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**Q. The India-Maldives Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin was held in which city?**

- A) Jaisalmer  
B) Visakhapatnam  
C) Pithoragarh  
D) Chaubatia

**Answer : D**

**Q. Which edition of the joint military exercise “Ex Ekuverin” between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand?**

- A) 10th  
B) 14th  
C) 12th  
D) 15th

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The 12th edition of the joint military exercise “Ex Ekuverin” between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defense Force has commenced on 11 June 2023 at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Ekuverin, meaning 'friend', is a bilateral annual exercise held alternately in India and Maldives.
- ✓ The joint military exercise "EX EKUVERIN" between the two countries will be held from 11 to 24 June 2023.
- ✓ A platoon-strength contingent of the Indian Army and Maldives National Defense Force will participate in the 14-day long exercise.
- ✓ The 14-day exercise aims to enhance interoperability in UN counter-insurgency/anti-terrorist operations and promote joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.
- ✓ It will focus on sharing best practices, enhancing coordination and cooperation between the two forces at the tactical level.
- ✓ The 11th edition of joint military exercise "EX EKUVERIN" was held in Maldives in December 2021.

### MALDIVES IN NEWS 2023

- 12th edition of the joint military exercise “Ex Ekuverin” between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defense Force has commenced on 11 June 2023 at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- Sixth edition of India-Maldives Exercise ‘Ekatha’ begin in Maldives.



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

### MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

- The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defense Force has commenced on 11 June 2023 at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- The first edition of the India, France and UAE maritime partnership exercise began in the Gulf of Oman.
- NATO is set to commence its largest air force deployment exercise in Europe, known as "Air Defender 23,".
- The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army conducted exercise 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab.





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- The sea phase of the second edition of the bilateral exercise 'Al Mohed Al Hindi- 2023' between the Indian Navy and the Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF) was conducted at Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia.
- Indian Navy ships INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA arrived at Port Al-Jubail in Saudi Arabia.
- 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.
- INS Kavaratti, indigenously designed & built ASW Corvette, arrived at Batam, Indonesia to participate in the 4th edition of India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23.
- 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.



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

**Q. Which bank has become the first public sector bank to introduce an IVR-based UPI solution – UPI 123PAY?**

**A) State Bank of India**

**B) Punjab National Bank**

**C) Indian Overseas Bank**

**D) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB) has become the first public sector bank to introduce an IVR-based UPI solution – UPI 123PAY.
- ✓ **What is UPI 123PAY**
- ✓ Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a 24-hour payment channel enabling customers to perform fast, encrypted and real-time payments.



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- ✓ Till now, the solution was accessible only through smartphones or through Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) service and was dependent on good internet connectivity.
- ✓ The UPI 123PAY solution would extend the functionality and facilitate the feature to any phone users and those in low internet connectivity zones to perform UPI transactions
- ✓ **How to use UPI 123PAY**
- ✓ The UPI 123PAY functionality is simple and involves the following steps:
- ✓ Step 1-Dial the bank's easy-to-remember IVR number "9188-123-123"
- ✓ Step 2-Choose the beneficiary
- ✓ Step 3-Authenticate the transaction
- ✓ UPI 123PAY will be multilingual and be available in the customer's preferred language.
- ✓ The solution is available in multiple languages and can be accessed by dialing 9188-123-123.
- ✓ IDFC First Bank, City Union Bank, and NSDL Payments Bank have also gone live on IVR payments
- ✓ **About Punjab National Bank (PNB)**
- ✓ It is an Indian public sector bank based in New Delhi and it is the third largest public sector bank in India.
- ✓ PNB has a banking subsidiary in the UK as well as branches in Dubai, Kabul, Kowloon and Hong Kong.
- ✓ Established - May 1894
- ✓ Founder - Dayal Singh Majithia, Lala Lajpat Rai
- ✓ Tagline - "The Name You Can Bank Upon"
- ✓ MD & CEO - Atul Kumar Goel
- ✓ Punjab National Bank Merge – (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

**Q. The Education Ministry will host the 4th and final Education Working Group (EDWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency in which city?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Education Ministry will host the 4th and final Education Working Group (EDWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency in Pune from the 19th to the 21st June.
- ✓ The theme of the Meeting is "Ensuring Foundation Literacy and Numeracy, especially in the context of blended learning".





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- ✓ The Department of Higher Education is organizing a Seminar in collaboration with ELSEVIER on the 16th of June at IISER, Pune.
- ✓ The Seminar will be held on the theme 'Accessible Science: Fostering collaboration'

### PUNE IN NEWS 2023

- Education Ministry will host the 4th and final Education Working Group (EDWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency in Pune.
- The city of Pune will soon hold the distinction of having the country's deepest underground metro station..
- Pune's Civil Court interchange station will be 108.59 feet deep with a ceiling of 95 feet.
- India and 23 African nations on 21 March began a nine-day mega military exercise Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX) in Pune.
- The first joint conference of army chiefs of India and African countries was held in Pune.
- Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad recently arrested a scientist of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) on charges of espionage..
- The scientist named Pradeep Kurulkar was arrested in Pune.
- External Affairs Ministry's annual flagship event on Geoeconomics, Asia Economic Dialogue began on 23 February in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra's first Electronics Manufacturing Cluster to be set up at Ranjangaon, Pune.
- Savitribai Phule Pune University won its first gold medal in the women's tennis event at the Khelo India University Games.
- DHARA - Annual Meeting of Members of the River Cities Alliance to be held In Pune.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the fourth Y20 consultation meeting in Pune.
- Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune



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**Q. What is the name of the fourth Survey Vessel large warship of the Indian Navy which has been launched recently?**

A) Sanshodhak

B) Bhima

C) Sadhak

D) Ajay

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The fourth Survey Vessel Large (SVL) of the Indian Navy, named 'Sanshodhak', was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.
- ✓ **About 'Sanshodhak' warship**
- ✓ The ship's name, meaning 'Researcher', reflects its primary role as a Survey Vessel.
- ✓ The Ministry of Defence (MoD) highlighted the launch of the fourth SVL as a testament to India's commitment to indigenous shipbuilding, aligning with the government's 'Make in India' and Aatma Nirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) vision.
- ✓ The project, undertaken by L&T/GRSE for the Indian Navy, demonstrates the nation's resolve in promoting self-sufficiency in defense manufacturing.
- ✓ **Purpose and features of SVL ships**
- ✓ The SVL ships are designed to replace the existing Sandhayak Class survey ships and are equipped with new-generation hydrographic equipment to collect oceanographic data.
- ✓ These ships have a length of 110 meters, a width of 16 meters, and a displacement of 3,400 tons.
- ✓ The hull of the ships is constructed using DMR 249-A steel, an indigenously developed material manufactured by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- ✓ With over 80 percent indigenous content by cost, the SVL project promotes defense production by Indian manufacturing units, contributing to employment generation and enhancing warship building capabilities in the country.
- ✓ **Construction and launch timeline**
- ✓ The contract for building four SVL ships was signed between the MoD and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, on October 30, 2018.
- ✓ As per the build strategy, the first ship was built at GRSE, Kolkata, while the construction of the remaining three ships up to the outfitting stage was sub-contracted to L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli.
- ✓ The first three ships, named Sandhayak, Nirdeshak, and Ikshak, were launched on December 5, 2021, May 26, 2022, and November 26, 2022, respectively



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**Q. In which state an app named 'Arunpol App' has been launched for the police?**

- A) Assam  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Arunachal Pradesh  
D) Kerala

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh launched an app named 'Arunpol App' of Arunachal Pradesh Police.
- ✓ Along with this, he flagged off an app awareness generation vehicle from Civil Secretariat, Itanagar.
- ✓ State Home Minister Bamang Felix said that the Arunpol app would facilitate common people to file complaints without coming to the police station.

### ARUNACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh launched an app named 'Arunpol App' of Arunachal Pradesh Police..
- Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have signed an agreement for the settlement of an inter-state boundary dispute between the two States.
- A tripartite committee recommended that some areas be transferred from Assam to Arunachal..
- Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on 10 April launched the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' at Kibithu, a border village in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh.
- A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu, inaugurated the newly renovated Shar Nyima Tsho Sum Namyig Lhaxhang (Gonpa) at Gyangkhar, his native village in Tawang district.
- February 20, 2023, Arunachal Pradesh is celebrating its 37th Statehood Day.
- A bipartisan resolution was passed by the US, formally recognizing the McMahon Line as the international boundary between China and India's Arunachal Pradesh.
- The trailer of 'Love in 90s', the first film made in Tagin language of Arunachal Pradesh.

**Q. Which team won the FIFA U-20 World Cup title?**

- A) Italy  
B) Uruguay  
C) Argentina  
D) Brazil





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#### Answer : B

- ✓ Uruguay's Under-20 football team won their first Under-20 World Cup title by defeating Italy 1-0.
- ✓ Uruguay has become the first South American country to win this title since 2011.
- ✓ Uruguay lost the final of the tournament in 1997 and 2013
- ✓ 2023 FIFA U-20 World Cup : Host country : Argentina
- ✓ Uruguay
- ✓ Capital : Montevideo
- ✓ Currency : peso
- ✓ President : Luis Lacalle Pou

**Q. Which union minister announced schemes worth over Rs 8,000 crore for disaster management?**

A) Rajnath Singh

B) S Jaishankar

C) Piyush Goyal

D) Amit Shah

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced three major schemes worth over Rs 8,000 crore for disaster management.
- ✓ The home minister launched these schemes during a meeting with the disaster management departments of states and union territories at Vigyan Bhavan.
- ✓ A total of Rs 5,000 crore scheme has been launched for the expansion and modernization of fire services in the states.

#### AMIT SHAH IN NEWS 2023

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced three major schemes worth over Rs 8,000 crore for disaster management.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) complex in Bengaluru which will help to prevent crimes and warn against any danger.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi on 7 June..
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 120 feet tall statue of a Polo player at the Merging Polo Complex in Imphal East district of Manipur.



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- Home Minister Amit Shah released a book titled 'Revolutionaries - The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom' at a function in New Delhi..
- The author of this book is economist Sanjeev Sanyal.
- Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a training program on legislative drafting in New Delhi.
- Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah chaired the Western Zonal Council meeting at Diu.
- Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched IFFCO Nano DAP (Liquid) in New Delhi.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 20th May laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the National Academy of Coastal Policing (NACP) at Okha in Gujarat's Devbhumi Dwarka district..
- Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on 10 April launched the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' at Kibithu, a border village in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Vedic Heritage Portal on 23 March 2023 at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi.
- Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the meeting of Heads of Departments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member-states in New Delhi on 20 April.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Jai Hind-Naya Prakash Aur Dhvani Program / Light and Sound Show' at the Red Fort in Delhi.

**Q. Which state government has announced monthly pension for the Padma awardees of the state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced Rs 10,000 monthly pension for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan winners of the state under a monthly pension scheme.
- ✓ Along with this, free travel facility in state government's Volvo buses has also been announced for them.



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#### HARYANA IN NEWS 2023

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced Rs 10,000 monthly pension for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan winners of the state under a monthly pension scheme.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal will inaugurate the integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25 under the Amrit Jal Kranti initiative.
- Haryana has launched a special campaign to raise awareness about door-to-door waste collection and segregation.
- A tiger has been spotted in a camera trap at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar district of Haryana.
- Haryana becomes first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network.
- First nuclear power plant in North India would be built in Gorakhpur, Haryana,

**Q. Which bank has recently planned to raise Rs 750 crore from bonds to fund business growth?**

- A) Karnataka Bank                      B) Indian Overseas Bank  
C) Saraswat Bank                         D) Punjab & Sind Bank

**Answer : D**

- ✓ State-owned Punjab & Sind Bank has planned to raise Rs 750 crore from bonds to fund business growth.
- ✓ The board has approved the raising of capital up to Rs 750 crore through the issuance of Basel-III compliant Additional Tier-I Bonds or Tier-II Bonds.
- ✓ The fundraising will be done in one or more tranches within a period of 12 months
- ✓ Punjab & Sind Bank
- ✓ Founded : 24 June 1908
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ MD & CEO : Swarup Kumar Saha
- ✓ Executive Director : Kollegal V Raghavendra
- ✓ Tagline : Where Service is a Way of Life





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**Q. Which bank has launched a new deposit scheme 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'?**

- A) Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank
- B) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- C) Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- D) Prathama UP Gramin Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a new deposit scheme 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'.
- ✓ The scheme is of a tenor of 400 days with an interest rate of 7.50 percent for senior citizens and 7 percent for general public.
- ✓ Under the scheme, a minimum of ₹10,000 and a maximum of ₹2 crore can be deposited.
- ✓ The scheme is applicable to all segments of depositors, including senior citizens, and institutions. The scheme is open for a limited period.
- ✓ The bank has a network of 639 branches with total business of ₹33350 crore. This included ₹18710 crore of deposits and ₹14640 crore of advances

**Q. Andy Murray beats Jurij Rodionov to win Surbiton Trophy. Surbiton Trophy is related to which sport?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Tennis player Andy Murray clinched his second ATP Challenger Tour title of the season Surbiton Trophy.
- ✓ The former World No. 1 defeated Jurij Rodionov 6-3, 6-2 in the final at the ATP Challenger Tour 125 grass-court event.
- ✓ The 36-year-old Murray also became the oldest grass-court champion at an ATP Challenger Tour event and earned a seeded position at Wimbledon next month which begins on 3 July.

