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### Aparchit June 4th Week English Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q. Which Indian company is included in the list of 100 most influential companies released by 'Time' magazine?
  - A) Tata Group

**B)** Reliance Industries

C) Bharti Airtel

D) NPCI

### Answer : D

- ✓ 'Time' magazine has recently released its annual list of the world's 100 most influential companies, which includes top companies like OpenAI, SpaceX, Chess.com and Google DeepMind.
- India's National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) along with e-commerce platform Meesho has also been given a place in this list.
- $\checkmark$  More than 12% of the companies in this list are associated with the AI industry.
- ✓ This mainly includes companies like OpenAI, Nvidia, Google DeepMind, Hugging Face, Metaphysics.
- ✓ Shah Rukh Khan has achieved the top spot on 2023 TIME100 poll, the TIME magazine's annual list of the most influential people.
- ✓ Odisha's Mayurbhanj and Ladakh among TIME magazine's list of 'World's Greatest Places of 2023'.
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- Q. Which company co-founder Nandan Nilekani donates ₹315 crores to IIT Bombay?
  - A) Wipro

B) Infosys

C) HCL

D) TATA

Answer: B

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- ✓ Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani donated ₹315 crores to IIT Bombay.
- ✓ As per the release, this substantial contribution builds upon his previous grants of ₹85 Crores to the Institute, bringing the cumulative value of his support to ₹400 Crores.
- ✓ The release noted that the donation will be instrumental in fostering world-class infrastructure, stimulating research in emerging areas of engineering and technology, and nurturing a deep tech startup ecosystem at IIT Bombay.

### **IIT IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani donated ₹315 crores to IIT Bombay.
- > IIT-Madras generates hydrogen from seawater using solar energy.
- > India, Israel to jointly develop Center of Water Technology at IIT Madras.
- > IIT Madras researchers partner for development of materials and micro-device processing techniques.
- IIT Kanpur's C3iHub, a cybersecurity Technology Innovation Hub, has launched a Cybersecurity Skilling Programme.
- > IIT Madras to set up its first international campus in Tanzania.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras will be provided a grant of Rs 242 crore over a period of five years to carry out research on Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD).
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and 47th globally in engineering and technology by the QS World University Rankings for 2023.
- IIT Indore, in partnership with NASA-Caltech and the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, has designed an inexpensive camera setup.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed a three-dimensional (3D) paper-based portable device that can detect adulteration in milk within 30 seconds.
- > IIT Kanpur to Host Youth20 Consultation under G20 Presidency of India.
- > IIT Bombay's SHUNYA secures second place in 'Solar Decathlon' Build Challenge in US.
- Students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore won an award of AED (Emirates Dirham)
   1 million along with a gold medal at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- > IIT Indore Students Awarded with Global Best M-GOV Awards by Egyptian President.
- Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has entered into a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited.

- > DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- > IIT Madras-incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system called BharOS.
- IIT Madras Centre of Excellence working with DRDO on Advanced Defence Technologies including Combat Vehicle Technologies.
- > IIT Madras researchers develop machine learning tool to detect tumour in brain, spinal cord.
- > ISRO plans to develop astronaut training module with IIT Madras.
- IIT-Bombay and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) join hands to develop touchless biometric system.
- IIT delhi has been ranked among the top 50 engineering institutions in the QS World University Rankings by Subject.
- An IIT Madras incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system 'Bharos' that can benefit India's 100 crore mobile phone users.

Q. Who has been appointed as chairman of GIFT (Gujarat International Finance Tec) City?

A) Ajit Doval

B) Satya Pal Malik

C) Nripendra Misra

D) Hasmukh Adhia

### Answer : D

- ✓ Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the chairman of GIFT City Limited.
- ✓ Hasmukh Adhia is a retired bureaucrat and former Union Finance Secretary and Revenue Secretary.
- ✓ Before Hasmukh Adhia, former Chief Secretary of Gujarat Sudhir Mankad was in the post of president.
- ✓ GIFT City aims to promote international financial services and develop infrastructure for the finance and technology sectors.
- ✓ Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the director and chairman of the boards of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC).
- ✓ <u>About GIFT City</u>
- ✓ Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City is a central business district under construction in Gandhinagar district of Gujarat, India.
- ✓ It is India's first operational Greenfield Smart City and International Financial Services Centre.
- ✓ GIFT City has been promoted as a greenfield project by the Government of Gujarat.

- ✓ GIFT City is divided into two zones: the International Financial Services Center (IFSC) and the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA).
- ✓ IFSC is designed for global financial institutions and international transactions.
- ✓ DTA caters to home businesses in a variety of industries.
- Q. Which City has set a new Guinness World Record in the Yoga event 21st June 2023?

A) Pune	B) Surat

C) Indore D) Bengaluru

### Answer: B

- ✓ Surat sets Guinness World Record for largest gathering on Yoga Day.
- ✓ A new Guinness World Record was created with the participation of 1.53 lakh people in the Yoga Day event in Surat, Gujarat.
- ✓ Largest gathering for a yoga session at one place, with 1.53 lakh people participating.
- ✓ The previous record was set in 2018 in Kota, Rajasthan with 1,00,984 participants.
- ✓ Event Description and Recognition:
- ✓ Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghaviannounced the new record.
- ✓ Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel attended the state level 'International Yoga Day' celebrations in Surat.
- ✓ The representatives of Guinness World Records presented the certificate to Chief Minister Patel.
- ✓ The participants were given wristbands with QR codes for accurate counting.
- $\checkmark$  The QR code data confirmed the participation of 1.53 lakh people surpassing the previous record.
- ✓ <u>Scale and Organization:</u>
- ✓ 2.20 lakh people registered through the online link.
- ✓ The participants of the Yoga Day event in Surat were accommodated on two stretches of roads spread over 10.5 km.
- ✓ A total of 135 blocks were built with LED screens and trainers, each accommodating around 1,000 people.
- ✓ International Day of Yoga was celebrated across Gujarat at 72,000 places with 1.25 crore participants.
- ✓ <u>Significance and Schemes:</u>
- ✓ Chief Minister Patel highlighted the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in popularizing Yoga globally.
- ✓ Yoga and Pranayama played an important role during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ The state government is planning to open 21 "Yoga studios" to promote yoga.
- ✓ The State Yoga Board has trained 5,000 instructors.

# Q. With whom did Hindustan Aeronautics Limited tie up for the production of Light Combat Aircraft for the Indian Air Force?

A) GE AerospaceB) AirbusC) BoeingD) Collins Aerospace

#### Answer : A

- ✓ As Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on his maiden US State visit, GE Aerospace said Thursday (22nd June 2023) that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- ✓ GE Aerospace and HAL have reached an agreement that includes potential joint production of GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India. The collaboration is part of the Indian Air Force's Light Combat Aircraft (LAC) Mk2 program.
- ✓ However, GE Aerospace is currently working with the US government to obtain the necessary export authorization for this endeavour.
- ✓ The plans to develop complex jet engine technology in India by Ohio-based GE Aerospace, a subsidiary of GE, has been under discussion for over a year now.
- ✓ The MoU between HAL and GE Aerospace represents a significant step forward for GE's involvement in India.
- ✓ The agreement builds upon GE Aerospace's previous commitment to manufacturing 99 engines for the IAF under the LCA Mk2 program. This new development positions GE Aerospace favourably to expand its product offerings in India, including the F404 engine currently used in the LCA Mk1 and LCA Mk1A aircraft.
- Q. Who has been appointed the chairman of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC)?
  - A) Tanneru Sriranga Rao

**B)** Raj Pratap Singh

C) Sanjay Kumar

D) Umesh Kumar

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Allahabad High Court judge Umesh Kumar was appointed the chairman of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC), by the President of India.
- President Droupadi Murmu has exercised the powers conferred by Section 45(b) of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, read with sub-section 2 of Section 84 of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- ✓ He served as the justice of Allahabad High Court till July 2022.
- Q. Who organized the 'Ocean Ring of Yoga' on 21st June 2023?
  - A) US Navy

**B)** Australia Navy

C) Indian Navy

D) Indian Coast Guard

#### Answer : C

- ✓ On the occasion of International Yoga Day 2023, 'Ocean Ring of Yoga' was organized by the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The Ministry of AYUSH had planned the 'Ocean Ring of Yoga' program in coordination with the Ministry of Defense and other ministries.
- ✓ June 21 was recognized as the International Yoga Day by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in December 2014 at the initiative of the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. It was organized for the first time in the year 2015.

### Q. Who has been inaugurated CREDAI Garden-People's Park in Ahmedabad?

A) Amit Shah	B) Yogi Adityanath
C) Rajnath Singh	D) J. P. Nadda

#### Answer : A

- ✓ On the auspicious occasion of the Jagannath Rath Yatra, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurated various development works and performed Bhoomipujan in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ Among the inaugurated projects was the CREDAI Garden-People's Park, a beautiful park constructed by CREDAI with the aim of providing a comfortable and environmentally friendly space for people from all walks of life. Inauguration of CREDAI Garden-People's Park : Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the CREDAI Garden-People's Park, a sprawling park spread over 12,000 square meters. The park was constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 2.5 crore.

✓ He lauded CREDAI for creating a beautiful and accessible space that would enhance the urban landscape while providing a comfortable retreat for the common citizen.

### 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.
- 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 launched panchayat-level medicine scheme?

- A) Uttarakhand **B)** Chhattisgarh
- C) Jharkhand **D)** West Bengal

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has launched the state government's ambitious panchayat-level drugs shop scheme, aimed at making essential medicines available in remote areas.
- Soren inaugurated the scheme in Chatra district by handing over licences to three persons for operating the  $\checkmark$ medicine shops in panchayats.
- The CM also laid foundation of 177 projects worth around Rs 364 crore for Chatra district.
- Who joins Asian Development Bank's High-level Advisory Group on Digital Technology for Q. **Development?**

A) Aalok Kumar	B) Muneesh Kapur
C) Dinesh Kumar Khara	D) Sitikantha Pattanaik

#### Answer : A

✓ Aalok Kumar, Corporate Officer & Sr VP - Head of the Global Smart City Business, NEC Corporation, and President & CEO, NEC Corporation India, has been appointed as a member of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) High-level Advisory Group on Digital Technology for Development

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

A) USA

C) Russia

**B)** China D) India

Answer : D

✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved the country's first mRNA-based Omicronspecific booster vaccine, which is developed by Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd, for emergency use.

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- ✓ 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.
- 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.

Q. Who has been selected for the first-ever Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award?

A) R.S Raju	B) N. Gopi
C) Nandha Kumar	D) P. Saravan

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Acharya N. Gopi has been selected for the first-ever Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award, instituted by Bharat Jagruthi.
- ✓ The award would be presented to Acharya Gopi at an event to be organized at Telangana Saraswatha Parishath in Abids on June 21, 2023.
- ✓ The award has been instituted for honoring the littérateurs every year.
- ✓ Acharya Gopi has penned 56 books including 26 compilations of poems, 7 compilations of essays, 5 translations, and 3 research books
- Q. Who is the first Indian Prime Minister to address a joint session of the US Congress twice?
  - A) Narendra Modi B) H. D. Deve Gowda
  - C) Manmohan Singh D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

#### Answer : A

 PM Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to address the joint session of the US Congress twice. He is the second international leader after Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to do so. Earlier, PM Modi had addressed the joint session of the US Congress in the year 2016.

Q. Which country is included in NASA's Artemis program recently?

A) India	B) China
C) South Africa	D) Brazil

Answer : A

✓ India has recently decided to join the Artemis accord, which brings together like-minded countries on a civil space exploration platform. Under this, NASA and ISRO have also agreed on a joint mission to the International Space Station in 2024. The Artemis Agreement is a non-binding agreement designed to advance civilian space exploration in the 21st century

### Q. When is the United Nations Public Service Day observed?

A) 22 June	B) 23 June
C) 21 June	D) 20 June

#### Answer: B

- ✓ 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.
- $\checkmark$  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.
- ✓ 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 Championship

### Q. The International Olympic Day is observed every year on \_

A) 23 June	B) 22 June
C) 21 June	D) 20 June

### Answer : A

- ✓ The International Olympic Day is held on June 23 each year to celebrate sports and health.
- ✓ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved to observe Olympic Day in January 1948 to commemorate the creation of the International Olympic Committee on 23 June 1894.
- ✓ The first Olympic Day was celebrated in the year 1948.
- ✓ The Olympic Day 2023 theme is Let's Move'

- Q. The International Widows Day is an annual celebration, held on \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) 21 June
  - **C) 20 June**

B) 23 JuneD) 22 June

- Answer: B
- ✓ The International Widows Day is a UN recognised day which takes place annually on 23 June to raise awareness of the issue of widowhood and also to address the "poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in many countries".
- ✓ The first International Widows Day took place in 2005.
- ✓ The day was formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 2010.
- Q. Which bank has launched the 'one-view' feature on its mobile application which enables account management across multiple bank accounts?

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

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Axis Bank has launched the 'one-view' feature on its mobile application which enables account management across multiple bank accounts, including non-Axis accounts.
- ✓ The feature has been launched using the open banking principle leveraging the account aggregator (AA) ecosystem—an industry-first initiative.
- ✓ AA or data aggregator platforms provide secure sharing of information while maintaining customer consent and data privacy.

### AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Axis Bank has launched the 'one-view' feature on its mobile application which enables account management across multiple bank accounts.
- 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 1td announce strategic partnership under the colending 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 awarded Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

A) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

**B)** Audrey Azoulay

C) Okonjo-Iweala

D) António Guterres

### Answer : A

- ✓ WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- ✓ awarded Olympic Order by IOC.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the Olympic Order to Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ The award was given to Dr. Tedros for his efforts in holding the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The Olympic Order was presented by IOC President Thomas Bach at the Olympic House.
- ✓ Dr. Tedros has been invited by President Bach to be the Guest of Honor at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- ✓ The award recognizes Dr. Tedros' support in promoting cooperation between the IOC and WHO, in particular the Cooperation Agreement signed in 2020.
- ✓ The IOC and WHO have collaborated on various initiatives, including the Let's Move campaign for Olympic Day.
- ✓ About the Let's Move campaign
- $\checkmark$  It stresses the importance of physical activity and regular exercise.
- ✓ It highlights the benefits associated with regular exercise, such as improved physical fitness and mental health.

- ✓ The campaign is in line with the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Olympism365 strategy, which aims to increase access to sporting opportunities.
- ✓ The Let's Move campaign supports the IOC's aim of increasing access to sport for people of all ages and backgrounds
- ✓ International Olympic Committee:
- ✓ Founded 23 June 1894, Paris, France
- ✓ Founders Pierre de Coubertin and D. Bikélas
- ✓ Headquarters Lausanne, Switzerland
- ✓ President Thomas Bach
- ✓ Director General Christophe De Kepper.
- ✓ 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 is the first Baltic country to recognize same-sex marriage?
  - A) Latvia

**B)** Estonia

C) Lithuania

D) Iceland

### Answer: B

- ✓ Estonia becomes 1st Baltic nation to legalize same-sex marriage.
- ✓ Estonia's parliament approved a law legalizing same-sex marriage, making it the first central European country to do so.
- ✓ The law will come into effect in 2024.
- ✓ The bill received 55 votes in the 101-seat parliament, from the coalition of liberal and social democratic parties.
- ✓ 53 percent of the population supported same-sex marriage in a 2023 poll by the Centre for Human Rights.

Same-sex marriage is legal in much of Western Europe but not in central European countries which were once under communist rule and members of the Moscow-led Warsaw Pact alliance but now members of NATO and, largely, the EU.

### Q. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Finland?

A) Sanna Marin

B) Antti Rinne

C) Petri Orpo

D) Alexander Stubb

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Petteri Orpo has been elected as the new Prime Minister of the country by the Parliament of Finland.
- In Finland, the leader of the Conservative Party, Petteri Orpo, was elected Prime Minister of the country by the parliament.
- ✓ Orpo's election was supported by 107 members of parliament, while 81 opposed and 11 abstained.
- ✓ President Sauli Niinisto is set to formally appoint Petteri Orpo as the new Prime Minister.
- ✓ Orpo will replace Sanna Marin of the Social Democrats, who finished third in the polls.
- ✓ About Finland
- ✓ It is a northern European nation.
- ✓ It shares borders with Sweden, Norway and Russia.
- ✓ The capital of Finland is Helsinki.
- $\checkmark$  Helsinki is situated on a peninsula and is surrounded by islands in the Baltic Sea.

Q. Who has signed an MoU with the USAID/India on Renewable energy and Energy Efficiency?

- A) MakeMyTrip B) Air India
- C) Indian Railways D) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

#### Answer : C

- Indian Railways (IR) is proactively working towards the achievement of Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030.
   IR has strategized multipronged approach.
- ✓ As part of its commitment to reduce carbon footprints, Indian Railways is taking several initiatives. In line with this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Railways, Government of India and United States Agency for International Development/India (USAID/India) on 14th June, 2023 for collaboration on Renewable energy and Energy Efficiency.

- Q. Who has unveiled a new feature (face authentification) on the PM-Kisan mobile app?
  - A) Nitin Gadkari
  - **B)** Narendra Singh Tomar
  - C) Jyotiraditya Scindia
  - D) Nirmala Sitharaman

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched PM Kisan mobile app with face authentication feature.
- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the PM Kisan mobile app with a face authentication feature for e-KYC.
- The app allows remote farmers to complete the KYC process by scanning their face, without the need for OTP or fingerprint verification.
- ✓ The scheme is comprehensive and ambitious and the central government in collaboration with the states can provide installments to around 8.5 crore farmers after completing their KYC.
- ✓ PM Kisan Yojana is one of the largest DBT schemes in the world, which provides direct transfer of six thousand rupees per year to farmers in three installments.
- ✓ So far, more than 11 crore farmers have received a total transfer of Rs 2.42 lakh crore through PM Kisan Yojana.
- ✓ <u>PM Kisan Scheme:</u>
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN) is an initiative of the Government of India.
- ✓ The objective of this scheme is to provide minimum income support to the farmers.
- ✓ Farmers can receive up to ₹6,000 (US\$75) per year through this program.
- ✓ The announcement about PM KISAN was made on 1 February 2019 by Piyush Goyal during the Interim Union Budget 2019 of India.
- The primary objective of PM KISAN is to reduce the financial burden faced by the farmers and support their livelihood.
- ✓ What is e-KYC?
- ✓ It is the digital verification of the identity of individuals or entities.
- $\checkmark$  It uses the internet or digital platform for identity verification.

- ✓ Verification of ID and address proof documents is done using special systems.
- ✓ The information provided is cross-checked with government databases such as the passport database.
- ✓ E-KYC simplifies the verification process, thereby saving time and cost.
- ✓ This improves accuracy and reliability, reducing the risk of fraud and money laundering.

### NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR IN NEWS 2023

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

- Q. Which of the following has partnered with Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to empower women and provide them with better career opportunities in the realm of entrepreneurship?
  - A) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - B) United Nations Population Fund (UNPF)
  - C) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
  - D) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

#### Answer : A

- ✓ UNDP partners with DAY-NULM towards empowering women entrepreneurs.
- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) recently have joined forces in a collaborative partnership.
- ✓ The objective of this partnership is to empower women to make career choices in the field of entrepreneurship.
- The partnership aims to provide support to women who are interested in starting or expanding their own enterprises.
- ✓ It focuses on sectors such as the care economy, digital economy, electric mobility, waste management, food packaging, and more.
- ✓ Entrepreneurship Development and Enterprise Growth.
- ✓ The project, which spans three years and is extendable beyond 2025, is centered around fostering entrepreneurship development and accelerating enterprise growth.
- ✓ In the initial phase, it will cover eight cities.
- On-Ground Mobilization and Business Development Services
- ✓ UNDP and DAY-NULM will work together to engage in on-ground mobilization activities.
- $\checkmark$  This includes identifying areas of urban poverty and potential entrepreneurs.
- ✓ Key facts about the DAY-NULM
- $\checkmark$  It is a flagship mission under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ✓ It has the aim to uplift the urban poor by enhancing sustainable livelihood opportunities through skill development.
- ✓ Funding: It will be shared between the Centre and the States in the ratio of 75:25. For North Eastern and Special Categories the ratio will be 90:10.



- ✓ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ✓ Formation : 22 November 1965
- ✓ Headquarters : New York City
- ✓ Head : Achim Steiner
- ✓ Total members : 170

Q. Who will take over as the Chief Executive of the Alibaba Company?

- A) Eddie Woo B) Eddie Wu
- C) Jin yuanying D) Peng Lei

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Eddie Wu has been appointed as the new CEO and Joseph Tsai as Executive Chairman by Alibaba Group.
- Eddie Wu is one of the co-founders of Alibaba and currently serves as the chairman of Taobao and Tmall Group.
- ✓ This leadership change is the second major change for Alibaba in recent years after Jack Ma stepped down in 2019.
- ✓ Alibaba CEO and Chairman Zhang to step down to focus on cloud business.
- ✓ Alibaba sells \$125 million stake in Paytm through block deal.
- ✓ <u>About Alibaba</u>
- ✓ Tt is a Chinese multinational technology company.
- ✓ It specializes in e-commerce, retail, internet and technology.
- ✓ Alibaba operates in a variety of sectors including e-commerce, retail, Internet services and technology solutions.
- ✓ The company's primary strength lies in its e-commerce platforms such as Alibaba.com, Taobao, Tmall and AliExpress.
- ✓ Alibaba facilitates businesses and consumers to connect, buy and sell a wide range of products and services.
- ✓ Alibaba Cloud, Alibaba's cloud computing division, provides infrastructure, data storage and AI capabilities.
- ✓ Founded 4 April 1999
- ✓ Headquarters Hangzhou, China
- ✓ Founders Jack Ma, Joseph C. Tsai, Zhang Ying, Jianhang Jin

- Q. Central govt has allocated how many crores for the construction of a Unity Mall in Dimapur, Nagaland?
  - A) ₹145 Crores B) ₹180 Crores
  - C) ₹200 Crores
     D) ₹235 Crores

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Central government has allocated ₹145 crore to Nagaland for the construction of a Unity Mall in Dimapur.
- Aim : At promoting and showcasing the state's One District One Product (ODOP) offerings, the ministry of commerce & industry said.
- ✓ The allocation is part of the Union Budget 2023-24, which has earmarked ₹5,000 crore for the establishment of Unity Malls across the country.
- ✓ The announcement was made during an ODOP Sampark event organized by the Department for the Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in collaboration with Invest India and the Department of Industries and Commerce, Nagaland
- Q. Which govt will collaborate with NDDB to set up a milk processing plant at Dagwar in Kangra district?
  - A) Uttar Pradesh B) Madhya Pradesh
  - C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh government will collaborate with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to set up a state-of-the-art milk processing plant at Dagwar in Kangra district, chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- ✓ While presiding over a meeting at Oakover in Shimla Sukhu said the plant would come up at a cost of about Rs 250 crore and dairy development board's assistance would be taken for its operation and marketing.
- ✓ The chief minister said the Dagwar plant's capacity would range from 1 lakh to 3 lakh litres, in which highquality milk products would also be prepared.
- ✓ He said the Congress had in its "Pratigya Patra" promised to buy cow's milk at Rs 80 per litre and buffalo's at Rs 100 per litre from the farmers.

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

A) USA

**B)** France

C) Australia

D) Germany

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) has signed an agreement with California-based Kapoor Enterprises Inc for export of nano liquid urea to the US.
- ✓ The agreement comes at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a state visit to the US.

- ✓ "IFFCO now started exporting world's 1st Nano Urea invented & manufactured indigenously in India by IFFCO to USA. An agreement in regard of exporting IFFCO Nano Urea to USA is signed between IFFCO & Kapoor Enterprises Inc, California," .
- ✓ As of now, IFFCO exports more than 5 lakh bottles of nano liquid urea to more than 25 countries.
- ✓ In June 2021, IFFCO launched the world's first nano urea fertiliser, while nano DAP in April this year (2023)
- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)
- ✓ Founded : 1967
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairmam : Dileep Sanghani
- ✓ MD & CEO : U.S Awasthi.
- Q. Who has inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' in Kochi, Kerala?
  - A) Pinarayi Vijayan

B) Narendra Modi

C) S. Jaishankar D) Rajnath Singh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' at Southern Naval Command, Kochi, Kerala on June 21, 2023.
- ✓ The ISC 'Dhruv' hosts modern state-of-the-art indigenously-built simulators which will significantly enhance practical training in the Indian Navy.
- ✓ These simulators are envisaged to give real-time experience on navigation, fleet operations and Naval tactics.
- ✓ These simulators will also be utilised for training of personnel from friendly countries
- Q. Which University has topped the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2023 globally?
  - A) University of Hong Kong
- **B)** Tsinghua University

C) Peking University

D) National University of Singapore

Answer: B

✓ 11th THE's Asia University Rankings 2023: IISc top Indian institutes, Overall Tops by China's Tsinghua University.

- ✓ 11th edition of 'Times High Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2023 has named Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru (Karnataka) as the highest-ranked Indian institution in Asia. Overall it is ranked at 48th in the Asian Region.
- ✓ On the whole regional front i.e. Asia, the list is topped by China's Tsinghua University, and Peking University at 1st and 2nd positions for the 4th year in a row.
- ✓ Singapore's National University of Singapore is ranked at 3rd place for the 3rd consecutive year.
- ✓ Notably, IISc 2023 position at 48th is the lowest rank since 2015, when it first entered the ranking at 34th spot. It was ranked 42nd in 2022.

# Q. Which institution in India has topped among the Indian Universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2023 ?

- A) IIT Delhi
- **B) IIT Ropar**
- C) IIT Indore
- D) IISC, Bengaluru

#### Answer : D

- Q. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$295 million loan to improve transport connectivity in which state?
  - A) Bihar
  - **B) Jharkhand**
  - C) Rajasthan
  - D) Chhattisgarh

#### Answer : A

- ✓ ADB approves \$295mn loan to improve Transport Connectivity in Bihar.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$295 million loan to improve transport connectivity in Bihar.
- ✓ The loan amount will be utilized towards widening and upgradation of around 265 kilometers of state highways, improving transport connectivity and safety in Bihar.
- ✓ The Central Government is contributing \$156.6 million for the same.

Since 2008, ADB has provided five loans totaling \$1.63 billion to Bihar, which have upgraded about 1,696 kilometers of state highways and constructed a new bridge over the Ganga River.

### ADB IN NEWS 2023

- > ADB approves \$295mn loan to improve Transport Connectivity in Bihar.
- > ADB gives 130 million dollars to increase horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$141.12 million loan agreement for the development of an industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh.
- > Pakistan is the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced its plans to invest in non-convertible debentures valued at Rs 150 crore in Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL).
- > ADB approves \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- > ADB to provide \$1.2 billion loan for infrastructure projects.
- > ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded : 19 December 1966
- > HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian?
- Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
- Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
- Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).
- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- > Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- > Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- > It is a regional multilateral financial institution focused on countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
- ▶ It currently has 68 members of which 49 are from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 from outside.

