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Q. Which bank's CEO has emerged as the highest-paid bank chief executive in the financial year 2022-23, grossing over Rs 10.55 crore in overall pay?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ HDFC Bank's Jagdishan Highest Paid Bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55cr Pay
- ✓ HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan has emerged as the highest-paid bank chief executive in the financial year 2022-23, grossing over Rs 10.55 crore in overall pay.
- ✓ Amitabh Chaudhry of Axis Bank drew Rs 9.75 crore payout and was the second highest-paid bank CEO.
- ✓ He was closely followed by Sandeep Bakhshi of bigger rival ICICI Bank, who drew Rs 9.60 crore for the same year.
- ✓ The details were made public in disclosures made in annual reports.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2023

- HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is highest paid bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55 crore pay.
- HDFC Bank overtakes SBI in CRISIL's corporate banking ranking for 2023.
- Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- HDFC Bank, India's largest private lender, has achieved a significant milestone by entering the \$100 billion market-capitalization club as world's 7th largest lender.
- HDFC emerges as fourth largest bank in the world after merger.
- According to Bloomberg, with a valuation of \$172 billion, the merger will place HDFC in the fourth position in equity market capitalisation behind JP Morgan Chase & Co., Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. and Bank of America Corp.
- 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.



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- 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. Which state government will set up a 'Rhino Task Force' to propose measures to restart the rhino conservation plan under the National Rhino Conservation Plan?

A) Assam

B) Bihar

C) Odisha

D) Jharkhand



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Answer : B

- ✓ The Bihar government will set up a 'Rhino Task Force' to propose measures to restart the rhino conservation plan in 'Valmiki Tiger Reserve' (VTR) located in West Champaran district.
- ✓ At present there is only one rhino in VTR and 14 rhinos in Patna Zoo.
- ✓ The VTR has seen a significant increase in the tiger population, prompting state wildlife officials to focus on reviving the rhino population in the region.
- ✓ Valmiki Tiger Reserve has been selected as a potential site under the National Rhino Conservation Plan.
- ✓ This national-level scheme allows rhinos to be introduced into Valmiki Tiger Reserve from other reserves across the country to boost their conservation.
- ✓ India plays a critical role in the conservation of the one-horned rhinoceros species. Approximately 75% of the world's rhino population is found in India.
- ✓ Notably, over 93% of India's rhino population resides in just one protected area, the Kaziranga National Park in the state of Assam

Q. King Norodom Sihamoni has been appointed as new Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Egypt
- B) Ethiopia
- C) Nigeria
- D) Cambodia

Answer : D

- ✓ Cambodia's King Norodom Sihamoni has appointed former Prime minister Hun Sen's son – Hun Manet – as the new prime minister of the country.
- ✓ A royal decree was issued by the King stating that he appoints Dr. Hun Manet as the prime minister.
- ✓ While the King has appointed Hun Manet as the PM, the leader and his cabinet must win the confidence vote on August 22 to assume office.
- ✓ During the Cambodian Elections 2023, Hun Sen's party – the Cambodian People's Party – won with a landslide victory



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- Li Qiang : China
- Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM : Equatorial Guinea
- Chris Hipkins : 41st PM of New Zealand
- Anwar Ibrahim : Malaysia
- Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel
- Rishi Sunak : 57th PM of United Kingdom (UK)
- Ulf Kristersson : Sweden
- Mohammed bin Salman : Saudi Arabia
- Ana Brnabic : Serbia
- James Marape : Papua New Guinea
- Dinesh Gunawardena : Sri Lanka
- Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem : Kuwait
- Hamza Abdi Barre : Somalia
- Anthony Albanese : Australia
- Emmanuel Macron : France
- Robert Golob : Slovenia
- Patrick Achi : Ivory Coast
- Shehbaz Sharif : Pakistan
- Viktor Orban : Hungary
- Robert Abela : Malta
- Antonio Costa : Portugal
- Mia Mottley : Barbados
- Alikhan Smailov : Kazakhstan
- Petr Fiala : Czech Republic
- Jonas Gahr Store : Norway
- Fumio Kishida : Japan



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Q. Who ministry has launched Port Health Organization (PHO) module under Sagar Setu – National Logistics Portal (Marine)?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

Answer : D

- ✓ The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched Port Health Organization (PHO) module under Sagar Setu – National Logistics Portal (Marine).
- ✓ PHO will conduct disease surveillance, health inspection, and quarantine measures to safeguard citizens and port workers.
- ✓ The launch of the PHO module is yet another step towards the digitalization and modernization of our systems which will further the ease of doing business in the country.
- ✓ The Port Health Organization module has been envisaged as a part of 'Ease of Doing Business' by covering features like requests for PHO clearance certificates, approval by PHO, online certification generation, tracking of request status, etc

Q. Which ministry has implemented the 'Naya Savera' scheme also known as the 'Free Coaching and Allied' scheme recently?

- A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- B) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

Answer : D

- ✓ The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented the 'Naya Savera' scheme also known as the 'Free Coaching and Allied' scheme.
- ✓ Objective – To assist students/candidates belonging to the six minority communities namely Sikh, Jain, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, and Parsi by way of special coaching for qualifying examinations.
- ✓ The coaching period under the scheme ranged from 3 months to 2 years.
- ✓ Preparing for qualifying examinations for admission into technical/professional courses like engineering, medical, law, management, information technology, etc., and language/apptitude examinations required for seeking admission to foreign universities.



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Q. Which company has signed an MoU with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt Ltd for potential collaboration opportunities in Green Hydrogen and derivatives in the Hydrogen Value Chain?

- A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- B) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- D) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

Answer : A

- ✓ Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has signed an MoU with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd. for “potential collaboration opportunities in Green Hydrogen and derivatives in the Hydrogen Value Chain.
- ✓ This partnership will pave the way for collaboration in the Hydrogen value chain, contributing towards the ‘National Hydrogen Mission’ of the Government of India, making India ‘Atmanirbhar’.
- ✓ The collaboration between BHEL and Greenstat Hydrogen India aims to focus on establishing a framework for cooperation between the two organizations to explore and develop projects related to the production, marketing, and use of green hydrogen.

Q. Who has been appointed as the President and CEO of Honeywell High Growth Region?

- A) Anant Maheshwari
- B) Dilip Shanghvi
- C) Sunil Mittal
- D) Karsanbhai Patel

Answer : A

- ✓ Former Microsoft India Head, Anant Maheshwari has been appointed as the President and CEO of Honeywell High Growth Region, effective from September 4, 2023.
- ✓ In his new role, Maheshwari will oversee operations in China, India, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Central Asia, Africa, and Latin America, driving strategic growth initiatives across these key markets.
- ✓ Maheshwari previously served the company from 2004 to 2016 in various leadership roles and ultimately became President of Honeywell India.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?

- A) Rabindra Narayan
- B) Sahil Jindal
- C) Preet Pal Thakur
- D) Sanjay Kumar Agarwal



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Answer : D

- ✓ Union govt has appointed Sanjay Kumar Agarwal as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) after the superannuation of Vivek Johri.
- ✓ Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, a 1988 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) official as the Chairman of CBIC with the status of special secretary to the government of India.
- ✓ Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
- ✓ Founded : 1944
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairperson : Sanjay Kumar Agarwal

Q. Who has become the first-ever Indian to clinch the individual World Title at the World Archery Championships final 2023 in Berlin?

- A) Deepika Kumari B) Aditi Swami
C) Tarundeep Rai D) Dola Banerjee

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian archer, Aditi Swami has become the first-ever Indian to clinch the individual World Title at the World Archery Championships final 2023 in Berlin.
- ✓ 17-year-old Aditi, became the senior world champion when she defeated Andrea Becerra of Mexico, 149-147 in the summit clash of the compound women's event.
- ✓ Conversely, India's Ojas Deotale also created history after defeating Lukasz Przybylski of Poland in a thrilling final to become the new world champion in Men's Individual compound event.

Q. Who has been appointed as President of Qualcomm India?

- A) Savi Soin B) Rajen Vagadia
C) Ravi Shankar D) Umesh Sinha

Answer : A

- ✓ Qualcomm India appoints Savi Soin as President
- ✓ The leading smartphone processor manufacturer, Qualcomm appointed Savi Soin as the President of Qualcomm India.
- ✓ He will be responsible for guiding the company's strategy in the Indian market.



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- ✓ Savi Soin, who has been with Qualcomm for more than two decades, previously served as the head of strategy and business development at Qualcomm Technologies' semiconductor division.
- ✓ He will replace Rajen Vagadia.

