminton Championship 2023 played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ✓ Prannoy won the final by defeating China's Wang Hongyang in three games 21-19, 13-21 and 21-18. The match between the two lasted for 94 minutes.
- ✓ Prannoy became the third Indian after Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu to win the Malaysia Masters Championship.
- ✓ Also became the first Indian to win in the men's singles category.
- ✓ This is Prannoy's first medal this season.
- ✓ With Prannoy, India has won the championship 4 times.
- ✓ Gold came in Men's Singles for the first time. At the same time, India has won gold three times in women's singles.
- ✓ PV Sindhu twice and Saina Nehwal once won the championship.

Q. Who has won the Best Male actor award in the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2023 held in Abu Dhabi?

- A) Akshay Kumar B) Hrithik Roshan
C) Ranveer Singh D) Sidharth Malhotra

Answer : B

- ✓ **Hrithik Roshan** has won the award for Best Actor in a Leading Role at the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2023 held in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ Alia Bhatt also won the award for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her role in the movie Gangubai Kathiawadi.



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- ✓ Veteran actor Kamal Haasan was conferred the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema award.
- ✓ Another veteran actor Anil Kapoor has presented the award for Performance In A Supporting Role (male) for the movie Jug Jugg Jeeyo.

Q. Which film won the Best Film award at the IIFA Awards ceremony in 2023?

- A) Shershaah
- B) The Kashmir Files
- C) Adipurush
- D) Drishyam 2

Answer : D

- ✓ Drishyam 2 is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language crime thriller film directed and co-produced by Abhishek Pathak.
- ✓ **List of all the award winners at IIFA 2023**
- ✓ Best Film: Drishyam 2
- ✓ Best Director: R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- ✓ Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- ✓ Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
- ✓ Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female): Mouni Roy for Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
- ✓ Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male): Anil Kapoor for Jugg Jugg Jeeyo.
- ✓ Outstanding Achievement for Fashion in Cinema: Manish Malhotra
- ✓ Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema: Kamal Haasan.
- ✓ Best Playback Singer (Female): Shreya Ghoshal for the song Rasiya from Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
- ✓ Best Playback Singer (Male): Arijit Singh for the song Kesariya from Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva.

MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023

- **INTERNATIONAL INDIAN FILM ACADEMY AWARDS (IIFA) 2023**
- Best Film: Drishyam 2
- Best Director: R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
- **68TH FILMFARE AWARDS, (also known as HYUNDAI FILMFARE AWARDS 2023)**
- Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi



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

OTHERS FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023

- South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony, the film's Telugu song 'Naatu Naatu' has won the Best Song award.
- RRR has bagged three big awards at the Hollywood Critics Association (HCA) Film Awards 2023.
- SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.



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- The film is based on the lives of real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem.
- The song 'Naatu Naatu' is composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaal Bhairav and Rahul Sipligunj.
- Aparna Sen Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award at Jaipur Film Festival.

Q. Between which two cities the first Vande Bharat Express of Northeast India has been run?

- A) Guwahati - New Jalpaiguri B) New Jalpaiguri - Kolkata
C) Guwahati – Itanagar D) Kolkata - Guwahati

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Northeast India's first Vande Bharat Express in Guwahati through video conferencing. This train will connect Guwahati in Assam and New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal. The Prime Minister also inaugurated a newly constructed Diesel Electric Multiple Unit and Mainline Electric Multiple Unit shed at Lumding in Assam

Q. When is the World Hunger Day observed?

- A) 25 May B) 28 May
C) 26 May D) 27 May

Answer : B

- ✓ Every year on May 28, The Hunger Project celebrates the World Hunger Day.
- ✓ The day was started in 2011 by The Hunger Project to raise awareness about the people living in chronic hunger worldwide and celebrate sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty and to inspire everyone to be a part of the solution!
- ✓ The Hunger Project is US based organization committed to the sustainable end of world hunger.

Q. The International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed on__

- A) 25 May B) 28 May
C) 26 May D) 27 May

Answer : B



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Q. International Everest Day is marked on which day?