- Which of the following companies has successfully conducted the Flight Oualification Test of Q. the Raman-I Engine at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), in Benglauru, Karnataka?
  - A) AgniKul Cosmos **B)** Skyroot Aerospace
  - C) Dhruva Space **D)** ABL Space Systems

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Skyroot successfully tested Raman-I Engine designed to use in Vikram-I rocketSkyroot Aerospace.
- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace, Hyderabad (Telangana) based private Indian Space company, successfully conducted the Flight Qualification Test of the Raman-I Engine at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), in Benglauru, Karnataka.
- ✓ 'Raman' is a series of engines or thrusters which uses the Earth storable hypergolic (MMH/N2O4) propellants for upper stage engine and attitude or reaction control in Skyroot's Vikram-1 launch vehicle (rocket).
- ✓ The Raman-I engine underwent a test firing at the LPSC of ISRO, marking Skyroot as the first Indian private company to launch a rocket with Vikram-S.
- ✓ The indigenous Vikram-S (named after Vikram Sarabhai, the father of India's space programme) was launched in November 2022, from the ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, marking India's first privately developed rocket.
- ✓ The three variants of the Vikram rocket of Skyroot: Vikram-I can carry 480 Kilograms (kg) of payload to Low Earth Orbit, Vikram-II is designed to lift off with 595 kg of cargo, and Vikram-III can launch with 815 kg to 500 Kilometre (km) Low Inclination Orbit.
- ✓ Raman-1 engine for roll control and Raman-2 engine as a single higher thrust regeneratively cooled will be used in the upper stage of Vikram-1 launch vehicle, which may take place by the end of 2023.

#### Which state government has PCTS mobile app to ensure better healthcare for mothers, infants? Q.

- A) Gujarat
- **C)** Rajasthan

**B)** Chhattisgarh **D)** Uttar Pradesh

#### Answer : C

✓ Rajasthan govt brings PCTS mobile app to ensure better healthcare for mothers, infants.

- The Medical, Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW) Department of the Rajasthan Government has launched the Pregnancy, Child Tracking & Health Services Management System (PCTS) app to enable online tracking, reporting and monitoring of the health of pregnant women, obstetricians and infants.
- ✓ PCTS was developed by the National Informatics Centre(NIC) as an Integrated system for Health information management system (HIMS).
- ✓ The PCTS app enables ASHA Sahyoginis, who are selected from the local community and trained as frontline health workers in Rajasthan, to efficiently reach women and infants in their designated areas.
- ✓ The ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) program is a community health initiative implemented by the Government of India. It was launched in 2005 as part of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and later incorporated into the National Health Mission (NHM).

### Q. When is the Passport Seva Divas observed in India?

A) 24 June	B) 22 June
C) 21 June	D) 23 June

#### Answer : A

- ✓ In India, the Ministry of External Affairs observes the Passport Seva Divas on 24 June every year.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1967 that the Passports Act, 1967 had come into effect.
- ✓ The first Passport Seva Divas was observed in 2013.
- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been recently awarded the 'Order of the Nile'. It is the highest honor of which country?

A) Nepal	B) Egypt
C) South Africa	D) Suriname

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Order of the Nile,' Egypt's highest honor, by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi during a ceremony at the Presidential palace in Cairo on 25th June.
- ✓ The 'Order of the Nile' was established in 1915 and is bestowed upon heads of states, crown princes, and vice presidents who have rendered invaluable services to Egypt or humanity.
- ✓ This is the 13th highest state honor conferred upon Prime Minister Modi.

- ✓ During the first bilateral visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Egypt in 26 years, India and Egypt elevated their relationship to a 'Strategic Partnership' following extensive discussions between Modi and El-Sisi.
- ✓ Modi extended an invitation to El-Sisi to attend the G-20 Summit in New Delhi in September.
- ✓ <u>About Egypt</u>
- ✓ Egypt is a country located in North Africa.
- ✓ Egypt is home to famous monuments such as the Giza Pyramid Complex. One of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Pyramids of Giza are located on the banks of the Nile River. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built in 2560 BC.
- ✓ Capital Cairo
- ✓ President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- ✓ Currency Egyptian pound

### **HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOUR IN NEWS 2023**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Order of the Nile,' Egypt's highest honor, by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi .
- Suriname awarded President Draupadi Murmu its highest civilian honour, the Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star.
- > Prime MinisterNarendra Modi was conferred with the highest honor by Fiji and Papua New Guinea.
- > PM Modi was awarded "The Companion of the Order of Fiji" .
- Papua New Guinea conferred its highest civilian honour, Grand Companion of the Order of Loghu (GCL).
- Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata has received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.
- FedEx CEO Raj Subramaniam received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, India's highest civilian honour for persons of Indian origin and the diaspora.
- Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran was conferred with France's highest civilian honour-"Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur".
- Philanthropist and art collector Kiran Nadar was recently conferred "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by French.
- MT Vasudevan Nair honoured with Kerala's highest civilian honour.



### STATE HONOURS GIVEN TO NARENDRA MODI

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  - 13. Order of the Nile : Egypt's highest honor (2023)
  - 12. Companion of the Order of Logohu: the highest civilian award of Papua New Guinea (2023)
  - 11. Companion of the Order of Fiji: Highest honour of Fiji (2023)
  - 10. Ebakl Award by the Republic of Palau (2023)
  - 9. Order of the Dragon King is the highest civilian honour of Bhutan (2021)
  - 8. Legion of Merit is a military award of the USA (2020)
  - 7. Order of Zayed is the highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (2019)
  - 6. Order of St. Andrew is the highest civilian honour of Russia (2019)
  - 5. Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin is the highest honour of the Maldives (2019)
  - 4. King Hamad Order of the Renaissance is the highest honour of Bahrain (2019)
  - 3. Grand Collar of the State Of Palestine is the highest civilian order of Palestine (2018)
  - 2. Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud is the Highest honour of Saudi Arabia (2016)
  - 1. Amir Amanullah Khan Award is the highest civilian award of Afghanistan (2016)

Q. Who has been chosen for the Hindi language category of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for his collection of short stories called 'Kotuk App'?

A) Suryanath Singh B) Sudha Murty

C) Madhusudan Bisht

D) Gurmeet Karyalvi

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Sahitya Akademi has announced the recipients of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar and Yuva Puraskar for this year.
- The announcement was made at a meeting of the Sahitya Akademi's Executive Board, chaired by President Madhav Kaushik.
- ✓ The winners of both awards will receive an engraved copper plaque and a cheque of Rs 50,000 each at a ceremony to be held later.

- Sudha Murty, a renowned children's author, has been selected for the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for her collection of stories titled 'Grandparents' Bag of Stories'.
- ✓ Suryanath Singh has been chosen for the Hindi language category of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for his collection of short stories called 'Kotuk App'.
- ✓ Anirudh Kanisetti will receive the Yuva Puraskar for his work 'Lords Of The Deccan: Southern India From Chalukyas To Cholas', while Atul Kumar Rai will be awarded in the Hindi language category for his novel 'Chandpur ki Chanda'.
- ✓ The recipients for Manipuri, Maithili, and Sanskrit categories of Yuva Puraskar, as well as the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for Manipuri, will be announced later.
- ✓ No Yuva Puraskar winner was announced for Odia, and no Bal Sahitya Puraskar winner was announced for Kashmiri.
- Q. Who is the architect for new Parliament building?
  - A) Bimal PatelB) Prasanna PandianC) Shiv Nath PrasadD) Ram V. Sutar

#### Answer: A

- Recently, the Indian Prime Minister has inaugurated India's new Parliament building, part of the revamped Central Vista project.
- ✓ The construction of the new building, designed by Architect Bimal Patel, began in 2019.
- ✓ The New Parliament House is located in the Central Vista area of New Delhi.
- ✓ It has been designed to accommodate the growing size and needs of the Indian Parliament.
- ✓ The building has seating arrangements for 888 members of the Lok Sabha and 384 members of the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ It also includes six committee rooms equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual systems.
- Covering an area of approximately 65,000 square metres, the new building has a triangular shape to optimise space utilisation.
- ✓ It is a four storied building constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 970 crore.
- The building was designed by Ahmedabad-based HCP Design, Planning and Management and constructed by Tata Projects Limited.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi also installed "Sengol" in a dedicated enclosure to the right of the Speaker's chair in the Lok Sabha chamber.

#### ✓ <u>About Sengol:</u>

- ✓ Sengol is made of silver and gold.
- ✓ It is a five feet long sceptre which was given by Lord Mountbatten to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on August 14, 1947 as a symbol of the transfer of power.
- ✓ Sengol is a symbol of rule in the Tamil kingdoms of the past.
- ✓ It was earlier displayed in the Allahabad Museum.
- ✓ Old Parliament House (Purani Sansad Bhavan) in New Delhi was the seat of the Imperial Legislative Council between 18 January 1927 and 15 August 1947.
- ✓ It was designed by British architects Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker between 1912 and 1913, and completed in 1927.
- Q. Who has won the men's single title at the Roland Garros Tennis Tournament 2023, also known as French Open?

A) Roger Federer	B) Stefanos Tsitsipas
C) Daniil Medvedev	D) Novak Djokovic

#### Answer : D

- ✓ In Tennis, Serbian Novak Djokovic won the French Open 2023 men's singles final, clinching his 23rd Grand Slam title.
- ✓ Novak Djokovic has become the first man to reach the 23rd Grand Slam title.
- ✓ He won the title by defeating Casper Rudd of Norway in straight sets.
- ✓ The win gives Djokovic his third French Open title and surpasses Rafael Nadal's record for most title wins.
- ✓ He overtook Rafael Nadal as the oldest Roland Garros champion at the age of 36 years and 20 days.
- ✓ He also became the first person to win all four Grand Slam events at least three times.
- ✓ This win marked Djokovic's 23rd major men's singles crown, surpassing all other players in the history of the sport. He also equaled Serena Williams' record for the most Grand Slam titles won in the Open Era.
- In addition to 10 Australia Open, Djokovic won the French Open (3 title) in 2016, 2021 & 2023 a total of 7 Wimbledon between 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 while the US Open (3 title) in 2011, 2015, 2018.
- Novak Djokovic beat Andy Murray to win the French Open for the first time at Roland Garros on this day in 2016.

✓ The Stade Roland Garros in Paris is hosting the Roland-Garros tournament also known as the French Open, which took place from May 28, 2023, until June 11, 2023.

#### Q. Name the winner of women's single title at French Open 2023

- A) Iga Swiatek B) Elise Mertens
- C) Kateřina Siniaková D) Barbora Krejcikova

#### Answer : A

- ✓ In French Open tennis, World No 1 and top seed Iga Swiatek of Poland has won the Women's Singles crown at Paris on 10th June.
- ✓ She defended her title against unseeded Czech Republic's Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. This is her third French title in just 5 years.
- ✓ Poland's Iga Swiatek became the first woman since 2007 to win back-to-back French Open titles.
- ✓ The 22-year-old Swiatek is just the third woman in the Open era to win each of her first four Grand Slam finals.
- ✓ Monica Seles and Naomi Osaka are the only other players to achieve this feat.
- Swiatek, the world number 1, is also theyoungest woman to claim back-to-back French Open titles since Monica Seles in the early 1990s.

#### Q. What is the rank of India in the WEF Gender Gap Index 2023?

A) 135	<b>B)</b> 140
<b>C)</b> 145	D) 127

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Global Gender Gap Index 2023: India ranked 127; topped by Iceland.
- ✓ According to Gender Gap Report 2023, India has been ranked 127 out of 146 countries in Gender Gap Report 2023.
- ✓ In 2022, India was on 135.
- ✓ The Global Gender Gap Index was established in 2006 and this is its 17th edition. It is published annually by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ✓ Iceland has been ranked first as the most gender-equal country in the world for the 14th consecutive year with a score of 91.2%.



- ✓ According to the Global Liveability Index 2023 published by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU), Vienna in Austria has topped the ranking of the most liveable cities.
- ✓ While Copenhagen in Denmark placed second on the list, followed by Melbourne and Sydney.
- ✓ Damascus in Syria and Tripoli in Libya remained at the bottom of the liveability index.
- ✓ The list contains the names of 173 cities around the world that have been ranked based on a number of significant factors, including health care, education, stability, infrastructure and the environment.
- ✓ Five cities from India Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Chennai, New Delhi and Mumbai are also in the list based on their performance in various metrics.
- ✓ From India, New Delhi and Mumbai are at 141st position and Chennai at 144th. Ahmedabad and Bengaluru are ranked 147 and 148, respectively.
- ✓ Rank Cities
- ✓ TOP : Vienna, Austria
- ✓ 2nd Copenhagen, Denmark
- ✓ 3rd Melbourne, Australia
- ✓ 4th Sydney, Australia
- ✓ 5th Vancouver, Canada
- ✓ 6th Zurich, Switzerland
- ✓ 7th Calgary, Canada
- ✓ 8th Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ 9th Toronto, Canada
- ✓ 10th Osaka, Japan and Auckland, New Zealand
- ✓ 141st New Delhi & Mumbai, India
- ✓ 144th Chennai, India
- ✓ 147th Ahmedabad, India
- ✓ 148th Bengaluru, India
- Q. Who has approved US\$ 255.5 million with an aim to enhance the quality of technical education in India?
  - A) World Bank

- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) New Development Bank

#### Answer : A

- ✓ World Bank has granted its approval for a USD 255.5 million loan aimed at enhancing the quality of technical education in government-run institutions across India.
- ✓ This funding will support approximately 275 selected government-run technical institutions over the course of the next five years, benefiting more than 350,000 students annually.
- ✓ The Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education Project will focus on improving student skills and employability through various measures.

#### WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2023

- World Bank has granted its approval for a USD 255.5 million loan aimed at enhancing the quality of technical education in government-run institutions across India..
- > World Bank approves \$150-million loan for Resilient Kerala programme.
- 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 aloan 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).
- 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 won the election for a second term as Prime Minister in Greece?

A) Alexis Tsipras

- **B)** Antonis Samaras
- C) Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- D) Dora Bakoyannis

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Greece's conservative New Democracy party has emerged victorious in the parliamentary election, securing another four-year term for reformist Kyriakos Mitsotakis as the Prime Minister.
- ✓ About Greece
- ✓ Greece is the southernmost of the countries of the Balkan Peninsula.



- ✓ Last year (2022), he was in the ninth position.
- ✓ William White, CMO of Walmart has topped the Forbes list of most influential CMOs 2023.
- ✓ While Ashimita Dubey, chief digital and marketing officer at L'Oreal, is ranked 21 and Infosys chief marketing officer Sumit Virmani is at 41.

### Q. Whhich IIT successfully conducts test flight for cloud seeding?

A) IIT Kanpur	B) IIT Bombay
C) IIT Madras	D) IIT Kharagpur

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has successfully conducted a test flight for cloud seeding. The project was initiated at IIT Kanpur a few years ago and is headed by Prof. Manindra Agrawal from the Computer Science and Engineering Department.
- ✓ The experiment was conducted with due approval from the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation).
- The test flight went up to an approximate height of 5000 ft. The short flight took off and came back to the IIT Kanpur Flight Lab airstrip, after successfully completing the test ride.

### Q. Who has been appointed as WHO DG Special Envoy for Climate Change and Health?

A) André Heinz	B) Brian Nahed
C) David Thorne	D) Dr Vanessa Kerry

#### Answer : D

- ✓ WHO (World Health Organization) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Vanessa Kerry as the first-ever Director-General Special Envoy for Climate Change and Health
- Q. Which Company collaborated with Arunachal Pradesh to Foster Startup Ecosystem for the youth?

A) Jio

B) Paytm

C) PhonePe

D) Bharti Airtel

#### Answer : B

✓ Paytm Payment Services Limited (PPSL) signed an MoU with Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park (APIIP) to create a startup ecosystem for the youth in the northeastern state.

- According to the MoU, Paytm Incubation Centre will provide its product to early-stage startups at a discounted price and offer free credits through the Paytm Startup toolkit to aid the business ventures of youths in their early stage of growth
- Q. Who have formed a partnership to create an AIP System in Indian Navy?
  - A) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and HAL B) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and IIT Madras
  - C) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and DRDO D) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and ISRO

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Larsen & Toubro has signed a contract with DRDO for the realisation of two Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system modules for Kalvari class of submarines of the Indian Navy.
- Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) or air-independent poweris any marine propulsion technology that allows a non-nuclear submarine to operate without access to atmospheric oxygen.
- ✓ The Kalvari Class is a category of diesel-electric attack submarines based on the Scorpene-class submarine being built for the Indian Navy.

Technology of this indigenous AIP system generates hydrogen on demand, thereby obviating the need for carrying hydrogen onboard, which is a major safety concern for a submarine

#### Q. Who has been selected as the new MD & CEO of Hindustan Unilever?

A) Rohit Jawa	B) Ajay Sinha
C) Vivek Kasana	D) G. Venugopal

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Rohit Jawa will take over as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Hindustan Unilever.
- ✓ He will replace Sanjeev Mehta on this post.
- ✓ About Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)
- ✓ It is a part of England's company Unilever, Unilever registered to do business in India.
- ✓ 67% of the dividend of Hindustan Unilever Limited goes to England.
- ✓ Headquarters London, England
- ✓ Head Office in India Mumbai
- ✓ Established 17 October 1933

- The 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023 was held in which city? Q.
  - A) New Delhi
  - C) Chennai

**B)** Mumbai

D) Hyderabad

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023 in Mumbai.
- ✓ The theme for the Summit was, 'Patient Centricity: New Paradigm of Manufacturing and Quality'.
- ✓ India played the role of pharmacy for the world during COVID-19 by ensuring an uninterrupted supply of quality medicines and vaccines to the world.
- The Indian pharmaceutical industry has demonstrated its potential both in terms of quality and quantity.  $\checkmark$
- India has signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement with which country for Authorized Economic **Q**. **Operators?**

A) Saudi Arabia	B) Japan
C) UAE	D) Israel

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India and UAE signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Authorized Economic Operators.
- ✓ India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 23 June have signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Authorized Economic Operators.
- ✓ The agreement was formally signed during the World Customs Organization's (WCO) Customs Cooperation Council meeting held in Brussels.
- ✓ Aim of Mutual Recognition Arrangement
- ✓ The Mutual Recognition Arrangement aims to promote trade facilitation and ease of doing business between the two countries.
- ✓ It establishes a framework for recognizing Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) from both India and the UAE.
- ✓ India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- $\checkmark$  The signing of this arrangement is in line with the broader objective of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed in February 2022.
- CEPA aims to significantly increase the total value of bilateral trade in goods and services within five years. √

✓ The Mutual Recognition Arrangement is expected to contribute to achieving the trade targets set under the CEPA, fostering greater economic growth and cooperation between India and the UAE.

#### Q. Which of the following state / UTs has celebrated Vitasta Mahotsav?

A) Ladakh	B) New Delhi
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C) Jammu and Kashmir D) Puducherry

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah addresses the Vitasta Mahotsav organized by the Ministry of Culture as the chief guest in Srinagar.
- ✓ The objective of Vitasta Mahotsav is to acquaint the whole country with the great cultural heritage, diversity and uniqueness of Kashmir.
- ✓ The festival focuses on the folk beliefs associated with the Vitasta (Jhelum) river.
- Q. Who has received the Guinness World Record Award certificate to become the first men's player to make 200 international appearances?

A) Cristiano Ronaldo	B) Georgina Rodríguez
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C) Lionel Messi

D) Luka Modrić

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Portugal's star footballer Cristiano Ronaldo has made another big record. Ronaldo has become the first football player in history to play 200 international matches.
- ✓ The Guinness World Records team honored Ronaldo for this record before the match.
- ✓ In the match held in Iceland's capital Reykjavik, Ronaldo scored a goal in the 89th minute and gave the team a 1–0 victory over Iceland.
- ✓ Cristiano Ronaldo made his international debut for Portugal on 20 August 2003.
- ✓ Player with most international matches
- ✓ Kuwait's Bader Al-Mutawa is in second place in terms of playing most international matches, who has played a total of 196 matches so far.
- ✓ Malaysia's Soh Chin Ain is third with 195 matches.
- ✓ Lionel Messi of Argentina is joint 11th with 175 matches.
- ✓ Team India captain Sunil Chhetri tops the list playing 137 international matches for India

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- Q. Who is the author of a new book titled "Finance Ministers of India: From Independence to the Emergency (1947-1977)"
  - A) Simon Sebag Montefiore B) Nirmala James
  - C) Ashwini Shrivastava
- D) A.K. Bhattacharya

- Answer : D
- ✓ Journalist A.K. Bhattacharya wrote a new book titled "Finance Ministers of India: From Independence to the Emergency (1947-1977)".
- ✓ The book is published by Penguin Business an imprint of Penguin Random House.
- ✓ The book is divided into three main parts:
  - 1. Nehru and his Finance Minister
  - 2. Finance Minister under Shastri and Indira Gandhi
  - 3. Indira Gandhi as her own Finance Minister
- Q. Who has inaugurated the Medha Rail Coach Factory in the Sangareddy district of Telangana?
  - A) Narendra Modi
  - B) Draupadi Murmu
  - C) Amit Shah
  - D) K. Chandrasekhar Rao

#### Answer : D

- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) inaugurated the Medha Rail Coach Factory in Sangareddy district.
- ✓ Medha signed an MoU with the Government of Telangana in 2017.
- $\checkmark$  The objective of the MoU is to set up a coach factory in the state.
- ✓ The land was allotted by the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC).
- ✓ TSIIC allotted 100 acres of land for Rail & Metro coach manufacturing.
- ✓ Medha Rail Coach Factory is located in Kondakal village.
- ✓ Medha and Swiss railway rolling stock manufacturer Stadler Rail signed a joint venture (JV) agreement.
- ✓ The joint venture Telangana unit is meant to cater to its tenders from the Indian market and exports from customers in the Asia Pacific region.

#### Q. Which state government to build 1st underwater tunnel at a cost of Rs 6,000 crore in the state?

- A) Assam
- C) Telangana

B) Kerala

**D)** Karnataka

- Answer : A
- ✓ Assam's first underwater tunnel to be constructed between Numaligarh and Gohpur.
- ✓ The first underwater tunnel in Assam will be constructed between Numaligarh and Gohpur at an estimated cost of Rs 6,000 crore.
- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the tender for the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) will open in the next month.
- ✓ The idea of an underwater tunnel arose from the many bridges built over the Brahmaputra River to facilitate the movement of both vehicles and railways.
- Discussions were held to determine the location and it was decided that the tunnel would be built between Numaligarh and Gohpur.
- The tender for the DPR will open on July 4 and Sarma expressed hope that work on the tunnel could begin during his tenure as chief minister.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the project, and once the tunnel is completed, it will bring the two banks, north and south, of the Brahmaputra river closer together.

#### ASSAM IN NEWS 2022-23

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

Q. Which IT company has bagged a digital transformation deal from Denmark-based Danske Bank estimated to be around USD 454 million for five years?

A) IBM

C) TCS

B) HCLD) Infosys

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Infosys bags \$454-million deal from Danske Bank.
- IT major Infosys has bagged a digital transformation deal from Denmark-based Danske Bank estimated to be around USD 454 million for five years.

- ✓ As part of the strategic collaboration with Danske Bank, Infosys will acquire Danske Bank's IT centre in India, which employs 1400 digitally skilled professionals.
- ✓ This collaboration will help Danske Bank achieve its strategic priorities towards better customer experiences, operational excellence, and a modernized technology landscape, powered by next-gen solutions.
- ✓ INFOSYS
- ✓ Founded : 1981
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairman : Nandan Nilekani
- ✓ MD & CEO : Salil Parekh
- Q. The first hydrogen-powered trains in India are expected to start from which state by the end of 2023? A) Assam
  - B) Odisha
  - C) Haryana
  - D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India's first hydrogen-powered train to run from Jind district, Haryana.
- ✓ The first hydrogen-powered trains in India are expected to start from the Jind district of Haryana by the end of 2023.
- ✓ The officials claimed that hydrogen-powered trains are running only in Germany, and the whole world is watching the project to see how India will start such trains.
- ✓ India's first hydrogen plant is being set up near the railway junction in Jind district. The development of the plant has reached the final stage and hydrogen will be produced from water.
- The first prototype of the hydrogen train is expected to be introduced in the financial year 2023-2024 between Jind and Sonipat on the Northern Railway.
- ✓ The hydrogen fuel-based train of eight bogies will be environmentally friendly.
- ✓ Hydrogen trains use fuel cells to convert hydrogen and oxygen into electricity.
- $\checkmark$  They offer a clean and eco-friendly alternative to diesel trains.
- $\checkmark$  The initiative aims to reduce carbon emissions and tackle pollution.
- ✓ Hydrogen-powered trains produce zero direct emissions, with water vapour being the only by product.

### HARYANA IN NEWS 2023

- > India's first hydrogen-powered train will start its journey from Jind district of Haryana.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 4 National Highway projects at Sonepat, 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. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at which city?

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

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at NBCC Office Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi.
- ✓ The new office incorporates cutting-edge technology and innovative solutions to eliminate the use of paper and promote efficient digital workflows throughout the organization.
- ✓ IRDEA is a Mini Ratna (Category I) Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- ✓ IREDA aims to reduce its carbon footprint, minimize waste generation, and contribute to the preservation of the environment.

- Who has won her second Ladies European Tour (LET) at the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open 2023? Q.
  - A) Diksha Dagar
  - C) Anirban Lahiri

- **B)** Aditi Ashok
- D) Jyoti Randhawa

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Indian golf player, Diksha Dagar has secured her second Ladies European Tour (LET) at the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open 2023.
- ✓ In the final, she defeated Trichat Cheenglab of Thailand.
- ✓ The 22-year-old southpaw Diksha won her first LET title back in 2019 in her rookie year and in 2021 she was part of the winning team at the Aramco Team Series in London.
- ✓ After Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar is the only other Indian woman golfer to have won two or more LET titles.
- Which IT services company has partnered with state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) Q. for the deployment of private 5G network for enterprise customers?

A) Infosys	B) Wipro
C) HCL Technologies	D) Tata Consultancy Services

#### Answer : D

- ✓ IT company L&T Technology Services has partnered with state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for the deployment of private 5G network for enterprise customers.
- ✓ Under the agreement framework signed by both companies, the spectrum will be provided by BSNL using both PLMN (public land mobile network) and isolated allotment.
- ✓ L&T Technology Services (LTTS) will anchor the private network requirements by deploying equipment, applications, servers, technology and software, and core for the integration of devices and sensors within the customer's ecosystem, the IT firm.

### **TCS IN NEWS 2023**

- BSNL has placed an order worth ₹15,000 crore to tech firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to further expand the 4G network in India. .
- No TCS on LRS transactions upto Rs 7 lakh via international debit, credit cards from July 1, 2023.
- ➢ When the scheme was introduced in the year 2004, that time this limit was of USD 25,000.