Q. Who will be honoured with Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)?

- A) Ankita Bhakat B) Mrunal Thakur
C) Rahul Banerjee D) Chekrovolu Swuro

Answer : B

- ✓ Actor Mrunal Thakur will be honoured with Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM).
- ✓ The "Sita Ramam" star will be honoured with the award in recognition of "her outstanding performances across diverse roles and languages in the world of Indian cinema.
- ✓ The actor, who made her film with "Love Sonia", and then featured in movies such "Super 30", "Toofan", "Jersey", will receive the award during the annual gala night on August 11 in the Australian city.
- ✓ The 14th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne will run from August 11 to 20

Q. Which company has handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash – the Next Generation Weapon System to Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash – the Next Generation Weapon System to Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- ✓ Seeker is a critical and technology-intensive subsystem used in Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles for target tracking in the terminal phase.
- ✓ The RF Seeker has been designed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, and produced by BDL at its state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre set up at BDL, Kanchanbagh Unit in Hyderabad.
- ✓ The establishment of the Seeker Facility Centre at BDL has enabled India to achieve self-reliance in the field of RF seeker production and contribute greatly towards realizing the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ✓ Chairman and Managing Director of BDL – A Madhavarao



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Q. Which edition of the Malabar River Festival opens at Thusharagiri in Kozhikode, Kerala?

- A) 8th B) 9th
C) 6th D) 7th

Answer : B

- ✓ The ninth edition of the Malabar River Festival opens at Thusharagiri in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- ✓ The three-day event, organised by the Kerala Adventure Tourism Promotion Society and the Kozhikode District Tourism Promotion Council will be held at Iruvanjhipuzha and Chalipuzha rivers at Thusharagiri.
- ✓ Besides Indian Kayakers, paddlers from ten countries including the US, UK, Israel, Kazakhstan, and South Africa are participating in the event.
- ✓ The competition will be held in Kayak Slalom, Boardercross, and Down River events. The National Whitewater Kayaking Championship will also be held as part of the Malabar River Festival this year.

Q. Who is the author of a book titled 'Monsoon'?

- A) Abhay K B) Vijay Tendulkar
C) Ruskin Bond D) Samvad Kaumudi

Answer : A

- ✓ Poet-diplomat Abhay K launched his new book 'Monsoon' at Kathika Cultural Centre in Old Delhi.
- ✓ The book-length poem takes readers on a journey through the monsoon.
- ✓ This poem actually takes you along the real path of the monsoon and introduces you to various things; monuments, biodiversity, cuisine, languages, and so on.
- ✓ The book is a poetic symphony that transcends cultural boundaries and captures the beautiful emotions evoked by monsoons. The book creates a poetic tapestry out of love, reflection, and nostalgia.
- ✓ His translation of the 1st Magahi novel 'Phool Bahadur' by Jayanath Pati will be published by Penguin in Jan 2024

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Q. Jose Paulino Gomes, touted as the world's oldest man, passes away at age 127. He was from which country?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Brazilian supercentenarian, Jose Paulino Gomes, touted as world's oldest man, passes away at age 127.
- ✓ Gomes possessed a marriage certificate dating back to 1917, which indicated his birth on August 4, 1895, making him a witness to two world wars and three pandemics.
- ✓ A legal adviser from the civil registry, responsible for maintaining people's records, confirmed the accuracy of Jose's details and verified that he was indeed born before 1900.

Q. Centre owes ___ crores in MGNREGS wages to 18 States and Union Territories

- A) ₹5,413 Crores
B) ₹5,768 Crores
C) ₹6,010 Crores
D) ₹6,366 Crores

Answer : D



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- ✓ The Union Ministry of Rural Development informed Parliament that it owes ₹6,366 crore under the wage component of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to States.
- ✓ There are a total of 14.42 crore active MGNREGS workers, most of whom are women, dependent on the wages to supplement their family's income. Of the total sum, ₹2,770 crore is owed to West Bengal alone.
- ✓ Invoking Section 27 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the Centre has blocked payment of over ₹7,500 crore to West Bengal for “non-compliance of directives of the Central government” since December 2021.
- ✓ MGNREGS aims : To enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to unskilled manual work

Q. Who have signed MoU with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for the first time ever?

- A) SASES
- B) SMSES
- C) MSSES
- D) SSMES

Answer : B

- ✓ For the first time ever, Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society (SMSES) signed 2nd August 2023 MoU with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to promote football at the grassroots level.
- ✓ SMSES, which has been conducting the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament since 1960, will form a Subroto XI (eleven) team under Junior Boys (Under-17) from this edition onwards.
- ✓ Addressing media in New Delhi, Air Vice Marshal and SMSES member Alok Sharma announced that the team will also participate in AIFF Youth Competition from the 2023-24 season.
- ✓ Clubs from the Indian Super League, Indian Women's League, and I-League will also pick up players from the Subroto Cup

Q. India is ___ amongst spacefaring countries in the world.

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 5th
- D) 6th

Answer : C

- ✓ India is the fifth amongst spacefaring countries in the world having end-to-end capabilities in Space Research and Development (R&D).



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Q. When is the Hiroshima Day celebrated every year?

- A) 03 August B) 05 August
C) 06 August D) 04 August

Answer : C

- ✓ Hiroshima Day takes place every year on August 6 to commemorate the day in August 1945 when an atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6 by United States, followed a few days later by another drop on the city of Nagasaki on August 9.
- ✓ Although these bombings effectively ended World War II, the two cities were terribly destroyed and casualties were estimated at around 200,000, mostly civilians.
- ✓ This was the first time in the history of warfare when a nuclear bomb was used against a nation.
- ✓ The Day is observed to advocate, pray and work for a ban on all nuclear weapons and an end to war and violence through anti-war and anti-nuclear discussions and demonstrations around the world.
- ✓ **2023 marks the 78th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombin**
- ✓ On 6th August 1945, a US bomber dropped the uranium fission bomb, codenamed Little Boy, on Hiroshima, a city in Japan
- ✓ Three days later it dropped another bomb codenamed Fat Man, on Nagasaki

Q. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA) hosted the International Education Summit & Conference 2023 in which city?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA) hosted the International Education Summit & Conference 2023 at Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU) in Dubai.
- ✓ The event was attended by more than 120 participants from various academic disciplines.
- ✓ The summit was aimed at providing a platform for ambitious minds to showcase academic excellence. It featured a conference on the topic of Innovative Research In Economics Management, Information Technology and Legal Studies



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Q. The Padma Bhushan awardee, N Vittal passed away recently in Chennai. He was the former __.

- A) Central Vigilance Commissioner
- B) Solicitor General of India
- C) National Security Advisor of India
- D) Director Central Bureau of Investigation

Answer : A

- ✓ The Padma Bhushan awardee and IAS officer of the Gujarat cadre, 1960 batch, N Vittal passed away in Chennai.
- ✓ He was a former Telecom Secretary and Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- ✓ His experience of more than 40 years covered a wide spectrum with focus on industrial administration, science and technology, and security.
- ✓ As Chairman of the Telecom Commission, he also initiated the process of liberalization in the telecom sector and played a major role in getting the National Telecom Policy 1994 approved.
- ✓ He authored a book titled Corruption in India – The Roadblock to National Prosperity.

Q. Who has become the first-ever Indian to clinch the individual World Title at the World Archery Championships final 2023 in Berlin?

- A) Deepika Kumari
- B) Aditi Swami
- C) Tarundeep Rai
- D) Dola Banerjee

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian archer, Aditi Swami has become the first-ever Indian to clinch the individual World Title at the World Archery Championships final 2023 in Berlin.
- ✓ 17-year-old Aditi, became the senior world champion when she defeated Andrea Becerra of Mexico, 149-147 in the summit clash of the compound women's event.
- ✓ Conversely, India's Ojas Deotale also created history after defeating Lukasz Przybylski of Poland in a thrilling final to become the new world champion in Men's Individual compound event.

Q. Guyana will purchase two Dornier 228 aircraft from which Indian company?

- A) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- B) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)



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Answer : D

- ✓ Guyana to the purchase of two Dornier 228 aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- ✓ Guyana is also interested in purchasing patrol vessels, a fleet of armoured vehicles, and radar systems.
- ✓ Guyana and India will also step-up personnel training to improve military-to-military contacts and Guyana is collaborating with India on cybersecurity and IT operations.
- ✓ India and Guyana will improve military-to-military contacts through personnel training.

HAL IN NEWS 2023

- Guyana to the purchase of two Dornier 228 aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Argentina to acquire light and medium utility helicopters from HAL.
- Ministry of Defence has recently signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the procurement of two Dornier Aircraft, aimed at enhancing the aerial surveillance capabilities of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). With an overall cost of Rs 458 crore.
- United States, General Electric (GE) Aerospace has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a state-run Indian aerospace company. The MoU paves the way for the joint production of fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and signifies a new era in the India-US partnership.
- HAL received approval from DGCA for indigenously developed 'black boxes'.
- The defence ministry sealed a deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to procure six Dornier aircraft at a cost of Rs 667 crore for the Indian Air Force.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has unveiled the Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT-42) design of the scale model at the 14th edition of Aero India 2023 held in Bengaluru.
- Union Cabinet approved the procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The approval was given to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The procurement would cost around Rs 6,828 crore.
- Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL), an aerospace company in India, and EDGE, the top defence company in the UAE, inked a Memorandum of Understanding at the International Defense Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):
- Establishment: 23 December 1940 (Aircraft manufacturing started from 1942).



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- Founder: Incorporated as Hindustan Aircraft Limited in Bangalore by Walchand Hirachand.
- It was formed on 1 October 1964 as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Headquarters: Bangalore
- Management: by a Board of Directors appointed by the President of India through the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
- The HAL HF-24 Marut fighter-bomber was the first indigenously built fighter aircraft in India.