**Q. The Global Wind Day is marked annually on \_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer : C**





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- 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

**Q. NTPC Secures Which Rank in Forbes 'The Global 2000'- List for 2023.**

- A) 389
- B) 411
- C) 433
- D) 456

**Answer : C**





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- ✓ NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List.
- ✓ NTPC Limited, India's largest power generation company, has made significant progress in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List for 2023, climbing 52 positions to reach the 433rd rank.
- ✓ This remarkable advancement showcases NTPC's growing influence and presence in the global market.
- ✓ It is a testament to the company's consistent expansion, strong financial performance, and unwavering commitment to excellence.
- ✓ "The Global 2000" List compiled by Forbes acknowledges the world's largest companies based on four key metrics: sales, profits, assets, and market value.
- ✓ NTPC's significant climb in the rankings from the 485th position in 2022 to the 433rd position in 2023 underscores its exceptional performance across these metrics.
- ✓ In addition to its global ranking, NTPC has also secured the 10th position among the largest Indian companies on the list, moving up one spot compared to the previous year.

### NTPC IN NEWS 2023

- NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List.
- NTPC Kanti launches Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GeM)-2023.
- NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- NTPC hosts an international seminar on 'Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage' (CCUS) at First Energy Transitions Working Group meeting in Bengaluru.
- NTPC Limited announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Vault Holdings ("Energy Vault).
- NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL) signs MoU with Government of Tripura for cooperation in renewable energy development.



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- NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd has signed an MoU with the Indian Army for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) model.
- **About NTPC**
- The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.
- The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh

**Q. Who was given the 'Governor of the Year' award by Central Banking in London?**

A) C. Rangarajan

B) Urjit Ravindra Patel

C) Shaktikanta Das

D) Bimal Jalan

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das was honored with the 'Governor of the Year' award by Central Banking in London.
- ✓ Das is the second RBI governor to have received this award.
- ✓ In the year 2015, the then RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan received this award.
- ✓ The award is presented by Central Banking, a leading organisation that covers matters related to central banks and financial regulators globally.
- ✓ The Central Banking Awards 2023 announced the winners at the end of March, the National Bank of Ukraine received the title of Central Bank of the Year.
- ✓ Shaktikanta Das, representing the Reserve Bank of India, was honoured with the Governor of the Year award at the event.
- ✓ Das is a retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, who is currently serving as the 25th governor of the RBI.
- ✓ With the second term of three years, Das will head the RBI till December, 2024.



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**Q. Which railway station was recently awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certificate?**

- A) Varanasi Railway Station                      B) Guwahati Railway Station  
C) Patna Railway Station                        D) Ahmedabad Railway Station

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- ✓ Guwahati Railway Station has become the first railway station of Northeast Frontier Railway to get this certification.
- ✓ This certification is provided by FSSAI to those railway stations which meet the standard in providing safe and nutritious food to the passengers.

### FSSAI IN NEWS 2023

- Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station of the Indian Railways has been awarded the 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high quality nutritious food to the passengers.
- The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus'. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh..
- G Kamala Vardhana Rao was appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)





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- Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan
- CEO : G Kamala Vardhana Rao

**Q. In which city the World Bank has launched its first 'Road Safety Project' in South Asia?**

A) New Delhi

B) Dhaka

C) Colombo

D) Kathmandu

**Answer : B**

- ✓ World Bank launches its first road safety project in South Asia.
- ✓ World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh.
- ✓ The project seeks to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injuries from road crashes in selected cities, high-risk highways, and district roads.
- ✓ **Implementation on National Highways.**
- ✓ The project will focus on two national highways in Bangladesh: Gazipur-Elenga (N4) and Natore-Nawabganj (N6).
- ✓ These highways will serve as the primary sites for implementing various road safety measures.
- ✓ The aim is to achieve a substantial reduction of over 30 percent in road traffic deaths on these two highways.
- ✓ **Infrastructure Enhancements**
- ✓ To enhance road safety and reduce accidents and fatalities, the project will include the construction of essential infrastructure elements along the Gazipur-Elenga and Natore-Nawabganj highways.
- ✓ These improvements will encompass the installation of road signs, dividers, footpaths, zebra crossings, speed breakers, and bus bays.
- ✓ **Emergency Services and Trauma Care**
- ✓ The project will introduce innovative emergency services, including the use of bike-ambulances equipped with a toll-free number.
- ✓ These services will ensure swift transportation of road crash victims to hospitals, improving their chances of receiving timely medical attention



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- ✓ **Speed Control Measures and Institutional Strengthening**
- ✓ To regulate speed and curb reckless driving, the project will install closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems along the roads and develop an electric messaging system.
- ✓ It will also allocate resources for patrol vehicles and crash site cleaning equipment

### WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2023

- World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh.
- Indian origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the 14th President of World Bank.
- Ministry of Education and the World Bank held a unique workshop on School-to-Work Transition under the STARS Program.
- The Cabinet approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project in October 2020.
- 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.
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- 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.
- World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.
- 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.
- India will be the first country in the world to receive \$100 billion from remittances during 2022, the World Bank.



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- World Bank forecast Pakistan's economic growth to slow further to two percent during the current year; according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.
- WORLD BANK
- Founded : 1944
- Headquarters : Washington Dc
- 14th President : Ajay Banga
- MD&CFO : Anshula Kant
- Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart
- Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar
- Member Countries : 189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).
- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID

**Q. PTC India Financial Services Limited has appointed whom as the Director (Finance) of the company?**

- A) Ajay Sinha                                      B) Mahendra Lodha  
C) Abhishek Kapoor                              D) Rajiv Ranjan Kohli

**Answer : B**

- ✓ PTC India Financial Services Limited (PFS) has appointed Mahendra Lodha as Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer of the company.
- ✓ Lodha has earlier worked in companies like SIDBI Venture Capital Limited, Rajasthan Asset Management Company Limited

**Q. In which state was the country's 'first' toy train powered by CNG inaugurated?**

- A) Rajasthan                                      B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Maharashtra                                      D) Arunachal Pradesh





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#### Answer : A

- ✓ Toy train was started once again in Gulab Bagh of Udaipur (Rajasthan), which has been named Maharana Pratap Express train.
- ✓ According to the engineer of the toy train, Anirudh Singh Nathawat, this is the country's first CNG-powered toy train. Here tourists will be able to ride this toy train for ₹25/₹50.

#### 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. Who has flagged off the first Agri- SEZ project of Gabon from New Delhi?**

- A) Dharmendra Pradhan                      B) Smriti Irani  
C) Mansukh L. Mandaviya                      D) Ashwini Vaishnaw

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off Gabon's first Agri- SEZ project from New Delhi.
- ✓ In the primary part of the programme, 30 farmers and 20
- ✓ B.Sc./M.Sc. Agri and B.Tech/M. Tech Engineering college students from the
- ✓ Gajapati district, will likely be travelling collectively as agri-technical



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- ✓ and technical consultants for the agriculture SEZ which is being
- ✓ developed underneath this undertaking.
- ✓ African coverage. Being a trusted accomplice within the journey of
- ✓ socio-economic growth, India has prolonged concessional loans
- ✓ of over USD 12.3 billion to Africa and USD 700 mn of grant
- ✓ help with growth tasks in numerous sectors, an
- ✓ official assertion quoted the Union minister as saying.

**Q. Which Country SBER Bank has Launched Indian Rupee Accounts for Individuals?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Russia's dominant lender, SBER Bank has launched Indian rupee accounts for individuals, expanding the range of foreign currencies available as Moscow strives to reduce dependency on the U.S. dollar and euro.
- ✓ As Sberbank has highlighted, the bank supports the trend of de-dollarisation and constantly increases the number of foreign currencies available to clients.
- ✓ Sberbank has more than 100 million retail clients and already offers deposits in China's yuan and UAE dirhams.

**Q. Microfinance loan portfolio increased by \_\_\_\_ to Rs 3.48 lakh crore during 2022-23.**

- A) 20%    B) 22%  
C) 25%    D) 29%

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Microfinance loan portfolio increased by 22% to Rs 3.48 lakh crore during 2022-23.
- ✓ Gross loan portfolio stood at Rs 2.85 lakh crore as on March 31, 2022.
- ✓ Microfinance loan disbursements during FY 2022-23 improved by 23% to Rs 2,96,423 crores compared to Rs 2,39,433 crore in the previous financial year.
- ✓ About 7.17 crore loans were disbursed during FY 22-23 as against 6.30 crore in the previous year indicating higher ticket size of new loans, microfinance institutions network (MFIN), the microfinance industry association and an RBI-recognized self-regulatory organization.



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- ✓ The microfinance active loan accounts increased by 14.6% during the past 12 months to 13 crore as on March 31, 2023.
- ✓ In terms of regional distribution of gross loan portfolio, East & Northeast and South account for 63% of the total portfolio.
- ✓ Bihar is the largest state in terms of portfolio outstanding followed by Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ It further said 82 NBFC-MFIs are the largest provider of micro-credit with a loan amount outstanding of Rs 1,38,310 crore, accounting for 39.7% to total industry portfolio.

**Q. According to RBI data, the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew\_\_at ₹96,847 crore in the year 2022-23.**

- A) 11%
- B) 15%
- C) 17%
- D) 19%

**Answer : C**

- ✓ According to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data, the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew 17% at ₹96,847 crore in the year 2022-23 as against ₹82,723 crore in the previous year.
- ✓ For the first time in five years, growth in education loans not only turned positive but also registered a 17% surge in the last financial year ended March, 2023.
- ✓ The NPA in education advances stood at 7.82% of a total outstanding portfolio of ₹80,000 crore at the end of the first quarter of FY23.

**Q. India will host the 2025 International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Annual Conference at Which State?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India expressed its willingness to host the 2025 IIAS (International Institute of Administrative Sciences) Annual Conference at Kochi, Kerala, in February, 2025.
- ✓ The IIAS established in 1930, is a federation of member States, national sections and academic research centres jointly elaborating public administration solutions to the policy challenges of the day with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.





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- ✓ The 2025 Annual Conference of IAS would be attended by 30 Member Countries, 18 National Sections and over 50 IAS Universities/ Institutes of Public Administration in Member Countries.
- ✓ Theme : In accordance with India's governance model, the theme for 2025 IAS Annual Conference at Kochi is proposed as "Next Generation Administrative Reforms - Empowering the Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile".

**Q. Who has launched the multilingual India Legal app, a helpline to enable citizens obtain legal assistance from their homes?**

- A) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud                      B) Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana  
C) Uday Umesh Lalit                                      D) N. Venkatachaliah

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Former Chief Justice of India N. Venkatachaliah has launched the multilingual India Legal app, a helpline to enable citizens obtain legal assistance from their homes.
- ✓ The app will help in disposing of around 70 percent of new cases.
- ✓ The app will benefit a wide range of consumers, including a large legal community of 1.2 million lawyers and half a million students.
- ✓ The first call on the app came from Meerut. An employee alleged that his employer did not give him money. Venkatachaliah directed him to file a case against the employer and to approach the High Court.
- ✓ The second call came from Chennai. A woman, speaking in Tamil, said she was in a live-in relationship with a man who clicked her private photographs and was now blackmailing her.
- ✓ As per the woman, the man was threatening to upload her photographs on social media. Venkatachaliah advised her to file a complaint with the police

**Q. Which state has recently celebrated the Raja festival?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Odisha has celebrated the Raja festival, an agricultural festival.
- ✓ Raja festival is celebrated for three days.
- ✓ The first day of the festival is called 'Pahili Raja', the second day is called 'Majhi Raja' 'Raja Sankranti' or 'Mithuna Sankranti', the third day is 'Bhudaha' or 'Basi Raja' or 'Sesha Raja'.



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- ✓ Most of the festivals are connected to agriculture in one way or the other. So is the Raja festival. Odisha's Raja festival is a unique one as mother earth is worshipped during this festival.
- ✓ Notably, 'Pahili Raja' falls on the last day of month 'Jyestha' and 'Raja Sankranti' on the first day of month 'Asadha', celebrating the beginning of the rainy season.