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI.
- ► K Krithivasan Appointed CEO Designate of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- Telefónica Germany Selects TCS as Transformation Partner to Build Future-Ready Operations Support.
- Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys grew their brand value to retain their positions as the second and third most valuable IT services brands, according to the 'IT Services 25' list prepared by UK-based consultancy Brand Finance for the year 2023.
- > Accenture retained the top slot for the fifth year straight, with a brand valued at \$39.8 billion.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been named to FORTUNE® magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,821 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey..
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- ➢ Founded : 1968
- > Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- > Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- > MD & CEO : Kriti Krithivasan

Q. Which of the following city will host Urban20 (U20) Mayoral Summit on 7-8 July 2023?

A) Hyderabad

B) Bengaluru

C) Ahmedabad

D) Chennai

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The city of Ahmedabad is all set to host the Urban20 (U20) Mayoral Summit on 7-8 July 2023.
- / This Mayoral Summit is expected to bring together several city leaders and Mayors from across G20 nations.

- ✓ The summit will also be attended by delegates representing various cities, knowledge partners, Indian and international organizations, academic institutes and dignitaries from the Government of India and the State Government.
- ✓ Ahmedabad is the U20 Chair for the current sixth cycle and is supported by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) as the Technical Secretariat, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) as the nodal ministry.
- Q. Which Insurance Company Limited has launched the 'Nishchit Pension Plan'?
  - A) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
- B) Life Insurance Corporation Of India
- C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- D) Bharti AXA General Insurance

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited, the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited, has launched 'Nishchit Pension Plan'.
- ✓ It is a non-linked, non-participating individual pension plan that enables the policyholders to plan for their retirement.
- ✓ ABSLI Nishchit Pension Plan provides accrued guaranteed additions during the policy term and loyalty addition at the end of the policy term, provided the policy is in-force and all due premiums have been paid
- The maximum entry age to avail ABSLI Nishchit Pension Plan is 65 years, while the minimum entry age is 30 years. The minimum annualized premium is Rs. 20,000. The maximum age to avail the vesting benefit is 75 years, while the minimum vesting age is 45 years.
- Q. Manipal Technologies Limited (MTL) has partnered with which bank to drive financial inclusion by offering customized banking products?
  - A) Canara Bank
  - C) Indian Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

#### Answer : C

 Manipal Technologies Limited (MTL) has partnered with the Indian Bank to drive financial inclusion by offering customized banking products.

- ✓ The partnership aims to build a sustainable network of corporate business correspondents (CBCs) that will enhance the availability, affordability, and accessibility of financial services, particularly in underserved markets and rural areas.
- ✓ The initial focus will be serving more than 600 locations and gradually expanding the presence in newer regions in states such as Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Haryana, and Punjab.
- ✓ MTL will work closely with Indian Bank to offer tailor-made banking products in rural locations.
- Q. Who has been honored by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) award for his contribution to the medical field?
  - A) Dr Anita Bhardwaj B) Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee
  - C) Dr K Venugopal

D) Dr Mohamed Rela

#### Answer : C

- ✓ A doctor at Alappuzha's General Hospital, Dr K Venugopal has been honored by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) for his contribution to the medical field.
- ✓ Dr. K Venugopal has been selected for the award in the category of community service.
- ✓ He will receive the award at a function to be held at IMA headquarters in New Delhi on July 1, 2023.
- ✓ The award was instituted by the IMA on the occasion of National Doctor's Day.
- Q. Who has been named the prestigious (Kendra) Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2023 for the novel Perumazhayathe Kunjithalukal?

A) Basu Chatterjee	B) Shubira Prasad
C) Meghan Markle	D) Priya A S

#### Answer : D

- Indian writer, Priya A S has been named the prestigious (Kendra) Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2023.
- ✓ She was awarded for children's literature in Malayalam for her 2018 novel Perumazhayathe Kunjithalukal.
- ✓ She also won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Children's Literature for the same novel in 2020.
- The (Kendra) Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar consists of Rs 50,000 and an engraved copper plaque.
   Panels of three members each picked the winners in each language.

✓ In 2014, Priya won (Kendra) Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize for translating Arundhati Roy's Booker Prize-winning novel The God of Small Things into Malayalam.

#### Q. In which country will the FIFA U-17 World Cup be organized?

- A) Indonesia B) Peru
- C) India D) Brazil

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Indonesia will host the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup. This tournament will be organized in Indonesia from 10 November to 02 December.
- ✓ Initially it was to be organized in Peru but Peru backed out due to its budget reasons.
- ✓ A total of 24 teams will participate in this tournament
- Q. Who has been appointed as the head coach of the junior women's national team by Hockey India?
  - A) Tushar Khandkar B) Rani Rampal
  - C) Sandeep Singh D) Ravi Awasthi

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Hockey India has appointed former captain Tushar Khandkar as the head coach of the junior women's national team.
- ✓ The Indian team is preparing for the World Cup to be held in Santiago from 29 November to 10 December.
- ✓ Khandkar has replaced Harvinder Singh who was the interim coach of the team.
- ✓ Hockey India plans, directs and operates the men's and women's hockey teams in India.
- Q. In which city the 3rd Infrastructure Working Group meeting of G20 is being held?
  - A) Lucknow

B) Patna

C) Jaipur

D) Rishikesh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The G20 Third Infrastructure Working Group meeting is being held in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The meeting began with a discussion on the principles of financing cities.
- Significantly, this time G20 meetings are being organized under the chairmanship of India. At present India is the chairman of the G20 group.
- ✓ The G20 is an intergovernmental forum consisting of 19 countries and the European Union.

### UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2023

- > Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- > India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.
- > Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- > The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- > Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- > Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- > Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- > Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.
- > Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year.
- > Uttarakhand Governor Approved 30% Women's Reservation Bill.
- PM Modi has inaugurated connectivity projects worth 3,400 crores in Mana village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand recently received the first prize in two categories the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- > India's first commercial space observatory will be set up in the Garhwal division of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- > Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal "Samarth".
- Q. According to the schedule of ODI World Cup-2023, in which stadium of India will the final match be played?
  - A) Wankhede Stadium Mumbai
  - B) Arun Jaitley Stadium Delhi
  - C) Chepauk Stadium Chennai
  - D) Narendra Modi Stadium Ahmedabad

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The schedule of ODI World Cup-2023 has been announced. The ODI World Cup-2023 will be hosted by India.
- ✓ Two-time champions India will begin their World Cup campaign against Australia on October 8 in Chennai.
- ✓ The inaugural match of the tournament will be played between England and New Zealand on 5 October.
- ✓ The final match of the ODI World Cup 2023 will be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

#### Q. When is the Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day observed globally?

A) 27 June	B) 25 June
<b>C) 26 June</b>	D) 24 June

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The United Nations Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day is held on June 27 since 2017 to celebrate the work of MSME in local and global economies and their contribution to sustainable development.
- ✓ The day also recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ 2023 Theme is Future-ready MSMEs for India@100
- Q. What is the theme of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day 2023?
  - A) MSME Day 2021: The Digital Dimension
  - B) COVID-19: The Great Lockdown and its impact on Small Business
  - C) Big Money For Small Business: Financing the SDGs
  - D) Future-ready MSMEs for India@100

#### Answer : D

- Q. Who has flagged off the "Bharat in Paris" campaign with a short marathon at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi?
  - A) Narendra Modi
- B) Nitin Gadkari

C) Amit Shah D) Anurag Thakur

Answer : D



- ✓ Union Minister Anurag Thakur flagged off "Bharat in Paris" campaign.
- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has launched the "Bharat in Paris" campaign to create awareness and promote sports across India ahead of the Paris Olympics games.
- ✓ The 2024 Olympics will be held in Paris, France, from July 26 to August 11.
- ✓ <u>Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)</u>
- ✓ It was created in July 2014 under the auspices of the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- ✓ It is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ✓ The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 andLos Angeles in 2028.

### **CAMPAIGN IN NEWS 2023**

- > Union Minister Anurag Thakur flagged off "Bharat in Paris" campaign.
- > Federal Bank launches 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign.
- Union Minister Hardeep S Puri launched the campaign 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shahar' in New Delhi.
- > RBI Launches '100 Days 100 Pays' Campaign to Settle Unclaimed Deposits.
- Union Minister Giriraj Singh launched the SAMARTH campaign to promote digital transactions at the Gram Panchayat level.
- A 100-day "Uttar Pradesh Global City" campaign has been launched by the 'Uttar Pradesh Government' ahead of the Global Investors Summit and G-20 Summit.
- > UAE's Sharjah Police launched a traffic campaigncalled "Stay in Your Lane"to tackle road violations..
- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 on 3rd May at NASC Complex New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav participated in G20 Mega Beach Clean Up campaign at Juhu Beach in Mumbai.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav on 4 February launched the 'Save Wetlands Campaign'.

- Union Minister for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh, who is also the vice president of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), on 17 December announced the launching of "One Week, One Lab" countrywide campaign from January 6, 2023.
- > Meta Launches #DigitalSuraksha campaign in partnership with MeitY for the G20 campaign.
- > Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- Bandhan Bank launched the 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign along with the bank's brand ambassador Sourav Ganguly.
- > WhatsApp launches 'Stay Safe' campaign to educate on online safety.
- > The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi.

# Q. Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM) to foster the growth of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the State?

A) Canara Bank	B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
C) Indian Bank	D) Indian Overseas Bank

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM) to foster the growth of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the State and provide them with vital financial support.
- ✓ Under the terms of the MoU, TNSRLM will facilitate eligible SHGs for credit linkage with IOB.
- ✓ This strategic collaboration aims to streamline access to financial resources for SHGs, enabling them to undertake entrepreneurial activities, expand their ventures, and contribute to the economic development of the State.
- ✓ The collaboration is expected to catalyse the growth of SHGs targeting ₹1,875 crore and increase the disbursal under DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission) during this fiscal, effectively doubling the impact of financial assistance
- ✓ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- ✓ Founded : 1937
- ✓ Founder : M. Chidambaram Chettyar
- ✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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- ✓ MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- ✓ Tagline : Good People to Grow With
- Q. In which state the historic Kharchi Puja has been celebrated recently?
  - A) Manipur
  - **C)** Meghalaya

B) Tripura

D) Nagaland

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Historical Kharchi Puja commences in Tripura
- ✓ In a vibrant display of cultural heritage and religious fervour, the Historical 'Kharchi Puja' commenced at the revered fourteen gods temple in Khayerpur, Tripura.
- The auspicious event marked the revival of ancient customs and traditions, drawing enthusiastic devotees from far and wide.
- ✓ The Historical Kharchi Puja is a significant religious festival celebrated by the people of Tripura to honour the fourteen deities, believed to be the guardians of the state.

#### **FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023**

- Kharchi Puja : Tripura
- 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 : Hubbali, Karnataka
- International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- > Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi
- Mongeet Festival : Assam
- > International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana

Q. Who has launched NANDI (NOC Approvals for New Drugs & Inoculation System) portal?

- A) G. Kishan Reddy
- B) Parshottam Rupala
- C) Bhupender Yadav
- D) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Parshottam Rupala launched NANDI Portal.
- ✓ Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala on 26th June at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi launched NANDI (NOC Approvals for New Drugs & Inoculation System).
- ✓ The development of the NANDI portal was carried out in collaboration with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and the Center for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).
- The portal aligns with the vision of Digital India and embodies the principles of Minimum Government and Maximum Governance by leveraging IT systems.
- ✓ The primary objective of the portal is to expedite the assessment and examination of veterinary product proposals, ensuring their safety, efficacy, and essentiality.
- ✓ The NANDI portal is expected to support the development of India as a global manufacturing hub for veterinary products and encourage research and development efforts to enhance animal health

- Q.Finance Ministry has approved Rs\_\_\_\_\_ crore for 16 states under capex scheme.A) Rs 56,415 croreB) Rs 58,415 crore
  - C) Rs 60,415 crore
- D) Rs 63,415 crore

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Finance Ministry Approved investments worth Rs 56,415 Crore in 16 states as part of the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24' scheme.
- ✓ Aiming at providing a timely boost to capital spending by states, the Department of Expenditure has approved investment projects in several sectors including health, education, irrigation, power, roads and railways among others.
- ✓ The said department has also included the state share of two projects, namely Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Gram sadak Yojana under this scheme.
- ✓ Under the scheme, special assistance is being provided to the State Governments in the form of 50-year interest free loan up to an overall sum of Rs. 1.3 lakh crore during the financial year 2023-24,"

#### Q. In which city will the FIFA Club World Cup 2023 be organized?

A) Dubai	B) New Delhi
C) Jeddah	D) Tehran

#### Answer : C

- ✓ FIFA Club World Cup 2023 will be organized in Jeddah city of Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ The tournament will be played at King Abdullah Sport City Stadium and Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Stadium.
- ✓ In February, FIFA selected Saudi Arabia for the Club World Cup 2023.
- ✓ Saudi Arabia will host the Asian Cup in the year 2027.
- ✓ FIFA WORLD CUP
- ✓ 2022 : Qatar (32 Teams)
- ✓ 2026 : Canada, Mexico,US (48 teams)
- ✓ FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup
- ✓ 2022 : Costa Rica
- ✓ FIFA U-17 World Cup
- ✓ 2022- Women's : India

- ✓ 2023 Women's : Australia and New Zealand
- ✓ Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- ✓ Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- ✓ Founded : 21 May 1904
- ✓ Founded : Paris, France
- ✓ Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland
- ✓ Membership : 211
- ✓ Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian
- ✓ First President : Robert Guérin
- ✓ President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)
- ✓ Secretary General : Fatma Samoura
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director of Outer Space Affairs of the United Nations?
  - A) Aarti Hola-Mani

B) Meenakshi Sinha

D) Roma Rastogi

C) Naveen Kalra

### Answer : A

- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Indian-origin satellite industry expert Aarti Hola-Maini as the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna. Hola-Manny from the United Kingdom will replace Simonetta Di Pippo from Italy.
- The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs is a UN office that promotes peaceful international cooperation in outer space
- Q. Who has become the first bowler in world cricket to play 100 consecutive Tests?
  - A) Pat Cummins

- B) Rashid Khan
- C) Ravichandran Ashwin
- D) Nathan Lyon

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Australia's spinner Nathan Lyon has become the first bowler in the world to play 100 consecutive Tests for the national team.
- ✓ He achieved this feat with his inclusion in the playing 11 of the second Ashes Test against England.