Q. The global Technical Textile market size is expected to reach USD 272.3 billion by which year?

A) 2026

B) 2027

C) 2030

D) 2035

Answer : C

- ✓ According to a recent research report, the global Technical Textile market size is expected to reach USD 272.3 billion by 2030.
- ✓ About Technical Textiles.
- ✓ Technical Textiles are textile products that are manufactured primarily for their functionality and use rather than aesthetic appeal.
- ✓ They are designed to have high levels of physical, mechanical, thermal, and/or chemical properties for use in specific applications within industrial sectors such as earthworks, construction, civil engineering, transport, defense, medical, and healthcare.
- ✓ Technical Textiles Mission in India.
- ✓ The Ministry of Textiles has launched NTTM to increase the penetration level of technical textiles in India while leveraging the extraordinary growth rate of the sector.
- ✓ The aim of the mission is to position India as a global leader in Technical Textiles.
- ✓ The mission will comprise the following four components:
 - ✓ Research, Innovation and Development;
 - ✓ Promotion and Market Development;
 - ✓ Export Promotion;
 - ✓ Education, Training, Skill Development;



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- ✓ Implementation: The NTTM has been approved with an implementation period of four years starting from FY 2020-21 till FY 2023-24. The total outlay of the mission is INR 1480 Cr.
- ✓ Target : The Mission has a target to take the domestic market size of the technical textile sector to \$ 40-50 Bn by the year 2024 with an average growth rate of 15-20% per annum

Q. Indian Army inducted the lighter and more compact version of the developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M) called "Swathi Mountains" in the Army. It is developed by which company?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited B) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited D) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Army inducted the lighter and more compact version of the indigenously developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M) called "Swathi Mountains."
- ✓ **About Swathi Mountains.**
- ✓ The Swathi Mountains WLR is an advanced electronically scanned phased array radar.
- ✓ It is specifically designed for operations in mountainous and high-altitude areas.
- ✓ It was developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Bengaluru.
- ✓ **What is a Weapon Locating Radar?**
- ✓ The WLR stands as a critical asset for modern militaries, employing advanced signal processing techniques to autonomously detect and track hostile artillery, mortars, and rocket launchers.
- ✓ It even tracks friendly fire trajectories, enabling precise calculations for more accurate artillery strikes.
- ✓ The radar's sophistication lies in its ability to detect and track small projectiles across the battlefield while factoring in environmental conditions for precise launch and impact point estimations.
- ✓ A hallmark of the WLR is its high mobility and swift deployment capabilities, allowing it to adapt to changing operational requirements efficiently.
- ✓ Its slewable platform further enhances its agility, enabling the scanning of different areas without the need for physical repositioning.
- ✓ The WLR also acts as a potent friendly force multiplier by providing critical information on enemy weapon systems.
- ✓ Swathi Palins vs. Swathi Mountains.
- ✓ The Swathi radar comes in two versions: the Swathi Plains (WLR) and the Swathi Mountains (WLR-M).



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- ✓ The Swathi Plains version is primarily designed to locate hostile guns, mortars, and rockets, and it can also track the fall of shot from friendly weapons for corrective measures on flat terrains like Plains, as the name of the version suggests

Q. Which state government is planning to build a dam in the state at a cost of Rs 6,134 crore?.

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Rajasthan

C) Haryana

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ The Haryana government is planning to build a dam at a cost of 6,134 crore rupees.
- ✓ It will have a 14-km-long reservoir and will be built 4.5 km upstream from the Hathnikund Barrage in Yamunanagar district.
- ✓ Once the project is completed, the state will have greater availability of irrigation water, groundwater recharge, and aquaculture, apart from the generation of 250 MW of electricity.
- ✓ Its reservoir will have a capacity of 10.82 lakh cusecs. This is likely to prevent floods caused by the Yamuna in Delhi and in adjoining areas of the river in Haryana. The dam area also shares borders with Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

HARYANA IN NEWS 2023

- Haryana government is planning to build a dam at a cost of 6,134 crore rupees.
- Haryana has won the 6th Youth Women's National Boxing Championships in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Startup20 Shikhar summit begins in Haryana's Gurugram.
- India's first hydrogen-powered train will start its journey from Jind district of Haryana.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 4 National Highway projects at Sonapat, Karnal, and Ambala in Haryana.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced Rs 10,000 monthly pension for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan winners of the state under a monthly pension scheme.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal will inaugurate the integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25 under the Amrit Jal Kranti initiative.



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- Haryana has launched a special campaign to raise awareness about door-to-door waste collection and segregation.
- A tiger has been spotted in a camera trap at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar district of Haryana.
- Haryana becomes first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network.
- First nuclear power plant in North India would be built in Gorakhpur, Haryana

Q. 'Maya' is in the news recently, what is it?

A) ISRO's Satellite

B) Drone System

C) Operating System

D) Missile System

Answer : C

- ✓ The Defence Ministry recently decided to drop the Microsoft operating system and go for a local one named Maya operating system.
- ✓ **About Maya OS:**
- ✓ It is a new Operation System (OS) based on an open-source platform.
- ✓ It has the interface and all functionality like Windows and users will not feel much difference as they transition to it.
- ✓ Maya was developed by government development agencies within six months.
- ✓ Aim: To prevent malware attacks and other cyberattacks which had seen a steep increase.
- ✓ Currently, Maya is being installed only in Defence Ministry systems and not on computers connected to the networks of the three Services.
- ✓ **What is an Operating System (OS)?**
- ✓ An OS is a software program that acts as an intermediary between computer hardware and the computer user.
- ✓ It provides a user-friendly interface and manages the hardware and software resources of a computer system.
- ✓ In essence, an operating system enables a user to interact with a computer and run applications efficiently.
- ✓ An OS, after being initially loaded into the computer by a boot program, manages all of the other application programs in a computer



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Q. North East Venture Fund is registered as a Category I Venture Capital Fund under which entity?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the Union Minister for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region informed Lok Sabha about the North East Venture Fund.
- ✓ **About North East Venture Fund**
- ✓ It is registered as a Category I Venture Capital Fund under Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) Regulations, 2012.
- ✓ An independent committee (Investment Committee) comprising of experienced professionals from the field of venture funding, private equity, developmental banking etc takes the investment decision.
- ✓ As a regulatory requirement, periodic reporting on the operation/compliances of regulation is placed before the contributors of NEVF and other concerned bodies in a structured manner.
- ✓ In addition, fund operation is also monitored by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in the form of periodic audit.
- ✓ It was established as a close ended fund with a target corpus of Rs. 100 crore.
- ✓ It has already received its targeted corpus with contribution of Rs. 30 crore from North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), Rs. 25 crore from Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Rs. 45 crore from Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).
- ✓ However, the contribution of MDoNER was given to NEDFi as interest free loan to be repayable in lump sum at the end of 15 years.

Q. Which insurance company has launched the 'Direct Incentive Disbursement' for its sales force in the Delhi and Uttarakhand circles?

- A) Max Life Insurance
B) Postal Life Insurance
C) Bajaj Allianz Insurance
D) Bharti AXA Insurance

Answer : B

- ✓ Recognising the pivotal role of its sales force, the Postal Life Insurance (PLI) introduced the pilot program for "Direct Incentive Disbursement" in the Delhi and Uttarakhand Circles.
- ✓ **About Direct Incentive Disbursement Program.**



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- ✓ This programme will recognize the role of PLI's sales force which is the driving force behind the department's accomplishments.
- ✓ It will impact around two lakh sales force members across the nation, including Gramin Dak Sevaks, Direct Agents, Field Officers, and Departmental Employees.
- ✓ Key benefits of pilot program.
- ✓ Swift and Secure Transactions: Sales force receives incentives directly in their Post Office Savings Bank accounts.
- ✓ Convenience and Motivation: Sales force can conveniently manage their funds, and immediate rewards drive optimal performance.
- ✓ Simplified Administration: Automated payouts reduce administrative costs, enabling a greater focus on delivering client service.
- ✓ Key facts about Postal Life Insurance
- ✓ It is the oldest life insurer in this country which was introduced on 1st February 1884.
- ✓ It started as a welfare scheme for the benefit of postal employees and was later extended to the employees of the Telegraph Department in 1888.
- ✓ In 1894, PLI extended insurance cover to female employees of the erstwhile P & T Department at a time when no other insurance company covered female lives.

Q. United States has officially given the nod for the delivery of M1 Abrams Tank to which country?

A) Pakistan

B) Afghanistan

C) Ukraine

D) Egypt

Answer : C

- ✓ The United States has officially given the nod for the delivery of Abrams tanks to Ukraine.
- ✓ About M1 Abrams Tank.
- ✓ It is the United States main battle tank.
- ✓ The first M1 tank was manufactured by General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) in 1978 and was delivered to the US Army in 1980.
- ✓ It was named in honor to General Abrams, commander of US forces during the Vietnam War.
- ✓ The export version of the Abrams is used by the armies of Australia, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Poland, and Saudi Arabia.



