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

#### Q. Where will PM Modi inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport?

A) Surat

B) Ahmedabad

C) Gandhinagar

D) Hirasar

#### Answer : D

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot on 27 July.
- ✓ This airport, built in an area of 1500 acres at a cost of 1,405 crores, has been renamed as Rajkot International Airport.
- ✓ The greenfield airport at Hirasar is 30 km from Rajkot city, the commercial capital of the Saurashtra region.
- ✓ 14 aircraft can be parked here

### **AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023**

- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot.
- > Government of India has given 'in-principle' approval for setting up 21 new greenfield airports.
- 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. The central government has approved the decision to set up how many new greenfield airports?

A) 16	B) 21
<b>C)</b> 25	D) 30

#### Answer: B

The Government of India has given 'in-principle' approval for setting up 21 new greenfield airports. It includes Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, etc. Of these, 11 greenfield airports Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Oravakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa and Shivamogga have been made operational.

Q. Who has laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh?

A) Narendra ModiB) Amit ShahC) Nitin GadkariD) Draupadi Murmu

#### Answer: B

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh through video conferencing.
- ✓ The statue will be built at a cost of over 500 crore rupees. In his address, Mr. Shah said the statue to be installed in Mantralayam will give the message of Sanatan Dharma to the entire world, and it will strengthen the Vaishnava tradition.
- ✓ The Home Minister said this project is spread over an area of 10 acres in Mantralayam village. It would be completed in two and a half years.

✓ He said the village is very famous for the temple of Raghavendra Swamy and the place has historical significance.

#### **STATUE IN NEWS 2023**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- > Tamil Nadu CM Stalin inaugurated statue of 'Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar'.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108-feet tall bronze 'Statue of Prosperity'
- > of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "Viswas Swaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- > The Viswas Swaroopam statue was built by Tat Padam Sansthan.

Q. In which state 'Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana' has been approved?

- A) Odisha
- C) Bihar

B) Jharkhand

D) Telangana

#### Answer : A

✓ Odisha Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana, under which interest subvention on bank loans up to Rs 1 lakh will be provided to beneficiaries to purchase a scooter.

- Odisha Mission Shakti Minister Tukuni Sahu said around 75,000 SHG community support staff and nearly 1,25,000 SHG federation leaders will be benefited under the new scheme.
- ✓ The State government has made budgetary provision of Rs 528.55 crore for execution of the scheme over a period of next five years, she added.

#### **ODISHA IN NEWS 2023**

- Naveen Patnaik of Odisha has become the second longest serving chief minister of a state in India with a tenure of 23 years and 139 days.
- Odisha Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana, under which interest subvention on bank loans up to Rs 1 lakh will be provided to beneficiaries to purchase a scooter.
- Odisha government, on July 2,2023, launched a scheme named, Mo Jungle Jami Yojana to effectively implement the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.
- India's biggest natural arch formed 184 million years ago discovered in Odisha by Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- Odisha becomes the first state to notify a committee for conservation of seeds preserved by tribal farmers.
- > Odisha government launched the 'Mo Ghara' (My Home) housing scheme.
- > PM Modi launches railway projects worth over 8,000 crore rupees in Odisha.
- Odisha government has expanded the jurisdiction of Special Development Councils (SDCs) from nine to 23 districts to improve the lives of 84 lakh tribal people.
- > Odisha has its 88th foundation day on 1st April 2023.
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state.
- > Aska police station of Odisha's Ganjam district became the country's number one police station.
- Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.

- Gold Deposits Found at Different Location in Three Districts of Odisha, including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.
- > Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slumfree by the end of 2023.

#### Who has become the second longest serving Chief Minister in India? Q.

A) Nitish Kumar

- **B)** Mamta Banerjee
- **C)** Naveen Patnaik D) Yogi Adityanath

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Naveen Patnaik of Odisha has become the second longest serving chief minister of a state in India with a tenure of 23 years and 139 days.
- ✓ Surpassing the record of former West Bengal chief minister Jyoti Basu. Patnaik, the five-time Chief Minister of Odisha, took charge on March 5, 2000, and has been holding the post for the last 23 years and 139 days
- ✓ Past Records :
- ✓ Patnaik is now second only to Pawan Kumar Chamling of Sikkim, who holds the enviable record of helming a state for the longest time of 24 years and 166 days between December 1994 and May 2019.
- ✓ Basu left office in 2000 after ruling the eastern state for over 23 continuous years, while Chamling lost the assembly polls in May 2019 in the Himalayan state.
- ✓ List of the longest-serving chief ministers in India :
- ✓ 1st Pawan Kumar Chamling Sikkim 24 years, 205 days (12 December 1994 27 May 2019).
- 2nd Naveen Patnaik Odisha 23 years, 139 days (5 March 2000 Present).  $\checkmark$
- 3rd Jyoti Basu West Bengal 23 years, 137 days (21 June 1977 6 December 2000)  $\checkmark$
- 'Semicon India 2023' will be organized in which state of India? Q.

A) Assam

**B)** Odisha

**D)** Gujarat

**C)** Rajasthan

#### Answer : D

✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 'Semicon India 2023', a premier showcase of India's semiconductor capabilities and chip design innovation, on 28 July 2023 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- ✓ The exhibition promises to offer visitors a comprehensive insight into the leading-edge technologies and innovations driving the semiconductor industry.
- Q. Who has presented the 8th and 9th Community Radio Awards?
  - A) S. Jaishankar B) Anurag Thakur
  - C) Eknath Shinde D) J. P. Nadda

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur 23rd July 2023 conferred the 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards.
- ✓ The awards were conferred during the Inaugural Session of the two-day Regional Community Radio Sammelan (North) which was inaugurated by the Union Minister at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in New Delhi.
- ✓ The winners of 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards is a recognition of Community Radio Stations who have done commendable work in their field, in public interest. These awards are being conferred during Community Radio Regional Sammelan being held on the occasion of National Broadcasting Day on 23rd July 2023.
- ✓ The National Community Radio Awards carry 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for Rs, 1 Lakh, 75,000/- and 50,000/- respectively. Details of awardees are given below :
- ✓ Thematic Awards :
- ✓ \* First Prize: Radio Mind Tree, Ambala, Haryana; Name of Programme: Hope Jeene Ki Rah
- ✓ \* Second Prize: Radio Hirakhand, Sambalpur, Odisha; Name of Programme: Adhar O PoshanBigyan
- ✓ \* Third Prize: Green Radio, Sabour, Bihar; Name of Programme: PoshanShrinkhla
- ✓ Most Innovative Community Engagement Awards
- ✓ \* First Prize Radio SD, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh; Name of the programme: Hizra in Between
- ✓ \* Second Prize Kabir Radio, Sant Kabir Nagar, Uttar Pradesh; Name of Program: Selfie Le Le Re
- ✓ \* Third Award: Radio Mind Tree, Ambala, Haryana Name of Programme: Book Bugs
- ✓ Promoting Local Culture Awards
- ✓ \* First Prize: Voice of SOA, Cuttack, Odisha; Name of Programme: Asmita
- ✓ \* Second Prize: Friends FM, Tripura, Agartala; Name of Programme: Revived a dying art: MASK & POT
- ✓ \* Third Prize: PantnagarJanvani, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand; Name of Program: Dadi Ma Ka Batua

#### ✓ Sustainability Model Awards

- ✓ \* First Prize: Radio Hirakhand, Sambhalpur, Odisha
- ✓ \* Second Prize: VayalagaVanoli, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ \* Third Prize: VAGAD Radio "90.8", Banswara, Rajasthan.

#### Q. 5th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit will be held in which state?

A) Maharashtra	B) Karnataka
C) Madhya Pradesh	D) Uttar Pradesh

#### Answer : C

- ✓ 5th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit is to be jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Pawan Hans Ltd. and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on 25th July 2023 in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Theme : The event's theme is "Reaching the Last Mile: Regional Connectivity through Helicopters & Small Aircraft".
- ✓ It will be inaugurated by Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation & Steel. The event format includes an inaugural session followed by a technical session
- ✓ The broad objectives of the Summit are :
- \* Provide a common platform for all industry stakeholders, and policymakers to discuss the growth story of the Indian Helicopter and Small Aircraft industry.
- \* Enhance the scope of the UDAN Scheme in remote and hilly terrains and expand the country's rural to urban connectivity.
- \* Boost Helicopter & Small Aircraft connectivity to places with existing and potential tourism hotspots by providing uninterrupted services.

#### **MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.
- Tiger State Madhya Pradesh is poised to get its 7th tiger reserve with the state government going forward with the notification of Nauradehi and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuaries.

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

#### Q. Which state government has unveils 'Bomman', the mascot for Asian Champions Trophy 2023?

A) Karnataka

B) Gujarat

C) Maharashtra

D) Tamil Nadu

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister "Udhayanidhi Stalin" has unveiled the trophy and the 'Bomman' mascot for the prestigious Asian Champions Trophy 2023 hockey tournament to be held in Chennai from August 3 to 12, 2023.
- ✓ On the occasion, the minister also launched the ticket sales by receiving the first ticket from Hockey India General Secretary Bhola Nath Singh at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Egmore.
- Six teams from the continent India, China, Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan and Korea will compete for the coveted trophy.

This will be the first time since the Asia Cup in 2007, the stadium is hosting a major event. Tamil Nadu
government has allocated Rs 17 crore for the conduct of the event.

### **TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023**

- Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister "Udhayanidhi Stalin" has unveiled the trophy and the 'Bomman' mascot for the prestigious Asian Champions Trophy 2023 hockey tournament to be held in Chennai.
- > Muthamizh Selvi, first Tamil Nadu woman to scale Mt Everest.
- Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..
- > Tamil Nadu becomes first state to launch its own Climate Change Mission.
- > Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- In a first of its kind initiative in India, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project'.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Dynamics?

A) Nalin Singhal

- B) A Madhavarao
- C) Anantha Krishnan D) Dr Samir V Kamat

#### Answer: B

✓ Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has announced that the Ministry of Defence has approved the appointment of A Madhavarao as its chairman and managing director, with effect from 19 July 2023

Q. Which has unveiled the memorial named VC Yeshwant Ghadge Sundial Memorial?

A) Italy

C) Spain

**B)** France

D) Germany

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Italy has unveiled the memorial named VC Yeshwant Ghadge Sundial Memorial at Montone Italy.
- ✓ Reason : To pay tribute to the Indian troops who fought in the Italian Campaign during the Second World War (1939-1945) and also honour Naik Yeshwant Ghadge, Victoria Cross, who was killed in action fighting on the heights of Upper Tiber Valley

- $\checkmark$  The memorial is in the form of a live sundial.
- ✓ Motto : Omines Sub Eodem Sole (Translates to 'We all live under the same sun').

#### Q. Which IT company has joined XR Startup Programme with MeitY, Meta?

A) Infosys	B) HCL Tech
C) Wipro	D) Cognizant

#### Answer: B

- ✓ HCLTech, has announced that it has joined the XR Startup Programme, a collaboration between Meta and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Startup Hub.
- ✓ Aim : The program aims to support and boost extended reality (XR) technology start-ups in India.
- The XR Startup Program, launched in September 2022, is a joint effort between MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) and Meta. This initiative focuses on skilling and developing technological capabilities for the metaverse, with a specific emphasis on emerging technologies like Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) within the country.

Q. Which Indian has won the gold medal in the World Youth Deaf Badminton Championship?

A) Shreyanshi	B) Gauranshi
C) Gunja Kumari	D) Rekha Verma

#### Answer: B

- Gauranshi, a resident of Rajasthan, has won the gold medal in the team event of the World Youth Deaf Badminton Championship held in Brazil. Earlier, in 2021, Gauranshi had won the gold medal in the Deflympiad. Defeated and Dumb Badminton World Championship going on in Brazil by defeating Japan 3-1 and captured the gold medal
- Q. Which country has banned sex change and transgender marriage?