Q. Which insurance company has launched the payment facility for premium through WhatsApp and UPI?

A) LIC

B) Tata AIA

C) Bajaj Allianz

D) Bharti AXA

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Group-backed insurance company Tata AIA has launched digital payments through WhatsApp and Unified Payments Interface.
- $\checkmark$  This is a first of its kind initiative in the insurance industry.
- ✓ Through this new facility, policyholders can pay premium digitally and also receive receipt of premium payment.
- Q. Which edition of the world's largest urban swachhata survey, Swachh Survekshan 2023 Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan has been started?

A) 7th	<b>B) 8th</b>
<b>C) 9th</b>	D) 10th

#### Answer : B

- The stage is all set for the 8th edition of world's largest urban swachhata survey, Swachh Survekshan 2023
   Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Field Assessment for Swachh Survekshan (SS) 2023. Under SS 2023, around 3,000 assessors will take the field for assessment from 1 July, 2023
- ✓ Originally designed as a competitive monitoring tool, Swachh Survekshan was introduced under the aegis of MoHUA in 2016, with an objective to sanitation, helping cities to achieve the goal of sustainable sanitation and waste management in a fast-track competitive manner.
- Swachh Survekshan has enthused cities with a healthy spirit of competitiveness to improve urban sanitation and ensure best service delivery to their citizens
- Q. India's CAD narrows to \_\_\_\_\_ billion dollars in the January-March quarter
  - A) 1.9 billion

B) 1.7 billion D) 1.3 billion

Answer : D

C) 1.5 billion

- ✓ According to the data released by the Reserve Bank, the current account deficit (CAD) of India has been narrowed to 1.3 billion dollars or 0.2% of GDP in the January-March quarter of the last fiscal (2022-23).
- ✓ The decline was mainly due to moderation in the trade deficit and a robust increase in services exports.
- ✓ RBI data has shown that net services receipts increased, both sequentially and on a year-on-year basis, on the back of a rise in net earnings from computer services
- Q. Who has launched a campaign called "Jeetenge Hum" to support the Indian cricket team in the 2023 Cricket World Cup?
  - A) Reliance Industries
  - **C)** TATA Group

**B)** Wipro Group

D) Adani Group

#### Answer : D

- Adani Group has launched a campaign called "Jeetenge Hum" to support the Indian cricket team in the 2023 Cricket World Cup.
- His ports-to-energy conglomerate on Saturday gathered 1983 World Cup Cricket legends including Kapil
   Dev to launch the 2023 World Cup winning campaign.
- ✓ The "Jeetenge Hum" campaign serves as a platform for national pride and support for the Indian cricket team.
- ✓ The campaign encourages fans to believe in the team's ability to emerge victorious at the World Cup.
- ✓ <u>About "Jeetenge Hum" campaign.</u>
- ✓ The campaign commemorates the 40th anniversary of India's historic victory in 1983.
- ✓ The campaign encourages Indian cricket fans to unite and unite in support of Team India.
- ✓ The campaign draws inspiration from the Adani Group's ethos of "Kar Ke Dikhaya, Kar Ke Dikhayenge".
- ✓ It epitomizes an indomitable spirit of achievement, both in cricket and business.
- Q. Who has published IS 18267: 2023 "Food Serving Utensils Made from Agri By-Products Specification," aimed at reducing plastic pollution and promoting sustainability?
  - A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
  - **B)** Food Corporation of India (FCI)
  - C) International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
  - D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Answer : A

- ✓ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued standards for agricultural by-product utensils with an aim to reduce plastic pollution and promote sustainability.
- ✓ The published standard IS 18267: 2023 "Food Serving Utensils Made from Agri By-Products Specification" provides comprehensive guidelines to manufacturers and consumers to ensure uniformity in quality requirements across the country.
- ✓ BIS stated that the use of biodegradable agri by-product utensils will contribute to environmental safety, conservation of natural resources and promotion of a circular economy.
- ✓ IS 18267: 2023 covers several aspects for the production of biodegradable utensils; including raw materials, manufacturing techniques, performance and hygiene requirements.
- ✓ It specifies the use of agricultural by-products, such as leaves and sheaths, as preferred materials for making plates, cups and bowls.
- ✓ About Bureau of Indian Standards
- ✓ Bureau of Indian Standards is thenational standards body of India under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.
- ✓ Headquarter- Manak Bhawan, Old Delhi.
- ✓ Director General- Pramod Kumar Tiwari.
- ✓ Established- 23 December 1986
- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off how many new Vande Bharat trains from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Bhopal recently?
  - A) 3
     B) 5

     C) 4
     D) 6

#### Answer: B

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off five new Vande Bharat trains from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Bhopal.
- ✓ Out of the five, two trains will be operating in Madhya Pradesh and one in Karnataka. One new Vande Bharat Express connecting Patna and Ranchi has also been inaugurated.
- Trains include Ranchi-Patna, Dharwad-KSR Bengaluru, Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai, Bhopal-Indore and Bhopal-Jabalpur.

- ✓ With the launch of the new five Vande Bharat Express trains, the total count of the premium trains has reached 23. Currently, Vande Bharat trains are operational on 18 routes across the country.
- ✓ <u>About Vande Bharat Express Train</u>.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019.
- ✓ These trains have a self-propelled engine which can save diesel and reduce electricity usage by up to 30%.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat Express was manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- ✓ It was manufactured under the 'Make in India' programme, at a cost of about Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ These trains can achieve a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- In the Union Budget for 2022-2023 the government has proposed the development and manufacture of 400 new Vande Bharat trains in the next three years
- Q. Which insurance company has launched three insurance products focusing on MSMEs MSME Suraksha Kavach Policy, Property All Risk (PAR) Policy, and i-Select Liability?
  - A) ICICI Lombard General Insurance B) HDFC Life Insurance

C) Max Life Insurance D) Aditya Birla General Insurance

#### Answer : A

- ✓ General insurance company ICICI Lombard has launched of three insurance products focusing on MSMEs
   MSME Suraksha Kavach Policy, Property All Risk (PAR) Policy, and i-Select Liability.
- Objective To make MSMEs more risk aware and provide them with the benefit of comprehensive coverage to safeguard their businesses.
- ✓ The MSME Suraksha Kavach Policy is a bundled product to protect MSMEs against loss or damage to property due to defined insured perils.
- ✓ The policy offers the benefits of optional coverage for STFI (Storms, Typhoons, Cyclones, Tempest, Tornados, Hurricanes, Floods and Inundation), and Terrorism, providing businesses with the flexibility to choose the right level of protection.
- Q. Rajat Verma has been appointed as Managing Director of which bank?
  - A) HSBC India

B) Woori Bank

C) DBS Bank India

D) SBM Bank India

Answer : C

- ✓ DBS Bank India has appointed Rajat Verma as managing director and head of institutional banking for India.
- ✓ Niraj Mittal, the current head of institutional banking for India, will be taking up a new role as country head of the DBS Bank in Australia.
- ✓ With 26 years of banking experience, Rajat has demonstrated an outstanding record of steering business growth and delivering results.
- ✓ He holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, and a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the Delhi College of Engineering.
- ✓ Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1968
- ✓ Headquarters : Singapore
- ✓ Chairman : Peter Seah
- ✓ CEO : Piyush Gupta
- Which airport has launched a new app called BLR Pulse to provide hassle-free experience to the **Q**. commuters at Kempegowda International Airport?
  - A) Mangaluru International Airport **B)** Shivamogga Airport
  - C) Kannur International Airport D) Bangalore International Airport

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has launched a new app called BLR Pulse to provide hasslefree experience to the commuters at Kempegowda International Airport.
- The app is made available for both android and iPhone users.
- ✓ Through the BLR Pulse app, people can monitor real-time flight updates, book a table at restaurants inside the airport, connect WiFi, gather information on check-in gates, and even track the flights which are delayed.
- ✓ It is an omnichannel platform, developed in collaboration with GrayMatter Software Services.

### **AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023**

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has launched a new app called BLR Pulse to provide hassle-free experience to the commuters at Kempegowda International Airport.

- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has launched a new facility called 'DigiYatra' which enables passengers to avail of its services without downloading a mobile application.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport is the first in India to offer a free reading lounge to the passengers, with a huge collection of litreature.
- Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi ranked 9th busiest airports globally in 2022, as per Airports Council International (ACI). United States-based Atlanta airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport.
- According to the Airport Council International (ACI), Delhi International Airport has been ranked among the cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27 February 2023 launched the newly built Shivamogga airport along with various development projects worth over Rs 3,600 crore in Shivamogga, Karnataka.
- Bangalore's Kempegoda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport both ranked second and seventh in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022.
- > Mopa International Airport Goa named after former CM Manohar Parrikar.
- Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".

Q. Who is the author of the book titled 'The Yoga Sutra for Children'?

- A) Amrita Mahale B) Meghna Pant
- C) Roopa Pai

D) Samhita Arni

#### Answer : C

- ✓ A book titled 'The Yoga Sutra for Children' by Roopa Pai.
- ✓ After her award-winning bestselling book 'The Gita for Children', author Roopa Pai's upcoming children's book will unravel the secrets of Patanjali's 2,000-year-old text on Yoga. '
- 'The Yoga Sutras for Children', published by Hachette India, aims to connect and relate the practice of Yoga to children's everyday lives and helps them use their mind power to bring out the best in themselves.

- Peppered with 'Think' and 'Do' sections for a wholesome and interactive experience, the book shares Maharishi Patanjali's techniques to "nurture energies and attitudes, enabling them to do small and big things in a focused and balanced way"
- Q. Union Minister Parshottam Rupala has recently launched 'Report Fish Disease App' to connect directly to district fisheries officers and scientists. It is funded under which scheme?
  - A) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
  - B) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
  - C) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
  - D) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Parshottam Rupala launched the 'Report Fish Disease' App.
- ✓ Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala launched the 'Report Fish Disease' (RFD) app at Krishi Bhavan on 28 June to enhance the farmer-based disease reporting system and improve the reporting of aquatic animal diseases in India.
- ✓ The RFD app has been developed by ICAR-NBFGR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources) under the National Surveillance Program for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD).
- NSPAAD is funded by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- ✓ The primary objective of the RFD app is to assist farmers in improving their reporting methods, obtaining scientific guidance, and minimizing losses caused by diseases.
- ✓ This, in turn, helps increase farmers' income and overall profitability.
- ✓ Benefits of RFD App
- ✓ The RFD app enables farmers to report disease incidents in finfish, shrimps, and mollusks on their farms, allowing them to connect with field-level officers and fish health experts.
- ✓ The implementation of the Fish Disease Reporting App has a significant impact on fish disease management

- Q. How many products of Uttar Pradesh have been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai recently?
  - A) 8 B) 7
  - C) 6 D) 9

### Answer : B

- ✓ The seven products of Uttar Pradesh have been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.
- 'Amroha Dholak', 'Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip', 'Mainpuri Tarkashi', 'Sambhal Horn Craft', 'Baghpat Home Furnishings', 'Barabanki Handloom Product' and 'Kalpi Handmade Paper' are the products that been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ The Amroha Dholak is a musical instrument made of natural wood. Mango, jackfruit and teakwood is preferred for making the dholak's.
- ✓ Baghpat and Meerut are famous for their exclusive handloom home furnishing product and running fabrics in cotton yarn since generations, and only cotton yarn are used in the handloom weaving process.
- ✓ The Barabanki Handloom Product has also being bestowed with a GI tag.
- ✓ For Kalpi Handmade Paper, the application was filed by Hasht Nirmit Kagaj Samiti, Industrial Estate, Kalpi, Uttar Pradesh. Kalpi has historically been a centre of handmade paper manufacturing.
- ✓ The Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip is a stone craft.
- ✓ Tarkashi, a popular art form from Mainpuri in Uttar Pradesh, is primarily brass wire inlay work on wood.
- ✓ In the Sambhal Horn Craft, the raw material is procured from dead animals. They are completely handmade.

Q. Which state's police department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Himachal Pradesh

- B) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Kerala

Answer : A

 The Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state.

- ✓ The initiative will expedite the prosecution of cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, as well as those involving cow slaughter, religious conversion, rape, and murder.
- ✓ 'Operation Conviction' will ensure the immediate arrest of criminals, the collection of strong evidence against them, quality investigation, and effective representation of cases in courts so that they are punished in the shortest amount of time.

### **UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

- Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state.
- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to cancel all Traffic Chalan for private and commercial vehicle owners pending from 2017 to 2021.
- > UP holds 2nd position in GI tagged products.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- The state government has given green signal to the project of setting Uttar Pradesh a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- > Uttar Pradesh introduces "School Health Program" digital health cards for children.
- The online rural education initiative 'Pahal' was officially launched by Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra at Government UP Sainik Inter College in Sarojini Nagar.
- > Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of 'Family ID One Family One Identity'.
- Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.