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✓ Features:

- ✓ It uses a powerful and complex turbine engine that produces 1,500 horsepower and requires four persons to operate.
- ✓ It is one of the heaviest tanks in service at nearly 62 metric tons.
- ✓ The M1 tanks have a maximum speed of 45.
- ✓ Armament: The Abrams is armed with a 120 mm main gun and .50 caliber and 7.62 mm machine guns.
- ✓ It can destroy tank-size targets at a range of 2 km while firing on the move.
- ✓ In modern versions of the Abrams tank, there are layers of depleted uranium armour which provides substantial protection to those inside.

Q. Which ship recently participated in PASSEX 2023 with Royal Saudi Navy?

- A) INS Vikramaditya B) INS Vikrant
C) INS Kolkata D) INS Chennai

Answer : D

- ✓ INS Chennai recently deployed in the Red Sea undertook Passage Exercise (Passex) with Royal Saudi Naval Ship HMS Al Jubail.
- ✓ About INS Chennai.
- ✓ It is the Indian Navy's indigenously designed and constructed guided missile destroyer.
- ✓ It is the third and last ship of the Kolkata-class stealth-guided missile destroyers (Project 15A).
- ✓ It was constructed by the Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) at Mumbai.
- ✓ INS Chennai was commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 21, 2016.
- ✓ Key Facts about Red Sea.
- ✓ It is a semi-enclosed inlet (or extension) of the Indian Ocean between the continents of Africa from Asia.
- ✓ It is connected to the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean to the south through the Gulf of Aden and the narrow strait of Bab el Mandeb

Q. IIT-Roorkee and Geological Survey of India (GSI) have discovered the oldest fossil remains of dicraeosaurid dinosaur in which city?

- A) Jodhpur B) Jaisalmer
C) Hanumangar D) Dungarpur



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Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, scientists from IIT-Roorkee and Geological Survey of India (GSI) have discovered the oldest fossil remains of dicraeosaurid dinosaur in Jaisalmer.
- ✓ About Dicraeosaurid dinosaur.
- ✓ It is a long-necked, plant-eating dinosaur species.
- ✓ The remains are 167 million years old and belong to a new species, unknown to scientists thus far.
- ✓ It has been named 'Tharosaurus indicus', the first name referring to the 'Thar desert' where the fossils were found, and the second after its country of origin.
- ✓ According to the scientists, fossils of dicraeosaurid dinosaurs have been found previously in North and South Americas, Africa and China, but such fossils were not known from India.

Q. International Whaling Commission (IWC) issued its first 'extinction alert' on the vaquita porpoise. IWC is situated in which country?

- A) Japan B) England
C) China D) France

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the International Whaling Commission (IWC) issued its first 'extinction alert' on the vaquita porpoise.
- ✓ About Vaquita Porpoise.
- ✓ It is the world's smallest cetacean.
- ✓ It is unique among the porpoises as it is the only species of that family found in warm waters, and the size of the dorsal fin is believed to be an adaptation to that, allowing for extra body heat to dissipate.
- ✓ The name vaquita means "little cow" in Spanish.
- ✓ Key facts about International Whaling Commission
- ✓ It was set up under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) which was signed in Washington DC in 1946.
- ✓ Objective: To provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks and thus make possible the orderly development of the whaling industry.
- ✓ Headquarter: Impington, near Cambridge, England.



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Q. Which state government has recently implemented the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme with a grant of 58 crores rupees to promote its indigenous products at the international level?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Gujarat

C) Haryana

D) Uttarakhand

Answer : B

- ✓ Gujarat Govt implement One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.
- ✓ The government of Gujarat has implemented the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme with a grant of 58 crores rupees to promote its indigenous products at the international level.
- ✓ Under this scheme, more than 25 handicraft products have been selected from 21 districts of the state.
- ✓ **About One District One Product (ODOP) programme.**
- ✓ It was launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in 2018.
- ✓ Objective: To help districts reach their full potential, foster economic and socio-cultural growth, and create employment opportunities, especially, in rural areas.
- ✓ This initiative aims to turn every district in India, into an export hub through promotion of the product in which the district specialises.
- ✓ The initiative plans to accomplish this by scaling manufacturing, supporting local businesses, finding potential foreign customers and so on, thus helping to achieve the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision.
- ✓ The ODOP Initiative has identified a total of 1102 products from 761 districts across the country.
- ✓ This initiative is carried out with the 'Districts as Exports Hub' initiative by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Department of Commerce

GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- London-based company OneWeb and the Gujarat Government's Science and Technology Department have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today for the establishment of a 'Satellite Network Portal Site' in Gujarat.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah organized a virtual ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the country's first cooperative-run Sainik School.
- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the best tourism facilities in the historical lighthouses of Gujarat.



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

Q. A special art exhibition dedicated to G-20 member countries commenced in which state?

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

Answer : A

✓ A special art exhibition titled "Together We Art" begins at Bihar Museum, Patna.



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- ✓ a special art exhibition dedicated to the G-20 member countries in Bihar titled "Together We Art" will open at the Bihar Museum in Patna.
- ✓ The exhibition will run for two months starting today and will end on 7th October 2023.
- ✓ Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will inaugurate the exhibition.
- ✓ The event is organised by the Union Ministry of Art and Culture as part of India's chairmanship of G-20 countries.
- ✓ A total of 29 countries including India are participating in the exhibition.
- ✓ To mark the foundation day, the Bihar Museum Biennial 2023 will also begin, which will run for five months.
- ✓ BIHAR
- ✓ Formation - 22 March 1912
- ✓ Capital - Patna
- ✓ District - 38
- ✓ Governor - Rajendra Arlekar
- ✓ Chief Minister - Nitish Kumar
- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister - Tejashwi Yadav
- ✓ Rajya Sabha - 16 seats
- ✓ Lok Sabha - 40 seats

Q. Which bank has partnered with the state government for Odisha Tourism Development Corporation to ramp up the state tourism department's payment solutions?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Bandhan Bank has partnered with the state government for Odisha Tourism Development Corporation to ramp up the state tourism department's payment solutions.
- ✓ The bank has provided Point of Sale (PoS) machines to facilitate card payments by tourists.
- ✓ Prime locations including Puri, Bhubaneswar, Konark, Chilka, and Gopalpur will be covered under this tieup.



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- ✓ The PoS machines will hasten tourist payment collections, bringing convenience to both the tourists and OTDC

Q. Who has been awarded Global Leader Award 2023 for Healthcare Expansion in Africa?

- A) Ira Trivedi
B) Kanishk Tharoor
C) Jayesh Saini
D) Nidhi Dugar Kundalia

Answer : C

- ✓ Jayesh Saini was awarded Global Leader Award 2023 for Healthcare Expansion in Africa.
- ✓ LifeCare Group, led by Jayesh Saini, has expanded healthcare services across East Africa with hospitals in five major parts of Kenya and plans for 10 more in different regions of Africa.
- ✓ With LifeCare hospitals already established in five major parts of Kenya (Bungoma, Eldoret, Kikuyu, Meru, and Migori), Saini's passion drives him to lay the foundation for 10 additional hospitals in different regions of Africa.
- ✓ This ambitious endeavor aims to increase the total bed capacity to over 2,600 by 2024.
- ✓ The combined bed capacity of LifeCare hospitals across the region will exceed 4,100 beds by 2027

Q. India has participated in 31st International Malabar Naval Exercise, organized in Sydney of Australia. Which of the following country is not part of the Malabar Exercise?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The 31st edition of the Malabar multilateral exercise comprising India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S. will be held in Sydney from August 11-21.
- ✓ Australia is also the host for this mega event which is being hosted there 'for the first time'.
- ✓ The exercise will take place in a large designated area, the East Australian exercise area, spread over a couple of hundred miles off Sydney and will have a harbour and sea phase.
- ✓ Exercise Malabar will be followed by AUSINDEX, the India-Australia bilateral naval exercise. In the past, officials have termed Malabar as the most complicated naval exercise that India does.
- ✓ The MALABAR exercise was initiated in 1992 between the navies of India and the United States.
- ✓ Later, it was joined by Japan in 2015, and Australia in 2020.



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- ✓ Japan became the permanent partner of the exercise from 2015 onwards.
- ✓ Australia participated for the first time in 2007 and again in 2020 and 2021.
- ✓ **Other Exercises with Quad Countries:**
- ✓ India- Japan : JIMEX (naval exercise), SHINYUU Maitri (air force exercise), and Dharma Guardian (military exercise).
- ✓ India-US : Yudha Abhyas (Army), Vajra Prahar (Military), Spitting Cobra, SANGAM, RED FLAG, COPE INDIA.
- ✓ India-Australia : AUSINDEX (Maritime), AUSTRALIA HIND, Pitch Black

Q. Every year Quit India Day is observed on August 8 to commemorate the occasion. This year marks the ___ anniversary of the event.