- A) 27 May B) 29 May
C) 28 May D) 26 May

Answer : B

- ✓ International Everest Day is observed on 29 May every year.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1953 that Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary had climbed the Mt. Everest, becoming the first humans to achieve the feat.
- ✓ The International Everest Day is held since 2008, when the legendary climber Hillary passed away

Q. Which team won the IPL 2023 title?

- A) Gujarat Titans B) Chennai Super Kings
C) Mumbai Indians D) Rajasthan Royals

Answer : B

- ✓ Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has defeated defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets to win its 5th IPL title.
- ✓ The final match of IPL 2023 was held at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ✓ Chennai Super Kings has equaled Mumbai Indians' record for most IPL titles.
- ✓ Chennai Super Kings won the toss and invited Gujarat Titans to bat first, scoring 214 runs in 20 overs.
- ✓ After this, Chennai got the target of 171 runs in 15 overs due to Duckworth-Lewis rule due to rain.
- ✓ This was the 16th season of IPL

Q. Which player won the 'Emerging Player of the Season' award in IPL 2023?

- A) Shubman Gill B) Yashasvi Jaiswal
C) Rinku Singh D) Akash Madhwal

Answer : B

- ✓ In this season of IPL 2023, Rajasthan Royals' young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal was awarded the 'Emerging Player of the Season' award. Yashasvi batted brilliantly this season, scoring 625 runs at an average of 48.08 and a strike rate of 163.61.
- ✓ Jaiswal also scored the fastest half-century in IPL history, crossing the 50-run mark in just 13 balls.



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Q. Which player won the 'Orange Cap' by scoring the most runs in IPL 2023?

A) Yashasvi Jaiswal

B) David Warner

C) Virat Kohli

D) Shubman Gill

Answer : D

- ✓ In IPL 2023, Gujarat Titans (GT) opener Shubman Gill won the 'Orange Cap' by scoring the most runs.
- ✓ Gill won this award by scoring 890 runs this season.
- ✓ This season, Gill scored maximum 890 runs in 17 matches at an average of 59.33. Gill also scored three centuries in IPL 2023.
- ✓ **2023 Indian Premier League (also known as Tata IPL 2023)**
- ✓ Title Sponsor : TATA (₹440 crores)
- ✓ Season : 16th (2023)
- ✓ Opening Match : Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad (CSK Vs GT)
- ✓ Final Match : Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad (CSK Vs GT)
- ✓ Total teams : 10
- ✓ Champions : Chennai Super Kings (5th title) [2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, 2023]
- ✓ Runners-up : Gujarat Titans (1st title) [2022]
- ✓ Orange Cap award (most runs in a season) – Shubman Gill (Gujrat Titans) – 890 runs
- ✓ Purple Cap (highest wicket-taker)– Mohammad Shami (Gujrat Titans) – 28 wickets
- ✓ Most Valuable Player of the Season award – Shubman Gill (Gujrat Titans)
- ✓ Dream11 Gamechanger of the Season award – Shubman Gill (Gujrat Titans)
- ✓ Emerging Player of the Year award – Yashasvi Jaiswal (Rajasthan Royals).
- ✓ Sam Curran became the most expensive IPL player during the 2023 auction. He was signed by Punjab Kings for ₹18.50 crore .
- ✓ Cameron Green was signed by Mumbai for Rs 17.50 crore at the IPL 2023 auction, becoming the second most expensive player in the IPL.
- ✓ Chennai Super Kings (CSK).
- ✓ Captain : MS Dhoni
- ✓ Coach : Stephen Fleming
- ✓ Owner : N. Srinivasan (Indian Cements Limited)
- ✓ CSK became India's first unicorn sports enterprise.



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- ✓ Super Kings have won the IPL title five times (in 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, and 2023).
- ✓ Gujarat Titans (GT).
- ✓ Captain : Hardik Pandya
- ✓ Coach : Ashish Nehra
- ✓ Owner : CVC Capital Partners

Q. Which bowler won the 'Purple Cap' by taking the most wickets in IPL 2023?

- A) Rashid Khan
- B) Mohammed Shami
- C) Hardik Pandya
- D) Mohit Sharma

Answer : B

- ✓ Purple Cap is given to the player who takes the most wickets in any season of IPL.
- ✓ In IPL 2023, Gujarat Titans (GT) fast bowler Mohammed Shami won the Purple Cap by taking 28 wickets.
- ✓ The Fairplay of the Season award was given to the Delhi Capitals team.
- ✓ This time the Most Valuable Player of the Season (MVP) award was given to Shubman Gill of Gujarat Titans

Q. Which state won the title of 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Hockey has won the 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023 by defeating Odisha Hockey Association in the final at the prestigious Birsamunda Hockey Stadium in Odisha. Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated the Odisha team by 7-1. Haryana's hockey team defeated Madhya Pradesh and secured the third position in the competition.