**Q. Which bank has launched a digital platform for hassle-free account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ South Indian Bank has introduced SIB SWIFTe, an innovative and customer-centric digital account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation.
- ✓ The platform prioritizes customer convenience and transforms the account opening process, enabling the bank to swiftly on-board customers in less than five minutes.
- ✓ This facility brings the branch-like experience to the comfort of customers' homes, allowing them to connect with bankers at their convenience.
- ✓ SIB SWIFTe, a user-friendly and intuitive interface, provides clear instructions and visual cues to guide both customers and bank representatives through each step.
- ✓ South Indian Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1929
- ✓ Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala
- ✓ Chairman : Salim Gangadharan
- ✓ MD & CEO : Murali Ramakrishnan
- ✓ Tagline : Experience Next Generation Banking.

**Q. Which payments bank has entered into a tie-up with Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble to introduce India's first spending account?**

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

**Answer : B**



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- ✓ Fino Payments Bank has entered into a tie-up with Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble to introduce India's first spending account.
- ✓ The bank customers can park their funds, spend (on categories such as food ordering, shopping, travel, entertainment, etc.) and save up to 10 percent on all purchases made from the account.
- ✓ Further, users can track spends across categories of over 50 brands that Hubble has partnered with and save up to ₹20,000 a year.
- ✓ The spending account is integrated with the bank's digital savings account operated through its mobile app FinoPay. Users earn an interest rate of 2.75 percent per annum on the funds parked in the account

**Q. Which has launched mission EVOLVE (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) in association with NITI Aayog to finance MSMEs in the EV space?**

A) SEBI

B) RBI

C) SIDBI

D) NABARD

**Answer : C**

- ✓ SIDBI launches EVOLVE mission with NITI Aayog.
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem (EVOLVE) mission.
- ✓ The mission has been launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korean-World Bank and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF).
- ✓ Its main objective is to provide financial assistance to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in the electric vehicle sector.
- ✓ The collaboration between SIDBI, NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korea-World Bank and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) highlights the importance of public-private partnership.
- ✓ The EVOLVE mission contributes to the promotion of sustainable transportation solutions in India.
- ✓ By supporting MSMEs in the electric vehicle industry, the initiative aims to foster a vibrant ecosystem for electric vehicles.
- ✓ **EVOLVE Mission Aim:**
- ✓ Its primary objective is to provide funds for the purchase of 50,000 Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- ✓ Sanction letters have been sent to companies such as Aristo Securities and Muffin Green Finance to achieve this goal.







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**Q. What has been renamed as Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society?**

- A) Kalam Memorial Museum and Library Society
- B) PM Memorial Museum and Library Society
- C) Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Museum and Library Society
- D) Indian Memorial Museum and Library Society

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society.
- ✓ The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society (NMML) in New Delhi has been officially renamed as the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society.
- ✓ A decision in this regard was taken during a special meeting of the NMML Society presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is its Vice-President.
- ✓ The idea of setting up a museum dedicated to all the prime ministers of India at the Teen Murti complex in New Delhi was initially proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016.
- ✓ The NMML Executive Council approved the construction of the museum within Teen Murti Estate, and the project was completed.
- ✓ **About Nehru Memorial Museum and Library**
- ✓ It was established in 1964 in the memory of Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964).
- ✓ It is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- ✓ It is located in Teen Murti House, the official residence of the first Prime Minister of India.
- ✓ It has four major components, a Memorial Museum, a Library on Modern India, a Center for Contemporary Studies and the Nehru Planetarium.
- ✓ It is a specialised library designed and developed as an exclusive research and reference centre on colonial and post-colonial India. It has a rich manuscript section.

### RECENTLY RENAMED IN NEWS 2023

- Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society, New Delhi.
- Central government renamed the Mughal Gardens in New Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan as 'Amrit Udyan'.



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- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Ahmednagar renamed Ahilyadevi Holkar Nagar, Maharashtra.
- Coastal Road in Mumbai renamed after Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, Maharashtra.
- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) renamed as Promotion of Prime Minister's Heritage (PM Vikas) Scheme.
- IDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC) to be renamed as Bandhan Mutual Fund as SEBI approves change in ownership.
- Maharashtra's Bandra-Versova sea route in Mumbai will be renamed as 'Veer Savarkar Bandra-Versova Sagari Setu'.
- Churchgate Railway Station in Mumbai will now be known as First Indian RBI Governor CD Deshmukh.
- Union Government Approved Renaming of Aurangabad & Osmanabad in Maharashtra.
- Philips Domestic Appliances has announced the change of its company name to Versuni.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village, situated in the Bhopal district, has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- On Parakram Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in a ceremony to name 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Edelweiss General Insurance rebranded itself as Zuno General Insurance.

**Q. According to IEA, the growth in demand for oil in Which Country will overtake that in China by 2027?**

- A) Russia
- C) India

- B) USA
- D) Canada

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The growth in demand for oil in India will overtake that in China by 2027, According to report by the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- ✓ 'Oil 2023', the multilateral agency's outlook for the next 5 years, said China's demand will fall consistently from 2024 after a massive rise this year (2023).





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- ✓ The United States, China, and India are the world's three largest oil consumers in that order.
- ✓ IEA raised its forecast for world oil growth demand to 2.4 million barrels per day in 2023, after the Chinese economy rebounded towards growth faster than expected. China will in 2023 account for nearly 60% of global growth in oil demand
- ✓ India consumed 222.30 million tonnes of petroleum products in 2022-23: 10.2% more year-on-year.
- ✓ Global crude output reached an estimated 82.3 million barrels per day till April 2023 due to record production runs in Asia

**Q. Which institute has been awarded accreditation as 'Athi Uttam' by the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET)?**

- A) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**
- B) Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI)**
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
- D) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ GSITI Hyderabad recognized as "Athi Uttam".
- ✓ The Geological Survey Training Institute of India (GSITI) located at Hyderabad has been accredited as "Athi Uttam" by the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET).
- ✓ The accreditation recognizes GSITI's excellent services and high standards in the field of Earth Science training.
- ✓ The accreditation was granted to GSITI after an on-site assessment conducted by Capacity Building Commission (CBC), NABET and Quality Control of India.
- ✓ GSITI, established in 1976, functions under the Ministry of Mines and is headquartered in Hyderabad.
- ✓ The institute consists of six Regional Training Divisions (RTDs) located at Hyderabad, Nagpur, Jaipur, Lucknow, Kolkata and Shillong.
- ✓ Four Field Training Centers (FTCs) are also established at Chitradurga (Karnataka), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Jawar (Rajasthan) and Kuju (Jharkhand).
- ✓ The Institute conducts courses on Remote Sensing sponsored by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) under the NNRMS programme.



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**Q. Which Indian documentary has won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival (HAFF) held at the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva?**

- A) One in 36 Million                      B) The Man Who Sold His Skin  
C) When Climate Change Turns Violent D) Communicating for health impact

**Answer : C**

- ✓ WHO Award for 'When Climate Change Turns Violent.
- ✓ The documentary titled 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' has bagged the special award in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva.
- ✓ This documentary has been directed by Vandita Saharia from Rajasthan.
- ✓ She was the only Indian in the list of winners.
- ✓ The 4.32-minute documentary 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' focuses on the relationship between domestic violence, climate change and human trafficking.
- ✓ The ceremony announced the winning films for seven different categories, while four films received special mentions by the jury.
- ✓ 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. Which has recently been recognized as the most trusted electronic media organization in the country?**

- A) DD India and All India Radio                      B) Zee TV and Disney Star  
C) StarPlus and Colors TV                      D) Zee News and Sony Max

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Akashvani and Doordarshan emerge as most trusted electronic media organization in country.



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- ✓ According to Reuters Institute's Digital News Report 2023, DD India and All India Radio have been recognized as the most trusted electronic media organizations in the country.
- ✓ The report highlights that although overall trust in news has decreased marginally by 3 percentage points, public broadcasters and print brands have managed to maintain a relatively high level of trust among the public.
- ✓ DD India and All India Radio have been specifically described as electronic media organizations with the highest degree of trust.
- ✓ This recognition reflects the credibility that these public broadcasters have established among their audiences.
- ✓ Being recognized as the most trusted electronic media organizations reflects the belief that the public space in DD India and All India Radio highlights their importance in the media ecosystem and the role they play in shaping public opinion.
- ✓ **About the Reuters Institute Digital News Report**
- ✓ The Digital News Report of the Reuters Institute is an annual publication.
- ✓ It provides valuable insight into the evolving landscape of digital news around the world.
- ✓ The report is widely recognized as a comprehensive and reliable source of information on news trends and media patterns.
- ✓ The report aims to examine the changing dynamics of news, the impact of digital technologies on news and the emerging role of news organizations in the digital age

**Q. Which government has appointed Jane Marriott as first woman envoy to Pakistan?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Britain appoints Jane Marriott as first female envoy to Pakistan.
- ✓ The United Kingdom appointed Jane Marriott as the next British High Commissioner to Pakistan, making her the first female British envoy to Islamabad.
- ✓ Jane Marriott previously served as the High Commissioner to Kenya since September 2019.
- ✓ She will replace Dr Christian Turner, who held the position of British Ambassador to Pakistan since December 2019.





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- ✓ Prior to his diplomatic career, he held roles in the Cabinet Office and the Home Office
- ✓ About United Kingdom
- ✓ It is an island nation located in northwestern Europe. It consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- ✓ Capital - London
- ✓ Prime Minister - Rishi Sunak
- ✓ Emperor - Charles III

### FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2023

- Britain appoints Jane Marriot as first female envoy to Pakistan.
- Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Shalini Singh from Lucknow has become the first woman NCC cadet in India to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand.
- Parminder Chopra becomes first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation.
- Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency.
- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhavar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dharmi becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.



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- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.

**Q. Which bank has introduced “MY ACCOUNT MY NAME” for Savings Bank account customers?**

**A) Indian Overseas Bank**

**B) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**C) South Indian Bank**

**D) Karur Vysya Bank**

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian Overseas Bank has introduced “MY ACCOUNT MY NAME” for Savings Bank account customers.
- ✓ This is the first time such a feature has been introduced in the banking industry.
- ✓ In ‘My Account My Name’ customer can choose any name (alias) for his/her account in addition to the account name. This ‘Alias Name’ name can be shared by customers to others instead of sharing the 15-digit account numbers.
- ✓ The account name can be a combination of seven letters only or seven numbers only or seven alphanumeric — like AJIT007, PRADHAN or 2424707 and others.
- ✓ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- ✓ Founded : 1937



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- ✓ Founder : M. Chidambaram Chettyar
- ✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- ✓ Tagline : Good People to Grow With

**Q. Which Country appointed Philip Green as country's new High Commissioner to India?**

- A) Australia                                      B) France  
C) Canada                                         D) New Zealand

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Australian foreign minister "Penny Wong" appointed "Philip Green" as Australia's next High Commissioner to India.
- ✓ She also announced that Hilary McGeachy has been appointed as Australia's first Consul-General in Bengaluru.
- ✓ India and Australia are working together for a peaceful Indo-Pacific region, Wong said both countries are working together through the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership as well as partners of the Quad grouping.
- ✓ Philip Green will also serve as High Commissioner to the Kingdom of Bhutanu

### 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 Tatahas received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.
- Australia will host the third in-person Quad summit in Sydney.
- An Indian-origin politician, Daniel Mookhey has been appointed as the Treasurer of the New South Whales 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. Who is organizing the outreach program "Julie Ladakh"?**
- A) Indian Navy
  - B) Indian Army
  - C) Indian Air Force
  - D) Indian Coast Guard

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian Navy's Outreach Program "Jully Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh).