- A) 75th
- B) 81st
- C) 69th
- D) 85th

Answer : B

- ✓ Every year Quit India Day is observed on August 8 to commemorate the occasion. This year marks the 81st anniversary of the event.
- ✓ What is the Quit India Movement?
- ✓ The Quit India Movement, also known as the August Movement or Bharat Chodo Andolan, was a significant civil disobedience movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi and the Indian National Congress on August 8, 1942 at Gowalia Tank Maidan also known as August Kranti Maidan in Bombay.
- ✓ On this day, August 8th, in 1942, Gandhi gave the famous "Do or Die" speech, urging the Indian people to act decisively and nonviolently against British rule.

Q. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, also called as World Tribal Day, is observed on which day?

- A) 8 August
- B) 9 August
- C) 7 August
- D) 6 August

Answer : B



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- ✓ The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (World Tribal Day) is observed on 9 August annually to protect the rights of the world's indigenous population and recognize the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- ✓ The day was recognised by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994.
- ✓ The date to marks the day of the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982.
- ✓ The theme picked for World Tribal Day 2023 is "Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination."

Q. Which nationwide campaign has been started in honor of the martyred brave soldiers of the country?

- A) Desh ke Veer Saput
- B) Desh ke Veer Jawan
- C) Meri Mati Mera Desh
- D) Mera Bharat Mahan

Answer : C

- ✓ Nation -wide “Meri Mati Mera Desh” Campaign will be launched on 9th August 2023, to pay tribute to the ‘Veers’ who laid down their lives for the country.
- ✓ From 9th to 30th August , 2023, the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign will include programs at the village, and block levels , by local urban bodies, as well as state and national level.
- ✓ The campaign will include various programs across the country to remember the bravehearts (Veers). Shilaphalakams (memorial plaques) commemorating them will be installed in village panchayats.
- ✓ This campaign is the concluding event of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,' which began on 12th March , 2021, and has witnessed widespread public participation(Jan Bhagidari) with over 2 lakh programs organized across India.
- ✓ Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, recently announced this campaign during his Mann Ki Baat broadcast. The campaign aims to honour the brave freedom fighters and bravehearts who sacrificed their lives for the country.
- ✓ An 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' will be conducted, carrying soil from all corners of the country in 7500 kalash to create an 'Amrit Vatika' in Delhi. This 'Amrit Vatika' will symbolize the commitment to 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.'



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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 campaign called "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.



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Q. World Trade Organization (WTO) 2023, where does India rank in world merchandise trade (2022)?

- A) 20th B) 18th
C) 15th D) 12th

Answer : B

- ✓ According to the World Trade Statistical Review 2023, the annual flagship publication of the World Trade Organization (WTO), India is ranked 18th among the Leading exporters in world merchandise trade (2022).
- ✓ It gives data on merchandise and services trade broken down by geographical origin, main product groups and sectors, along with related data on key economic developments such as gross domestic product (GDP) growth, commodity prices, and exchange rate fluctuations, mostly for 2022.
- ✓ On a global scale, India holds the 9th spot in merchandise importing and ranks 7th in merchandise exporting (2022).
- ✓ The leading exporters in world merchandise trade for the year 2022 are China, the USA, and Germany, occupying the top three positions.
- ✓ World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- ✓ It was set up on 1st January 1995 replacing the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT).
- ✓ Its main purpose is to promote rule based trading systems in the world and it also settles trade related disputes between the member countries.
- ✓ The headquarters of WTO is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ There are 164 member countries.
- ✓ Director General of WTO : Dr Ngozi -Okonjo-Iweala of Nigeria
- ✓ Report released by WTO : World Trade Report

Q. India succeeds in reducing emissions rate by _over 14 years.

- A) 33% B) 37%
C) 41% D) 44%

Answer : A

- ✓ India's greenhouse emissions rate dropped by a faster-than-expected 33% in 14 years as renewable energy generation rose and forest cover increased, according to two officials privy to latest assessment made for submission to the United Nations.



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- ✓ The report's findings showed India well on the way to meeting a commitment to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to reduce emissions intensity by 45% from the 2005 level by 2030.
- ✓ India's rate of emissions intensity – the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions emitted for every unit increase of gross domestic product (GDP) – fell by 33% from 2005 to 2019, officials privy to the preparations of the Third National Communication (TNC) report .
- ✓ Many countries are preparing their TNC reports to update the UNFCCC on their efforts to mitigate emissions.
- ✓ India's average rate of reduction in emissions increased to 3% annually in the period 2016-2019, from just about 1.5% in the period 2014-2016.
- ✓ As of 2019, forests and trees covered 24.56%, or 80.73 million hectares, of India.
- ✓ Recently, India has also been trying to promote green hydrogen, manufactured by splitting water molecules using renewable energy.
- ✓ Central Electricity Authority data shows that non-fossil fuel-based power – including hydro, nuclear and renewable energy – accounted for 25.3% of India's total power generation in the fiscal year that ended in March, up from 24.6% three years earlier.
- ✓ Thermal power stations still provide 73% of the electricity consumed, down from about 75% in 2019.

Q. What is the rank of India in Internet Resilience Index?

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th

Answer : B

- ✓ India, a rapidly developing nation in the realm of technology and connectivity, has achieved an overall score of 43 percent in the Internet Resilience Index (IRI).
- ✓ This achievement positions India as the sixth-ranked country in the South Asian region.
- ✓ The IRI, developed by the global non-profit organization Internet Society, provides a comprehensive assessment of a country's internet ecosystem, taking into account factors such as security, performance, infrastructure, and market readiness.
- ✓ Security Stepping Up: India's IPv6 Adoption :



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- ✓ He further informed that earlier this year in March Basohli Painting of Kathua and Ladakh Wood Carving of Ladakh got GI tag through NABARD support.
- ✓ Further 05 more products of J&K are in the final stages of getting GI Tag.
- ✓ Chikri is a pale, honey-coloured, fine grained softwood found in hill ranges of Rajouri district of Jammu province.
- ✓ The Chikri woodcraft of Rajouri is characterized by intricate carving and detailing.

Q. What is the current repo rate after the third bi-monthly monetary policy for FY24?

- A) 4.5% B) 7.5%
C) 5.5% D) 6.5%

Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das announced the third bi-monthly monetary policy for FY24.
- ✓ The three-day meeting of the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI was held from August 8 to 10.
- ✓ The RBI kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%. Since May 2022, the central bank has raised the repo rate by 250 basis points (bps).
- ✓ Interest Rates
- ✓ Repo rate unchanged at 6.5%
- ✓ Standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 6.25%
- ✓ Marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and Bank Rate maintained at 6.75%
- ✓ CRR at 4.5%
- ✓ SLR at 18.00%
- ✓ Reverse Repo Rate is 3.35%
- ✓ Real GDP growth projection for FY224 retained at 6.5%
- ✓ The Reserve Bank is planning to artificial intelligence (AI) in UPI payments. Near Field Communication (NFC) technology will be deployed in offline payments via in UPI-Lite
- ✓ RBI proposes to enhance transactions limits for small value digital payments to ₹500 from ₹200 in UPI Lite



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- ✓ To absorb surplus liquidity generated by various factors, including return of ₹2000 notes to the banking system, RBI has asked banks to maintain an incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (ICRR) of 10 per cent on the increase in their deposits between May 19 and July 28.
- ✓ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced that the cash reserve ratio (CRR) remains unchanged at 4.5 per cent.
- ✓ Next meeting of the RBI rate setting panel (MPC) will be held October 4-6.
- ✓ The MPC has 6 members: three RBI officials and three externals. The three external members of MPC are: Shashanka Bhide, Ashima Goyal and Jayanth R Varma. Besides governor Shaktikanta Das, the other RBI officials in MPC are Rajiv Ranjan (executive director) and Michael Debabrata Patra (deputy governor).

Q. Which Small Finance bank has launched a 24x7 of Video Banking Service, providing customers with real-time video calls for banking services?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank has launched 24x7 for 365 days of Video Banking, providing customers with real-time video calls for banking services.
- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank is the first bank in India to launch this type of service.
- ✓ This facility is available to the bank's customers irrespective of the type of their banking relationship (credit card, loan, savings, digital savings, basic service savings, current account, etc).
- ✓ Even Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan account holders of AU SFB can avail of this video banking service for free.
- ✓ This 24X7 video calling feature deployed an advanced encryption layer for transmitting data between the customer's device to the bank's servers.
- ✓ As of 2023, there are 12 Small Finance Banks in India.
- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded :1996
- ✓ Founder : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Tagline : Chalo Aage Badhein



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SMALL FINANCE BANK IN NEWS 2023

- AU Small Finance Bank, the largest small finance bank in India, has taken a remarkable step forward in customer service with the launch of their innovative 24×7 video banking platform.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a partnership with IBM Consulting to develop and construct a digital banking platform.
- Arya.ag announces partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank to drive farmers' financial inclusion.
- AU Small Finance Bank has announced that it has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an authorized dealer in foreign exchange. The bank has received a license to operate as an Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD-I) under section 10 of FEMA, 1999.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank announced the launch of 'Blossom Women's Savings Account' with 7 percent per annum interest rate with monthly interest credit.
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launches Hello Ujjivan- India's first voice, visual, vernacular banking app.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank has bagged the prestigious Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022 for its contributions in advancing the goal of financial inclusion and supporting inclusive growth.
- Reserve Bank of India gave its approval to SBI Funds Management Ltd to acquire up to 9.99% stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank through the schemes of SBI Mutual Fund.
- AU Small Finance Bank introduces RuPay credit card for self-employed Customers

Q. Who has been appointed as the sole head coach of Badminton Association of India's Guwahati National Center of Excellence?