Q. Who has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a four-year term (2024-2027)?

- A) Rajiv Mehrishi
- B) Girish Chandra Murmu
- C) Ajay Banga
- D) Harsha Bhogle

Answer : B



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- ✓ CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as the external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a period of four years from 2024 to 2027.
- ✓ He has held this position at the WHO since 2019, with his current term set to end in 2023.
- ✓ The re-election took place during the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva.
- ✓ Mr. Murmu secured a massive majority of 114 votes out of 156 in the first round of voting.
- ✓ This is the second major international audit assignment for CAG Girish Chandra Murmu this year.
- ✓ Earlier in March, he was selected as the external auditor of the International Labor Organization.
- ✓ Present role of CAG - It is currently the External Auditor of-
- ✓ World Health Organization (2020-2023),
- ✓ Food and Agriculture Organization (2020-2025),
- ✓ International Atomic Energy Agency (2022-2027),
- ✓ Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2021-2023)
- ✓ Inter-Parliamentary Union (2020-2022).
- ✓ CAG is Member of the Governing Boards of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and ASOSAI.
- ✓ CAG is a member of the United Nations (UN) Panel of External Auditors.
- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO)
- ✓ Formation : 7 April 1948
- ✓ Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ First President : Andrija Štampar
- ✓ Director General : Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- ✓ Deputy Director General : Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- ✓ Member Countries : 194.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?

A) Rajiv Jain

B) Praveen Sood

C) Praveen Kumar Srivastava

D) Dineshwar Sharma

Answer : C

- ✓ Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu (President Draupadi Murmu) administered the oath of office to Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).



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- ✓ Srivastava was serving as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since December last year after the completion of Suresh N Patel's tenure as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- ✓ The Commission is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two Vigilance Commissioners..
- ✓ About Central Vigilance Commission
- ✓ CVC is an apex vigilance institution, which is free from any executive authority.
- ✓ It is an independent body whose accountability is only to the Parliament.
- ✓ It was established in February 1964 on the basis of the recommendations of the Anti-Corruption Committee constituted under the chairmanship of K. Santhanam.
- ✓ The Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 (CVC Act) has been enacted by the Parliament conferring statutory status on CVC.
- ✓ It submits its report to the President of India.
- ✓ **Appointment of commissioners**
- ✓ The Central Vigilance Commissioner and Vigilance Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister (Chairman), the Home Minister (Member) and the Leader of the Opposition (Member) in the Lok Sabha.
- ✓ Tenure : Their tenure is for 4 years or 65 years (whichever is earlier).

Q. The Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India has declined by 22% to how many billions in 2022-23?

A) \$33 Billion

B) \$39 Billion

C) \$46 Billion

D) \$53 Billion

Answer : C

- ✓ Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India declined by 22% to \$46 billion in 2022-23, dragged by lower inflows in computer hardware and software, and automobile industry, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data.
- ✓ The FDI inflows stood at \$58.77 billion during 2021-22.
- ✓ Total FDI inflows, which include equity inflows, re-invested earnings and other capital, declined by 16% to \$70.97 billion in the last fiscal as against \$84.83 billion in 2021-22.
- ✓ During April-March 2022-23, Singapore emerged as the top investor with \$17.2 billion FDI.
- ✓ It was followed by Mauritius (\$6.13 billion), the US (\$6 billion), the UAE (\$3.35 billion), the Netherlands (\$2.5 billion).



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- ✓ The FDI inflows have contracted in 2022-23 from Mauritius, the US, and the Netherlands, the Cayman Islands, and Germany.
- ✓ State-wise, though Maharashtra received the highest inflows of \$14.8 billion during the last financial year, the inflows are down as compared to \$15.44 billion in 2021-22.