- > Uttar Pradesh came in third with its tableau commemorating Ayodhya's Deepotsav.
- > Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- > Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- > Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- > UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- > Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- > Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida.
- > Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021.
- Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- Kannuj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India.
- Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region
- Q. The Ministry of Power has launched a new platform "UTPRERAK" to promote clean technologies and enhance energy efficiency in the country. What is the full form of UTPRERAK?
  - A) Unnat Technical Pradarshan Kendra
  - B) Unnat Technology Pradarshan Kendra
  - C) Unnat Technology Pariksha Kendra
  - D) Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Govt launches UTPRERAK to adopt Energy Efficient Technologies.
- ✓ The Ministry of Power has established a new platform called Advanced Industrial Technology Demonstration Center (AITDC) for industry stakeholders to demonstrate and exchange knowledge on new energy-efficient technologies in the country.

- The new center, also called Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra (UTPRERAK), is expected to promote clean technologies and enhance energy efficiency in the country through knowledge sharing and demonstrations of new technologies.
- ✓ The UTPRERAK center is expected to become a leading reference and resource institution for industrial energy-efficient technologies.
- ✓ The center will offer comprehensive programs to enhance the skills and knowledge of industry personnel, contributing to India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.
- Q. Which city is organizing the 6th 'Divya Kala Mela' from 29 June to 5 July?
  - A) Lucknow

B) Jaipur

**D)** Hyderabad

C) Patna

### Answer: B

- ✓ Divya Kala Mela will be organised at Jaipur .
- ✓ The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is organizing a special event called 'Divya Kala Mela' from June 29, 2023, to July 5, 2023, at Jawahar Kala Kendra in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✓ This event aims to showcase the products and craftsmanship of entrepreneurs and artisans with disabilities from across the country.
- ✓ The 'Divya Kala Mela' will offer visitors an exciting and vibrant experience with a wide range of products from different parts of the country.
- ✓ These products will include handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works, packaged food, and more.
- The event provides a unique platform for marketing and showcasing the skills and products of individuals with disabilities.
- ✓ This initiative by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is part of their efforts towards the economic empowerment of people with disabilities.
- ✓ The 'Divya Kala Mela' in Jaipur, Rajasthan, is the sixth event in a series that started in 2022, with previous editions held in Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal, Guwahati, and Indore.

### MELA IN NEWS 2023

- Divya Kala Mela : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ➢ Kheer Bhavani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- SARAS Aajeevika Mela : Jammu and Kashmir

- Matua Mela : West Bengal
- Shrimp Mela : Punjab
- Maghi Mela : Punjab
- > 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela : Faridabad, Haryana
- Divya Kala Mela : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Gangasagar Mela : West Bengal
- Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela : New Delhi

### Q. Which University has topped the QS World Rankings 2024?

A) University of Oxford

**B)** University of Cambridge

C) Stanford University

D) Massachusetts Institute of Technology

#### Answer : D

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay emerged as India's highest-ranked educational institute, according to QS World Rankings 2024.
- ✓ Globally, it was ranked 149th and was the only such Indian institute in the top 150. However, it is the highest rank the institute has ever attained.
- ✓ IIT Bombay showed an improvement from last year's QS world rankings when it took the 172nd spot.
- ✓ It was followed by IIT Delhi (ranked 197th globally), slipping from 174th last year. These were the only two institutes in the top 200 on the list.
- ✓ At the third spot was the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, ranked 225th globally. It slipped sharply from 155th place last year.
- ✓ While in the overall ranking, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States topped the rankings for the twelfth consecutive year.
- ✓ UK's Cambridge University ranked second followed by Oxford University.
- ✓ QS World University Rankings 2024: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Tops for 12th Year, Indian Universities Make Gains.
- ✓ QS World University Rankings 2024: Top Performers
- ✓ Top : MIT, US
- ✓ 2nd : University of Cambridge, UK

- ✓ 3rd : University of Oxford, UK
- ✓ 4th : Harvard University, US
- ✓ 5th : Stanford University, US.

#### Which of the following IIT ranks 149th in the QS World University Rankings 2023? Q.

- A) IIT Bombay **B) IIT Madras**
- C) IIT Kanpur **D) IIT Kharagpur**

### Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has made it to the top 150 in the QS World University Rankings 2023.
- ✓ IIT Bombay made a remarkable leap to climb 23 positions to secure the 149th rank globally in the 20th edition of the rankings.
- ✓ Earlier, only the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) achieved the feat in 2016 with a rank of 147.

India becomes the second-largest country with the biggest road network after beating which country? Q.

A) China	B) Japan
C) Russia	D) United States

Answer : A

- ✓ India becomes the second-largest country with the biggest road network after beating China.
- ✓ While the United States remains in the number one position.
- ✓ The report says India successfully reserved the position by spreading 1.45-lakh km of road connectivity over the last 8 years
- ✓ India had 91,287 km of road network only. During his tenure, the minister gripped on NHAI, which has constructed, fixed and improved highways and expressways.
- ✓ NHAI has constructed more than 30,000 km of highways and expressways nationwide.
- Q. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently canceled the banking license of which of the following cooperative bank?
  - A) Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd **B)** Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank C) Bharat Co-operative Bank
    - D) Cosmos Co-operative Bank Ltd

### Answer: B

- ✓ RBI cancels Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Dharwad's banking license.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the banking license of the Karnataka-based Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank, Dharwad, and allowed function only as a non-banking institution.
- ✓ This makes it obligatory on the part of Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd., Dharwad, Karnataka to stop conducting the business of 'banking' within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Act ibid, including acceptance of deposits from non-members with immediate effect.
- ✓ RBI has also been instructed to repay unpaid and unclaimed deposits of non-members held by it, whenever demanded, even after being notified as a non-banking Institution.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the first Indian council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) residing overseas?
  - A) Bhavish Aggarwal B) Shradha Sharma
  - C) Vishesh Chandiok D) Trishneet Arora

### Answer : C

- ✓ Vishesh Chandiok appointed initiated into ICAEW.
- CEO of Grant Thornton Bharat, Vishesh C. Chandiok has been appointed as the first Indian council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) residing overseas.
- ✓ This recognition honors Chandiok's significant contributions to the global accounting profession.
- ✓ His appointment highlights the influence of Indian professionals in accounting and finance globally.
- ✓ Founded in 1880, ICAEW has played a pivotal role in shaping the accounting industry and works with governments, regulators and business leaders globally
- Q. Who has been appointed as part-time Chairman of the Federal Bank?
  - A) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

B) L V Prabhakar

C) Tapan Ray

D) AP Hota

### Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has given its approval to the Federal Bank for the appointment of AP Hota as parttime chairman, with effect from June 29, 2023, till January 14, 2026.
- ✓ AP Hota has banking experience of over 27 years in the Reserve Bank, mostly in technology and payment systems, from 1982- 2009.

- ✓ While at Reserve Bank of India, he served as nominee director to the Board of Vijaya Bank and subsequently Andhra Bank
- ✓ He was the architect of NPCI and served as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer between 2009- 2017.
- ✓ In 2018, he was appointed as an Independent Director of Federal Bank Limited.
- ✓ FEDERAL BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1931
- ✓ Headquarters : Aluva, Kerala
- ✓ MD & CEO: Shyam Srinivasan
- ✓ Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner
- Q. Which organization has organized an Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' with an aim to encourage military research and development?

A) HAL	B) BDL
C) DRDO	D) ISRO

### Answer : C

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has organized an Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir in New Delhi aimed at promoting Defence Research and Development in the industry and academia.
- ✓ At the event, a list of 75 technology priority areas was released, encouraging indigenous innovation in defence technologies and fostering self-reliance.
- The DRDO Technology Foresight 2023, listing current and future technology development tasks, was also unveiled.
- ✓ Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan also attended the event as the Chief Guest with other dignitaries.

### **DRDO IN NEWS 2023**

- > DRDO organises 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' to encourage Defence R&D.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have formed a partnership to create an Indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System for the submarines in the Indian Navy.

- > DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- Indian Navy and Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) collaborated to conduct the first successful test trial of a locally-made Air Droppable Container called 'ADC-150' from the IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa on April 27, 2023.
- > IIT Madras & DRDO tie-up for Advanced Defence Technologies.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrated its 65th foundation day on 1st January 2023
- > Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- Founded : 1 January 1958
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Motto : "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"
- Chairman : Sameer V Kamat

Q. Which Indian women's cricketer has recently joined MCC World Cricket Committee (WCC)?

A) Mithali Raj

- B) Jhulan Goswami
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Poonam Yadav

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Indian woman cricketer Jhulan Goswami has joined England women's team captain Heather Knight and Eoin Morgan to become a member of the MCC World Cricket Committee (WCC).
- This committee is an independent body that consists of current and former international cricketers, umpires, and officials from various countries.
- ✓ Jhulan Goswami retired from international cricket in 2022. Throughout her impressive two-decade-long career, Goswami took over 300 wickets in white-ball cricket across 272 appearances and secured 44 wickets in 12 Test matches.
- Q. The National Statistics Day is observed by the Government of India on which day?

A) 28 June	B) 29 June
<b>C) 27 June</b>	<b>D) 30 June</b>
Answer : B	

- ✓ The Government of India celebrates Statistics Day on June 29 every year since 2007 to popularize the use of Statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how Statistics helps in shaping and framing policies.
- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of Father of Indian Statistics, Prof. P C Mahalanobis, in recognition of his invaluable contribution in establishing the National Statistical System.
- ✓ The theme of National Statistics Day, 2023 is "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals".
- Q. National Statistics Day in India is celebrated to commemorate which statistician's birth anniversary?
  - A) C.R. RaoB) Srinivasa, RamanujanC) V.S. HuzurbazarD) PC Mahalanobis

#### Answer : D

- ✓ National Statistics Day is marked on June 29 in India to celebrate the notable contribution in the fields of economic planning and the statistical development made by Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.
- Q. Which financial institution has approved \$391 million in financing to improve access to high-quality healthcare services and to economic opportunities for people in Assam and Tripura?
  - A) World BankB) New Development Bank
  - C) Asian Development Bank D) International Monetary Fund

### Answer : A

- ✓ The World Bank has approved \$391 million in financing to improve access to high-quality healthcare services and to economic opportunities for people in Assam and Tripura.
- ✓ The Assam State Secondary Healthcare Initiative for Service Delivery Transformation (ASSIST) Project, for which \$251 million was approved, will improve access to high-quality secondary healthcare services in Assam and directly serve at least 1.8 million people.

### WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2023

- > World Bank has approved a substantial funding package of 700 million dollars for Sri Lanka.
- World Bank has approved \$391 million in financing to improve access to high-quality healthcare services and to economic opportunities for people in Assam and Tripura.
- > World Bank approves \$150-million loan for Resilient Kerala programme.

- World Bank has granted its approval for a USD 255.5 million loan aimed at enhancing the quality of technical education in government-run institutions across India.
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- > World Bank approves \$150-million loan for Resilient Kerala programme.
- 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 aloan 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).
- 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. Indian Government has provided financial incentives of \_\_\_\_\_ crore rupees to 12 states to accelerate power sector reforms.

A) Rs. 60,000 Crores	B) Rs. 66,000 Crores

C) Rs. 73,000 Crores

D) Rs. 79,000 Crores

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Centre has provided financial incentives to 12 states to accelerate power sector reforms.
- ✓ These states will receive over 66 thousand crore rupees incentives for reforms in the power sector.
- ✓ This initiative aims to support and motivate states in implementing reforms that enhance the efficiency and performance of the power sector.
- ✓ The announcement regarding this initiative was made in the Union Budget 2021-22 by the Union Finance Minister.
- ✓ As part of the initiative, states are granted an additional borrowing space of up to 0.5 percent of their Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) annually for a period of four years, from 2021-22 to 2024-25.

- ✓ Based on the recommendations of the Ministry of Power, the Ministry of Finance has granted permission for the reforms undertaken by 12 state governments in the years 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- ✓ As a result, these states have been allowed to raise financial resources of Rs 66,413 crore through the additional borrowing permissions over the past two financial years.
- Q. The Department of Expenditure under the Finance Ministry has approved capital investment proposals of Rs 56,415 cr for how many states in the current financial year 2023-24?

A) 10	B) 16
<b>C)</b> 12	<b>D)</b> 14

### Answer: B

- ✓ The Department of Expenditure under the Finance Ministry has approved capital investment proposals of Rs 56,415 cr for 16 states in the current financial year 2023-24.
- The amount has been approved for 16 states including Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and West Bengal.
- ✓ The approval has been given under the scheme titled 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24'.
- ✓ The scheme, which was announced in the Budget for 2023-24 in continuation of a similar push for capex from the last three years, special assistance is being provided to the state governments in the form of 50-year interest-free loan up to an overall sum of Rs 1.3 lakh crore during the financial year 2023-24.

Q. The Cabinet approved a new scheme PM-PRANAM to incentivize states to promote alternative fertilizers. What is the meaning of Second A in PRANAM?

A) Agriculture

**C)** Affairs

**B)** Alternative

D) Always

### Answer : A

- ✓ Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 28 June approved the PM-PRANAM Scheme.
- ✓ The scheme is aimed at incentivising states to use alternative, non-chemical fertilisers.
- ✓ The cavinet also decided to continue the current urea subsidy for three years starting FY23, with an outlay of Rs 3.68 trillion.
- About PM-PRANAM Scheme

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- ✓ The full name of PM PRANAM is Promotion of Alternative Nutrients for Agriculture Management Scheme.
- ✓ Aim of the Scheme :
- ✓ to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers
- Reducing the subsidy burden on chemical fertilisers, which is projected to reach Rs 2.25 lakh crore in 2022-23 - 39 per cent more than last year's figure of Rs 1.62 lakh crore.
- ✓ 70 percent of the grant provided under the scheme can be used for asset creation related to technology adoption of alternative fertilizers and alternative fertilizer production units at village, block and district level.
- Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with American chipmaker firm Micron Technology for a semiconductor assembly and test facility in the state?
  - A) GujaratB) Madhya PradeshC) Uttar PradeshD) Tamil Nadu

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Gujarat government signs MoU with Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and test facility.
- ✓ Gujarat government signs MoU with US chip maker firm Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.
- ✓ The semiconductor assembly and testing facility will be located at Sanand in Ahmedabad district.
- ✓ The Central Government will provide 50 per cent financial assistance towards the total project cost.
- ✓ The State Government of Gujarat will provide an incentive of 20 per cent of the total project cost.
- ✓ The Semiconductor Assembly and Test Plant will generate 5,000 direct employment opportunities.
- ✓ <u>Micron Technology:</u>
- ✓ Micron Technology, Inc. is an American manufacturer of computer memory and computer data storage.
- ✓ Their product portfolio includes dynamic random-access memory (DRAM), flash memory, and USB flash drives.
- ✓ Micron markets its consumer products, such as memory modules, under the Crucial brand.
- Micron and Intel collaborated to form IM Flash Technologies, which focused on the production of NAND flash memory.