A) Mulyo Handoyo

B) Ivan Sazonov

C) Tony Gunawan

D) Pullela Gopichand

Answer : A

- ✓ Indonesian Mulyo Handoyo has been appointed as the singles head coach at the National Center of Excellence in Guwahati, with the Badminton Association of India (BAI) also roping in two more foreign coaches for the newly-constructed facility.



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- 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. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court?

- A) Justice Prem Prakash Sinha B) Justice Deepak Kumar Mishra
C) Justice Daya Shankar Pandey D) Justice Subhasis Talapatra

Answer : D

- ✓ Justice Subhasis Talapatra, Judge of the Orissa High Court, took oath as the 33rd Chief Justice of the High Court consequent upon the superannuation of its former Chief Justice Dr. S. Muralidhar. He was administered oath by Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Governor of Odisha.

Q. Who has launched the e-portal of 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh'?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ During the National Handloom Day celebration held at Bharat Mandapan in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the e-portal 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh - A Repository of Textiles and Crafts.'
- ✓ The portal has been developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in collaboration with the Ministry of Textiles. It aims to create a comprehensive catalogue of India's diverse clothing on a single platform.
- ✓ Speaking at the event, the Prime Minister highlighted how the rich tapestry of Indian clothing and textiles is a mirror of the country's vibrant cultural heritage.
- ✓ During the event, the PM also informed that the turnover of the khadi and village industries has reached more than Rs 1.3 lakh crore, as compared to around Rs 30,000 crore 9 years ago.



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- ✓ The celebration of National Handloom Day was initiated by the government 8 years ago, with the first one taking place on August 7, 2015.

Q. Central government has approved to Build Research Parks at __IITs, IISc Bangalore in August 2023.

- A) 8 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)
- B) 9 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)
- C) 10 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)
- D) 11 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)

Answer : A

- ✓ The Central government has approved the setting up of research parks at 8 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore to augment the research ecosystem in the country, according to the Union Education Ministry.
- ✓ To strengthen the country's research ecosystem, the government will build research parks at IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Guwahati, and IIT Kanpur as well as IISc Bangalore.

Q. India will contribute ___USD from the India-UN Development Partnership Fund to the Tuvalu project in August 2023.

- A) 500,000 USD
- B) 600,000 USD
- C) 700,000 USD
- D) 800,000 USD

Answer : C

- ✓ According to a statement from India's Permanent Mission to the UN, the country will contribute 700,000 USD from the India-UN Development Partnership Fund to the Tuvalu project to store and provide clean water in schools.
- ✓ Notably, the only public school in Tuvalu is called "Motufoua Secondary School."
- ✓ With a 760 metric cube capacity, the proposed concrete water cistern will store and supply clean water to students, teachers, and school staff, fostering good hygiene and lowering the incidence of water-borne illnesses.



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Q. Which country will launch the BRICS start-up forum 2023 during BRICS Meeting?

- A) Russia
B) India
C) South Africa
D) China

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal represented India at the virtual 7th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Industry Minister's Meeting, hosted by South Africa
- ✓ During the meeting, Goyal announced India's plans to launch the BRICS Startup Forum in 2023.
- ✓ The minister while highlighting the transformation that has taken place in India, also commented on the expanding Startup India initiative that has led to the creation of nearly 100,000 startups in the country.
- ✓ He focused on "Transforming Production Systems" and the support India can offer to other BRICS members and the wider international community.
- ✓ They also re-emphasized the need for digitalization, industrialization, innovation, inclusiveness, and investment among BRICS countries.
- ✓ The BRICS group of nations comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. It accounts for more than 40% of the world's population and about 26% of the global economy.
- ✓ About BRICS
- ✓ The full form of BRICS is Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- ✓ Goldman Sachs economist Jim O'Neill coined the term BRIC (without South Africa) in 2001.
- ✓ He claimed that by 2050, the four BRIC economies would dominate the global economy by 2050.
- ✓ South Africa was included in the list in 2010.
- ✓ The presidency of the Forum is rotated annually among the members.
- ✓ BRICS accounts for about 40% of the world's population.
- ✓ It accounts for 30% of the world's GDP (Gross Domestic Product).
- ✓ In the year 2014, during the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, the BRICS leaders signed an agreement to establish a New Development Bank (NDB).

Q. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of SBI Life Insurance Company?

- A) Amit Jhingran
B) Debadatta Chand
C) J Packirisamy
D) Mallikarjuna Rao



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Answer : A

- ✓ Amit Jhingran appoints as MD & CEO of SBI Life Insurance
- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved the appointment of Amit Jhingran as the new MD & CEO of SBI Life Insurance Company.
- ✓ He had a successful career with the SBI spanning over 30 years.
- ✓ Currently, he serves as the Chief General Manager of the Hyderabad circle.
- ✓ SBI Life is an Indian life insurance company which was started as a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI) and French financial institution BNP Paribas Cardif. SBI has a 55.50% stake in the company and BNP Paribas Cardif owns a 0.22% stake
- ✓ SBI Life Insurance Company
- ✓ Founded : 2001
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai
- ✓ MD & CEO : Amit Jhingran

Q. The World Biofuel Day is celebrated all over the globe on which day?

- A) 8 August
- B) 10 August
- C) 9 August
- D) 11 August

Answer : B

- ✓ The International Biofuel Day (World Biofuel Day) is observed every year on August 10 to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by Government in the biofuel sector.
- ✓ The Day is being observed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas since 2015.

Q. Which day of the year is observed as Nagasaki Day?

- A) 6 August
- B) 7 August
- C) 8 August
- D) 9 August

Answer : D

- ✓ In 2023, the world is observing the 78th anniversary of the Nagasaki bombing that took place on August 9, 1945.



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- ✓ United States dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan and was codenamed “Fat Man” due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape.
- ✓ The atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima (August 6) forced Japan to surrender, thus ending World War II.

Q. August 10 is dedicated to observing which of these days?

- A) World Elephant Day B) World Lion Day
C) World Tiger Day D) World Fish Day

Answer : B

- ✓ World Lion Day is observed globally on August 10 every year with the following objective:
- ✓ raise awareness of lion and the issues that the species faces in the wild.
- ✓ find ways to protect the big cat’s natural environment
- ✓ educate people who live near wild cats on the dangers and how to protect themselves
- ✓ The World Lion Day was launched in 2013.
- ✓ The big cat is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN Red List.

Q. Which bank will acquire the remaining 7 percent stake in Max Life Insurance for Rs 1,612 crore?

- A) HDFC Bank B) Axis Bank
C) Yes Bank D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Axis Bank to acquire balance 7% stake in Max Life for Rs 1,612 crore
- ✓ Axis Bank, along with its subsidiaries will acquire the remaining 7 percent stake in Max Life Insurance.
- ✓ Acquisitions, Divestments, and Merger Committee has approved infusion of Rs 1,612 crore in Max Life through preferential allotment.
- ✓ The combined weight of Axis Bank, Axis Securities, and Axis Capital has already provided them with a significant 12.02 percent stake in Max Life.
- ✓ With the acquisition of the additional 7 percent stake, the collective holdings of Axis Entities will surge to a slightly over 19.02 percent stake in Max Life.
- ✓ Notably, this strategic move will also see an increase in Axis Bank’s direct stake in Max Life to 16.22 percent.



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AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Axis Bank to acquire balance 7% stake in Max Life for Rs 1,612 crore.
- Axis Bank Partners with Kiwi to Bolster 'Credit on UPI' on RuPay Credit Cards.
- 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 co-lending model.
- Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank Partners with OPEN to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account.
- AXIS BANK
- Founded : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. 5.33 crore subscribers have so far enrolled in Atal Pension Yojana (APY), the government told in Lok Shaba. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is administered by which organisation?

A) PFRDA

B) RBI

C) LIC

D) IRDAI

Answer : A

- ✓ 5.33 crore subscribers have so far enrolled in Atal Pension Yojana (APY), the government told in Lok Shaba.
- ✓ It aims to deliver old age income security to all citizens of India, particularly to the workers in the unorganised sector.
- ✓ Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched on 9 May 2015 and was operationalized from 1 June 2015.



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- 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 slum-free by the end of 2023

Q. Who has launched the e-portal of 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh' – a Repository of Textiles and Crafts developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)?

- A) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar B) Narendra Singh Tomar
C) Dharmendra Pradhan D) Narendra Modi

Answer : D

- ✓ PM Modi launched 'Bhartiya Vastra Evam Shilp Kosh' E-Portal
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the e-portal of 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh' – a Repository of Textiles and Crafts developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).
- ✓ The launch was held on the 9th National Handloom Day celebration at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, Delhi.