Q. Which Country King Norodom Sihamoni has arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India?

- A) Cambodia
B) Uganda
C) Cameroon
D) Senegal

Answer : A

- ✓ King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni arrived (29th May 2023) in New Delhi this afternoon on a three-day visit to India. He was received by Minister of State for External Affairs Rajkumar Ranjan Singh upon arrival.
- ✓ The visit marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia.
- ✓ He will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in the morning following which he will pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat.

Q. The Government of Nepal has approved India's _ to develop the second hydroelectric project in the country.

- A) NTPC Limited
B) JSW Energy
C) Adani Enterprises
D) Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ India gets approval to set up second hydroelectric project in Nepal.
- ✓ The Government of Nepal has approved India's Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) to develop the second hydroelectric project in the country.
- ✓ SJVN is currently involved in the development of the Arun-III Hydroelectric Project in eastern Nepal with a capacity of 900 MW.
- ✓ The Investment Board Nepal (IBN), chaired by Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, approved the draft Project Development Agreement (PDA) between Nepal and SJVN.
- ✓ The PDA is for development of the Lower Arun Hydroelectric Project in eastern Nepal with a capacity of 669 MW.



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✓ The Lower Arun Hydroelectric Project is to be developed by SJVN.

Q. Union government has extended the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) for two more years until December 2025. Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) is being implemented in 8,565 gram panchayats in 80 districts of how many states?

A) 5

B) 7

C) 6

D) 4

Answer : B

- ✓ Union government has extended the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) for two more years until December 2025.
- ✓ Initially launched in 2019, Atal Jal is active across 8,220 water-stressed Gram Panchayats within 80 districts of seven Indian states, including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The scheme is active across 8,220 water-stressed Gram Panchayats within 80 districts of seven Indian states. namely, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Atal Jal plans to bring 450,000 hectares of irrigated area under efficient water techniques like drip irrigation and crop diversification..
- ✓ **About Atal Bhujal Yojana.**
- ✓ Atal Bhujal Yojana is a groundwater management scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 95th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on 25 December 2019.
- ✓ The purpose of the scheme is to improve groundwater management in seven states of India.
- ✓ In order to acknowledge and contain the ever-growing problem of groundwater depletion, the Indian Government introduced the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) in December 2019 after getting financial approval from the World Bank in 2018.
- ✓ It has been launched under the Jal Jeevan Mission of the government.

SCHEME EXTENDED IN NEWS 2022-23

- Union government has extended the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) for two more years until December 2025.
- The government has extended PM-KUSUM scheme till March 2026.
- Government of India has extended the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme beyond March, 2022.



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- The extension of the lending period will be till December 2024.
- The government the rooftop solar programme has been extended till March 31, 2026.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program has been approved to continue till 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.

Q. Bandra-Versova sea bridge will be named after __.

- A) Mahatma Gandhi B) Subhas Chandra Bose
C) Chandra Shekhar Azad D) Veer Savarkar

Answer : D

- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has announced that Bandra -Versova sea route in Mumbai will be named as Swatantra Veer Savarkar Bandra- Versova Sagari Setu.
- ✓ He was speaking at an event on the 140th birth anniversary of SwatantraVeer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in Mumbai.
- ✓ A new award “The SwatantraVeer Savarkar Shaurya Puraskar” will be given for incredible bravery deeds in the state.

Q. BPCL has developed a diesel-ethanol blend to reduce emissions and achieve its net zero targets by which year?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Public sector oil marketing company BPCL has developed an ethanol-diesel blend in a bid to reduce emissions.
- ✓ The move is in line with its net zero target of 2040.
- ✓ The R&D centre of BPCL, according to the company has filed 164 patents and 87 patents have been granted across multiple countries, 17 technologies or products commercialized so far said a company statement.
- ✓ BPCL is focusing on petrochemicals and sustainable aviation fuel among other products to diversify its operations.
- ✓ It has also developed two new technologies, namely the ‘K Model’ for crude compatibility and ‘BPMARRK’ for quick and accurate real-time crude assay



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Q. Which bank has top performer in NPA management during FY23?