A) China	B) USA
C) UK	D) Russia

#### Answer : D

✓ Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a new law that deals with the LGBTQ+ community in the country.

- ✓ Under this, sex change and transgender marriage have been banned. This law has been passed unanimously by both the Houses of the Parliament.
- $\checkmark$  The new law imposes comprehensive restrictions on various aspects related to gender change
- Q. Who has recently inaugurated the newly established Aviation Security Control Centre (ASCC) at CISF Campus Mahipalpur?

B) Narendra Modi

- A) Amit Shah
- C) Draupadi Murmu D) Jagdeep Dhankar

#### Answer : A

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the newly established Aviation Security Control Centre (ASCC) at CISF Campus Mahipalpur in New Delhi.
- ✓ The CISF was inducted at airports for the first time in February 2000.
- ✓ After two decades, currently, CISF is providing security cover to 66 airports out of 134 operational airports in the country, including extremely busy and hypersensitive airports like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Jammu, Srinagar, and Amritsar.
- In order to monitor the security functions and resource utilization on a real-time basis, Security Operations Control Centres (SOCCs) are functional at every airport.
- ✓ These SOCCs serve as the nerve/nodal center for the collection and dissemination of important information 24×7, especially during contingencies.
- This newly established ASCC will play an important role in its quest to play a greater role in aviation security and the future of the force.

#### AMIT SHAH IN NEWS 2023

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated a day-long mega conclave "Strengthening PACS through FPOs" in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah has virtually launched the 'Akshar River Cruise' on Sabarmati Riverfront.

- 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. The blue bird logo of social media giant Twitter has recently been changed. What is the new logo?

A) Y	<b>B) W</b>
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C) X D) Z

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Popular social media platform Twitter launched a new logo 'X' as part of a massive rebranding effort.
- ✓ The blue bird logo has been replaced by an 'X', which is now featured prominently on the website.
- ✓ Media reports have confirmed the unveiling of the new logo, which features a white 'X' on a black background, symbolising the platform's updated identity.
- ✓ The new logo was announced jointly by Twitter founder Elon Musk and CEO Linda Yacarino, indicating their involvement in the rebranding process.
- ✓ This logo change represents the latest significant update since Elon Musk acquired Twitter last year for a whopping \$44 billion.
- ✓ 'X' logo:
- ✓ The 'X' logo introduced during Twitter's rebranding marks a shift towards turning the platform into an allencompassing app similar to China's WeChat.
- ✓ The change is aimed at enabling users to perform various tasks beyond social media including making payments and booking hotels.
- ✓ Rebranding isn't just a visual change; It represents a major strategic effort to turn Twitter into a comprehensive application with multiple functionalities.
- ✓ About Twitter
- ✓ Twitter was founded in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams as a social media platform for short, real-time messages called "tweets."
- ✓ It launched publicly in July 2006 and quickly gained popularity.
- ✓ Linda Yaccarino named CEO of Twitter.
- Q. Who has created history with best ever performance by an Indian at 2023 Open Golf Championship?
  - A) Anirban Lahiri

- B) Jyoti Randhawa
- C) Shubhankar Sharma D) Gaganjeet Bhullar

Answer : C

- ✓ Shubhankar Sharma achieved the best ever performance by an Indian golfer at the 2023 Open Golf Championship held at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Merseyside, England.
- ✓ Showcasing remarkable skill and determination, Shubhankar Sharma tied for eighth place with Cameron Young of the United States.
- ✓ The hometown of Shubhankar Sharma is Jhansi, which is located in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Brian Herman of the USA has won the 2023 Open Golf Championship.
- Q. Which state government has introduced the Platform-Based Gig Workers Bill, 2023, making it the first state in India to ensure social security assurance for gig workers?

**B)** Rajasthan

A) Uttar Pradesh

C) Chhattisgarh D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Rajasthan government has introduced the Rajasthan Platform-Based Gig Workers Bill, 2023, making it the first state in India to ensure social security assurance for gig workers.
- ✓ The Welfare Board will enable gig workers to register with all state aggregators, thereby ensuring better access to opportunities and benefits.
- ✓ An integrated fee deduction mechanism will be set up within aggregator apps, and non-compliance with the provisions of the Bill will attract a fine of ₹5 lakh for the first offence and ₹50 lakh for subsequent offences.
- India's gig workforce is expected to reach 23.5 million by 2030, and recognizing their importance, the Social Security Code (2020) has a dedicated section for gig workers, ensuring they receive social security benefits.

#### **RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023**

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- With the creation of these 19 new districts, the total number of districts in Rajasthan will increase to 52.

# Q. Which government has launched first 'Water ATM' to provide clean water in water-scarce areas? A) Kerala B) Bihar

C) Delhi D) Uttar Pradesh

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal recently inaugurated the city's first 'Water ATM', which aims to provide clean water to areas lacking piped water supply.
- ✓ The 'Water ATM' initiative aims to reduce dependence on water tankers and ensure that underprivileged sections of society have access to the same quality of reverse osmosis (RO) water as more affluent areas.
- ✓ The Delhi government, through the Delhi Jal Board, plans to tackle water scarcity by setting up 500 RO plants with integrated 'water ATM machines' in areas facing water supply issues.
- ✓ Each of the 500 RO plants will have a capacity of 30,000 litres and will be strategically located depending on the availability of tubewells. The government will provide the necessary land, and the cost of ₹10 lakh per plant will be borne by the Delhi Jal Board.

- Q. Which country has banned the export of non-basmati white rice to stabilize the volatility in retail prices within the country?
  - A) India
  - C) Russia

B) ChinaD) Ukraine

- Answer : A
- ✓ India banned the export of non-basmati white rice to stabilise the volatility in retail prices within the country.
- ✓ This decision was taken by the Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs.
- ✓ The ban applies to all exports of "non-basmati white rice".
- ✓ India's decision is significant as it is the world's leading rice exporter.
- ✓ The primary objective of the ban is to stabilise the volatility of retail prices within India.
- ✓ Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT):
- ✓ DGFT is an important agency under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ Its headquarter is in New Delhi, India.
- ✓ DGFT plays an important role in regulating and enforcing laws related to foreign trade.
- ✓ One of its major responsibilities is to formulate and implement foreign trade policy.
- ✓ The foreign trade policy aims to promote India's export activities and create a conducive environment for international trade.
- ✓ The current Director General of DGFT is Amit Yadav.
- Q. Which state had the highest crime rate against Scheduled Caste groups in the year 2021?
  - A) Uttar Pradesh B) Madhya Pradesh
  - C) Maharashtra

#### Answer: B

 Madhya Pradesh had the highest crime rate against people belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) groups in 2021, according to data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

**D)** Assam

- ✓ The data shows that the state had the highest crime rate against SCs in 2020, and was second in 2019 (after Rajasthan).
- ✓ The National Crime Records Bureau is an Indian government agency that collects crime data. It was established in 1986.

#### **MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.
- Tiger State Madhya Pradesh is poised to get its 7th tiger reserve with the state government going forward with the notification of Nauradehi and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- Madhya Pradesh received the first prize in the best State category, while the best district award went to Ganjam District in Odisha.
- Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC Ltd.) will construct a 525 MW pumped storage project near the Indira Sagar Dam in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Ladli Bahna Yojana'.
- > Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.
- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, a recognition that protects and acknowledges the work of tribal artists.
- > Madhya Pradesh government launched Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Madhya Pradesh Government on 5 March launched Ladli Bahna scheme under which each woman will be given one thousand rupees per month..
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on March 4 to make Tehsil Mauganj of Rewa district the 53rd district of the state.
- Q. Who has won the Korea Open 2023 title after defeating Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in Yeosu, Korea?
  - A) Lakshya Sen and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
  - B) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
  - C) Lakshya Sen and Chirag Shetty
  - D) Srikanth Kidambi and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

#### Answer : A

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their fourth men's doubles title of the year by winning the Korea Open badminton tournament
- ✓ In a thrilling final of the Super 500 event, the Indian pair, ranked third in the world, defeated Indonesia's top-ranked pair, Fajar Alfiyan and Muhammad Riyan Ardiento, who are two-time World Championships bronze medallists.
- ✓ The match lasted 62 minutes and India came back from 17-21 down in the first set to win 21-13, 21-14.
- ✓ The win marked his first victory in a BWF World Tour Super 500 event, showcasing his exceptional performance in the tournament
- ✓ List of titles achieved by Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty in 2023:
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their fourth men's doubles title of the year by winning the Korea Open badminton tournament.
- ✓ Indian badminton player Satwiksairaj Rankireddy created a new Guinness World Record for the fastest hit in badminton during the Korea Open 2023.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty created history by becoming the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships.
- 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.
- Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with Tata Technologies to transform 36 government ITIs into an Industry 4.0 Technology Hub?
  - A) Chhattisgarh B) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer : A

C) Bihar

Chhattisgarh government has signed an MoU worth Rs 1,188.36 crore with Tata Technologies to transform
36 government ITIs into an Industry 4.0 Technology Hub.

D) Rajasthan

- ✓ The MoU was signed between the state's Department of Technical Education and Skill Development and Tata Technologies in the presence of chief minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- ✓ The collaboration will offer six new trades and 23 new short-term courses in 36 ITIs, with state-of-the-art technical workshops and trainer arrangements.

- Q. Sumit Nagal has won Tampere Challenger 2023 title after defeating Czech Republic's Dalibor Svrcina in Finland. Sumit Nagal is related to which sport?
  - A) Tennis B) Badminton
  - C) Boxing D) Wrestling

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal beat Dalibor Svrcina of the Czech Republic in straight sets to clinch the Tampere Open title held in Finland.
- ✓ Nagal beat Svrcina 6-4 7-5 to emerge victorious.
- ✓ This was Sumit Nagal's fourth ATP Challenger title overall.
- ✓ It was the second Challenger title of the season after the one in Rome, and the fourth Challenger title of his career for the 25-year-old.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court?
  - A) Dheeraj Singh Thakur B) Devendra Kumar Upadhyay
  - C) Vinay Kumar Singh D) Satish Chandra Rawat

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.
- ✓ And Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.
- ✓ The collegium system recommended the appointment of Justice Devendra Upadhyay of the Allahabad High Court as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.
- Q. Who has become the first bowler to take seven wickets in T20 International cricket history?
  - A) Rehman Malik
    - ammed Sirai

**B)** Mukesh Singh

C) Mohammed Siraj

D) Sayajrul Ejat Idras

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Malaysian fast bowler Syazrul Ezat Idrus has become the first player to take seven wickets in men's T20 International.
- ✓ Earlier, only 12 bowlers had achieved the feat of taking six wickets in Men's T20 International.
- $\checkmark$  The pair of Deepak Chahar and Yuzvendra Chahal of India is also included in this list

- Q. Which Ministry conducted the 6th National Conclave on Standards & Regulations under the NTTM?
  - A) Ministry of Culture
  - C) Ministry of Defence
- **B)** Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Textiles

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Ministry of Textiles, under its flagship scheme National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), organized the 6th National Conclave on Standards & Regulations in association with FICCI and BIS, emphasizing on importance of Standards, Quality regulations & Rationalization of HSN codes for Technical Textiles in India.
- ✓ The event encompassed 5 technical sessions focusing on Standards and Regulations under specialized areas of Technical Textiles like Protective textiles, Geotextiles, Build tech, Oekotech, Medical textiles and in other emerging areas of Technical Textiles.
- Q. Who has been elected as the chair of the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation held in Abu Dhabi?
  - A) Thani Al ZeyoudiB) Suhail Al MazrouiC) Reem Al HashimyD) Khaldoon Al Mubarak

#### Answer : A

- ✓ UAE Minister for Foreign Trade Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi has been elected as the chair of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) 13th Ministerial Conference that will be held in Abu Dhabi in February 2024.
- The announcement was made during the WTO General Council in Geneva, where Dr Al Zeyoudi met with the WTO director general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- Q. Who has been inaugurated the Heli Summit 2023 and also unveiled RCS UDAN 5.2 and the HeliSewa-App in Madhya Pradesh?
  - A) Digvijaya Singh

- **B)** Anurag Thakur
- C) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- D) Narendra Singh Tomar

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel inaugurated Heli Summit 2023 in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh on 25th July 2023. Shri Scindia also launched RCS UDAN 5.2 and HeliSewa-App during the event.
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- ✓ The 5th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit (Heli Summit 2023) was jointly organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, in association with the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Pawan Hans Ltd., and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- Theme : The theme of the event was "Reaching the Last Mile: Regional Connectivity through Helicopters & Small Aircraft".