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- ✓ The Indian Navy recently has launched an outreach program called "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh) to increase awareness about the Navy and engage with the youth and civil society in the pristine state of Ladakh.
- ✓ As part of this initiative, a 5000 km Motorcycle Expedition was flagged off from the National War Memorial on June 15, 2023, by Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, the Vice Chief of Naval Staff.
- ✓ This outreach program follows the successful efforts of the Indian Navy in the North East region and the Sam No Varunah car expedition, which aimed to connect with citizens in coastal states.
- ✓ **Outreach activities**
- ✓ The outreach activities planned for this program include a Motor Cycle Expedition that will pass through a significant part of Ladakh.
- ✓ **Key objectives of the "Julley Ladakh" initiative**
- ✓ Celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, which marks 75 years of Indian Independence.
- ✓ Conduct awareness drives at schools and colleges in Ladakh to highlight the career opportunities offered by the Indian Navy, including the Agnipath Scheme.
- ✓ Motivate the youth to consider joining the Indian Navy.
- ✓ Showcase "Nari Shakti," an initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, by including women officers and spouses in the program.
- ✓ Interact with naval veterans and Veer Naris (war widows) in the region

**Q. Who joined hands to drive citizen awareness 'G20-Stay Safe Online' campaign?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Google and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) have launched a partnership to increase public awareness of cyber safety.
- ✓ Google will now cooperate with the government to promote the "Stay Safe Online" campaign.
- ✓ Google will release a series of videos with YouTube producers to instruct people on how to share material properly online. The series will focus on particular abilities to more accurately assess the calibre of internet information.
- ✓ GOOGLE



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- ✓ Founded :1998
- ✓ Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin
- ✓ Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US
- ✓ CEO : Sundar Pichai

**Q. The 4th Tourism Working Group Meeting under India’s G20 presidency and G20 Tourism Ministers meeting will be held in which state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The 4th Tourism Working Group Meeting under India’s G20 presidency and G20 Tourism Ministers meeting will be held in Goa from 19th June to 22nd June.
- ✓ A side event on making Cruise Tourism a model for sustainable and responsible travel will be organized on 19th June.
- ✓ The Secretary said various cultural programs will be organized to highlight and showcase the rich cultural heritage of Goa.
- ✓ Tourism Ministry will also organize a side event Towards a circular economy of plastics in tourism-the global tourism plastics initiative in collaboration with United Nations Environment Programme UNEP and United Nations World Tourism Organization UNWTO.

**Q. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) recently unanimously adopted a resolution to set up a new memorial wall for dead peacekeepers, which was introduced by which country?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ UNGA adopts Resolution to establish a new Memorial Wall for fallen Peacekeepers.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) recently unanimously adopted a resolution to set up a new memorial wall for dead peacekeepers, which was moved by India.
- ✓ The adoption of this resolution is a significant achievement for India and reflects the confidence of the international community in India's contribution and intention.





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- ✓ India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj presented the draft resolution titled 'Memorial Wall for Fallen United Nations Peacekeepers' at the UN General Assembly Hall.
- ✓ The resolution received widespread support and a record 190 co-sponsorships, demonstrating global recognition of India's efforts in peacekeeping.
- ✓ **About the Memorial Wall**
- ✓ The Memorial Wall will symbolize the UN's commitment to peacekeeping and serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by fallen peacekeepers.
- ✓ It will stand as a constant reminder of the price paid for global decisions and the importance given to peacekeeping operations by the United Nations.

**Q. Who has launched a book titled "Master Residential Real Estate"?**

- A) Ashwinder Singh                      B) Rajnath Singh  
C) Draupadi Murmu                      D) Amit Shah

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Real estate expert, Ashwinder Singh launched a book titled "Master Residential Real Estate".
- ✓ The book, "Master Residential Real Estate," serves as a comprehensive guide to the real estate industry.
- ✓ The book covers a wide range of topics related to residential real estate.
- ✓ Ashvinder Singh provides valuable insight into the current state of the real estate market.
- ✓ "Master Residential Real Estate" aims to empower readers with practical knowledge and advice.

**Q. Who Joined Hands to Accelerate Sustainable Development in India?**

- A) NITI Aayog and United Nations  
B) DRDO and United Nations  
C) Planning Commission and United Nations  
D) Ministry of Power and United Nations

**Answer : A**

- ✓ NITI Aayog, United Nations join hands to accelerate sustainable development in India.
- ✓ NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 in New Delhi .



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- ✓ The Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (GoI-UNSDCF) for the period 2023-2027 was signed by CEO of NITI Aayog, B V R Subrahmanyam, and UN Resident Coordinator India, Shombi Sharp.
- ✓ The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, senior representatives from NITI Aayog, central ministries, and heads of UN agencies in India.
- ✓ **GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027**
- ✓ The GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 represents the collective commitment of the UN development system to support the Government of India in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while promoting gender equality, youth empowerment, and human rights.
- ✓ It aligns with the national vision for development and aims to contribute to the country's progress.
- ✓ The Government of India-UNSDCF, through its partnerships, outcomes and outputs, will play a key role in realizing the national development priorities.

### NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2023

- NITI Aayog, United Nations join hands to accelerate sustainable development in India.
- PM Modi chairs the 8th meeting of the NITI Aayog Governing Council held at the New Convention Center at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The meeting is focused on the theme of "Growth India @ 2047: Role of Team India".
- 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



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- Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery
- CEO : BVR Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Q. How many crores dividend check has State Bank of India (SBI) given to FM Nirmala Sitharaman for the financial year 2022-23?**

- A) Rs 4,500 Crores                      B) Rs 4,860 Crores  
C) Rs 5,290 Crores                      D) Rs 5,740 Crores

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The country's largest public sector bank, State Bank of India (SBI), has given the government a cheque of Rs 5,740 crore as its dividend income for the financial year 2022-23.
- ✓ This is the highest dividend the State Bank of India has given in any financial year. Dinesh Kumar Khara, chairman of the country's largest bank, handed over the dividend cheque to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ✓ According to the data available on the BSE website, the State Bank of India has paid a dividend of Rs 23.1130 per share to shareholders for the financial year 2022-23. The record date for this was 31 May 2023

**Q. Which state has celebrated the Palkhi festival by Warkari community?**

- A) Assam                                      B) Rajasthan  
C) Maharashtra                            D) Gujarat

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Warkari community has celebrated the Palkhi festival in Pandharpur, Maharashtra.
- ✓ Palkhi festival is an annual yatra to Pandharpur in Maharashtra to honor the Hindu god Vithoba.
- ✓ The Palkhi festival is a tradition that dates back 1000 years and was initiated by saints from Maharashtra, India.
- ✓ The Palkhi festival takes place in the month of Jyeshth (June) and lasts for a total of 22 days. It involves a journey from the departure points to Pandharpur. It is still practiced today by their followers known as varkaris.
- ✓ Devotees take a holy dip in the sacred Chandrabhaga River before visiting the Vithoba temple.





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## FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023

- Palkhi festival : Maharashtra
- Raja festival : Odisha
- Kheer Bhawani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- Great Prayer Festival : Ladakh
- Sinthan Snow Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- Heritage Festival : Goa
- Thawe Festival : Bihar
- Bohag Bihu festival : Assam
- 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- Yaoshang festival : Manipur
- Purple Fest : Goa
- Orange Festival : Nagaland
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Losar Festival : Ladakh
- 23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur
- Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh
- 26th National Youth Festival 2023 : Hubballi, Karnataka
- International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi
- Mongeet Festival : Assam
- International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana



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**Q. The Defence Ministry has signed a contract of 500 crore rupees with which company to strengthen the Indian Army's communication system?**

- A) ICOMM Tele Limited                      B) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)  
C) Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)            D) Antrix Corporation Ltd (ACL)

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Defence Ministry signs Rs 500 crore contract to strengthen Indian Army's communication system.
- ✓ In a significant move to promote indigenous manufacturing and support the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with ICOMM Tele Limited, Hyderabad, on June 15, 2023, in New Delhi.
- ✓ The contract is for the procurement of 1,035 units of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers, with a contract value of approximately Rs 500 crore.
- ✓ The delivery of these containers is scheduled to commence in the current financial year 2023-24.
- ✓ The acquisition of these Radio Relay Containers fulfills a long-pending requirement for mobile communication detachments of the Indian Army.
- ✓ **Significance of MoU**
- ✓ This approach will not only enhance domestic production capabilities but also encourage the active participation of the private sector in achieving the goals of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- ✓ By investing in domestic manufacturing and promoting self-reliance in the defence sector, the Ministry of Defence aims to strengthen India's defence capabilities while reducing dependency on foreign imports.
- ✓ This contract marks a significant step towards achieving the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and stimulating the growth of the indigenous defence industry

**Q. NTPC Barauni has achieved a significant milestone by securing the first rank in the Best Industry Category at the 4th National Water Awards. NTPC Barauni is situated in which state?**

- A) Jharkhand                                      B) Bihar  
C) Chhattisgarh                                  D) Rajasthan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ NTPC Barauni secures First Rank at 4th National Water Awards, in Best Industry Category.
- ✓ NTPC Barauni has achieved a significant milestone by securing the first rank in the Best Industry Category at the 4th National Water Awards.



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- ✓ The award was presented to CMD, NTPC Gurdeep Singh, and Head of Project, NTPC Barauni, Rajeev Khanna by the Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, in the presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- ✓ The award ceremony took place at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on June 17, 2023.
- ✓ The recognition was given by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, highlighting NTPC's commitment and efforts in conserving and managing water resources.
- ✓ NTPC has demonstrated its dedication to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship, which played a crucial role in this achievement.
- ✓ The company has implemented innovative initiatives to effectively conserve and manage water resources, resulting in significant water savings and a reduced environmental footprint.

**Q. Who has been unveiled the "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" at Mussorie, Uttarakhand?**

A) Narendra Modi

B) Narendra Singh Tomar

C) Nirmala Sitharaman

D) Mahendra Nath Pandey

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Union Minister of Heavy Industries Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled the "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" on 16th June at Mussorie, Uttarakhand.
- ✓ This innovative application has been developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), located in Jaipur.
- ✓ REIL is a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and holds the prestigious "Mini Ratna" status.
- ✓ **Objective of the app**
- ✓ Its primary objective is to enhance milk quality, promote transparency among stakeholders, and streamline operations at the village level, particularly within Milk Cooperative Societies.
- ✓ **Key features and benefits of the app**
- ✓ Increased transparency among stakeholders.
- ✓ Online monitoring of daily milk kept in milk cooperatives.
- ✓ Real-time milk price updates from cloud servers, ensuring transparency and eliminating human errors.
- ✓ Direct transfer of milk payment and government subsidy to the bank accounts of beneficiary milk producers through the app.







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- Odisha government launched the 'Mo Ghara' (My Home) housing scheme.
- 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.
- Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield.







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- ✓ Madhya Pradesh received the first prize in the best State category, while the best district award went to Ganjam District in Odisha.
- ✓ The Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat in Bhadradri Kothagudem district of Telangana was honored with the best Village Panchayat award.

### MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Tiger State Madhya Pradesh is poised to get its 7th tiger reserve with the state government going forward with the notification of Nauradehi and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- Madhya Pradesh received the first prize in the best State category, while the best district award went to Ganjam District in Odisha.
- Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC Ltd.) will construct a 525 MW pumped storage project near the Indira Sagar Dam in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Ladli Bahna Yojana'.
- Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.
- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, a recognition that protects and acknowledges the work of tribal artists.
- Madhya Pradesh government launched Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Madhya Pradesh Government on 5 March launched Ladli Bahna scheme under which each woman will be given one thousand rupees per month..
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on March 4 to make Tehsil Mauganj of Rewa district the 53rd district of the state.

**Q. Which country has raised the age of voluntary sexual intercourse from 13 to 16?**

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

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ Japan raised the age of consensual sex from 13 to 16.
- ✓ Provisions have also been made under the new law to amend the old law related to sexual offenses and to raise awareness about the issues of same-sex relationships.
- ✓ The move comes after a wait of over a century since it was last changed in 1907.
- ✓ Japan revised its criminal law on sexual offenses in 2017 for the first time in 110 years.
- ✓ The historic move sets the stage for rape trial and criminalises voyeurism.
- ✓ Under the newly implemented changes, having sex with a person below the age of 16 years is considered rape.
- ✓ Those who threaten, entice or use money to get children under 16 to meet for sexual purposes face up to one year in prison or a fine of 500,000 yen (\$3,500).
- ✓ Secretly filming private body parts, underwear or obscene acts without reasonable cause shall be punishable by imprisonment of up to three years or a fine of up to three million yen.
- ✓ Age of consent in different countries
- ✓ In India the age of consent is 18, while in Britain it is 16, in Germany and China it is 14.
- ✓ **About Japan**
- ✓ It is also called Nihon or Nippon and is an archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean in East Asia.
- ✓ It is made up of four main islands Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu and Honshu is the largest island of Japan.
- ✓ Its highest mountain is Mount Fuji.
- ✓ It is the third largest economy in the world after the United States and China.
- ✓ Capital - Tokyo
- ✓ Currency - Yen
- ✓ Prime Minister - Fumio Kishida

**Q. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal received the first over dimensional cargo (ODC) transported via waterways at Numaligarh Refinery jetty is situated in which state?**

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Kerala

D) Gujarat

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal received the first over dimensional cargo (ODC) transported via waterways at Numaligarh Refinery jetty (Assam) on 16th June.
- ✓ The ODC was transported by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) vessel MV Marine 66 from Kolkata to Numaligarh Refinery Jetty via Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR).
- ✓ The Diesel Hydrotreating (DHT) reactor had a net weight of 485 MT, while the gross weight was 521 MT.
- ✓ The length of this reactor is 31.5 m while the height is 8.250 m and the diameter is 8.00 m.
- ✓ This is the first consignment transported by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), the nodal agency in charge of inland waterways in the country, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, to augment the capacity of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) from 3 MMT to 9 MMT.
- ✓ Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- ✓ IWAI is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Government of India.
- ✓ It plays a crucial role in the development, maintenance, and regulation of the country's inland waterways.
- ✓ It was established on 27th October 1986.
- ✓ Its headquarters is located in Noida, UP

### ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal received the first over dimensional cargo (ODC) transported via waterways at Numaligarh Refinery jetty (Assam).
- Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, along with other disaster management groups, conducted a joint flood relief drill, 'Exercise Jal Rahat', at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River in Assam.
- India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Ayushman Assam Scheme under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya (MMJA) in Guwahati.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28th April virtually commissioned 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt at Diphu in Karbi Anglong district of Assam.
- World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) in the state.