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| A) HDFC Bank | B) Kotak Mahindra Bank |
| C) Bank of Maharashtra | D) ICICI Bank |

Answer : C

- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the best bank as far as the management of bad loans is concerned with its net non-performing assets (NPAS).
- ✓ The NPA fell as low as 0.25% during the financial year ended March 2023.
- ✓ This is the lowest ratio among all banks having total business above ₹3 lakh crore and not just public sector banks (PSBs).
- ✓ While HDFC Bank's net NPA fell to 0.27% followed by Kotak Mahindra Bank placed third spot with
- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra
- ✓ Founded : 1935
- ✓ Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra
- ✓ MD & CEO : A. S. Rajeev
- ✓ Tagline : One Family One Bank/ Ek Parivar Ek Bank

Q. SEBI has formed an Intermediary Advisory Committee to advise the market regulator on changes in the legal framework. Who will be chaired this committee?

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| A) Amarjeet Singh | B) Ruchi Chojer |
| C) Pramod Rao | D) S Ravindran |

Answer : D

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has constituted an Intermediary Advisory Committee to advise the markets regulator on changes in legal framework and increasing transparency in the functioning of market intermediaries like stock exchanges, depository participants, clearing corporations, among others.
- ✓ The committee will be chaired by former Sebi executive director S Ravindran who in his assignment with the markets regulator handled the charge of Corporation Finance Department.
- ✓ He had also headed departments related to investment management, and foreign institutional investors and custodians.



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SEBI IN NEWS 2023

- SEBI sets up intermediary advisory panel to be led by S Ravindran.
- 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):
 - 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



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Q. Who has been honoured with the 57th Jnanpith Award?

- A) Nilmani Phookan B) Damodar Mauzo
C) Amitav Ghosh D) Krishna Sobti

Answer : B

- ✓ Goan writer Damodar Mauzo has been honoured with the 57th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour.
- ✓ He is a renowned short story writer, novelist, critic and screenwriter in Konkani language.
- ✓ Damodar Mauzo is the second Goan to receive the Jnanpith Award after Ravindra Kelekar in 2008.
- ✓ He has written 25 books in Konkani and one in English, many of which have been translated into various languages.
- ✓ Mauzo's famous novel 'Karmelin' received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983.
- ✓ The award ceremony took place at the Raj Bhavan near Panaji, the capital of Goa
- ✓ **Jnanpith Awards:**
- ✓ It is the oldest and highest Indian literary award presented annually by Bharatiya Jnanpith.
- ✓ It recognizes outstanding contributions to literature by Indian authors writing in English as well as in the Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.
- ✓ The first award was given on 19 November 1966 to G.K. Shankar Kurup was awarded.
- ✓ The award was established in 1961 and is not given posthumously.
- ✓ Ashapurna Devi became the first woman recipient in 1976 for her novel "Prothom Protishruti" (The First Promise).
- ✓ SURPRISE FACTS JNANPITH AWARD
- ✓ Field : Literature
- ✓ Instituted : 1961
- ✓ First awarded : 1965
- ✓ First recipient : G. Sankara Kurup
- ✓ First women to receive : Ashapoorna Devi
- ✓ First Jnanpith in English : Amitav Ghosh (54th Jnanpith)
- ✓ First Jnanpith in Hindi : Kunwar Narayan in 2005
- ✓ Akkitham : Jnanpith Award (55th)



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- ✓ Language : 22 languages mentioned in the Eighth
- ✓ Total awarded : 62
- ✓ First Jnanpith Awardee – G.Sankara Kurup (1965) Malayalam language
- ✓ First woman Jnanpith Awardee – Ashapura Devi (1976) Bangla language
- ✓ First English author to receive Jnanpith Award: Amitav Ghosh (2018)
- ✓ First Hindi author to receive Jnanpith Award : Sumitranandan Pant (1968)

FAMOUS AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023

- Goan writer Damodar Maujo has been honoured with the 57th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour.
- Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter".
- The novel was translated into English by Angela Rodel .
- Cochin Porthas been awarded the prestigious Sagar Shreshta award for the year 2023 .
- Argentina's World Cup-winning captain Lionel Messi was named Laureus Sportsman of the Year .
- World Sportswoman of the Year Award: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.
- World Breakthrough of the Year Award: Carlos Alcaraz.
- Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran has recently been awarded France's highest civilian honor 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'.
- 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.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 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



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Q. Which company has launched a new generative AI-driven chatbot called 'Jugalbandi', designed for farmers and other users living in rural India?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Microsoft has unveiled a new generative AI-driven chatbot called 'Jugalbandi', designed for farmers and other users living in rural India.
- ✓ The chatbot is being developed in collaboration with Microsoft Research and the government-backed AI4Bharat – an open-source language AI centre based at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras – and OpenNyAI.
- ✓ The chatbot will operate over the WhatsApp messaging service and it aims to make information on government schemes accessible in multiple languages.
- ✓ Jugalbandi covers 10 of India's 22 official languages and 171 of a total of approximately 20,000 government programmes.