Q. The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is an international celebration taking place every year on\_

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

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem (or World Mangrove Day) is celebrated annually on 26 July to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem" and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.
- ✓ The day was adopted by the General Conference of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2015.
- It was on this day in 1998, that a Greenpeace activist Hayhow Daniel Nanoto, died of a heart attack during a massive protest to re-establish the mangrove wetlands in Muisne, Ecuador.

Q. The Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year since 1999 on which day?

A) 24 July	B) 25 July
C) 27 July	D) 26 July

Answer : D

- ✓ Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on July 26 since the year 1999, to mark India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil conflict.
- ✓ The day is dedicated to our Kargil War's Heroes and is named after the successful Operation Vijay.
- ✓ It is celebrated to in view of Operation Vijay and Kargil War that ended on July 26, 1999. After this, India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost to Pakistan.

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- ✓ 'Operation Vijay', was the code name given to India's offensive against Pakistan to flush out the Pakistani infiltrators from the Indian territory in Kargil.
- ✓ This year 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas is being organized.

#### Q. India's first Cannabis Medicine Project is set to be pioneered in which city?

A) Jammu	B) New Delhi
C) Lucknow	D) Bengaluru

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of State Science & Technology Jitendra Singh confirmed that India's first Cannabis Medicine Project is set to be pioneered in Jammu.
- ✓ This project will play a vital role in Atma-Nirbhar Bharat, as it will be capable of producing export-quality drugs designed for various neuropathies etc.
- ✓ The project will spread awareness that this substance of abuse has diverse medicinal uses, especially for patients suffering from malignancies.
- ✓ The 'Cannabis Research Project' of CSIR-IIIM Jammu is a first-of-its-kind in the country in public-private partnership with a Canadian firm, which has a "great potential to put substance of abuse for the good of mankind especially for patients suffering from neuropathies, cancer and epilepsy
- This project of CSIR-IIIM is also important from the perspective of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India) as after getting all the approvals, it will be able to produce export quality drugs meant for different kinds of neuropathies and diabetic pains

#### **INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023**

- > India's first Cannabis Medicine Project is set to be pioneered in Jammu.
- India's first indigenously developed 700 MW nuclear power reactor at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) in Gujarat started commercial operations.
- > India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- > India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.
- According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.

- Tech startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone capable of vertical take-off and landing. This drone has been named Skyhawk.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled the country's first droneair traffic management system "Sky UTM".
- > India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Luminous Power Technologies announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.
- > India's First AC Double Decker Electric Bus Introduced in Mumbai.
- > NCERT Launched India's First National Assessment Regulator "PARAKH".
- PARAKH stands for The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- > Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Shivangi Singh being the first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter aircraft, is a trailblazer in the Indian Air Force.
- India's first "Water Metro" services will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 25, 2023 in Kochi, Kerala.
- Mana village on India-China border in UK's Chamoli district declared as 'India's first village' by BRO.
- Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity campus in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- City Union Bank (CUB) launched India's first Voice Biometric Authentication banking app for its mobile banking app which uses it to improve security.
- > India's first semi high-speed regional rail services in NCR named 'RAPIDX'.
- > India's first 3D-printed post office is being built in Bengaluru.
- NSE Indices Ltd, a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched India's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index.
- India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) in Gurugram, Haryana.
- ▶ IPL India's first unicorn with a \$1.1 billion valuation.

- > Northern India's first nuclear plant to come up in Haryana's Gorakhpur.
- MobiKwik becomes India's first app to Support Credit Cards on UPI.
- > India's 1st National Metro Rail Knowledge Centre to be built in Delhi.

#### Q. With whom has 'India AI' signed an MoU to promote emerging technologies?

A) Spacex	B) Google
C) Meta	D) Microsoft

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India Artificial Intelligence ('India AI') has signed an MoU with 'META' to promote advancements in emerging technologies in the country.
- ✓ It aims to establish collaboration between 'India AI' and META in the field of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies.
- ✓ Also, Meta's open-source AI model will be tailored for the Indian AI ecosystem
- ✓ About Meta
- ✓ Founded February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States
- ✓ Founder Mark Zuckerberg
- ✓ Headquarters Menlo Park, California, United States
- Q. Which Football Club became the first Indian club to win the Gothia Cup in Sweden?
  - A) Spartan Academy B) Minerva Academy
  - C) Velocity Football Academy D) Champion Football Academy

#### Answer : B

- India's Minerva Academy FC scripted history as they became the first team from the subcontinental nation to lift the prestigious Gothia Cup in Sweden.
- ✓ The Gothia Cup, an international youth football tournament organized has been held annually at Gothenburg in the Scandinavian country of Sweden.
- ✓ The prestigious tournament is organized under the aegis of Allsvenskan club BK Hacken.
- ✓ The Indian team triumphed in the B13 category of the illustrious event with a 3-1 win over Brazilian side Ordin FC in the final of the tournament on Saturday.
- ✓ The tournament is the world's largest and most international youth football tournament with 1700 teams.

- Q. Which country will host Formula 1 until 2032?
  - A) Hungary B) Italy
  - C) Switzerland

### Answer : A

✓ Formula 1 has announced that the Hungarian Grand Prix will continue to be part of the F1 calendar for an additional five years until 2032.

D) Sweden

- ✓ As per the Formula 1 website, the existing deal that ran until 2027 was extended until 2032.
- ✓ As part of the agreement, the Hungaroring circuit will undergo significant development and refurbishment, including the construction of a new pit building and main grandstand.
- ✓ The Hungaroring, located near Budapest, has been a part of Formula 1 since 1986 and has seen many legendary drivers claim victory at the circuit, such as Michael Schumacher and Ayrton Senna, who won four and three Hungarian Grands Prix, respectively.
- ✓ The 4.38km Hungaroring has been part of the F1 calendar since 1986, with many legends of the sport claiming victory at the circuit.
- ✓ Five of the 2023 grid have been victorious at the Hungarian Grand Prix, with Lewis Hamilton holding a record eight wins.
- ✓ Hungary
- ✓ Capital : Budapest
- ✓ Currency : forint

Q. The 'Meri Mati Mera Desh Abhiyan' campaign is an initiative of which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Mines

D) Ministry of Rural DevelopmentD) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

#### Answer: B

- ✓ 'Meri Mati Mera Desh Abhiyan' is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ✓ This campaign will be run across the country from 09 to 15 August.
- ✓ Selected youths from around 7,500 blocks across the country will gather for this program at Delhi's 'Kartavya Path'.
- ✓ This campaign has been started for the conclusion of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.
- ✓ The Amrit Mahotsav of Independence was started on March 12, 2021.

### **CAMPAIGN IN NEWS 2023**

- > 'Meri Mati Mera Desh Abhiyan' is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- > 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. Who has been re-appointed as the MD and CEO of Tata Steel for a period of five years?
  - A) T V Narendran
  - C) Bhavish Aggarwal

B) Dilip Shanghvi

D) Karsanbhai Patel

- Answer : A
- ✓ T V Narendran has been re-appointed as the MD and CEO of Tata Steel, for a period of five years effective 19 September 2023.
- ✓ He has over 35 years of experience in the mining and metals industry. Narendran joined Tata Steel in 1988.
- ✓ He was appointed as Managing Director of Tata Steel for India and South East Asia on November 1, 2013.
- ✓ In October 2017, Tata Steel elevated Narendran as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director globally
- ✓ Tata Steel Limited is an Indian multinational steel-making company, based in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand and headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It is a part of the Tata Group
- ✓ Tata Steel Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1907
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Founder : Jamsetji Tata
- Dorabji Tata
- ✓ Chairperson : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- ✓ Vice Chairman : Noel Tata
- ✓ MD & CEO : T. V. Narendran
- Q. Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in which state to be issued a birth certificate with her gender listed as transgender?
  - A) Haryana

#### B) Kerala

C) Rajasthan

### D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender.
- $\checkmark$  In her old birth certificate, her gender was marked as male.
- ✓ Shekhawat was handed her new birth certificate by municipal and state government officials.
- $\checkmark$  She runs an NGO for the transgender community and also wants to complete her graduation.

## **RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023**

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- Q. Which organization has launched an Action Plan designed to support the implementation of its ambitious Strategy on Climate Change 2022-2031?
  - A) World Economic Forum (WEF)
  - B) Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
  - C) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - D) United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

### Answer: B

- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has launched an Action Plan designed to support the implementation of its ambitious Strategy on Climate Change 2022-2031.
- ✓ The Strategy, which was endorsed in June 2022 by FAO's executive body, the Council, envisages agrifood systems as sustainable, inclusive, resilient and adaptive to climate change.
- ✓ Global agrifood systems, which encompass the production of food and non-food agricultural products, as well as their storage, transportation, processing, distribution, marketing, disposal and consumption, are currently responsible for about a third of total greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- ✓ Formation : 16 October 1945
- ✓ Headquarters : Rome Italy
- ✓ Director-General : Qu Dongyu ( China )
- ✓ Total Member : 197

Q. Which fintech platform has recently launched a feature to pay income tax through its app?

A) PhonePe

C) Paytm

B) GooglePayD) PayPal

### Answer : A

- ✓ Digital payments and fintech platform, PhonePe has launched a feature to pay income tax through its app.
- ✓ Individuals and businesses can pay self-assessment and advance tax through UPI or credit card via the application, without logging into the income tax portal.
- $\checkmark$  The amount will be credited to the tax portal within two working days.

- ✓ Users can pay taxes by logging into the app and selecting the "income tax" icon. Then, they must select the type of tax to be paid, assessment year and Permanent Account Number (PAN) details. After entering the total tax amount, users will be able to pay using the chosen mode of payment
- ✓ Taxpayers will receive a Unique Transaction Reference (UTR) number as an acknowledgment within one working day after paying the tax while challan for the payment will be available within two working days.
- ✓ Users can get a 45-day interest-free period and earn reward points on their tax payments, depending on their bank.
- ✓ PhonePe has partnered with digital B2B payments service provider PayMate for enabling the feature.
- ✓ Started in 2015, the Walmart subsidiary was recently separated from its e-commerce sibling Flipkart.
- ✓ PhonePe has about 50 crore registered users and processes 45 percent of transactions on Bharat Bill Pay System (BBPS). The company became a fintech in 2017 and launched mutual funds and insurance products.

### Q. President Draupadi Murmu has recently presented how many National Geology Awards (NGA) 2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre?

<b>A)</b> 11	B) 23
<b>C)</b> 10	D) 27

### Answer : A

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has conferred the National Geoscience Awards (NGA) 2022 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.
- ✓ Instituted in 1966, the NGA is a symbol of recognition and appreciation for exceptional individuals and organizations that have demonstrated excellence, dedication, and innovation in the realm of Geosciences.
- ✓ The Ministry of Mines confers this award every year in three categories comprised National Geoscience Award for Life Time Achievement, the National Young Geoscientist Award, and the National Geoscience Award in various fields of geosciences.
- $\checkmark$  There are six boys and five girls among the awardees from 11 states and UTs.
- ✓ Each awardee of the PMRBP will be given a medal, a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate.
- ✓ The Union government the PMRBP award to children for their exceptional achievements. The award is conferred on children in the age group 5-18 for their excellence in six categories, viz art and culture, bravery, innovation, scholastic, social service and sports, which deserve national recognition.