- ✓ Micron owned Lexar between 2006 and 2017, further expanding its presence in the flash memory market.
- ✓ Establishment October 5, 1978
- ✓ Founders Ward Parkinson, Joe Parkinson, Dennis Wilson and Doug Pittman
- ✓ Headquarters Boise Idaho.

### **GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023**

- Gujarat government signs MoU with US chip maker firm Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Ahmedabad.
- 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

- Q. Who has unveiled India's first-ever report on Critical Minerals for India?
  - A) Pralhad Joshi

C) Narendra Modi

**B)** Piyush Goyal

### D) Dharmendra Pradhan

#### Answer : A

- ✓ India's first-ever report on Critical Minerals for India unveils.
- ✓ The report identifies 30 critical minerals that are crucial for various sectors such as defense, agriculture, energy, pharmaceuticals, and telecom.
- ✓ This comprehensive list represents a significant milestone in India's efforts to achieve self-reliance and security in terms of mineral resources.
- ✓ The report aligns with India's vision of attaining 'Net Zero' targets, emphasizing the importance of sustainable resource management.
- ✓ The purpose of the list is to provide guidance for policy formulation, strategic planning, and investment decisions within the mining sector.
- ✓ By identifying critical minerals, India aims to enhance its domestic production capabilities, reduce dependence on imports, and strengthen its mineral security.
- ✓ The report's findings will play a vital role in shaping India's mineral resource policies and facilitating longterm sustainability in key sectors of the economy.
- ✓ What are Critical Minerals?
- Critical minerals are a specific group of minerals that play a vital role in various sectors of the economy, including defense, energy, telecommunications, agriculture, and pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ These minerals are essential for the production of high-tech products, renewable energy technologies, advanced defense systems, and other critical applications.
- ✓ Critical minerals possess unique properties and characteristics that make them difficult to substitute or replace with alternative materials.
- Q. Which company Launches \$250K Mixed Reality Fund for 5 Indian Startups?

A) Meta

B) Apple

C) Amazon

D) Google

Answer : A

- ✓ Meta has declared a fresh Mixed Reality (MR) programme in India that has an award of \$250,000 for homegrown new companies and developers to construct applications and experiences.
- ✓ They can assemble applications utilising Meta's Presence Platform, the organisation's expansive scope of machine perception and AI capabilities for the Meta Quest Platform and Metaverse.
- ✓ The company claims that the fund aims to foster innovation and establish a national XR technology ecosystem.
- ✓ Meta launch in India :
- ✓ Sandhya Devanathan, VP for Meta in India says : "Meta is committed to building the XR ecosystem in India.
- ✓ The Presence Platform is an integral part of the metaverse vision, aiming to make virtual experiences more tangible and accessible
- Q. In which state 'One-Tap-One-Tree' campaign has been launched?
  - A) Madhya Pradesh B) Himachal Pradesh
  - C) Arunachal Pradesh D) Uttar Pradesh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Government is going to launch a campaign titled 'one-tap-one-tree' from July 1, 2023, aimed at expanding the State's green cover along with the provision of potable tap water in rural areas simultaneously.
- ✓ The campaign is being launched jointly by the Namami Gange Programme and Rural Water Supply Department under the State government.

### **UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

- Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state.
- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to cancel all Traffic Chalan for private and commercial vehicle owners pending from 2017 to 2021.
- > UP holds 2nd position in GI tagged products.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.

- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- The state government has given green signal to the project of setting Uttar Pradesh a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- > Uttar Pradesh introduces "School Health Program" digital health cards for children.
- The online rural education initiative 'Pahal' was officially launched by Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra at Government UP Sainik Inter College in Sarojini Nagar.
- > Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of 'Family ID One Family One Identity'.
- Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.
- > Uttar Pradesh came in third with its tableau commemorating Ayodhya's Deepotsav.
- > Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- > Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- > Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- > UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- > Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- > Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida.
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#### Q. Which has become the first Indian airline to achieve market capitalization of Rs 1 lakh crore?

- A) Vistara B) Air India
- C) Spice Jet D) Indigo Airline

#### Answer : D

- ✓ InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, which operates budget carrier Indigo, has become India's leading airline to cross
   ₹1 trillion in market capitalization (Mcap) on June 28, 2023.
- ✓ The stock hit a 52-week high of ₹2,634.25 on the BSE earlier in the session 28th June 2023, with a market value of ₹1.01 trillion.
- ✓ Shares of IndiGo settled 3.55 percent higher at ₹2,619.85 apiece on the BSE, compared to the previous close of ₹2,529.95.
- Q. Which countries to upgrade defense partnership boost maritime security?
  - A) India and South Korea B) India and Singapore
  - C) India and Philippines D) India and Thailand

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India and the Philippines are embarking on an exciting journey of collaboration in the defence sector, with a particular focus on the maritime domain.
- Through different initiatives including official-level interactions, resident Defense Attaché office in Manila, and the consideration of concessional Line of Credit, both nations are keen on deepening their defence ties.
- ✓ India and the Philippines had the 5th meeting of the Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation in Delhi
- Q. Who has been appointed as Special Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?
  - A) Safin Hasan
- B) Ajay Bhatnagar
- C) Sanjukta Parashar D) Ake Ravi Krishna

Answer: B

✓ IPS officer Ajay Bhatnagar appointed Special Director in CBI.

- ✓ Ajay Bhatnagar, a senior IPS officer of the 1989 batch from Jharkhand cadre, has been appointed as the Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as per a Personnel Ministry order.
- ✓ Currently serving as Additional Director in the CBI, Bhatnagar will hold the position of Special Director until his superannuation on November 20, 2024.
- Q. Which Ministry and Canara Bank signed an MoU for the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists"?
  - A) NITI Aayog

**B)** Ministry of Culture

- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of External Affairs

#### Answer: B

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank on 28.06.2023 for disbursal of financial assistance to veteran artists under the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists".
- ✓ Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme namely "Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists" under which financial assistance of Rs. 6000/- per month is provided to artists and scholars above the age of 60 years who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of performing arts and culture in their active age or are still contributing, but due to old age they are facing difficulty and are in penury condition.
- Currently, under the scheme, disbursal of financial assistance in respect of artists selected before 2017 is made through LIC while for the artists approved post 2017, it is made directly by the Ministry.
- Q. Who will inaugurate the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress (ICC) on July 1st, 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi?
  - A) Arvind Kejriwal B) Droupadi Murmu
  - C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Narendra Modi

#### Answer : D

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress (ICC) on the 1st July at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- ✓ The National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) is organizing the two-day event with the theme "Amrit Kaal: Prosperity through Cooperation for a Vibrant India."
- ✓ The Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah, will chair the congress.

- ✓ The Indian Cooperative Congress aims to discuss various trends in the cooperative movement, showcase best practices adopted by successful cooperatives, and deliberate on the challenges faced by the cooperative world.
- ✓ An exhibition will also be held during the congress, showcasing various products of Self-Help Groups and NCUI Cooperative Education Field Projects under the banner of NCUI HAAT.
- ✓ About National Cooperative Union of India
- ✓ It is the apex organization representing the entire cooperative movement in India.
- ✓ It was established in 1929 as the All India Cooperative Institutes Association.
- ✓ Through the merger of the Indian Provincial Cooperative Banks' Association with the All India Cooperative Institutes Association, it was reorganized as the Indian Cooperative Union.
- ✓ In 1961, it took on its current name as the National Cooperative Union of India.
- ✓ Since its inception, the NCUI has been at the forefront of the cooperative movement in India, acting as a torchbearer.
- ✓ The NCUI plays a vital role in promoting and supporting cooperative initiatives throughout the country.
- Q. Who has chaired the 42nd edition of PRAGATI, a platform for proactive governance, reviewing 12 key projects across various ministries and states?

D) Amit Shah

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

### Answer : C

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the 42nd edition of PRAGATI, the ICT-based multimodal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and state governments.
- ✓ In the meeting, 12 key projects were reviewed.
- ✓ Among the 12 projects, seven projects were from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, two projects were from the Ministry of Railways and one project each was from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- ✓ These projects have a cumulative cost of over Rs. 1,21,300 crore and relate to 10 states viz., Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Haryana and two Union Territories viz. Jammu and Kashmir and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

A) Rs 20,000	B) Rs 25,000
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C) Rs 30,000 D) Rs 25,000

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami honored the people of Uttarakhand who fought against the Emergency in 1975.
- ✓ The CM announced that the dependents of Loktantra Senani will be given a pension fund and the honorarium of Loktantra Senani has been increased from Rs 16,000 to Rs 20,000.
- ✓ The Emergency was declared in 1975 by former PM Indira Gandhi and was in effect for 21 months.
- Q. Which country has launched the "Digital Nomad Strategy" to address its skilled labour shortage, particularly in the tech industry?

A) Italy	B) Egypt
C) Canada	D) Germany

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Canada launched the "Digital Nomad Strategy" to address its skilled labour shortage, particularly in the tech industry.
- ✓ The strategy aims to attract talented individuals from around the world.
- ✓ The shortage of skilled workers, particularly in the tech industry, has prompted Canada to take proactive measures.
- ✓ The announcement was made during Collision's technical conference in Toronto.
- ✓ The strategy focuses primarily on the technology industry, recognizing its importance in driving innovation and economic growth.
- ✓ Digital Nomad Strategy
- ✓ Foreign workers are allowed to stay in Canada for up to six months under the Digital Nomad Strategy.
- ✓ If digital nomads receive job offers during their stay, they have the option of extending their time in the country.
- $\checkmark$  The strategy aims to address the shortage of skilled professionals in Canada's tech sector.

- ✓ Digital nomads can continue their remote working arrangements while living in Canada.
- ✓ This strategy encourages networking and collaboration between foreign workers, local professionals and Canadian businesses
- ✓ About Canada
- ✓ Capital Ottawa
- ✓ Currency Canadian Dollar
- ✓ Official languages English and French
- ✓ National Symbol Maple Leaf
- ✓ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
- Q. Which Insurance company has partnered with actyv.ai to offer bite-sized insurance products to newage Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) companies?
  - A) Kotak Mahindra General Insurance B) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
  - C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- D) Bharti AXA General Insurance

Answer : A

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Co. Ltd (Kotak General Insurance) has partnered with actyv.ai to offer bite-sized insurance products to new-age Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) companies.
- ✓ Kotak General Insurance will leverage actyv.ai's AI-powered platform to provide insurance solutions to support the business sustainability of small businesses.
- ✓ This partnership will offer innovative insurance products to the enterprise and close to one lakh supply chain partner ecosystem to focus on driving growth without worrying about business risks.
- ✓ Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance) is a 100% subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. Kotak General Insurance was established to service the growing non-life insurance segment in India.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new deputy head of the UN Development Programme (UNDP)?
  - A) He Xiangjian B) Zhang Yiming
  - C) Yang Huiyan D) Xu Haoliang

#### Answer: D

✓ UN chief appoints Xu Haoliang of China as deputy head of UNDP.

- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has announced the appointment of Xu Haoliang from China as the new Undersecretary-General and Associate Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP).
- ✓ Xu Haoliang will succeed Usha Rao-Monari from India in this role.
- ✓ Xu has been serving as the UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support at the UNDP since 2019.
- ✓ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ✓ Formation : 22 November 1965
- ✓ Headquarters : New York City
- ✓ Head : Achim Steiner
- ✓ Total members : 170
- Q. Nobel Prize winning lithium battery inventor John Goodenough passed away recently at the age of 100. In which year did Goodenough win the Nobel Prize?

A) 2017	B) 2019
<b>C) 2018</b>	D) 2016

#### Answer: B

- ✓ John Goodenough, who shared the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the lithium-ion battery that revolutionized modern life, has died at the age of 100.
- ✓ The US scientist's contributions to the development of lithium-ion batteries paved the way for smartphones.
- ✓ Goodenough became the oldest person to win a Nobel Prize when at the age of 97 he shared the 2019 chemistry award with Britain's Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino of Japan for the invention of the lithium-ion battery.
- Q. World Bank has approved How many billions in financing to accelerate the development of India's low-carbon energy sector?

A) \$2.6 billion

C) \$1.5 billion

Answer : C

B) \$1.9 billionD) \$1.2 billion

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- ✓ World Bank has approved \$1.5 billion in financing to accelerate the development of India's low carbon energy sector.
- ✓ The financing will help India promote low-carbon energy by scaling up renewable energy, developing green hydrogen and stimulating climate finance for low-carbon energy investments, the bank said in a statement.
- ✓ The program will support the successful implementation of the National Green Hydrogen Mission that aims to stimulate \$100 billion in private sector investment by 2030," said Auguste Tano Kouame, World Bank Country Director for India





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