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

**Q. G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting (AMM) has been held from 15th-17th June 2023 in Which City?**

A) Hyderabad

B) Bengaluru

C) Chennai

D) Visakapatnam

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR) as the 'Global Centre of Excellence on Millets (Shree Anna)' at the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi reiterated the role of the premier institute in the promotion and adoption of millets, in his video message at the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Hyderabad.

### 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.









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**Q. Who has reappointment of MD and CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank?**

- A) M. V. Nair  
B) Arun Kumar Mishra  
C) Rekha Sharma  
D) P N Vasudevan

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Equitas Small Finance Bank the Reserve Bank of India gave its approval for the re-appointment of P N Vasudevan as Managing Director and Chief Executive officer of the bank.
- ✓ Vasudevan has been reappointed for a period of three years, from July 23, 2023, to July 23, 2026.
- ✓ Equitas Small Finance Bank
- ✓ Founded : 2016
- ✓ Headquarteres : Chennai
- ✓ MD & CEO : Vasudevan P N
- ✓ Tagline : It's Fun Banking
- ✓ Rani Rampal & Smriti Mandhana : Brand ambassador of Equitas Small Finance Bank

**Q. Which will be awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 for his extraordinary contribution to social, economic, and political transformation through non-violent and Gandhian methods?**

- A) Ayana Charitable Trust  
B) Prarthana Samaj  
C) Gita Press Gorakhpur  
D) Church of God Chenna

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Gita Press, Gorakhpur, awarded Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021.
- ✓ Gita Press, Gorakhpur, will be awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 in recognition of its exceptional contribution to social, economic, and political transformation through non-violent and Gandhian methods.
- ✓ The jury, headed by Prime Minister Modi, unanimously selected Gita Press as the recipient of the Gandhi Peace Prize.
- ✓ PM Modi highlighted Gita Press's efforts in promoting Gandhian ideals of peace and social harmony, emphasizing that the award signifies recognition of their community service after a century of establishment.
- ✓ **About Gita Press**
- ✓ Established in 1923, Gita Press is renowned as one of the world's largest publishers, having published 41.7 crore books in 14 languages, including 16.21 crore copies of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.
- ✓ **About Gandhi Peace Prize**





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- The Cabinet approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project in October 2020.
- 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.
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- 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.
- World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.
- 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.
- 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. Who has been awarded the 45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement by the Charles Veillon Foundation?**

- A) Jhumpa Lahiri
- B) Arundhati Roy
- C) Kiran Desai
- D) Shashi Deshpande

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Arundhati Roy received the 45th European Essay Prize for Lifetime Achievement and the award is presented by the Charles Whelan Foundation.
- ✓ Arundhati Roy's book of essays, 'Azadi' (2021), especially the French translation, received acclaim.
- ✓ 'Azaadi' explores the concept of freedom in an increasingly totalitarian world, with an emphasis on fiction and alternative imaginations.
- ✓ Roy is known for his notable works, including the Booker Prize-winning novel The God of Small Things.
- ✓ The award ceremony will be held on September 12 in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ✓ Past recipients of the European Essay Prize include Alexander Zinoviev, Amin Malouf and Siri Hustvedt.
- ✓ **European Essay Prize:**
- ✓ It is the first literary award dedicated solely to the genre of the essay.
- ✓ The award recognizes outstanding essays that criticise current societies, their practices and ideologies.
- ✓ It has been awarded since 1975 highlighting its long standing presence in the literary scene.
- ✓ Award-winning essays shed light on social norms, political structures, cultural practices, and socioeconomic challenges
- ✓ The first Indian to win the Booker Prize was the author and activist Arundhati Roy. Her first novel 'God of Small Things' in 1997.



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**Q. Who has been awarded the prestigious German Peace Prize 2023 for his literary work?**

- A) Shashi Tharoor                      B) Vikram Seth  
C) Chetan Bhagat                      D) Salman Rushdie

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Author Salman Rushdie has been awarded a prestigious German prize for his literary work and for his resolve in the face of a “constant threat to his life”.
- ✓ He would receive the award in Frankfurt on October 22, 2023.
- ✓ Cash prize: Euro 25,000 (\$27,300).
- ✓ This prize was established in 1950 to recognize a personality committed to serving international understanding between nations and cultures through their work.

**Q. The Department of Legal Affairs under the Union law ministry has set up a panel to recommend reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act. The committee would be led by \_\_\_.**

- A) T K Vishwanathan                      B) Rajesh Verma  
C) Ramesh Kandula                      D) Mahendra Kumar Sharma

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Government of India has constituted an expert panel headed by former Law Secretary TK Vishwanathan to propose reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act and reduce the burden on the courts.
- ✓ The expert committee comprises Attorney General N Venkataramani and members from various government departments, private law firms and legal entities.
- ✓ The mandate of the Committee includes evaluating the current arbitration ecosystem in India, analyzing the strengths, weaknesses and challenges in comparison to foreign jurisdictions.
- ✓ The panel is expected to submit its report within 30 days and recommend a framework for a cost-effective arbitration system.
- ✓ The Committee will focus on developing a competitive environment both domestically and internationally in the arbitration services market, and will aim at establishing a cost-effective arbitration regime.
- ✓ The Department of Legal Affairs is taking steps to strengthen the dispute resolution environment in India and promote ease of doing business through legal reforms.



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- ✓ The reform of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act aims to reduce court interference, make arbitration a party-driven process and ensure time-bound finalization of arbitration awards

### COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- Government of India has constituted an expert panel headed by former Law Secretary TK Vishwanathan to propose reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act and reduce the burden on the courts.
- 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.
- 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.





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- 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 unveiled its version of the metaverse called Bharatmeta?**

- A) india.ai
- B) Wistron.ai
- C) Better.ai
- D) Kiya.ai

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India is poised to become a major player in the metaverse technology landscape, as showcased by Kiya.ai, an India-based company specializing in Artificial Intelligence and emerging technology solutions.
- ✓ At the prestigious VivaTech event held in Paris 2023, Kiya.ai unveiled its version of the metaverse called Bharatmeta, making it the first of its kind from India.
- ✓ The demonstration took place at the India Pavilion during the event 'VivaTech', which is recognized as Europe's largest annual technology and startup gathering.

**Q. Which airline has placed a order with European manufacturer Airbus for 500 A320 Family aircraft?**

- A) SpiceJet
- B) Go First
- C) Air India
- D) IndiGo

**Answer : D**

- ✓ IndiGo, India's largest airline by market share, has placed a record order with European manufacturer Airbus for 500 A320 Family aircraft.
- ✓ It is the biggest single purchase agreement in the history of commercial aviation.
- ✓ This IndiGo order book comprises a mix of A320NEO, A321NEO and A321XLR aircraft. The airline will take the delivery of these aircraft between 2030 and 2035.
- ✓ The agreement takes the total number of Airbus aircraft on order by IndiGo to 1,330, making it the world's biggest A320 Family customer.



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✓ Earlier this year, Tata-owned Air India placed orders for 470 aircraft from Airbus and US manufacturer Boeing.

**Q. In which city the G20 4th Education Working Group meeting will be held from June 20th to 21st, 2023?**

A) Chennai

B) Pune

C) Kochi

D) Kolkata

**Answer : B**

✓ The Ministry of Education is gearing up to host the 4th Education Working Group (EdWG) meeting in Pune, Maharashtra. The highly anticipated event will take place from June 20th to 21st, 2023, and will witness the participation of 85 delegates from G-20 member countries, guest countries and esteemed organizations such as OECD, UNESCO and UNICEF.

✓ Additionally, Ministers from 15 countries have confirmed their attendance for the Education Ministers' gathering on June 22, 2023, along with senior representatives from UNICEF, OECD and UNESCO.

## PUNE IN NEWS 2023

- Education Ministry will host the 4th and final Education Working Group (EDWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency in Pune.
- The city of Pune will soon hold the distinction of having the country's deepest underground metro station..
- Pune's Civil Court interchange station will be 108.59 feet deep with a ceiling of 95 feet.
- India and 23 African nations on 21 March began a nine-day mega military exercise Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX) in Pune.
- The first joint conference of army chiefs of India and African countries was held in Pune.
- Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad recently arrested a scientist of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) on charges of espionage..
- The scientist named Pradeep Kurulkar was arrested in Pune.
- External Affairs Ministry's annual flagship event on Geoeconomics, Asia Economic Dialogue began on 23 February in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra's first Electronics Manufacturing Cluster to be set up at Ranjangaon, Pune.



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- Savitribai Phule Pune University won its first gold medal in the women's tennis event at the Khelo India University Games.
- DHARA - Annual Meeting of Members of the River Cities Alliance to be held In Pune.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the fourth Y20 consultation meeting in Pune.
- Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune

**Q. Who has built the 'Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope'?**

- A) C-DAC
- B) IUCAA
- C) DRDO
- D) Tech Mahindra

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Pune-based Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has built a unique space telescope, the Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT).
- ✓ It will be used in ISRO's first solar mission Aditya-L1.
- ✓ This space telescope will provide a full disk image of the Sun in the 2000 to 4000A wavelength range which has never been possible before.
- ✓ This space telescope will be sent with seven payloads in the Aditya-L1 mission.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the non-executive chairman by Axis Bank?**

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) Urjit Patel
- C) NS Vishwanathan
- D) Ajay Mehra

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Axis Bank has appointed NS Vishwanathan, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as non-executive chairman.
- ✓ The board of directors of the bank has appointed Vishwanathan for a period of three years. Apart from Axis Bank, Vishwanathan was appointed as the head of the advisory board at Razorpay in April 2023.
- ✓ Vishwanathan had joined RBI in 1981 and retired as Deputy Governor in March 2020





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#### AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Axis Bank has appointed NS Vishwanathan, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as non-executive chairman.
- 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. Who has been appointed as the new chief of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)?**

A) Ravi Sinha

B) Ajay Sinha

C) Vivek Kala

D) Vinod Lahori

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Ravi Sinha, a 1988 batch IPS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, has been selected as the next chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)..
- ✓ Sinha will take over from current chief Samant Kumar Goel, whose term ends on June 30, 2023.
- ✓ Presently, Ravi Sinha is holding the post of Special Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat
- ✓ **Research and Analysis Wing (RAW):**
- ✓ It is the foreign intelligence agency of India.
- ✓ RAW's primary function is to gather foreign intelligence.
- ✓ It is responsible for counter-terrorism and counter-proliferation efforts.
- ✓ RAW advises Indian policy makers on strategic matters.
- ✓ Established - 21 September 1968



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- ✓ Founder - RN Kao, Indira Gandhi
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ✓ Officeholder - Samant Goyal (Director of Intelligence Agency)

**Q. India has gifted indigenously built missile corvette 'INS Kirpan' to which country?**

- A) Vietnam    B) Bangladesh  
C) Bhutan    D) Sri Lanka

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India gifts missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam.
- ✓ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on 19 June announced the gift of an indigenous in-service missile corvette, INS Kirpan, to the Vietnam People's Navy.
- ✓ The announcement is expected to significantly enhance the capabilities of the Vietnamese Navy.
- ✓ **About INS Kirpan**
- ✓ INS Kirpan is a missile corvette belonging to the Khukri class with a displacement of about 1,350 tonnes.
- ✓ It was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 12 January 1991.
- ✓ The length of the corvette is 91 meters and the beam is 11 metres.
- ✓ It is capable of attaining speeds of over 25 knots.
- ✓ Equipped with a variety of weapons including medium-range cannon, 30 mm close-range gun, chaff launcher and surface-to-surface missiles, INS Kirpan has the versatility to play multiple roles.
- ✓ The roles performed by INS Kirpan include coastal and offshore patrolling, coastal security, surface warfare, anti-piracy operations and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

**Q. In which state will the 37th edition of the National Games of India be organized?**

- A) Himachal Pradesh                                  B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Haryana    D) Goa

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched the mascot 'Moga' of the 37th edition of the National Games at a launch ceremony held at the Goa Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium.
- ✓ The 37th edition of the National Games will be organized at various places in the state of Goa.
- ✓ National Games in India are organized by the Indian Olympic Association



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**Q. Which country won the title of Squash World Cup 2023?**

- A) India  
B) Iran  
C) Turkey  
D) Egypt

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Egypt emerged victorious in the World Squash Championship, defeating Malaysia 2-1 in the final held in Chennai.
- ✓ Malaysia secured the silver medal in the championship.
- ✓ The third place in the championship was shared between the host country, India, and Japan.
- ✓ Malaysia defeated India with a score of 3-0 in the semi-final held the previous day.
- ✓ The state of Tamil Nadu has gained recognition in international sports by successfully organizing the Chess Olympiad within a remarkable four-month timeframe

**Q. Which State Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department launched a web portal to check illegal cattle transportation?**

- A) Bihar  
B) Karnataka  
C) Assam  
D) Uttar Praesh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Assam Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department launched a web portal for cattle transportation, during a program held in Guwahati.
- ✓ Aim : To prevent the illegal transportation of cattle

**Q. Which bank has recently launched its ActivMoney feature, which gives customers the benefit of fixed deposit (FD)-like interest up to 7 percent per annum?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank launches 'ActivMoney'





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- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank launched its ActivMoney feature, which gives customers the benefit of fixed deposit (FD)-like interest up to 7 percent per annum, and the flexibility to access their funds at any time from the linked savings account.
- ✓ This is an auto sweep feature that is offered by several other banks, including Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and IndusInd Bank.