# APARCHIT EXAM WARRIORS **NO-1 PLATFORM FOR ALL COMPETITIVE EXAM BANK | SSC | RAILWAY | GOVERMENT EXAM** Visit : www.Aparchitexamwarriors.com This year, the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar will be conferred on 11 children selected from all regions of the country for their exceptional achievement in the field of art and culture (4), bravery (1), innovation (2), social service (1), and sports (3). Who has won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw events at the Lebanon Athletics Q. Championships 2023 in Beirut? A) Shivpal Singh **B)** Kishore Jena C) Vipin Kasana D) Sundar Singh Gurjar Answer : B ✓ India's Annu Rani and Kishore Jena won the gold medal in the men's and women's javelin throw events, respectively at the Lebanon Athletics Championships 2023 in Beirut. ✓ Annu Rani recorded a best throw of 55.32m to top the six-woman field. Her effort, though, was far from her national record-setting mark of 63.82m, achieved last year. ✓ In four competitions since the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, where she won the bronze, Annu Rani has not crossed the 60m mark. ✓ In the men's event, Kishore Jena hurled the spear 78.96m to win the gold. His personal best is 82.87, achieved in Bhubaneshwar last month. Who is the Prime Minister of Cambodia who has recently decided to resign? **Q**. **B)** Norodom Sihanouk A) Hun Sen **D) Sam Rainsy** C) Hun manatee Answer : A ✓ Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen has decided to resign from his post after almost four decades. $\checkmark$ He is one of the longest ruling leaders in the world. He has announced that he will resign in early August and hand over power to his son. ✓ Recently, his party again won all the seats in the non-competitive elections. Cambodia is a Southeast Asian nation ✓ CAMBODIA

- ✓ Capital : Phnom Penh
- ✓ Currency : Riel
- ✓ Angkor Wat is a Buddhist temple complex located in northern Cambodia.

- Q. In which city did the Army Postal Service inaugurate the first Permanent Aadhaar Enrollment Centre?
  - A) New Delhi B) Mumbai
  - C) Kolkata S) Chennai

### Answer : A

- ✓ Army Postal Service Corps inaugurated the first Permanent Aadhaar Enrollment Center at Central Base Post Office in New Delhi.
- ✓ Under this, Aadhaar related services will be provided to the personnel of the three services and their dependents through field post offices at 48 identified places across the country
- Q. Who has been appointed as the captain of the junior Indian hockey team for the hockey tournament in Germany?
  - A) Abhishek Sinha

B) Jalaj Saxena

C) Uttam Singh

D) Bobby Singh Dhami

### Answer : C

- ✓ Forward player Uttam Singh has been given the command of the junior Indian hockey team in the upcoming four-nation tournament in Dusseldorf, Germany.
- ✓ While Bobby Singh Dhami has been made the vice-captain of the team.
- ✓ In this tournament to be held from August 18 to 22, India will play against England, Spain and host Germany.

Q. In which African country has the army removed the president from office in a coup?

- A) KenyaB) AngolaC) UgandaD) Niger
- Answer : D
- A group of soldiers in the West African country of Niger said on national television that President Mohamed Bazoum had been removed from power.
- $\checkmark$  The country's borders have been closed after the coup.
- ✓ Colonel Amadou Abdramane said that a nationwide curfew has been declared.
- ✓ NIGER



- ✓ Capital: Niamey
- ✓ Currency : West African CFA franc
- Q. Asian Paints has appointed whom as the new chairman of the company?
  - A) Raviranjan SinghB) R. Seshasayee
  - C) Mahesh Agarwal D) Ajay Sinha

### Answer: B

- ✓ R Seshasayee has been appointed as the new chairman of Asian Paints.
- ✓ The board of Asian Paints has approved the appointment of Seshasayee as the chairman of the company with effect from October 1, 2023.
- ✓ He will remain on this post till January 22, 2027.
- ✓ Seshasayee was the Managing Director of Ashok Leyland Limited from 1998 to 2011, Executive Vice-Chairman from 2011 to 2013 and Non-Executive Vice-Chairman from 2013 to 2016
- ✓ Asian Paints Ltd
- ✓ Founded : 1942
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : R Seshasayee
- Q. The CRPF observes its Raising Day every year on 27 July. In 2023, the force will be observing its \_ Raising Day

A) 92	B) 85
<b>C)</b> 75	D) 89

### Answer: B

- ✓ The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), observed its 85th Raising Day on 27 July 2023.
- CRPF is India's largest Central Armed Police Force, under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Its headquarter is located in New Delhi.
- ✓ It came into existence as the Crown Representative's Police on 27 July 1939. After Indian Independence, it became the Central Reserve Police Force on enactment of the CRPF Act on 28 December 1949.
- ✓ Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- ✓ Founded : 1939



- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Director General : Sujoy Lal Thaosen
- ✓ Motto : Service and Loyalty
- ✓ Responsible : Ministry of Home Affairs

### Q. Food delivery platform Swiggy has partnered with which bank to launch co-branded credit cards?

- A) State Bank of India B) Bandhan Bank
- C) ICICI Bank D) HDFC Bank

### Answer : D

- ✓ Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- ✓ The Swiggy-HDFC card will give customers 10 percent cashback on spending on the food delivery platform.
- ✓ The co-branded credit card is hosted on the MasterCard payment network.

### HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2023

- > Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- Deepak Parekh has announced his decision to step down as HDFC chairperson after serving as the chairman for 46 years.
- HDFC Bank introduced a new credit card named 'Millennia Credit card' which offers cashback over e-commerce platforms and multiple benefits.
- SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- As part of the amalgamation, existing shareholders of HDFC Ltd will hold a 41% stake in HDFC Bank.
- HDFC Bank has launched a retail banking initiative called 'Vishesh' aimed at customers in semi-urban and rural areas.
- > HDFC Bank partners Manipal Global to build up a talent pipeline.
- SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- HDFC Bank has signed a "Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement" with Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit.

- > HDFC Bank recommends re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan MD, CEO for 3 yrs.
- > HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is 'BS Banker of the Year 2022'.
- > HDFC Bank, IRCTC launch India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card.
- > HDFC Bank, Lulu Exchange ink deal to enhance cross-border payments between India-Gulf region.
- > HDFC Bank collaborates with Microsoft as part of its digital transformation.
- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- > India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee issued by HDFC Bank.
- ➢ HDFC BANK
- ➢ Founded : 1994
- Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- > Tagline : We understand your world
- Q. What was the total amount of loans extended by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to state-backed corporations and public sector undertakings during the fiscal year 2022-23?

A) Rs 3.12 trillion	B) Rs 4.12 trillion
C) Rs 5.12 trillion	D) Rs 6.12 trillion

### Answer : B

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed Parliament that during the fiscal year 2022-23, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) extended loans amounting to Rs 4.12 trillion to state-backed corporations and public sector undertakings.
- ✓ Canara Bank led the lending during 2022-23 to government-backed entities at ₹187,813 crore during the recently concluded fiscal year.
- ✓ Followed by Punjab National Bank (₹70,142.5 crore), State Bank of India (₹66,523.2 crore), Bank of India (₹25,147 crore), Bank of Baroda (₹15,706.8 crore), Union Bank of India (₹12,584.8 crore), Bank of Maharashtra (₹10,822.7 crore), Indian Bank (₹9,021 crore), Indian Overseas Bank (₹7,490 crore), Central Bank of India (₹3,949 crore), UCO Bank (₹2,939.4 crore), Punjab and Sind Bank (₹87.7 crore).

- ✓ Public sector banks (PSBs) will have to take steps to adopt a focused approach on ease of service delivery and customer protection, follow regulatory norms, adopt robust risk management practices, focus on increasing rural, agriculture and sectoral credit to meet the Priority Sector Lending targets.
- ✓ Performance under PM SVANidhi scheme, which was started to support COVID-affected street vendors to restart their businesses, was noted, wherein 50.57 lakh loans have been disbursed, amounting to ₹6,482 crore, to 38.5 lakh street vendors as on 20.7.2023.
- Q. According to the RBI's data, banks wrote off bad loans amounting to how many crores during the financial year 2022-23?
  - A) Rs 1.09 lakh crore
  - C) Rs 2.09 lakh crore

B) Rs 2.19 lakh crore D) Rs 1.89 lakh crore

### Answer : C

- ✓ According to the RBI's data during the financial year 2022-23, banks wrote off bad loans amounting to over Rs 2.09 lakh crore, contributing to a total loan write-off of Rs 10.57 lakh crore by the banking sector over the past five years.
- ✓ This huge loan write-off aided banks to bring down gross non-performing assets (GNPA) or loans defaulted by borrowers to a 10-year low of 3.9 percent of advances in March 2023.
- ✓ Gross NPAs of banks had fallen from Rs 10.21 lakh crore in FY2018 to Rs 5.55 lakh crore by March 2023, mainly on the back of loan write-offs by banks.
- ✓ Banks have written off a whopping Rs 15,31,453 crore (US \$ 187 billion) since FY2012-13, as per RBI data.
- ✓ Banks recovered only Rs 109,186 crore from Rs 586,891 crore loans written off in the last three years, revealing that they could only recover 18.60 percent of the write-offs during the three-year period

Q. Phangnon Konyak has become the first woman to chair the Rajya Sabha. She is from which state?

A) Nagaland

C) Manipur

B) Tripura

D) Meghalaya

- Answer : A
- ✓ Phangnon Konyak became the first woman to chair the Rajya Sabha from Nagaland.
- ✓ Phangnon Konyak became the first woman member to be appointed to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons.
- Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar nominated four women members (50% of the total) to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons to promote gender equality.

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- ✓ All the nominated women members are first time MPs
- ✓ The reconstituted panel now comprises a total of eight members, half of whom are women, a first in the history of the Upper House
- ✓ The nominated women members are as follows:
- ✓ PT Usha: Renowned athlete and Padma Shri awardee, nominated to Rajya Sabha in July 2022.
- ✓ S. Phangnon Konyak: First woman elected as Rajya Sabha member from Nagaland (April 2022) and serves on various committees.
- ✓ Dr. Fauzia Khan: Nominated to Rajya Sabha in April 2020, Member of various committees.
- ✓ Sulta Dev: Elected to Rajya Sabha in July 2022, served on various committees

## **FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2023**

- > Phangnon Konyak became the first woman to chair the Rajya Sabha from Nagaland.
- > Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Lisa Franchetti becomes 1st woman to be top Navy officer in US history.
- > Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history.
- Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Shalini Singh from Lucknow has become the first woman NCC cadet in India to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand.
- Parminder Chopra becomes first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation.
- Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency.
- > Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhawar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.

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

### Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of which state? **Q**.

A) Sikkim

**B)** Tripura

C) Arunachal Pradesh

**D)** Manipur

### Answer : C

- ✓ Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh who cracked the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination 2022.
- ✓ Tenzin Yangki achieved a rank of 545 and has become the first lady IPS officer from Arunachal Pradesh.



- ✓ Yangki had earlier cleared the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) exam in 2017.
- ✓ Robin Hibu was the first IPS officer from Arunachal Pradesh. He joined as an IPS officer in 1993.

## **ARUNACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

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

- B) Government's Scheme
- C) Internet Ransomware
- D) Diseases

### Answer : C

- ✓ CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team) has issued a warning about new Internet ransomware named 'Akira'.
- ✓ This computer malware is targeting Windows and Linux-based systems.