ChatGPT IN NEWS 2023

- Microsoft has unveiled a new generative AI-driven chatbot called 'Jugalbandi', designed for farmers and other users living in rural India.
- Inflection AI Company unveiled a modern talkbot named 'Pi Chatbot'.
- 'Gigachat' Russia's Sberbank launches AI to compete with ChatGPT.
- Google introduces AI chatbot 'Bard' to compete with Microsoft's ChatGPT.
- Google to launch its AI Chatbot amid ChatGPT's Growing Popularity.
- Lexi': India's first AI assistant powered by ChatGPT.
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has recently launched a chatbot to help people get an answer to their queries related to the Aadhaar card. It is called "Aadhaar Mitra".
- India's First Agri Chatbot Ama KrushAI Launched in Odisha.
- Chinese search engine Baidu revealed its plans of launching a ChatGPT-style AI chatbot called 'Ernie Bot'.
- Bard is a chat service developed by Google that utilizes artificial intelligence to engage in conversations with users.



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- Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) unveiled WhatsApp chatbot service 'Bal Mitra'.
- Punjab and Haryana Court recently utilized the assistance of an AI chatbot called ChatGPT to make a decision regarding a bail application in a criminal case, marking the first time an Indian court has done so.

Q. World No Tobacco Day is observed on which day?

- A) 31 May
- B) 28 May
- C) 30 May
- D) 29 May

Answer : A

- ✓ World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed every year on 31 May, globally to inform the public on the dangers of using tobacco and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.
- ✓ Theme of the 2023 WNTD is : "We need food, not tobacco"
- ✓ The Day was created by the member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1987

Q. What is the theme of the World No Tobacco Day 2023?

- A) Tobacco : a threat to development
- B) We need food, not tobacco
- C) Tobacco and lung health
- D) Tobacco and heart disease

Answer : B

Q. Bola Tinubu has been sworn in as the new President of which country?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Bola Ahmed Tinubu sworn in as the President of Nigeria
- ✓ Bola Tinubu, from Nigeria's ruling All Progressives Congress party, has been sworn in as the new President of Nigeria.



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- ✓ In February 2023, he defeated former Vice President Atiku Abubakar.
- ✓ About Nigeria
- ✓ Continent : Africa
- ✓ Capital : Abuja
- ✓ Currency : Naira
- ✓ President : Bola Tinubu

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2023

- Edgars Rinkevics : Latvian
- Tayyip Erdogan : Turkey
- Bola Tinubu : Nigeria
- Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu : Bangladesh
- Ram Chandra Paudel : Nepal
- Xi Jinping : China (third term)
- Vo Van Thuong : Vietnam

Q. Which company has won the GreenTech Safety Award 2023 under the Safety Excellence category for improving workplace safety in 2022-23?

- A) JSW Energy
- B) ReNew Power
- C) NTPC Limited
- D) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has won the GreenTech Safety Award 2023 under the Safety Excellence category for improving workplace safety in 2022-23.
- ✓ It was awarded for its commitment to corporate citizenship, transparent accountability, and strategic sustainability.
- ✓ The jury members praised RINL for using drone technology to inspect high-rise structures and chimneys.

Q. Which country has won the title of the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA) Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023 held in Kathmandu?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) India
- D) Nepal



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Answer : C

- ✓ India won the NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup title.
- ✓ The final match was held at the National Sports Council covered hall at Tripureshwor, Kathmandu.
- ✓ India became the champion by defeating Kazakhstan in the final.

Q. PM Narendra Modi will chair the 22nd Summit of the SCO Council of Heads of State on 4th July. Which of the following country is not a member of SCO?