**Q. Which fintech company has introduced a UPI Software Development Kit (SDK) for customers to make payments to online merchants without any failure of the system?**

- A) GooglePay
- B) PhonePe
- C) Paytm
- D) PayPal

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Paytm has introduced a UPI Software Development Kit (SDK) for customers to make payments to online merchants without any failure of the system.
- ✓ UPI SDK has also assured fail-proof transactions.
- ✓ Paytm UPI SDK will let users pay directly from bank accounts through UPI PIN without having to jump between merchant and payment app. Along with Paytm UPI Lite, the company is enhancing two-sided payments, for both merchants and customers.

**Q. Indian men's football team has won the Intercontinental Cup 2023 by defeating which country?**

- A) Argentina
- B) Portugal
- C) Lebanon
- D) Brazil

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Indian men's football team beat Lebanon 2-0 to win the Intercontinental Cup 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ It was India's first win over Lebanon in 47 years and second in eight meetings.
- ✓ This was the third edition of the Intercontinental Cup. The Indian football team upset Kenya to win the inaugural Intercontinental Cup in 2018 while North Korea clinched the crown in 2019 by beating Tajikistan.
- ✓ Indian captain – Sunil Chhetri



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**Q. The inaugural edition of India's first-ever Women's Kabaddi League (WKL) commenced in which city?**

- A) Dubai  
B) New Delhi  
C) London  
D) New York

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The inaugural edition of India's first-ever Women's Kabaddi League (WKL) commenced with great fanfare in Dubai.
- ✓ The league is being organized by the Kabaddi Federation of India and the Dream Sports Group.
- ✓ The league consists of eight teams, featuring a total of 96 players, each representing Indian states.
- ✓ These teams bear the names of various states, including the Delhi Dynamites, Gujarat Angels, Great Marathas, Haryana Hustlers, Punjab Panthers, Rajasthan Riders, Uma Kolkata, and Bengaluru Hawks.

**Q. World Refugee Day is observed on which day?**

- A) 18 June  
B) 20 June  
C) 19 June  
D) 17 June

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) observes the World Refugee Day on June 20 each year to raise awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world.
- ✓ 2023 Theme: Hope Away from Home
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly recognised the day on 4 December 2020.
- ✓ United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) headquarter – Geneva, Switzerland

**Q. Which country will rejoin UNESCO in July 2023 four years after leaving due to allegations of bias against Israel?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The United States will rejoin UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization, in July 2023.
- ✓ The move ends Washington's more than ten-year dispute with the UN cultural agency after the US left UNESCO in 2018.



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- ✓ US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Verma submitted a letter to UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay last week to formalize plans to rejoin.
- ✓ In addition, the US will also pay an outstanding balance of over \$600 million
- ✓ **America's reason for being out of UNESCO**
- ✓ The United States exited UNESCO primarily due to the induction of Palestine as a member in 2011.
- ✓ This move resulted in the US suspending its funding to the agency, which amounted to millions of dollars, during the presidency of Barack Obama.
- ✓ The reason behind the US halting funding was that Palestine is not recognized as a sovereign state by the United Nations.
- ✓ While Palestine was granted non-member observer state status in 2012, enabling its participation in General Assembly proceedings, it did not possess voting rights.
- ✓ **Why did the USA rejoin UNESCO?**
- ✓ The absence of the United States from UNESCO allowed China to gain greater influence within the organization.
- ✓ Recognizing the need to maintain a strong international presence and influence, the US has sought to re-engage to counter China's growing authority.
- ✓ By rejoining, the US is seeking to regain its role in shaping and influencing UNESCO's policies.

### UNESCO IN NEWS 2023

- United States will rejoin UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization, in July 2023.
- Jagdish Bakan wins UNESCO's 2023 Michel Batisse Award .
- UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- According to a report published by UNESCO at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference in New York, 26 percent of the world's population does not have access to safe drinking water.
- Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the Felix Houphouet-Boigny UNESCO Peace Prize in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.
- Visva-Bharati University is expected to get the status of the world's first "Living Heritage University" from UNESCO.
- UNESCO listed Ukraine's Odesa a World Heritage Site in Danger.





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- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the Centre has nominated the maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo to seek a UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- The historic maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo were chosen out of 52 sites for the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Formation : 16 November 1945
- Headquarters : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)
- Member countries : 193
- Total UNESCO sites in india : 40.

**Q. According to Hurun India, which is the most valuable listed private company in India?**

- A) HDFC Bank    B) Infosys  
C) Reliance Industries                                         D) ITC

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Hurun India has recently released the list of India's listed most valuable private companies, in this list Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries is at the top position.
- ✓ According to Hurun India, the total market capitalization of Reliance Industries is ₹16,37,327 crore.
- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) of Tata Group comes second in this list with a total market capitalization of Rs 11.8 lakh crore.
- ✓ In this list, TCS is second and HDFC Bank is in third place with Rs 9.4 lakh crore.
- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- ✓ Founded : 8 May 1973
- ✓ Founder : Dhirubhai Ambani
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra,
- ✓ CMD : Mukesh Ambani
- ✓ Owner : Mukesh Ambani (50.49%)
- ✓ Director : Nita Dalal Ambani
- ✓ Subsidiaries



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- ✓ Jio Platforms (67.03%)
- ✓ Jio Payments Bank (70%).
- ✓ At Rs 19 lakh crore or \$250 billion, Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani-promoted Reliance Industries's market capitalisation.

**Q. Who has recently been appointed as the Deputy Governor of RBI?**

- A) Venugopal Iyer                                      B) Swaminathan Janakiraman  
C) Urjit Patel    D) Raghuram Rajan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Swaminathan Janakiraman has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the Government of India.
- ✓ Swaminathan Janakiraman will replace Mahesh Kumar Jain, whose term ends on June 22.
- ✓ Janakiraman is currently the Managing Director in State Bank of India (SBI).
- ✓ He has served as a nominee director of SBI on the boards of Yes Bank, Jio Payments Bank and NPCI.
- ✓ He has also represented SBI as a director in Bank of Bhutan, a joint venture with SBI.
- ✓ **About Reserve Bank of India**
- ✓ It was established on April 1, 1935 as per the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- ✓ Sir Osborne Smith was made the first Governor of RBI.
- ✓ The central office of the Reserve Bank was established in Kolkata which was permanently shifted to Mumbai in the year 1937.
- ✓ It was nationalized in 1949 and now the Government of India owns the RBI.
- ✓ It has the power to regulate banks under the Banking Regulation Act 1949.
- ✓ It has the power to regulate Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) under the RBI Act 1934.
- ✓ RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 April 1935
- ✓ RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- ✓ 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- ✓ 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh
- ✓ 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das



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✓ **RBI Deputy Governor (4)**

- ✓ 1. Tavarana Rabi Sankar
- ✓ 2. Michael D Patra
- ✓ 3. M Rajeshwar Rao
- ✓ 4. Swaminathan Janakiraman

✓ **FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :**

- ✓ 1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
- ✓ 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
- ✓ 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
- ✓ 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).
- ✓ 5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- ✓ India has four currency note printing presses.
- ✓ Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- ✓ Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- ✓ Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida

**Q. In which country Indian Army is participating in 'Exercise Khan Quest 2023'?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ With the participation of military contingents and observers from more than 20 countries, the multinational peacekeeping joint exercise "Ex Khan Quest 2023" began in Mongolia on 19 June.
- ✓ The ceremony was inaugurated by Mongolian President Ukhmagin Khurelsukh at the exercise site.
- ✓ The exercise is jointly sponsored by the Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) and the United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC).
- ✓ The Indian Army is being represented by a contingent of the Garhwal Rifles.
- ✓ **Purpose of the exercise**





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- ✓ The 14-day exercise aims to improve interoperability among the participating countries, facilitate exchange of experiences and provide training to uniformed personnel for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO).
- ✓ **Significance of exercise**
- ✓ The exercise will help prepare participants for future UN peacekeeping operations, enhance peacekeeping capabilities and improve military preparedness.
- ✓ It includes various activities like Command Post Exercise (CPX), Field Training Exercise (FTX), Combat Discussion, Lectures and Demonstrations.
- ✓ This military exercise will strengthen defense cooperation between the Indian Army and the participating countries, especially the Mongolian Armed Forces, thereby enhancing bilateral relations between India and Mongolia.
- ✓ **About Mongolia**
- ✓ It is located in North Central Asia.
- ✓ Capital: Ulaanbaatar
- ✓ Currency: Tugrik
- ✓ President: Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh

**Q. Which state government has launched free power scheme, 'Gruha Jyothi Scheme'?**

- A) Telangana
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Uttar Praesh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Karnataka government has launched a free power scheme named 'Gruha Jyothi scheme' for providing free electricity up to 200 units a month.
- ✓ Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah also stated that the scheme also extends to tenants living on rent if their electricity consumption matches the scheme's criteria.
- ✓ The beneficiaries will get a 'zero bill' starting August 1 if usage is within their entitlement.
- ✓ The Gruha Jyothi scheme is part of the Congress government's five poll promises.



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### KARNATAKA IN NEWS 2023

- Karnataka government is currently facing challenges in implementing the Anna Bhagya scheme starting from July 1 due to the unavailability of the required amount of rice.
- Karnataka government has launched a free power scheme named 'Gruha Jyothi scheme' for providing free electricity up to 200 units a month.
- Karnataka government has advised the women to apply for Shakti smart cards to avail the free travel in state run buses.
- Siddaramaiah was sworn in as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka for his second term .
- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 Karnataka, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank .
- World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water.
- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya .
- The Karnataka Government will build the country’s first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program began in Karnataka.
- Karnataka bags National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana, implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- Karnataka Bank awarded ‘Prathista Puraskar for achieving highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy ‘The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.
- About Karnataka State



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- Formation - 1 November 1956
- Capital- Bengaluru
- Chief minister : Siddaramaiah
- Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Legislative Assembly seats- 224
- Lok Sabha seats- 28
- Jog Falls (Garsoppa) located in Karnataka is the highest waterfall in India which is on Sharavathi River.
- Yakshagana is the main folk dance of Karnataka.

**Q. Which author has been awarded the prestigious 'German Peace Prize'?**

**A) Chetan Bhagat**

**B) Salman Rushdie**

**C) Arundhati Roy**

**D) Amish Tripathi**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Salman Rushdie wins German Book Trade 2023 Peace Prize.
- ✓ The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023 has been awarded to British-American author Salman Rushdie.
- ✓ Birth and Background: Salman Rushdie was born on June 19, 1947 in Bombay (now Mumbai), India.
- ✓ The Satanic Verses: Rushdie achieved international recognition through his controversial 1988 novel, The Satanic Verses.
- ✓ History of the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade
- ✓ It was established in 1950 and the award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the promotion of international understanding between nations and cultures through their literary works.
- ✓ The prize is endowed with €25,000 (\$27,300).
- ✓ The award ceremony takes place in October during the Frankfurt Book Fair, one of the largest and most important book fairs in the world.
- ✓ The purpose of the award is to encourage efforts to promote peace, dialogue and cooperation.
- ✓ Past recipients of the award include Margaret Atwood, Orhan Pamuk, Susan Sontag, Amos Oz, and Vaclav Havel.