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Answer : B

- ✓ Indian wrestler Savita, who entered the event as the defending champion, won the only gold medal for India in the women's 61kg weight division in World aCadet Wrestling Championships 2023.
- ✓ India bagged a total of 11 medals, including 1 gold, 7 silver, and 3 bronze at the World Cadet Wrestling Championship 2023 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ✓ India finished sixth in the men's freestyle and fourth in men's Greco-Roman team rankings as well.
- ✓ However, it was the women's freestyle where India shone best by finishing third, only behind Japan and USA, with 118 points in the team rankings.

Q. Who has been recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the first-ever RICS South Asia Awards?

- A) Subhash Runwal B) Radhakishan Damani
C) Bhavish Aggarwal D) Karsanbhai Patel

Answer : A

- ✓ Subhash Runwal, Chairman – Runwal, a leading real estate developer with a legacy of over four decades, was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the first-ever RICS South Asia Awards.
- ✓ RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) is a global industry body representing professionals across the country.
- ✓ Hosting its first-ever awards, it aimed to recognize global and Indian industry-leading achievements and demonstrate the upholding of the highest standards of professionalism and ethics by individuals and teams across built and natural environments.
- ✓ This recognition is a testimony to Runwal's exceptional contributions, outstanding achievements, and unwavering dedication to the real estate sector

Q. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has commemorated its 7th Foundation Day on which day?

- A) 11 August 2023 B) 09 August 2023
C) 08 August 2023 D) 10 August 2023

Answer : D

- ✓ Government e-Marketplace (GeM) commemorates its 7th Foundation Day on 10 August 2023.



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- ✓ GeM has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering positive change, and its journey over the past seven years has been marked by remarkable achievements that have propelled it to become one of the largest public procurement portal in terms of both transaction value and the breadth of the buyer-seller ecosystem
- ✓ In an astonishingly short span of time, GeM has surpassed the achievements of renowned public procurement platforms such as South Korea's KONEPS and Singapore's GeBIZ.
- ✓ In 2023, GeM achieved a milestone of INR 2 lakh crore in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) for the fiscal year 2022-23.
- ✓ GeM is India's online marketplace for public procurement. Launched in 2016, GeM facilitates transparent and efficient procurement for government departments, organizations, and PSUs

Q. Who has been awarded the Tech Startup of the Year (AI) at the 13th Annual Entrepreneur India Awards?

- A) Cred
- B) Jio Haptik
- C) Dream 11
- D) Bharti Airtel

Answer : B

- ✓ Jio Haptik has been honored with the Tech Startup of the Year (Artificial Intelligence) award at the prestigious 13th Annual Entrepreneur India Awards.
- ✓ Swapan Rajdev, Haptik's co-founder & CTO, received the award as the ceremony organized by Entrepreneur India, in media partnership with Entrepreneur magazine and Entrepreneur.com, was held at the Hotel JW Marriott, Aerocity, New Delhi.
- ✓ Jio Haptik emerged as the winner of the Tech Startup of the Year in AI from 1000 other entries for the same award, highlighting the company's distinctive contribution to the technology landscape. It is testament to Jio Haptik's commitment to developing groundbreaking AI-driven solutions that set the industry benchmark for innovation and transformation.
- ✓ Aakrit Vaish, CEO and co-founder of Jio Haptik, was elated as he said: "We are humbled and thrilled to be named the Tech Startup of the Year in Artificial Intelligence"



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Q. Which state assembly has passed a resolution urging the Center to change the name of the state?

- A) Bihar
B) Assam
C) Kerala
D) Punjab

Answer : C

- ✓ Kerala Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the Central Government to change the name of the state from 'Kerala' to 'Keralam'.
- ✓ The resolution was moved by CM Pinarayi Vijayan who stated that the name 'Keralam' is used in the Malayalam language.
- ✓ The resolution said, "The name of our state in Malayalam is Keralam. States were formed on the basis of language on November 1, 1956. That day is also observed as Kerala formation day.
- ✓ The demand for a united Kerala for all Malayalam-speaking communities has been strongly raised right from the days of the freedom struggle.
- ✓ However, the name of our state in the First Schedule of the Constitution has been written as Kerala. This Assembly is unanimously requesting the Union Government to take immediate steps under Article 3 of the Constitution to change the name of the state to Keralam

Q. India's first post office near LoC has been inaugurated in which district of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A) Rajouri
B) Kupwara
C) Kishtwar
D) Udhampur

Answer : B

- ✓ INDIA'S 'first' Post Office bearing PIN code 193224 is located on the banks of the Kishanganga river, the de facto Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's "Kupwara" district with Pakistan-occupied territory just across the stream at a stone's throw.
- ✓ It was known as the last Post Office of the country until recently, when the signboard near it described it as the "First Post Office of India", as it is the first one from the LoC or border in terms of distance

Q. Which Country leader has replaced its Chief of General Staff, 'Pak Su II'?

- A) North Korean
B) Russia
C) China
D) South Korean

Answer : A



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- ✓ The Supreme Leader of North Korea leader "Kim Jong Un" has replaced a high-ranking military official and ordered intensified military training and weapon production, according to reports from the country's state media KCNA.
- ✓ The move comes amidst escalating tensions and as South Korea and the United States prepare for joint military drills.

Q. Jitendra Singh has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Which State?

A) Gujarat

B) Odisha

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ The Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu, for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ The Indian Space Policy 2023 has the provision for utilisation of a spaceport for carrying out launch activities by Non-Government Entities (NGEs), subject to technical feasibility and range safety constraints.
- ✓ The Policy has been approved and released into public domain.
- ✓ The Policy opens up the sector for enhanced participation of NGEs across the entire value chain of the space economy, while clearly delineating the roles of various stakeholders like IN-SPACE, ISRO, NewSpace India Limited and Department of Space.
- ✓ Singh said that the the Government has set up the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) as a single-window agency for promotion and authorisation of space activities.
- ✓ The budget allocations for IN-SPACE are :
 - ✓ 2023-24 ₹95 crore
 - ✓ 2022-23 ₹33 crore
 - ✓ 2021-22 ₹10 crore
- ✓ **LIGO-India project approved**
- ✓ The minister also informed that the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory – India (LIGO-India) project has been approved by the Government of India at an estimated cost of ₹2,600 crore, with Department of Atomic Energy as the Lead Agency. He said, after completion of the project, the LIGO-India



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will be operated as a national facility for detecting Gravitation Waves and Research in related areas of Astronomy.

- ✓ Kulasekarapattinam will be used by private companies to launch small satellites into orbit.
- ✓ On the new launch pad that ISRO is building at Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district along the coast in Tamil Nadu, SIRO Chairman S Somanath said that nearly 99 per cent of the 2,000 acres has been transferred to ISRO by the Tamil Nadu government.
- ✓ **Space Industrial Park**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government is planning to set up Space Industrial Park and Propellants Park near Thoothukudi to take advantage of the Centre's move to build the Kulasekarapattinam spaceport.

Q. Mushkbudji Rice of which state has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

A) Maharashtra

B) Karnatata

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, Mushkbudji Rice received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ **About Mushkbudji Rice:**
- ✓ It is short bold aromatic rice grown in higher reaches of Kashmir valley.
- ✓ The cooked rice is unique and possesses a harmonious blend of taste, aroma and rich organoleptic properties.
- ✓ It is mainly is grown in areas of Sagam, Panzgam and Soaf Shali of district Anantnag and Beerwah belt of district Budgam.
- ✓ The consumption of aromatic rice in Kashmir has now been limited to special occasions, marriages, and festivals.

GI TAG IN NEWS 2023

- Mushkbudji rice, which was granted the GI tag along with eight other products from Jammu and Kashmir.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- Geographical Indications Registry, in June 2023, accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the Kari Ishad mango predominantly grown in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada in Karnataka .
- Mircha rice variety from West Champaran district of Bihar has recently been granted the GI tag.



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- With the recently added products in GI tag lists, has made the total number of GI tags in India 2023 to over 430.
- The products included are Tandur red gram of Telangana, gamocha of Assam, Alibag white onion of Maharashtra, and Raktsey Karpo apricot of Ladakh among others.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- 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).
- Ladakh wood carvings, also known as 'Ladakh Shingskos', have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI tag was granted to Tamil Nadu's famous Cumbum Paneer Thirachai, also known as Cumbum Grapes.
- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Banarasi paan has been awarded the GI tag, which signifies its unique identity and origin. Three other foods from the Varanasi region, including Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal), and Adamchini rice, have also received the GI tag.
- Chhattisgarh's Nagri Dubraj rice variety gets geographical indication tag.
- Gamocha', a symbol of the culture and identity of Assam, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- European Commission (EC) has recently granted Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, a unique variety of tea grown in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh in India.
- The Central Government has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana, Bihar.
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



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- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- What is GI tag?
- A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q. NASA's Curiosity Rover recently captured the crepuscular rays on which planet?