- A recently emerged ransomware operation dubbed Akira is reportedly active in cyberspace. This group first steals the information from victims, then encrypt data on their systems and conducts double extortion to force the victim into paying the ransom.
- $\checkmark$  In case the victim does not pay, they release their victim's data on their dark web blog.
- ✓ Steps to protect against 'Akira' ransomware:
- ✓ Maintain up-to-date offline backups of important data to minimise potential data loss in the event of an infection.
- ✓ Regularly update the operating system and applications to strengthen protection against vulnerabilities and potential cyber threats. Consider using "virtual patching" to protect legacy systems and networks, making it harder for cybercriminals to exploit legacy software.
- ✓ Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (ICERT)
- ✓ It functions as a division within the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology under the Government of India.
- ✓ ICERT is primarily tasked with dealing with and combating various cyber security threats including hacking and phishing.
- ✓ Director General Sanjay Behl
- India and which country have agreed to a bilateral exchange of young researchers and Startups, 0. particularly in the field of Biotechnology and Agriculture?
  - A) Indonesia

**B)** Vietnam

**C)** Argentina

**D)** Thailand

### Answer : C

- ✓ India and Argentina have agreed to a bilateral exchange of young researchers and Startups, particularly in the field of Biotechnology and Agriculture.
- The two countries also decided to hold comprehensive talks between delegations comprising academia, Research, and Development Institutes, and Industry in the field of Science and Technology and Biotechnology.
- ✓ India is the 4th largest trading partner of Argentina, with bilateral trade touching a historic peak of 6.4 billion US dollar in the year 2022, recording a growth rate of 12 percent over 2021.

- Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with British Council Education India Pvt Limited (BCEIPL) to launch the online course 'English for Work'?
  - A) Punjab B) Haryana
  - C) Gujarat D) Uttar Pradesh

### Answer : A

- Punjab government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with British Council Education India Pvt Limited (BCEIPL) to expand employment opportunities for the youth, reported Khalsa Vox.
- The MoU was officially signed by the Director of Higher Education Amarpal Singh on behalf of the Punjab Government, and Managing Director of BCEIPL Duncan Wilson.
- Following that, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann expressed his optimism and highlighted the potential of MoU to open new directions for employment and skills enhancement for the youth.
- ✓ Moreover, under the partnership, they will launch a specialized training course "English for Work" for students of government colleges under the Higher Education Department
- ✓ The "English for Work" course will be offered online and will have a "flipped classroom" approach. It will further aim to blend the flexibility of self-study with interactive live classes.
- Q. The Union government has notified an interest rate of how much percent on deposits under the Employees Provident Fund scheme for 2022-23?

A) 8.75%	<b>B) 6.89%</b>
<b>C) 7.65%</b>	D) 8.15%

### Answer : D

- ✓ Govt approves 8.15% interest rate on Employees Provident Fund deposits
- The government has cleared the interest rate for Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts for the financial year 2022-23.
- ✓ The declared interest rate stands at 8.15 percent, as notified by the retirement body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in a circular.
- ✓ The EPFO has directed all filed offices to credit the interest at a rate of 8.15 percent on EPF for the financial year 2022-23 into the respective accounts of its members.
- ✓ The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, has conveyed the approval of the Central Government under para 60(1) of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 to credit interest@ 8.15 % for

the year 2022-23 to the account of each member of the EPF Scheme as per the provisions under Para 60 of EPF Scheme, 1952.

### The Indian Air Force will be celebrating its 91st anniversary on 08 October 2023. This year's Air Q. Force Day parade and Air Display will be held in which city?

- A) Chandigarh **B)** Prayagraj
- **C)** Gurugram

**D)** Lucknow

### Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian Air Force will be celebrating its 91st anniversary on 08 October 2023.
- ✓ Keeping with the new tradition of hosting the Air Force Day celebrations in different parts of the country, this year's Air Force Day parade and Air Display will be held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ The ceremonial parade will be conducted at Air Force Station, Bamrauli, while the air display will take place at the Sangam area, the picturesque confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna rivers in Prayagraj.
- ✓ The Air Force Day celebrations will commence more than a week before with an air display near Bhojtal Lake in Bhopal on September 30.
- The IAF was officially established on October 8, 1932. Its first aircraft flight came into being on April 1, 1933, with six officers trained by the Royal Air Force (RAF) and 19 "havai sepoys" (air soldiers)

Who won the gold medal in the Junior Asia Cup Judo Championship 2023 in Macau, China? 0.

- A) Asmita Dey
- **B)** Tulika Maan
- C) Tombi Devi
- **D)** Divya Tewar

### Answer : A

- ✓ Tripura's sporting pride 20-year-old, Asmita Dey won the gold medal in the Junior Asia Cup Judo Championship 2023 in Macau, China.
- ✓ She competed in the women's 48 kg category against opponents from 27 different countries.
- The Judo Asian Championship is organized by the Judo Union of Asia.  $\checkmark$
- The men's tournament began in 1966 and was held approximately every four years, until 1991.  $\checkmark$

Q. How many gold medals has won by India at ISSF World Championship 2023 in in Changwon, South Korea?

A) 6			B) 5
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C) 9 D) 8

### Answer : A

- ✓ India finished 2nd on the medals tally at the recently concluded ISSF Junior Shooting World Championships 2023 in Changwon, South Korea.
- ✓ Indian shooters bagged 17 medals, which include 6 Gold, 6 Silver, and 5 Bronze.
- ✓ The championships saw 90 Indian shooters vie for medals in pistol, rifle, and shotgun competitions in the under-21 age category.
- ✓ The majority of the medalists were Khelo India athletes. Seven Indians managed to bag more than one medal.
- ✓ Abhinav Shaw and Kamaljeet won two golds each. Sainyam won three medals gold in the 10m air pistol women, and a bronze each in the 10m air pistol mixed team and women's team events.
- Q. Which Companies signed MoU to foster advancements in AI & Emerging Technologies?
  - A) India AI and Google B) India AI and Meta
  - C) India AI and Amazon D) India AI and Microsoft

### Answer : B

- ✓ In order to foster collaboration in the field of AI and Emerging Technologies, 'India AI' an IBD under Digital India Corporation and Meta, India have signed an MoU here 26th July 2023.
- ✓ The MoU was signed by Shri Abhishek Singh, CEO of India AI, and Shri Shivnath Thukral, Director & Head of Public Policy, Meta in India.
- ✓ The objective of the MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation between 'India AI' and Meta in the field of Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies including to make Meta's open-source AI models available for use by Indian AI ecosystem.
- Q. RBI Permits Banks to Open Vostro Accounts from How Many Countries?
  - A) 22 Countries B) 24 Countries
  - C) 27 Countries D) 30 Countries

### Answer : A

- Reserve Bank has permitted 20 banks operating in the country to open 92 Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) of partner banks from 22 countries as part of efforts to promote bilateral trade in local currencies.
- ✓ In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash also informed that an MoU has been signed between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Central Bank of UAE on July 15.
- ✓ This would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domestic currencies enabling the development of a bilateral foreign exchange market.
- ✓ As on July 23, 20 banks in India have been permitted to open SRVAs of partner banks from 22 countries, including Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Fiji, Germany, Guyana and Israel.

### Q. Which Company becomes largest single-location PSU refinery in India for the year 2022-23?

A) VRPL	B) GRPL
C) ORPL	D) MRPL

### Answer : D

- ✓ Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL), a mini-Ratna CPSE PSU refinery based in coastal Karnataka and a subsidiary of ONGC, has become the single largest PSU-refinery (single location) in the country for the year 2022-23, a release from the company.
- MRPL achieved this feat by processing 17.14 million metric tonnes of crude oil during the past financial year.
- This is also the highest-ever throughput processed by any single-location PSU refinery in India's petroleum refining history.
- ✓ MRPL processes 10 per cent of the total crude oil refined by the PSU petroleum refineries in the country.
- Set up as a joint venture refinery in 1988 with a 3.69 MMTPA (million metric tonnes per annum) capacity, MRPL later underwent a second and third-phase expansion to raise its capacity to 15 MMTPA.
- ✓ The refinery configuration has a Nelson Complexity Index of 11.3, one of the highly complex PSU refineries.
- ✓ The MRPL petrochemical intensity is currently at 9.5 per cent, aiming to reach 15 per cent in the medium term.
- ✓ The Nelson Complexity Index (NCI) refers to the types of petroleum products can be produced by a refinery.

✓ Measured on a scale from 1 to 20, the higher the value on the NCI, the more sophisticated and complex products the refinery can produce

## Q. Who launches Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Go app to facilitate test takers A) EIS B) ETS

C) TSE	D) ETE

### Answer: B

- ✓ The Educational Testing Service (ETS), which conducts the English testing exam— Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) has launched an application for test takers to prepare for the new and shorter version of the exam.
- ✓ The app— TOEFL Go, includes complete TOEFL iBT mock tests, additional practice sets for all four sections, artificial intelligence (AI) powered automated scoring, performance feedback for sections, personalised feedback and tops for speaking and writing responses.
- ✓ The app will be available on both mobile and desktop devices. ETS, which conducts TOEFL and Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), announced a series of changes in the English proficiency test last month to create an optimal experience for those taking it. The changes came into effect today i.e., July 26, 2023
- Q. Who is the director of Enforcement Directorate whose tenure has been extended?
  - A) Vivek Kumar Sinha
  - **B)** Sanjay Kumar Mishra
  - C) Ravi Shankar Nagar
  - D) Anoop Lohati

### Answer: B

- The tenure of Sanjay Kumar Mishra, director of the Enforcement Directorate, has been extended till 15 September.
- ✓ A three-judge Supreme Court bench headed by Justice BR Gavai has given this verdict.
- ✓ As per the court's previous judgement, Mishra's tenure was to end on July 31, as the previous extension granted to him was held to be illegal.
- ✓ Sanjay Kumar Mishra is a 1984 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service

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Q.	In which state the As	ian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship 2023 is being organized?	
	A) Uttar Pradesh	B) Madhya Pradesh	
	C) Bihar	D) Haryana	
A	nswer : A		
✓ Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship 2023 in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.			
✓	This championship is be	ing organized for the first time in India	
Q.	Kerala Startup Missi	on has tied up with whom to promote fintech startups?	
	A) NITI Aayog	B) Meta	
	C) IFSC	D) Google	
A	nswer : C		
✓		igned agreement with International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA)	
✓	to promote fintech startu This agreement has been will be strengthened.	ps. I signed for the next three years, under which emerging fintech and techfin firms	
Q.	In which city will the	e world's largest museum 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat' be built?	
	A) New Delhi	B) Jaipur	
	C) Mumbai	D) Lucknow	
A	nswer : A		
$\checkmark$	PM Modi has announce	d the construction of the world's largest museum 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat' in Delhi.	
$\checkmark$	✓ There will be 8 blocks based on different themes in this museum.		
✓	The history of 5,000 yea square meters.	rs of India will be shown in this museum. This museum will be built in 1.17 lakh	
Q.	The World Hepatitis	Day is observed annually on which day?	
	A) 26 July	B) 27 July	
	<b>C) 28 July</b>	D) 25 July	
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### Answer : C

- ✓ The World Hepatitis Day is observed on 28 July every year to raise global awareness of the burden of viral hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver that causes a range of health problems, including liver cancer.
- ✓ The day 28 July was chosen for World Hepatitis Day because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV). He also developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.
- ✓ Theme of World Hepatitis Day 2023 "One life, one liver,"
- Q. The World Nature Conservation Day is observed every year on \_

A) 25 July	B) 26 July
<b>C) 27 July</b>	D) 28 July

### Answer : D

- ✓ The World Nature Conservation Day is observed every year on July 28 across the world.
- ✓ The main objective of celebrating this day is to raise awareness about protecting nature and adopting best practices for conserving our natural resources
- Q. The Byculla Railway station has been awarded by UNESCO after its successful restoration to its original glory. Byculla Railway station is located in which state?
  - A) Gujarat
  - **B)** Kerala
  - C) Maharashtra
  - D) Uttar Pradesh

### Answer : C

- ✓ The Byculla Railway station, a heritage site on the Central line of the Mumbai Suburban Railway, has been awarded by UNESCO after its successful restoration to its original glory.
- ✓ The 169-year-old Byculla railway station in Mumbai is one of the oldest railway stations in India still in use.
- ✓ In fact, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) also won the highest award of excellence in the UNESCO Asia Pacific awards 2022, for cultural heritage conservation last year.
- The project, launched in July 2019 by Shaina NC, trustee of 'I Love Mumbai' and in memory of her father Nana Chudasama, aimed to revive the station's original architectural splendor.