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- ✓ Last year, the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade was awarded to Ukrainian author Serhiy Zhadan.
- ✓ **List of famous books by Salman Rushdie:**
- ✓ Midnight's Children
- ✓ Shame
- ✓ The Satanic Verses
- ✓ fury
- ✓ Shalimar The Clown
- ✓ The Golden House
- ✓ Quichotte
- ✓ Victory City

**Q. Which Government has implemented Anna Bhagya Scheme i.e. Free Rice Distribution Scheme for the citizens of state?**

A) Kerala

B) Telangana

C) Karnataka

D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Karnataka's Anna Bhagya Scheme.
- ✓ The Karnataka government is currently facing challenges in implementing the Anna Bhagya scheme starting from July 1 due to the unavailability of the required amount of rice.
- ✓ The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has halted the sale of rice to state governments, including Karnataka, since June 12.
- ✓ This discontinuation of rice supply has created difficulties for the implementation of the Anna Bhagya scheme.
- ✓ However, Punjab has in principle agreed to supply rice to Karnataka in the required quantity.
- ✓ FCI initially agreed to provide the required 2.28 lakh tonnes of rice, but later refused to do so.
- ✓ Telangana and Andhra Pradesh expressed their inability to supply, while the Chhattisgarh government offered to supply 1.5 lakh tonnes.
- ✓ **About Anna Bhagya Scheme**
- ✓ The state government intends to increase the allocation of free rice from 5 kg to 10 kg per person on Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards under the Anna Bhagya scheme.



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- ✓ The aim of this increase in free rice allocation is to provide more support and food security to the persons belonging to BPL category.
- ✓ The implementation of this revised allocation is scheduled to begin from July 1.
- ✓ The increased allocation of free rice will cost the state government an estimated ₹840 crore per month.
- ✓ Annually, the scheme is expected to cost Rs 10,092 crore to the state exchequer

**Q. Which state's chief minister has inaugurated "The Tribune Real Estate Expo 2023" in the state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has inaugurated "The Tribune Real Estate Expo, 2023, Shimla".
- ✓ Around 15 real estate developers and some banks are participating in the expo.
- ✓ The expo is expected to attract potential buyers and investors from across the country.
- ✓ Most of these developers are exhibiting their properties situated in Zirakpur, Mohali and other areas close to Chandigarh.
- ✓ The expo is being organized by the Himachal Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HPRERA) and the Himachal Pradesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HPCCI).

### HIMACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has inaugurated "The Tribune Real Estate Expo, 2023, Shimla".
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu informed that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) will set up an ethanol plant at Jeetpur Baheri in Una district at a cost of Rs 500 crore.
- European Commission (EC) has awarded protected geographical indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, a unique variety of tea grown in the Kangra district of India's Himachal Pradesh.
- Himachal Pradesh (HP) has become the first Indian state to develop a DNA database for unidentified bodies.



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- Himachal Pradesh launched Sanjeevani Project to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers and livestock owners.
- Himachal Pradesh targets to be first 'green energy state' by 2025.
- Himachal Cabinet approves monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women of Spiti Valley.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced to set up of Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashraya Sahayata Kosh for the destitute in the state.
- Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone of 'Himachal Niketan' which will provide accommodation facilities to the students and residents of Himachal Pradesh visiting New Delhi.
- Himachal Pradesh celebrates its 53rd Statehood Day with joy and enthusiasm across the state on 25th January 2023

**Q. Who has become the first male footballer to play 200 international matches?**

- A) Lionel Messi                      B) Cristiano Ronaldo  
C) Kylian Mbappe                      D) Karim Benzema

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Portugal football team captain Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first male footballer to play 200 international matches. Ronaldo achieved this feat during the UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying match against Iceland.
- ✓ He was also awarded the Guinness World Record Certificate for this achievement

**Q. The two-day conference of Science-20 under G-20 has been organized in which city?**

- A) Lucknow                      B) Patna  
C) Gandhinagar                      D) Bhopal

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The two-day conference of Science-20 under G-20 has organized at the Taj Hotel in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The theme of the conference is "Connecting Science to Society and Culture".





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- ✓ The conference is being presided over by Professor Ashutosh Sharma, President of the Indian National Science Academy.
- ✓ The conference is being attended by representatives of the G-20 countries, invited states, and international organizations.
- ✓ The Science-20 consultation was begun with a preliminary meeting to be held in Puducherry on 30 and 31 January 2023 while the Science-20 conferences will culminate with a summit-level meeting in Coimbatore

**Q. The Ministry of Defence has recently approved the deal to acquire the e Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones from which country?**

- A) Israel    B) France  
C) Japan    D) United States

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Defence Ministry has approved the deal for acquiring the Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones from America for which the final decision would be taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).
- ✓ The deal for the Predator drones was approved by the Defence Acquisition Council meeting.
- ✓ The DAC is the highest body in the Defence Ministry to take decisions on acquisitions.
- ✓ The hunter-killer MQ-9 drones are capable of a variety of roles, including maritime surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, over-the-horizon targeting, airborne early warning, electronic warfare.
- ✓ The SkyGuardian variant has a wingspan of 79 feet and can carry a payload of 2,155kg on nine hardpoints.
- ✓ The SeaGuardian variant can fly over the horizon via satellite for more than 30 hours and has advanced intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities

**Q. The civil aviation sector in India recorded a growth of how much percent during January-May 2023, compared to the same period in 2022?**

- A) 49%    B) 36%  
C) 73%    D) 67%

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The civil aviation sector in India recorded a growth of 36% during January-May 2023, compared to the same period in 2022.
- ✓ The number of passengers carried during the period increased to 79.8 million, from 58.9 million in 2022.



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- ✓ Domestic passenger traffic grew by 37.7%, while international passenger traffic grew by 33.2%. The cargo traffic also grew by 13.2% during the period.
- ✓ In the month of May last year, passenger count was over 114 lakh, which in May this year rose to over 132 lakh, registering a Month-on-Month growth of 15.24 percent

**Q. Who is the first Indian swordsman to win a medal in the Asian Championships?**

- A) Anju Rani
- B) Bhavani Devi
- C) Bhavna Kohli
- D) Babita Kumari

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Bhavani Devi creates history by winning India's first medal in Asian Fencing Championships.
- ✓ Bhavani Devi won the bronze medal in the women's sabre event at the Asian Fencing Championships held in Wuxi, China.
- ✓ Bhavani lost her semi-final match against Uzbekistan's Zainab Daybekova with a score of 14-15.
- ✓ In the quarterfinals, Bhavani defeated defending world champion Misaki Emura of Japan by a score of 15-10.
- ✓ Bhavani registered his first win against a Japanese swordsman.
- ✓ Bhavani's next challenge will be the World Championships to be held in Milan from July 22 to 30.

**Q. Which pair won the doubles title of Indonesia Badminton Open?**

- A) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- B) B. Sai Praneeth and Lakshya Sen
- C) Chirag and Lakshya Sen
- D) Shrikant Kidambi and Satwik

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Satwik-Chirag become men's doubles champions at Indonesia Open 2023.
- ✓ Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian pair to win the doubles title at a BWF Super 1000 event at the Indonesia Open 2023.
- ✓ They defeated the Malaysian world champion pair of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the final.
- ✓ The win made them the first doubles team from India to win the Indonesia Open.
- ✓ They also became the first pair from India to win a Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 1000 title.



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- ✓ Indonesia Open 2023 took place at Istora Gelora Bung Karno in Jakarta, Indonesia
- ✓ Recently, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty created history by becoming the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships.

**Q. Which player of India has broken the national and Asian record in shot-put?**

- A) Jagraj Singh Mann                      B) Bahadur Singh Sagoo  
C) Tajinderpal Singh Toor                D) Inderjit Singh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India's top shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor created a new Asian shot put record at the Inter-State Championships in Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ Tajinderpal Singh Toor broke his previous Asian record with a throw of 21.77m, surpassing his earlier record of 21.49m in 2021.
- ✓ His remarkable throw placed him ninth in the global rankings for longest shot put distance recorded this season.
- ✓ Toor cleared the qualifying mark of 21.40m to secure his place in the upcoming World Championships.

**Q. International Day of Yoga is celebrated on which day?**

- A) 18 June                                      B) 19 June  
C) 20 June                                      D) 21 June

**Answer : D**

- ✓ International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on 21 June.
- ✓ The day aims to promote the many benefits of practicing yoga.
- ✓ The date chosen coincides with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
- ✓ International Yoga Day encourages physical, mental and spiritual harmony.
- ✓ **The theme chosen for International Day of Yoga 2023 is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".**
- ✓ The theme represents the shared desire of "One Earth, One Family, One Future".
- ✓ Yoga promotes meditation, stress reduction, and overall health and vitality.
- ✓ In its 9th edition, this year (2023), Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be hosting the ceremony at the United Nations (UN) headquarter in New York during his state visit to the United States between 20 June to 24th June 2023.





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- ✓ This is the first time that a yoga session was organized by the Prime Minister at this place.
- ✓ **History of International Yoga Day**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the idea of a dedicated Yoga Day in 2014 during his speech at the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly.
- ✓ On 11 December 2014, all 193 member states of the United Nations unanimously agreed to observe 21 June as the International Day of Yoga.
- ✓ The inaugural ceremony of International Day of Yoga took place on June 21, 2015.
- ✓ International Yoga Day has received global recognition and is celebrated in more than 190 countries.

**Q. What is the theme of the 2023 International Yoga Day?**

- A) Yoga for Peace                                      B) Yoga for well-being  
C) Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam      D) Yoga for Climate Action

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The theme chosen for International Day of Yoga 2023 is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".
- ✓ The theme represents the shared desire of "One Earth, One Family, One Future".

**Q. The World Hydrography Day is marked every year on \_\_**

- A) 19 June  
B) 20 June  
C) 21 June  
D) 18 June

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Every year the World Hydrography Day is observed on 21 June to make the public aware about the hydrography and the essential role that it plays in everyone's life.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 WHD is "Hydrography – underpinning the digital twin of the ocean".
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly accepted a resolution to celebrate World Hydrography Day on every June 21 in 2005.

The day is organised by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) since 2006 to publicise the work of hydrographers and the importance of hydrography.



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**Q. The World Humanist Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_**

- A) 18 June                                  B) 19 June  
C) 20 June                                  D) 21 June

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The World Humanist Day is celebrated every year around the world on the June solstice, which usually falls on June 21.
- ✓ The day aims to spread awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance and means to effect change in the world.
- ✓ The day has been organised by the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU), since 1980.
- ✓ IHEU is the global federation for Humanist, atheist, rationalist, ethical culture, secularist and other freethought groups.

**Q. The World Music Day is observed on which day?**

- A) 19 June                                  B) 20 June  
C) 21 June                                  D) 18 June

**Answer : C**

- ✓ World Music Day (Fête de la Musique, as called in French) takes place on 21 June every year to honor the amateur and professional musicians, and to encourage them to showcase their work to the world.
- ✓ The first ever music day took place in 1982 in Paris

**Q. UK's largest financial services providers 'Lloyds Banking Group', would set up a technology center in Which City?**

- A) Chennai                                  B) Bengaluru  
C) Visakhapatnam                          D) Hyderabad

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Lloyds Banking Group, one of the UK's largest financial services organisations, said on 21st June 2023 that it is setting up a technology centre in Hyderabad and will recruit 600 people by the end of 2023.
- ✓ Lloyds's captive will come up in the Knowledge City. The group, which has brands such as Lloyds Bank, Halifax, and Bank of Scotland under its belt, said it plans to expand its digital capabilities through the tech centre.







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- ✓ Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history.
- ✓ Nusrat Chowdhry, a civil rights lawyer, has been confirmed by the US Senate for appointment as the first Muslim female federal judge in US history.
- ✓ She became the first Bangladeshi American and the first Muslim American woman to become a federal judge.
- ✓ She will serve as a federal judge in Brooklyn federal court in New York after receiving a 50-49 vote along party lines.
- ✓ Endorsed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), she currently holds the position of Legal Director for the ACLU of Illinois.
- ✓ Chowdhary previously served in the ACLU National Office and was the Deputy Director of the ACLU Racial Justice Program.
- ✓ Chowdhury has a notable academic background, having graduated from Columbia, Princeton and Yale Law Schools.
- ✓ He has also served as clerk to chief justices in the US District Court and US Circuit Court of Appeals.
- ✓ Earlier, in 2019, Zahid Qureshi became the country's first federal Muslim judge when he was confirmed to serve as a district court judge in New Jersey.

### FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2023

- Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history.
- Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Shalini Singh from Lucknow has become the first woman NCC cadet in India to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand.
- Parminder Chopra becomes first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation.
- Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency.
- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.



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- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhavar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dhama becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareilly's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?**

A) N. K. Sodhi

B) P. Vishwanatha Shetty

C) Krishnamurthy Subramanian

D) Amit Agarwal

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Amit Agarwal has assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ✓ Amit Agarwal is a senior IAS officer of 1993 batch of Chhattisgarh cadre.
- ✓ He is a graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.
- ✓ He has held important positions at the Center and in the states of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Before becoming the CEO of UIDAI, he served as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ✓ **About Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**
- ✓ **Establishment and Authorization:**
- ✓ Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a government department established on 12 July 2016.
- ✓ It works under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ✓ UIDAI is a statutory authority created under the Aadhaar Act 2016.
- ✓ **Objectives and Functions:**
- ✓ UIDAI provides a 12 digit unique identification number called "Aadhaar" to all Indian residents.
- ✓ Aadhaar serves as a universal identity for residents across the country.
- ✓ UIDAI links the Aadhaar number with basic demographic and biometric information of residents.
- ✓ This information includes a photograph, ten fingerprints and two iris scans.
- ✓ The data is stored in a secure, centralized database managed by the UIDAI

**Q. Which company has received orders worth Rs 3,914 crore of orders for the Akash Prime Weapon System?**

- A) Hindustan Unilever Limited                      B) Bharat Electronics Limited  
C) Tata Advanced Systems                         D) Reliance Industries Limited

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Bharat Electronics (BEL) has received orders worth Rs 5,900 crore, of which Rs 3,914 crore of orders are from the Akash Prime Weapon System.
- ✓ BEL received a work order for 2 regiments of Improved Akash Weapon System (AWS) with upgrades from Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), another defence PSU, for a value of Rs 3,914 crores.





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- ✓ Akash is an all-weather, point/area air-defense weapon system for defending vulnerable points/areas against threats emanating from low, medium and high altitudes. The system uses high-mobility vehicles for mobile application.

**Q. Which company has started delivering 'Armado,' an Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV), built specifically for the Indian armed forces?**

- A) Mahindra Defence Systems                      B) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited  
C) Tata Advanced Systems                         D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Mahindra Defence Systems has started delivering 'Armado,' an Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV), built specifically for the Indian armed forces.
- ✓ The Mahindra 'Armado' Armored Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV) is a light armoured specialist vehicle built for use by military and defence forces.
- ✓ The modular type vehicle allows for efficient maintenance and can be upgraded or configured in the field for a wide variety of operational roles. The ALSV offers ballistic protection up to B7, STANAG Level II.
- ✓ The ALSV provides protected mobility at the front, side, and rear as per STANAG Level I Ballistics and Blast for four crew members with battle load with ample stowage space for arms and ammunition inside the crew compartment and additional 400 kgs cargo load-carrying capacity. It can also be upgradable up to STANAG – II Ballistics.
- ✓ The Aramado has a maximum speed of 120 kmph and can accelerate from 0 to 60 kmph in 12 seconds. It has a 30-degree gradability with parking brake holding capacity in full GVW, along with 50 km run-flat system on all five wheels

**Q. According to a new report, Glaciers in Asia's Hindu Kush Himalaya could lose up to how much percent of their volume by the century's end due to global warming?**

- A) 75%    B) 85%  
C) 95%    D) 65%

**Answer : A**

- ✓ According to a new report, Glaciers in Asia's Hindu Kush Himalaya could lose up to 75 percent of their volume by the century's end due to global warming.



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- ✓ Global warming is causing dangerous flooding and water shortages for the 240 million people who live in the mountainous region.
- ✓ A team of international scientists has found that ice loss in the region, home to the famous peaks of Everest and K2, is speeding up.
- ✓ The Hindu Kush Himalaya stretches 3,500 km (2,175 miles) across Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan. At 1.5 degrees Celsius or 2 degrees Celsius of warming above pre-industrial temperatures, glaciers across the entire region will lose 30 percent to 50 percent of their volume by 2100.

**Q. According to the climate report, which of the following continent is world's fastest-warming continent?**

- A) Asia**
- B) Europe**
- C) Africa**
- D) North America**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Europe should brace for more deadly heatwaves driven by climate change, said a sweeping report, noting the world's fastest-warming continent was some 2.3 degrees Celsius hotter last year.
- ✓ Crop-withering drought, record sea-surface temperatures, and unprecedented glacier melt are among the consequences laid out in a report by the WMO and the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service.
- ✓ Since the 1980s, Europe has been warming twice the global average and witnessed its warmest summer on record last year as countries like France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom faced their warmest year on record.

**Q. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 4 National Highway projects in which state?**

- A) Maharashtra**
- B) Rajasthan**
- C) Haryana**
- D) Madhya Pradesh**

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 4 National Highway projects at Sonapat, Karnal, and Ambala in Haryana.



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- ✓ The construction of 11 flyovers on 8-lane National Highway 44 from Delhi to Panipat in Sonapat at a cost of Rs 890 crore with a total length of 24 km will provide better connectivity to the economic nodes of Haryana, Punjab, and Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ The construction of national highways, Karnal Greenfield 35 km 6-lane Ring Road at a cost of Rs 1690 crore is not just a road but will become the lifeline for the development and prosperity of the region in times to come.
- ✓ Gadkari also Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 2 NH projects worth Rs 1255 Crore in Ambala, Haryana

### HARYANA IN NEWS 2023

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 4 National Highway projects at Sonapat, Karnal, and Ambala in Haryana.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced Rs 10,000 monthly pension for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan winners of the state under a monthly pension scheme.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal will inaugurate the integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25 under the Amrit Jal Kranti initiative.
- Haryana has launched a special campaign to raise awareness about door-to-door waste collection and segregation.
- A tiger has been spotted in a camera trap at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar district of Haryana.
- Haryana becomes first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network.
- First nuclear power plant in North India would be built in Gorakhpur, Haryana,

**Q. The Indian cabinet has given its approval to Micron Technology's plan to invest \$2.7 billion in setting up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in which state?**

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

**Answer : D**





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- ✓ The Indian cabinet has given its approval to Micron Technology's plan to invest \$2.7 billion in setting up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat.
- ✓ The government will provide production-linked incentives worth Rs 11,000 crore (\$1.34 billion) for the semiconductor plant.
- ✓ This investment is expected to boost India's semiconductor industry and aligns with Prime Minister Modi's vision of making India a global hub for semiconductor production.
- ✓ The new facility is anticipated to create jobs and enhance India's capabilities in the sector, contributing to its digital ambitions and self-reliance in advanced technologies.

### GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- Indian cabinet has given its approval to Micron Technology's plan to invest \$2.7 billion in setting up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat..
- Urban-20 City Sherpas' meet begins at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term.
- Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli passed away.
- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year. The state was established on May 1, 1960.
- Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as "Swagat Saptah" in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the "State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology" (SWAGAT) initiative.
- Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in GIFT city.
- Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat.
- International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Vedanta-Foxconn JV choose Dholera SIR for India's first semiconductor facility



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**Q. Which state government has sanctioned funds amounting to Rs 13.48 crore for development projects at temples and dargahs?**

A) Punjab

B) Rajasthan

C) Haryana

D) Telangana

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Rajasthan government has sanctioned Rs 13.48 crore to promote religious tourism at Nagaur, Jaisalmer, and Alwar regions of the state.
- ✓ The state government has been continuously working to promote religious tourism and develop various facilities for pilgrims at these places.
- ✓ Under the initiative, Rs 3.10 crore has been sanctioned for Butati in Nagaur district, Rs 1.65 crore for Ghatveshwar Mahadev Temple, Rs 1.61 crore for Harmal Das Ji Maharaj Temple and Rs 1.36 crore for improving facilities at Dargah Hazrat Samman Badi Khat.
- ✓ CM Ashok Gehlot announced the allocation of funds for development works at religious places in the 2023-24 State Budget.

### RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023

- Rajasthan government has sanctioned Rs 13.48 crore to promote religious tourism at Nagaur, Jaisalmer, and Alwar regions of the state.
- 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.



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**Q. Which state will host India's first MotoGP racing event on 22 and 23 September?**

- A) Tamil Nadu                                      B) Telangana  
C) Uttar Pradesh                                      D) Maharashtra

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government announced that the Buddh International circuit in Greater Noida will host India's first MotoGP racing event on 22 and 23 September.
- ✓ The high-end racing machines in the adventurous championship will enhance the reputation of 'Brand UP'.
- ✓ The development marks the return of a big-ticket motorsport event in the country after Formula 1's departure in 2013.
- ✓ In September last year, top officials from MotoGP visited India to sign a seven-year agreement (MoU) with Indian race promoters Fairstreet Sports (FSS), which has the same rights on behalf of MotoGP in India.

**Q. The India U-23 women's team won the 2023 Women's Emerging Asia Cup T20 title after defeating which team ?**

- A) Sri Lanka                                      B) Bangladesh  
C) Bhutan                                      D) Pakistan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The India U-23 women's team won the 2023 Women's Emerging Asia Cup T20 title after defeating Bangladesh in the final held at the Mission Round Ground in Hong Kong.
- ✓ India's Kanika Ahuja was named the Player of the Match, who stayed not out on 30 off 23 with four fours in the final.
- ✓ While India's Shreyanka Patil was named the Player of the Series, as she was the highest-wicket taker.
- ✓ India has scored 127 for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

**Q. Which company has signed an agreement with the German government for investing more than 30 billion euros (\$32.8 billion) in a chip manufacturing site in Magdeburg, Germany?**

- A) Intel                                      B) HP  
C) IBM                                      D) Samsung

**Answer : A**





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- ✓ Intel has signed an agreement with the German government for investing more than 30 billion euros (\$32.8 billion) in a chip manufacturing site in Magdeburg, Germany.
- ✓ Intel acquired the land for two semiconductor facilities in Magdeburg in eastern Germany in November 2022 and is expected to start production in four or five years.
- ✓ The investment in Germany means a significant expansion of Intel's production capacity in Europe and is the biggest investment ever made by a foreign company in Germany.
- ✓ **About Intel**
- ✓ Founded : 1968
- ✓ Founders : Gordon Moore, Robert Noyce, Arthur Rock
- ✓ Headquarters : Santa Clara, California, United States
- ✓ CEO : Patrick P. Gelsinger
- ✓ Chairperson : Omar Ishrak

**Q. Which bank has partnered with Wise to offer low-cost & fast inward remittance to India?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ IndusInd Bank has forged a strategic partnership with Wise, a global technology company specializing in secure money transfers.
- ✓ The collaboration aims to provide convenient and efficient online inward remittance services specifically tailored for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) residing in the United States and Singapore.
- ✓ Through this partnership, IndusInd Bank's customers can transfer funds from these two major global markets. The remittance service, known as Indus Fast Remit (IFR), will integrate with the Wise Platform, allowing NRIs to enjoy a multi-currency inward remittance service
- ✓ INDUSLND BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1994
- ✓ Founder : S.P. Hinduja
- ✓ Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra,
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sumant Kathpalia
- ✓ Tagline : We Make You Feel Richer



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**Q. IFFCO has recently tied up with which country for the export of Nano Liquid Urea?**

- A) France  
B) Germany  
C) Australia  
D) USA

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has signed an agreement with California-based Kapoor Enterprises Inc. for the export of Nano Liquid Urea to the US. In June 2021, IFFCO launched the world's first Nano Liquid Urea and also launched Nano DAP in April this year.
- ✓ Both Nano Urea and Nano DAP are transformative innovations in the agriculture industry

**Q. Which state's hockey team won the Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship 2023?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Hockey Madhya Pradesh won the 13th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2023 by defeating Hockey Chandigarh in the final at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium. On the other hand, the Haryana team secured the third position in the competition. Shreyas Dhupe (17', 46'), Mohammad Konain Dad (25') and Ali Ahmed (52') scored for Madhya Pradesh

**Q. Which Country first mRNA-based Omicron-specific booster vaccine approved?**

- A) USA  
B) China  
C) Russia  
D) India

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved the country's first mRNA-based Omicron-specific booster vaccine, which is developed by Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd, for emergency use.
- ✓ The Pune-based company on Tuesday (20th June 2023) released a press release to announce that its vaccine against the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2, which will be available under the name GEMCOVAC-OM, has received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the office of the DCGI.



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- ✓ According to Gennova, GEMCOVAC-OM is the first booster COVID-19 vaccine developed in India against the highly transmissible Omicron variant. Approximately 3000 individuals received the vaccine in the Phase-II/ III trials clinical trial conducted at 20 centers across 13 cities in India.







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