- A) Turkmenistan B) Tajikistan
C) Krygstan D) Uzbekistan

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the 22nd Summit of the SCO Council of Heads of State on 4th July. It will be held in the virtual format.
- ✓ India assumed the rotating Chairmanship of SCO at the Samarkand Summit on 16 September last year.
- ✓ All the SCO Member States, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have been invited to attend the Summit.
- ✓ In addition, Iran, Belarus, and Mongolia have been invited as observer states.
- ✓ As per SCO tradition, Turkmenistan has also been invited as the Guest of the Chair.
- ✓ The theme of the summit is 'Towards a Secure SCO'.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Maha Jansampark' campaign in which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) month-long pan-India campaign, 'Maha Jansampark', in poll-bound Rajasthan's Ajmer covering all 543 Lok Sabha constituencies.
- ✓ Under this Maha Jan Sampark, scheduled to be held from May 31 to June 30, extensive public programmes will be done across the country after the completion of 9 yrs at the Center.



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RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. Which state government has recently approved the implementation of the 'Aai' (mother) tourism policy under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'?

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Maharashtra

D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : C

- ✓ The Maharashtra cabinet has approved the implementation of the 'Aai' (mother) tourism policy under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ✓ The cabinet also gave a nod to women-run bike-taxi services in some tourist destinations.
- ✓ The Women Tourism Policy Cell will be created under the Directorate of Tourism for the implementation of the Aai policy and a five-point program will be implemented as part of the policy.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Maharashtra Government launched Nammo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana.
- Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations.
- Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season.



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

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to facilitate the return of dropouts to educational institutions?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Meghalaya government has signed an MoU with the National Institute of Open Schooling to facilitate the return of dropouts to educational institutions.
- ✓ Assam recorded the highest dropout rate in the country with 31 percent of out-of-school students at the secondary level, Tripura with 29.8 percent is ranked number 2.
- ✓ While Meghalaya with 27.9 percent dropout rate in the secondary level is ranked third followed closely by Madhya Pradesh (26.1 percent) and Nagaland (24.4 percent).
- ✓ An MoU for the identification of Out of School Children (OoSC) and enrolling them into the NIOS Study Centres was signed between the Samagra Shiksha authorities and the National Institute of Open Schooling.



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Q. The University of Edinburgh and the Indian consulate in the UK have collaborated to create the first open-access course in which language?

A) Bengali

B) Hindi

C) Bengali

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ The University of Edinburgh and the Indian consulate in the UK have collaborated to create the first open-access course in Hindi language.
- ✓ The Climate Solutions course is available in English, Arabic and Hindi, with versions focused on Egypt, the UAE, India and the UK.
- ✓ It is designed and delivered by award-winning climate change experts, including Executive Director of the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute (ECCI) Professor Dave Reay.

Q. YES Bank has unveiled its new logo as part of its “refreshed brand identity” and also launched the new brand campaign with the slogan Life Ko Banao Rich. What is the tagline of YES Bank?

A) Pure Banking Nothing Else

B) The Banker To Every Indian.

C) The Nation Banks On Us

D) Life Ko Banao Rich’

Answer : D

- ✓ Yes Bank has unveiled its new and refreshed brand logo. The logo is designed to resonate with consumer needs by providing them utmost experience.
- ✓ The design language is digitally friendly and reflects a brand that believes in being fluid.
- ✓ The tick has been transformed into a soaring bird, which represents the Bank’s current position of ‘soaring’.
- ✓ In addition, Yes Bank is all set to roll out an integrated campaign with the tagline – ‘Life Ko Banao Rich’ – which represents the bank’s core focus of being a complete solution provider for every financial matter

YES BANK IN NEWS 2023

- YES Bank Partners with IIT Kanpur to Transform Startups and Red Hat to Redefine Mobile Banking Experience.
- Cashfree Payments partners with YES Bank to offer Global Collections service for exporters.
- YES Bank has collaborated with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).



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- Reliance General becomes first insurer to accept CBDC in tie-up with YES Bank.
- Yes Bank, Turtlefin Launched Online Insurance Services platform 'EasyNsure.
- Yes Bank has signed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) with JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), acquiring a 9.9 percent stake in the ARC at Rs 11.43 per share.
- YES BANK
- Founded : 2004
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- Tagline : Experience our Expertise

Q. Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as President of which country?