## **UNESCO IN NEWS 2023**

- Byculla Railway station, a heritage site on the Central line of the Mumbai Suburban Railway, has been awarded by UNESCO after its successful restoration to its original glory.
- > United States will rejoin UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization, in July 2023.
- > Jagdish Bakan wins UNESCO's 2023 Michel Batisse Award .
- UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- According to a report published by UNESCO at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference in New York, 26 percent of the world's population does not have access to safe drinking water.
- Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the Felix Houphouet-Boigny UNESCO Peace Prize in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.
- Visva-Bharati University is expected to get the status of the world's first "Living Heritage University" from UNESCO.
- > UNESCO listed Ukraine's Odesa a World Heritage Site in Danger.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the Centre has nominated the maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo to seek a UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- The historic maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo were chosen out of 52 sites for the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- > United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Formation : 16 November 1945
- > Headquarters : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)
- Member countries : 193
- > Total UNESCO sites in india : 40.

# Q. According to the SBI Research's Ecowrap Report 2023, India is expected to become the world's 3rd largest economy by which year, if it maintains its current rate of growth?

A) 2027	B) 2030
C) 2035	D) 2040

### Answer : A

- ✓ India is expected to become the world's 3rd largest economy by 2027 if it maintains its current rate of growth, according to the SBI Research's Ecowrap Report 2023.
- ✓ Earlier, SBI Research had expected India to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2029.
- ✓ India is currently ranked third, a movement of seven places upward of what it was in 2014.
- ✓ Interestingly, the incremental increase by India between 2022-2027, is expected to be more than the current size of Australia's economy at USD 1.8 trillion.
- ✓ At this rate, India is likely to add USD 0.75 trillion in every two years, implying that India is all set to touch USD 20 trillion by 2047. India's global share in GDP will cross 4 percent by 2027.
- ✓ The share of India's GDP is now at 3.5 percent, as against 2.6 percent in 2014, and is likely to reach 4 percent in 2027.
- ✓ Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh will cross USD 500 billion mark by 2027.
- Q. India has signed a US\$ 295 million loan with ADB to upgrade the state highways of which state?
  - A) Maharashtra
  - B) Assam
  - C) Bihar
  - D) Rajasthan

### Answer : C

- ✓ ADB, India sign USD 295 million loan pact for Bihar
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Indian government on have signed an agreement for a USD 295 million loan to upgrade around 265-kilometer state highways with climate and disaster-resilient design and road safety elements in Bihar.
- ✓ The project supports the Bihar government program to upgrade all state highways to standard two-lane widths and improve road safety.
- The improved roads will enhance connectivity in some of Bihar's poorest rural districts and promote access to health and education facilities and markets to improve people's lives.
- ✓ Since 2008, ADB has provided five loans totaling USD 1.63 billion to Bihar for the upgradation of about 1,696-kilometre state highways and the construction of a new bridge over the Ganga.

## 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.
- Q. Which Company has acquired a 3.5% stake in RBL Bank for Rs 417 crore?

A) Tata Motors

B) Mahindra & Mahindra

C) Honda Motor Company

D) Hyundai Motor Company

Answer : B

- ✓ Mahindra & Mahindra Limited has picked up 3.53% stake in RBL Bank as an investment at a cost of ₹417 crore, the company informed the exchanges
- ✓ Following reports of the stake buy, shares of RBL Bank jumped 8.5% to touch a 52-week high of ₹242.20 intraday. The stock later pared some gains to close 7.2% higher at ₹239.40 on the NSE.
- ✓ As per RBI norms, any entity looking to acquire over 5% stake in a bank needs to seek prior approval from the regulator.
- No such application has been received by us till date. The bank wishes to state that the holding of Mahindra & Mahindra Limited as per the last beneficiary position as on July 21, 2023 as received from the depository (NSDL) is 3.53% of the total paid up share capital of the Bank," RBL Bank notified the bourses.

### Q. Who has become the 83rd Grandmaster of India?

- A) Vidit Santosh B) Aditya Samant
- C) Nihal Sarin D) Parimarjan Negi

### Answer: B

- ✓ Aditya Samant becomes India's 83rd Grandmaster.
- ✓ Aditya Samant became India's 83rd Grandmaster after earning his third GM norm at the Master Tournament (MTO) in the Biel International Chess Festival.
- ✓ The Maharashtra player had earned his first norm to become a grandmaster at the Abu Dhabi Masters last year in August.
- ✓ His second norm was achieved in December last year at the 3rd El Llobregat Open..
- ✓ Aditya is the third Indian to achieve their final GM norm at the Biel Chess tournament. In 2021, Harshit Raja had earned his 3rd GM-norm in Biel while last year, Pranav Anand had done the same in Biel.
- ✓ Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth had become the country's 82nd in May this year.

## **CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2023**

- Aditya Samant becomes India's 83rd Grandmaster.
- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa has won the title of V Geza Hetenyi Memorial Super GM Chess Tournament 2023.
- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) won the 2023 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland
- > Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth became India's 82nd Grandmaster.

- Ding Liren has become 17th world chess champion the first from China defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- Global Chess League (GCL) announced Dubai as the inaugural edition of the world's largest and first franchise-based chess league. The league is a joint venture between FIDE and Tech Mahindra.
- Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- Sayantan Das from West Bengal has become India's 81st Chess Grandmaster.
- > Vignesh NR became the 80th Grandmaster of the country.
- > Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.
- > Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title At World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event.
- > 16-year-old from Tamilnadu, M Pranesh became India's 79th chess grandmaster .
- ➢ Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.

Q. Who has launched a Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC) to promote the practices of resource efficiency and circular economy globally?

- A) Piyush Goyal
- **B) Rajnath Singh**
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Bhupender Yadav

### Answer : D

- ✓ Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav has launched a Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC), conceptualized under India's G20 Presidency, to promote the practices of resource efficiency and circular economy globally.
- ✓ The RECEIC would play a pivotal role in promoting alliances, encouraging technological cooperation and knowledge transfer, fostering innovation, and facilitating the exchange of insights to enhance access to finance.
- ✓ The RECEIC is envisaged to be industry-driven and a self-sustaining initiative continuing to function even beyond India's G20 Presidency.

Q. PM Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated how many Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Rajasthan?

A) 5	B) 6
) -	=) °

C) 8 D) 9

### Answer: B

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 6 Eklavya Model Residential Schools located in the districts of Udaipur (2), Banswara (2), Partapgarh (1) and Dungarpur (1) in Rajasthan.
- ✓ 2880 tribal students half of which will be girls will benefit with the construction of these schools.
- In Rajasthan total 31 schools have been sanctioned for year 2022-23 and 8 schools previously in year 2013-14.
- ✓ Each school has a capacity of 480 students of which 240 will be girls. These schools will have separate hostel for boys and girls, accommodation for staff, dining area and playground.
- $\checkmark$  These schools are being constructed at cost of Rs 38 cr in plain areas and 48 cr in hilly areas.
- Q. Which bank has recently launched an exclusive NR savings account scheme named "NRE Eve+" specifically curated for NRI women?

A) Yes Bank	B) Axis Bank
C) Federal Bank	D) Indian Overseas Bank

### Answer : C

- ✓ Federal Bank has launched an exclusive NR savings account scheme, specifically curated for NRI women.
- ✓ This scheme, named NRE Eve+, is designed to cater to the unique financial needs of NRI women, offering a range of benefits tailored to enhance the financial journey of NRI women.
- ✓ With NRE Eve+, account holders will enjoy complimentary access to international and domestic airport lounges, providing a seamless and luxurious travel experience.
- ✓ The power-packed NRE Eve+ debit card unlocks a world of customized offers, including exclusive deals on beauty, healthcare, shopping, dining, travel, and entertainment, tailored to suit women's preferences.
- ✓ FEDERAL BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1931
- ✓ Headquarters : Aluva, Kerala
- ✓ MD & CEO: Shyam Srinivasan



✓ Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner

### Q. Which bank has partnered with IBM India Private Limited to create a Digital Business Platform?

A) Karur Vyasya Bank

**B)** City Union Bank

C) Union Bank of India

D) Indian Overseas Bank

### Answer : C

- ✓ Union Bank of India has partnered with IBM India Private Limited to create a Digital Business Platform.
- ✓ The platform aims to establish a Digital Bank with cutting-edge capabilities.
- ✓ This strategic partnership signifies a significant milestone in the evolution of the bank and promises to revolutionize the way customers interact with their financial services.
- ✓ The primary objective of this collaboration is to establish a state-of-the-art Digital Business Platform that caters to the ever-evolving needs of modern-day banking.
- By embracing the power of cutting-edge technology, Union Bank of India aims to provide its customers with seamless and efficient banking experiences.
- ✓ Union Bank of India
- ✓ Founded : 1919
- ✓ Founder : Seth Sitaram Poddar
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai
- ✓ MD : A Manimekhalai
- ✓ Tagline ; Good People to Bank with
- ✓ Union Bank of India will be merged with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank.
- Q. Who has been appointed as new CEO of Dentsu X India?
  - A) Jim Mullins
  - C) Thomas Kuhn

**B)** Linus Pauling

D) Dentsu X

### Answer : D

- ✓ Dentsu X India appoints Jose Leon as CEO
- ✓ Brand and marketing agency, Dentsu X, an agency of Dentsu Aegis Network India Private Limited, has appointed Jose Leon as its chief executive officer.
- ✓ Leon has about 26 years of work experience and has helped brands build revenues across industries.

- ✓ Prior to joining Dentsu X, he was the managing director at Publicis Groupe for over five years.
- ✓ Divya Karani previously served as the CEO for Dentsu X for about a decade till 2021
- Q. Who was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to journalism?
  - A) Vandana Shiva
  - C) Mike Pandey D) Prem Prakash

### Answer : D

 Renowned veteran journalist and Asian News International (ANI) founder Prem Prakash was honoured with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

B) Sumaira Abdulali

- ✓ The Global Education Mentor Awards program was organized at Ambedkar International Center in Delhi.
- ✓ The award aims to foster collaboration and partnership among education stakeholders.
- ✓ ANI chairman Prem Prakash has dedicated over 70 years in the world of journalism. Throughout his illustrious career, he has established new dimensions to journalism from time to time and emerged as a great inspiration to society.
- ✓ The Global Education Mentor (GEM) Awards aims to celebrate the achievements of those who have dedicated their lives in improving education or its associated social sector and promoting innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Q. Who has been appointed as non-executive chairman of Axis Bank for next 3 years?

- A) Sunil Mehta
- **B) Shanti Lal Jain**
- C) NS Vishwanathan
- D) Srinivasan Varadarajan

### Answer : C

- Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of NS Vishwanathan as non-executive (part-time) chairman of Axis Bank for three years.
- ✓ His appointment to the post will come into effect on October 27, 2023. Axis Bank appointed him as an independent director in May.
- ✓ Vishwanathan who joined the Reserve Bank of India in 1981, has a career of nearly four decades at the central bank. He got retired in March 2020 as the deputy governor

## **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 ltd 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. Which country has announced the successful elimination of rubella?

A) Bhutan

B) Myanmar

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bangladesh

### Answer : A

- ✓ Bhutan has announced the successful elimination of rubella. On 21 July 2023, the World Health Organisation recognised Bhutan's efforts to tackle this highly contagious and potentially devastating disease, The Bhutan Live reported.
- ✓ In the past 20 years, Bhutan's health workers have worked tirelessly and fought against rubella, also known as German Measles, according to the report.
- ✓ This infectious disease poses a threat to those infected and also causes severe complications for pregnant women, resulting in irreversible birth defects in newborns.

✓ This infectious disease poses a threat to those infected and also causes severe complications for pregnant women, resulting in irreversible birth defects in newborns.

### Q. Who has launched 100 Microsites Project under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Indian Council of Medical Research
- C) Employees State Insurance Corporation
- **D)** National Health Authority

### Answer : D

- National Health Authority (NHA) has launched 100 Microsites Project under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). A Microsite, within the context of ABDM, shall be a cluster of all small and medium scale clinics, nursing homes, hospitals (preferably <10 bedded), labs, pharmacies and other healthcare facilities that are ABDM-enabled and offer digital health services to the patients.
- ✓ These Microsites would be established across the country in various states/UTs, majorly implemented by State Mission Directors of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission while the financial resources and overall guidance would be provided by National Health Authority.
- ✓ Aim : The Microsites aim to establish a small ecosystem within a particular geographic area where there is complete ABDM adoption, and the entire patient journey is digitized.
- ✓ The patients visiting these centers will also become a part of ABDM with their health records linked to their ABHA which would then be accessible to them on their mobile phone applications like ABHA App, Aarogya Setu among others.

### Q. The International Tiger Day falls on which day of the year annually?

- A) 30 July
- C) 26 July

B) 28 JulyD) 29 July

### Answer : D

- ✓ International Tiger Day is observed globally on July 29 every year.
- ✓ It serves as a platform to raise awareness about the endangered tiger species.
- It is celebrated worldwide to promote comprehensive efforts in safeguarding tigers and their natural habitats, fostering harmonious coexistence between humans and tigers

- ✓ Global Tiger Day, commonly referred to as International Tiger Day, was first established in 2010 during the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit by nations that are home to tigers.
- ✓ 13 tiger range countries came together to create Tx2 the global goal to double the number of wild tigers by the year 2022.
- ✓ The 29th of July was chosen as International Tiger Day because it represents the halfway point between the first and last days of the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit and the ongoing international campaign to rescue tigers
- ✓ Key Facts about Bengal Tiger:
- ✓ Bengal tiger (subspecies Panthera tigris tigris) inhibits the forests, and wetlands of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.
- ✓ Conservation Status:
- ✓ IUCN Red List: Endangered
- ✓ Wildlife (Protection) Act (WPA), 1972: Schedule-1
- ✓ This time the theme for International Tiger Day 2023 will be "India Launches Project Tiger To Revive The Tiger Population".
- Q. Who has become the first unseeded female player to win the Wimbledon Grand Slam?

A) Marketa Vondrousova	B) Ons Jabeur
C) P. L. B. G.	D) Haish Car and

C) Barbora Strycova D) Hsieh Su-wei

### Answer : A

- ✓ Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic has become the first unseeded female player to win the Wimbledon Grand Slam.
- ✓ In the final match, Marketa defeated Ons Jabeur of Tunisia by 6-4, 6-4.
- ✓ She achieved this feat as the first unseeded woman in the Wimbledon final in 60 years.
- ✓ This is Vondrousova's first Grand Slam title
- Q. Which player won the Men's title of Wimbledon Grand Slam 2023?
  - A) Novak Djokovic B) Carlos Alcaraz

C) Daniil Medvedev D) Rafael Nadal

Answer: B



- ✓ Spain's young player Carlos Alcaraz created history by winning his first Wimbledon title.
- ✓ Alcaraz defeated veteran Novak Djokovic in the men's singles final of Wimbledon 2023.
- ✓ This is his second Grand Slam title.
- $\checkmark$  He has become the third youngest player to win the Wimbledon Men's title.
- ✓ Alcaraz won the US Open title in the year 2022.

## ✓ GRAND SLAM WINNER WITH AMAZING FACTS

### ✓ CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER :-

- 1. Australian open
- 2. French open
- 3. Wimbledon open
- 4. US open

### ✓ 1. AUSTRALIAN OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded: 1905

- Surface : Hard Court
- Period : Mid January
- Edition : 111th (2023)

Venue : Melbourne, Australia

### ✓ 2. FRENCH OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded : 1891 Surface : Clay court Period : May -June Edition : 127 ( 2023) Venue : Paris, France

### ✓ 3. WIMBLEDON OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded : 1877 Surface : Grass court Period : June - July

Edition : 136 (2023)

- Venue : London, UK
- ✓ 4. US OPEN (TENNIS)



Founded : 1881 Surface : Hard Court Period : Aug - Sep Edition : 142 (2022) Venue : New York, US

### **TENNIS TOURNAMENT OPEN IN NEWS 2023**

$\triangleright$	AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2023 (TENNIS)	
	Men's Singles : Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greek)	
	Women's Singles : Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) defeated Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)	
$\triangleright$	FRENCH OPEN 2023 (TENNIS)	
	Men's Singles : Novak Djokovic beat Casper Ruud (Norway)	
	Women's Singles : Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Karolina Muchova (Czech Republic)	
$\triangleright$	WIMBLEDON OPEN 2023 ( TENNIS)	
	Men's Single – Carlos Alcaraz (Spain )beat Novak Djokovic (Serbia )	
	Women's Single : Markéta Vondroušová ( Czech Republic) beat Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)	
۶	US OPEN 2022	
	Men's single – Carlos Alcaraz Garfia ( Spain)	
	Women's single –Iga Świątek ( Poland)	
۶	AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2023	
	Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open title for the 10th time by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas of	
	Greek.	
	In the Australian Open 2023, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus has won the women's singles title by	
	defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan. Sabalenka has won a Grand title for the first time.	
۶	FRENCH OPEN 2023	
	Serbian Novak Djokovic won the French Open 2023 men's singles final, clinching his 23rd Grand	
	Slam title .	
	He won the title by defeating in Casper Rudd of Norway.	
	The win gives Djokovic his third French Open title.	

In French Open tennis, World No 1 and top seed Iga Swiatek of Poland has won the Women's Singles defeated Czech Republic's Karolina Muchova.

### > WIMBLEDON OPEN 2023 (TENNIS)

Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)defeated the four-time defending champion Novak Djokovic (Serbia) in the final.

Markéta Vondroušová defeated Ons Jabeur win the ladies' singles tennis title at the 2023 Wimbledon Championships.

### Q. Who has released the 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023'?

A) NITI Aayog

C) Ministry of Agriculture

**B)** Ministry of Finance

D) Ministry of Home Affairs

### Answer : A

- ✓ 13.5 crore Indians out of multidimensional poverty in 5 years.
- ✓ According to the 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023' report released by NITI Aayog, between 2015-16 and 2019-21, 135 million people in India have successfully lifted themselves out of multidimensional poverty over a period of five years.
- ✓ The report highlights a sharp decline in the number of multidimensionally poor persons in India, which increased from 24.85% in 2015-16 to 14.96% in 2019-21, showing a significant decrease of 9.89 percentage points.
- ✓ Rural areas have seen the fastest decline in poverty, with the poverty rate falling from 32.59% to 19.28% during the same period.
- ✓ India is making significant progress towards achieving SDG target 1.2, which aims to reduce multidimensional poverty by at least half before 2030, well ahead of schedule.
- ✓ Among states, Uttar Pradesh leads with the largest decline in the number of poor persons, followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Improvements are evident in all 12 indicators of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), including nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal health, education, access to basic amenities and financial inclusion

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- Q. Who has becomes the first Indian city to join the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF)?
  - A) Hyderabad
  - C) Mumbai

B) BengaluruD) Chennai

- Answer: B
- ✓ Bengaluru becomes the first Indian city to join the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF).
- ✓ Karnataka capital Bengaluru has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first Indian city to join the prestigious World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF).
- ✓ The World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF) is a global network of cities that collaboratively research and share intelligence to explore the important role of culture in shaping future prosperity.
- ✓ Bengaluru is the 41st city to join WCCF, which already includes 40 cities across six continents such as New York, London, Paris, Tokyo and Dubai.
- ✓ In the past year, the cultural essence of Bengaluru has been showcased through multimedia assets by WCCF as part of a collaborative project called 'Unboxing Bangalore'.
- ✓ The 'Unboxing BLR Foundation' established in April 2022 played a key role in this achievement. The Foundation is a non-profit initiative, founded by Prashant Prakash, founding partner of Accel India, and Malini Goyal, a philanthropist and journalist.
- ✓ World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF)
- ✓ WCCF was established in 2012.
- ✓ Justin Simmons, the Deputy Mayor of London for Culture and Creative Industries, was instrumental in its setting up.
- ✓ In 2015, Queen Elizabeth recognized Justin Simmons' significant contribution to culture in London.
- ✓ As a token of appreciation, Justin Simmons was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE).
- Q. Which organisation has published its 2023 Global Education Monitoring Report titled "Technology in Education: A Tool on Whose Terms"?

A) UNDP

B) UNEP

**D) UNESCO** 

C) WEF

### Answer : D

✓ UNESCO urges global ban on smartphones in schools to promote human-centred education approach.

- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) published its 2023 Global Education Monitoring Report titled "Technology in Education: A Tool on Whose Terms", which supports a worldwide ban on smartphones in schools where technology integration Does not improve learning outcomes.
- ✓ UNESCO advocates a more "human-centred approach" to education and highlights the need to reduce reliance on digital technology.
- ✓ Excessive use of smartphones has negative effects on children's academic performance and emotional competence.
- ✓ UNESCO's Manos Antoninis raised concerns about data leaks in educational technology, revealing that only 16 percent of countries have laws guaranteeing data privacy in the classroom.
- The shift to online-only learning during the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the loss of approximately 500 million students worldwide.
- ✓ The survey conducted by UNESCO reveals that only 11 out of 51 governments have implemented a curriculum for artificial intelligence (AI) in schools

### Q. Which state to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre?

A) TelanganaB) KeralaC) KarnatakaD) Tamil Nadu

### Answer: B

- ✓ Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- ✓ After receiving a grant of ₹10 crore from NITI Aayog, the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) will set up India's first Atal Incubation Center (AIC) in fisheries.
- ✓ NITI Aayog, as the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, provided a grant to KUFOS to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the fisheries sector.
- ✓ The AIC initiative is part of the Atal Innovation Mission, which aims to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across various industries in the country.
- ✓ Fisheries Atal Incubation Centre:
- ✓ Fisheries Atal Incubation Centre will act as a focal point to foster innovation and inspire young individuals to create advanced technologies and solutions that will address challenges faced by our marine ecosystem and fishing communities .

- ✓ Its primary objective is to promote progress in the fisheries industry by providing a supportive and encouraging environment for startups and innovative initiatives within the sector.
- ✓ The centre will play a key role in creating employment opportunities, creating a conducive environment for startups and entrepreneurs to flourish and succeed.
- ✓ Vice Chancellor of KUFOS T. Pradeepkumar

#### **KERALA IN NEWS 2023**

- Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- Piramal Finance opened the first all women branch named "Maitreyi" at Thripunithura near Kochi to cater to the unique needs of women customers.
- > Kerala has become the first state in the country to launch its own internet service.
- > Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- Kerala has adopted a water budget, the first of its kind in the country, to deal with the problem of water scarcity in summer.
- > Dharmadam, Kerala becomes first complete library constituency in India.
- > Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project.
- > India's first Graphene Innovation center to be set up in Kerala.
- Recently, a group of researchers discovered a butterfly subspecies from the fringes of Akkulam and Vembanad lakes in Kerala.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th April flagged off Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station.
- > Kerala declared first State to enable digital banking service.
- > M T Vasudevan Nair was awarded the "Kerala Jyoti", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the 2nd G20 Empower meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the theme "Women Empowerment: Win-win for Equality and Economy".
- > Kerala to become first State to use robotics tech extensively for manhole cleaning.

National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites

# Q. Which state government has topped the list with the highest number of missing women in 2021, with a reported count of 56,498?