- A) Turkey
- B) Ethiopia
- C) Nigeria
- D) Romania

Answer : A

- ✓ Recep Tayyip Erdogan re-elected as President of Turkey.
- ✓ After failing to secure more than 50 percent of votes required for an outright win in the first round held on May 14, Erdogan received 52.14 percent of votes in the second round on Sunday, beating his rival, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who won 47.86 percent.
- ✓ The vote seals Erdogan's place in history as he extends his 20-year rule for a further five years.
- ✓ About Turkey
- ✓ Capital- Ankara
- ✓ Currency- lira
- ✓ President : Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)?

- A) Aarthi Subramanian
- B) Pradeep Kumar Khosla
- C) N. Chandrasekaran
- D) K Krithivasan

Answer : D



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

TCS IN NEWS 2023

- BSNL has placed an order worth ₹15,000 crore to tech firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to further expand the 4G network in India. .
- No TCS on LRS transactions upto Rs 7 lakh via international debit, credit cards from July 1, 2023.
- When the scheme was introduced in the year 2004, that time this limit was of USD 25,000.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI.
- K Krithivasan Appointed CEO Designate of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- Telefónica Germany Selects TCS as Transformation Partner to Build Future-Ready Operations Support.
- Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys grew their brand value to retain their positions as the second and third most valuable IT services brands, according to the 'IT Services 25' list prepared by UK-based consultancy Brand Finance for the year 2023.
- Accenture retained the top slot for the fifth year straight, with a brand valued at \$39.8 billion.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been named to FORTUNE® magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,821 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey..
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Founded : 1968
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- MD & CEO : Kriti Krithivasan



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Q. Who has been appointed as Managing Director of the Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)?

- A) Rahul Srivatshav B) Ajay Yadav
C) Aman Sehrawat D) Rajiv Dixit

Answer : B

- ✓ Ajay Yadav has been appointed as Managing Director of the Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI).
- ✓ SECI is a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) established in 2011.
- ✓ SECI is the primary implementing agency for renewable energy schemes and projects under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India

Q. 8th International Convention of the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music among Youth -SPIC MACAY has been inaugurated in which city?

- A) Nagpur B) Pune
C) Chennai D) Hyderabad

Answer : A

- ✓ In Nagpur, the 8th International Convention of the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music among Youth -SPIC MACAY was inaugurated at Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology -VNIT in Nagpur.
- ✓ This cultural convention is being jointly organized by the Union Ministry of Culture, and Incredible India. Padma-awarded artists will perform at this weeklong convention.

Q. Who has become the first-ever British-Indian Sikh to take oath as Birmingham's Lord Mayor?

- A) Tarun Chhabra B) Sumona Guha
C) Chaman Lal D) Shanthi Kalathil

Answer : C

- ✓ Councillor Chaman Lal has become the first ever British-Indian Sikh to take oath as Birmingham's Lord Mayor.



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- ✓ Lal, who is from the Ravidassia community of British Sikhs, was born in the village of Pakhowal in Hoshiarpur and later moved to the United Kingdom in 1964.
- ✓ He is a Labour Party leader who was first elected to Soho and Jewellery Quarter ward in 1994.

Q. Goa Statehood Day is celebrated every year on which day?

A) 29 May

B) 31 May

C) 30 May

D) 28 May

Answer : C

- ✓ Goa Statehood Day is celebrated every year on 30 May. Goa received statehood on May 30, 1987.
- ✓ It was a Portuguese territory since Alfonso de Albuquerque conquered it in 1510 by defeating Adil Shah of Bijapur who was ruling the region.
- ✓ 400 years later, India took back Goa from the Portuguese.
- ✓ The Indian Army invaded Goa in December 1961 under “Operation Vijay” to liberate it from the Portuguese. They captured and assimilated Goa, Daman and Diu as part of India. The annexation by the Indian Army began on December 17, 1961.
- ✓ In December 1962, Shri Dayanand Bhandarkar became the first Chief Minister of Goa.
- ✓ Goa is the smallest state of India in terms of area.
- ✓ This year marks the 36th anniversary of Goa getting statehood.
- ✓ On 30 May 1987, Goa was declared a separate state from Daman and Diu.
- ✓ The official language of Goa is Konkani



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