- A) Maharashtra
- C) Madhya Pradesh

B) West BengalD) Uttar Pradesh

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#### Answer : A

- ✓ Among all states, Maharashtra topped the list with the highest number of missing women in 2021, with a reported count of 56,498.
- ✓ In 2021, a total of 375,058 women (above 18 years) were reported missing in India, according to data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) as mentioned in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) press release.
- ✓ Additionally, 90,113 girls (under the age of 18) were also reported missing in India during the same year.
- $\checkmark$  The second-highest number of missing women was in Madhya Pradesh with 55,704 cases.
- ✓ Following closely, West Bengal reported 50,998 missing women, while Odisha recorded 29,582 cases in the same year.
- ✓ Compared to the previous year, in 2020, there were 320,393 women and 71,204 girls reported missing across the country.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra were the two states that witnessed the highest number of missing girls and women from 2019 to 2021.
- ✓ In the three-year period from 2019 to 2021, a concerning total of 10,61,648 women and 2,51,430 girls went missing in India.

### **MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023**

- Maharashtra topped the list with the highest number of missing women in 2021, with a reported count of 56,498.
- Maharashtra's Economy will become a trillion dollar by 2028, said N Chandrashekhar, president of the State Economy Development Council.

- Maharashtra Prisons Department has launched a "video call" facility for foreign nationals lodged in different jails across the state.
- > NCP leader Ajit Pawar has been sworn in as the new Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- > Maharashtra Government launched Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana.
- > Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations.
- > Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season.
- > A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' started in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister, is scheduled to present the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' Award to Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari, also known as Appasaheb Dharmadhikari, on April 16 for his notable work as a social worker and reformer.
- > Maharashtra Government has introduced a 4% quota for employees with disabilities in promotions.
- > Bank of Maharashtra inaugurated its first dedicated Branch for Start-ups in Pune.
- > Ramesh Bais Appointed as the New Governor of Maharashtra.
- > Maharashtra became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill.
- > Recently a rare low altitude basalt plateau has been discovered in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra..
- > Nilesh Sambre conferred with 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' by Maharashtra State.
- Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune.

Q. Batagaika, the world's largest permafrost crater, is located in the Far East Siberian taiga and is expanding rapidly due to global warming in which country?

A) Ukraine

B) Russia

C) United States

D) United Kingdom

#### Answer : B

- ✓ World's largest permafrost crater 'Batagaika' is expanding rapidly due to global warming in Russia.
- ✓ This massive crater, also known as the "Gateway to the Underworld", initially appeared in the 1960s when the area was cleared for timber.
- ✓ The crater is about one kilometre long and is classified as a 'mega-slump', indicating significant geological changes on Earth.

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- ✓ One of the primary factors contributing to the formation of permafrost craters is the thawing of permafrost, which is being caused by deforestation, land use change, and rising temperatures.
- ✓ Russia's warming rate is at least 2.5 times faster than the global average, melting its long-frozen tundra and contributing to the expansion of the 'Batagaika' crater at a rate of about 10 metres per year.
- ✓ Permafrost Crater:
- ✓ Permafrost refers to land that is frozen at or below 0°C for at least two consecutive years.
- ✓ It is mainly found in areas with high terrain and close to the Earth's poles, that is, the North and South Poles. Permafrost is made up of a mixture of soil, rock, and sand that is bound together by ice.

#### Q. India's first online gaming academy launched in which state government?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Rajasthan

C) Haryana

D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh is launching its first online gaming industry "MP State Esports Academy".
- ✓ The Academy aims to provide a platform for aspiring gaming and esports professionals to advance their skills and reach a professional level.

### **MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

- India's first online gaming academy launched in Madhya Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.
- Tiger State Madhya Pradesh is poised to get its 7th tiger reserve with the state government going forward with the notification of Nauradehi and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- Madhya Pradesh received the first prize in the best State category, while the best district award went to Ganjam District in Odisha.
- Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC Ltd.) will construct a 525 MW pumped storage project near the Indira Sagar Dam in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Ladli Bahna Yojana'.
- Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.

- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, a recognition that protects and acknowledges the work of tribal artists.
- > Madhya Pradesh government launched Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Madhya Pradesh Government on 5 March launched Ladli Bahna scheme under which each woman will be given one thousand rupees per month..
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on March 4 to make Tehsil Mauganj of Rewa district the 53rd district of the state.
- Q.Whic of the following has launched the world's largest private communications satellite 'Jupiter 3'?A) SpaceXB) ISROC) JAXAD) CNES

#### Answer : A

- ✓ SpaceX launches 'Jupiter 3', world's largest private communication satellite.
- ✓ SpaceX launched the world's largest private communications satellite 'Jupiter 3' using a Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex-39A of NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ✓ The 'Jupiter 3' satellite, developed by Maxar Technologies in Palo Alto, California, holds the record as the largest commercial communications satellite ever built.
- ✓ This upcoming launch marks the seventh mission of SpaceX's triple-booster rocket, the Falcon Heavy, which first attracted widespread attention during its debut in 2018.
- ✓ About 'Jupiter 3'
- ✓ Its size would be comparable to the wingspan of a commercial airliner, measuring between 130 and 160 feet (40 to 50 m). Its larger size will enable it to double current internet capacity to 500 Gbps, significantly improving connectivity in areas with limited cable and fibre options.
- ✓ Hughes will integrate the 'Jupiter 3' into its existing satellite network, allowing HughesNet customers in the United States and Latin America to access high-speed satellite broadband at speeds of up to 100 Mbps.
- ✓ Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) is an American spacecraft manufacturer, launch service provider and satellite communications company headquartered in Hawthorne, California.
- ✓ The company was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.

- ✓ CEO & chairman : Elon Musk
- Q. The government has extended the unemployment scheme, the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana, under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for a period of how many years?
  - A) 3 B) 2
  - C) 4 D) 5

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Government extends Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana for two years
- ✓ The government has extended the unemployment scheme, the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana, under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for a period of two years up to June 30, 2024.
- ✓ It has been decided to extend the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana for the period 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2024 with the relaxed eligibility conditions and enhanced rate of relief.
- ✓ This is the third extension to the scheme with two extensions given each in 2020 and 2021 to financially support ESIC beneficiaries who had lost jobs during the pandemic.
- ✓ Launched in 2018 on a pilot basis for a period of two years, the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana provides relief in the form of cash compensation up to 90 days to the insured persons (IPs) under ESIC who have become unemployed.
- ✓ As per the government data, 66,013 employees availed unemployment benefits under the scheme Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) and an amount of Rs 87.83 crores were disbursed between July 1, 2018 and December 12, 2022

Q. The highly anticipated 43-day-long annual Machail Mata Yatra has begun in which state / UTs?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Jharkhand
- C) Jammu and Kashmir

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Machail Mata Yatra begins in Kishtwa, Jammu
- ✓ In Jammu and Kashmir, the highly anticipated 43-day-long annual Machail Mata Yatra begins in the Kishtwar district and it will conclude on the 5th September 2023.

D) Ladakh

✓ The Yatra is the second most famous pilgrimage in the Jammu division, during which thousands of devotees from across the country visit the scenic Paddar valley, and pay obeisance at the holy shrine of goddess Durga in Machail village after trekking a 30 km arduous route

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- Pilgrims from all around the region will embark on this sacred journey to seek blessings at the Machail Mata Temple. The Administration along with the other stakeholders have made elaborate arrangements for safe and smooth pilgrimage.
- Q. Which state government has increased the retirement age of government doctors from 62 years to 65 years to address the shortage of doctors?
  - A) Madhya Pradesh

- **B)** Uttar Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan D) Gujarat

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has increased the retirement age of government doctors from 62 years to 65 years to address the shortage of doctors.
- ✓ In January, a panel was set up to evaluate the proposal for increasing the retirement age from 62 to 65 years of age.
- ✓ Currently, there are 14,000 doctors working across 19,000 sanctioned posts in the state.
- ✓ More than a dozen doctors retire Every month, reducing the strength by at least 200 a year.
- Q. Which state will host the world's biggest national male pageant "The Rubaru" Mr. India competition?
  - A) Goa
  - B) Kerala
  - C) Rajasthan
  - D) Haryana

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Goa will host the world's biggest national male pageant "The Rubaru" Mr. India competition.
- $\checkmark$  It is the biggest and most respected competition for men in the world.
- ✓ The candidates will undergo several preliminary activities like the formal wear round, the health and fitness round, & the individual interviews.
- This renowned event will take place this August with the national finals taking place at the Bogmallo Beach Resort on August 5.
- ✓ The Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant, will be at the event as the chief guest

Q. Which bank has signed an MoU with Dvara KGFS to provide credit for micro-enterprises?

- A) ICICI Bank
- C) Yes Bank

B) HDFC Bank

**D)** Axis Bank

- Answer: B
- ✓ HDFC Bank partners with Dvara KGFS for microloans
- ✓ Chennai-based non-banking financial company Dvara KGFS has signed an MoU with private sector lender HDFC Bank to provide credit to micro-enterprises operating primarily in the unorganized sector facing challenges in accessing formal credit sources.
- ✓ Dvara KGFS has entered into a co-lending partnership with HDFC Bank to provide business capital to micro business units operating primarily in rural areas and the unorganized sector across 10 States.
- Dvara KGFS had launched its enterprise loan vertical in 2020, focusing on three value chains viz., grocery, dairy, and agri.
- Q. Which bank has overtaken State Bank of India (SBI) to earn top spot on the list of 2023 CRISIL's Greenwich market share Leaders in Large Corporate Banking?
  - A) Yes Bank
  - B) ICICI Bank
  - C) HDFC Bank
  - D) Indian Overseas Bank

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India's largest private lender HDFC Bank has overtaken State Bank of India (SBI) to earn top spot on the list of 2023 CRISIL's Greenwich market share Leaders in Large Corporate Banking.
- ✓ For middle market corporates, HDFC Bank again topped the list of 2023 Leaders among local banks, and joined ICICI Bank as the year's joint Greenwich Quality Leaders.
- According to Coalition Greenwich many of the gains for large private sector and foreign banks came at the expense of the smaller banks.
- Indian companies are joining forces with the country's largest banks to help fuel their drive to become bigger, more international and more.

- Q. Who has been appointed as President and Chief Digital and Information Officer (CDIO) of Tata Motor?
  - A) Surendra Sharma B) Rajesh Kannan
  - C) Alok Singh D) Ravish Kumar

#### Answer: B

- Rajesh Kannan has been appointed as President and Chief Digital and Information Officer (CDIO) of Tata Motor.
- ✓ Prior to joining Tata Motors Limited, he was working with Tata Consultancy Services Limited.
- ✓ Kannan has 28 years of experience delivering transformative, end-to-end digital and IT engagements for global organizations across multiple sectors
- Q. Who has won the Miles Franklin Literary Award 2023 for her novel Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens?

A) Shankari Chandran	B) Meghna Pant
C) Meena Kandasamy	D) Janice Pariat

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Shankari Chandran has won the Miles Franklin Literary Award 2023 for her novel Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens.
- The novel is set in the Cinnamon Gardens Nursing Home in the suburb of Westgrove, Sydney populated with residents with colourful histories.
- ✓ Ten years ago, her first novel was rejected by several Australian publishers for not being sufficiently "Australian". It was published in 2017 in Sri Lanka with the title Song of the Sun God.
- ✓ The Miles Franklin Literary Award is an annual prize given to "a novel which is of the highest literary merit and presents Australian life in any of its phases".
- Q. The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed every year on which day?

A) July 31	B) July 30
<b>C) July 29</b>	D) July 28

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/ The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed every year on July 30.

- ✓ The day was designated by the UN General Assembly in 2013 to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.
- ✓ The 2023 theme for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is 'Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind'
- Q. The World Ranger Day is observed on which day of the year annually?

A) 29 July	B) 31 July
C) 28 July	D) 30 July

#### Answer : B

- ✓ The World Ranger Day is celebrated every year on 31 July.
- Purpose: Commemorate the Rangers killed or injured while on duty and to celebrate the work that Rangers do to protect the world's natural and cultural heritage.
- ✓ A Ranger is a person tasked with preserving and protecting parklands and natural protected areas. A Ranger typically refers to a forest ranger or a park ranger.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1992 that International Ranger Federation (IRF) was founded.
- ✓ The first World Ranger Day was observed in 2007, on the occasion of the 15th anniversary IRF.



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