A) Saturn

B) Jupiter

C) Neptune

D) Mars

Answer : D

- ✓ NASA's Curiosity Mars rover recently spotted distinctive hexagonal mud cracks on Mars that scientists speculate may offer the first evidence of wet-dry cycles on the planet.
- ✓ About Mars Curiosity Rover:
- ✓ It is a S. robotic vehicle designed to explore the surface of Mars.
- ✓ It was launched aboard an Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida on Nov. 26, 2011, and landed on Aug. 5, 2012, after taking eight months and 10 days to reach the Red Planet.
- ✓ The rover is currently roaming Mars' landscape looking for signs of life and learning about the Red Planet's unique environment.
- ✓ The rover is part of NASA's Mars Science Laboratory mission which tested a novel landing method that saw the spacecraft descend on a parachute before its landing system fired up its rockets and hovered as the rover was lowered down onto the surface.
- ✓ Features:
- ✓ It is about 3 metres long and weighs about 900 kg.



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- ✓ It does not rely on solar cells for its energy needs but rather draws its electric power from a thermoelectric power generator, with the heat source being the radioactive decay of plutonium and the heat sink being Mars's atmosphere.
- ✓ According to NASA, Curiosity has four main science goals in support of the agency's Mars exploration program:
 - ✓ Determine whether life ever arose on Mars.
 - ✓ Characterize the climate of Mars.
 - ✓ Characterize the geology of Mars.
 - ✓ Prepare for human exploration.
- ✓ What is NASA's Perseverance rover?
- ✓ It is a robotic explorer to land on Mars as part of NASA's ongoing Mars 2020 Mission.
- ✓ Main Job: Seek signs of ancient life and collect samples of rock and regolith (broken rock and soil) for possible return to Earth.
- ✓ The rover will collect samples of rock and soil, encase them in tubes, and leave them on the planet's surface to be returned to Earth at a future date.
- ✓ Launch: It was launched on July 30, 2020 from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- ✓ Landing: Successfully landed on the surface of Mars's Jezero Crater on Feb. 18, 2021.

Q. Bandhavgarh Forest Reserve, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ A seven-month-old female tiger cub was found dead under suspicious circumstances at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.
- ✓ About Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve:
 - ✓ Location:
 - ✓ It is located in the Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh.
 - ✓ It is spread over the Vindhya hills.
 - ✓ Bandhavgarh was declared a national park in 1968 and then became Tiger Reserve in 1993.



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- ✓ It derives its name from the most prominent hillock in the area, which was said to be given by Hindu Lord Rama to his brother Lakshmana to keep a watch on Lanka. Hence the name Bandhavgarh (Sanskrit: Brother's Fort).
- ✓ It is known for the Royal Bengal Tigers. The density of the tiger population at Bandhavgarh is the highest known in India as well as in the world.
- ✓ Topography: Varies between steep ridges, undulating forests and open meadows.

TIGER RESERVE IN NEWS 2023

- A seven-month-old female tiger cub was found dead under suspicious circumstances at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
- Bihar government to constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for suggesting measures for the reintroduction of rhino conservation scheme in 'Valmiki Tiger Reserve' in West Champaran district.
- India's Tiger Population Reaches 3,925 with 6.1% Annual Growth Rate, Holds 75% of Global Wild Tiger Population.
- A photo of an elephant taken at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Tamil Nadu has emerged as the winner of the Siena Drone Photo Awards 2023.
- According to the latest tiger census data released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the number of tigers in India is set to reach 3,167 in 2022.
- Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka completed 50 years as a Project Tiger Reserve 1 April 2023.
- Tiger Safari in Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) in Rajasthan's Bundi district is expected to be open in July.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana..
- Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav informed that Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan has been notified as the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India.
- The new butterfly park at Anamalai Tiger Reserve emphasises the need to conserve indigenous species.
- It was earlier known as Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park and as Anamalai Wildlife Sanctuary.
- It is located in Tamilnadu.



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- Project Tiger is a tiger conservation programme launched on April 1, 1973 by the Government of India during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's tenure.
- Madhya Pradesh has the most number of tiger reserves with six in total.
- The national animal of India is the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger. Its scientific name is Panthera .

Q. Which institution releases the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) output data?

- A) National Statistical Office
- B) National Sample Survey Organisation
- C) Labour bureau
- D) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

Answer : A

- ✓ India's Index of Industrial Production in India declined to a three-month low of 3.7 per cent in June, mainly due to poor showing by the manufacturing sector.
- ✓ **About Index of Industrial Production:**
- ✓ It is one of the Prime indicators of economic development for the measurement of trends in the behavior of Industrial Production over a period of time with reference to a chosen base year.
- ✓ It indicates the relative change of physical production in the field of industries during a specified year as compared to the previous year.
- ✓ It is computed and published by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on a monthly basis.
- ✓ **Base Year:**
- ✓ The base is always given a value of 100.
- ✓ The current base year for the IIP series in India is 2011-12.
- ✓ So, if the current IIP reads as 116, it means that there has been 16% growth compared to the base year.
- ✓ **Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI):**
- ✓ ICI measures the collective and individual performance of production in selected eight core industries Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Petroleum Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity.
- ✓ The objective of the ICI is to provide an advance indication of production performance of industries of 'core' nature before the release of IIP by the Central Statistics Office.
- ✓ These industries are likely to impact general economic activities as well as industrial activities.



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- ✓ These stars are characterized by diverse heavy elements abundance patterns and are primarily classified into four groups, based on which groups of heavy elements are more abundant.
- ✓ These are mostly dwarf stars, sub-giant stars, or giant stars, and stars that belong to these evolutionary stages cannot produce elements heavier than iron.

Q. Which Union Ministry manages the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)?

- A) Ministry of Steel B) Ministry of Rural Development
C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs D) Ministry of Communications

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, in a step towards financial literacy, Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) launched two Investor Awareness Vans titled “Niveshak Sarathi as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- ✓ About Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)
- ✓ It was established in 2016 under the Companies Act, of 2013.
- ✓ The Authority is entrusted with
- ✓ The responsibility of administration of the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF).
- ✓ Make refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, matured deposits/debentures etc. to investors and promote awareness among investors.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Q. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited has secured a coveted place in the esteemed Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Global Standard Index, effective from__.

- A) 1st September 2023 B) 1st January 2024
C) 1st December 2023 D) 1st October 2023

Answer : A

- ✓ Rural Electrification Corporation Limited under the Ministry of Power, has secured a coveted place in the esteemed Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Global Standard Index, effective from 1st September 2023.
- ✓ **About MSCI Index:**
- ✓ It is owned by the multinational investment management and financial services company Morgan Stanley.



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- ✓ It is an investment research firm that provides stock indexes, portfolio risk and performance analytics, and governance tools to institutional investors and hedge funds.
- ✓ It is a leading provider of critical decision support tools, including stock indexes, and services for the global investment community.
- ✓ MSCI indices facilitate the construction and monitoring of portfolios in a cohesive and complete manner, avoiding benchmark misfit. It has over 160,000 indices in its portfolio.
- ✓ MSCI has indexes for countries, regions, emerging markets, developed markets, small cap, all cap and even Islamic indexes.
- ✓ It selects stocks for its equity indexes that are easily traded and have high liquidity, with companies having high free float getting more weightage.
- ✓ What is MSCI India Index?
- ✓ The MSCI India Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the Indian market.
- ✓ With 113 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the Indian equity universe.
- ✓ The index is reviewed quarterly

Q. What is PUSHp?

- A) A portal for surplus power trading**
- B) A platform for demand-response management**
- C) A marketplace for energy storage solutions**
- D) An online community for energy sector professionals**

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the National Power Committee (NPC) has asked States to provide suggestions for offering incentives to buyers and sellers on the surplus power portal PUSHp.
- ✓ About PUSHp portal:
- ✓ A High Price Day Ahead Market (HP-DAM) and Surplus Power Portal (PUSHp) was launched by the Ministry of Power.
- ✓ It was launched to ensure greater availability of power during the peak demand season at a price higher than the ceiling of Rs 12 per unit by certain category of sellers.



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- ✓ The power distribution companies (DISCOMs) will be able to indicate their surplus power in block times / days / months on portal.
- ✓ Those DISCOMs who need power will be able to requisition the surplus power.
- ✓ The new buyer will pay both variable charge (VC) and fixed cost (FC) as determined by Regulators. Once power is reassigned, the original beneficiary shall have no right to recall as entire FC liability is also shifted to the new beneficiary.
- ✓ This will reduce the fixed cost burden on the DISCOMs, and will also enable all the available generation capacity to be utilized.

Q. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, which were seen in the news, are located in which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) has embarked on an ambitious journey by formulating its inaugural 'five-year-plan' to safeguard turtles, conduct species identification and estimate their populations both within and outside the reserve.
- ✓ About Pilibhit Tiger Reserve:
- ✓ It is located in Pilibhit District, Lakhimpur Kheri District and Bahraich District of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ It lies along the India-Nepal border in the foothills of the Himalayas and the plains of the 'terai' in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The river Gomti originates from the reserve, which is also the catchment of several others like Sharda, Chuka and Mala Khannot.
- ✓ The Sharda Sagar Dam extending up to a length of 22 km (14 mi) is on the boundary of the reserve.

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to organize a campaign under Road Safety Fortnight from July 17 to 31.
- Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state.



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- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to cancel all Traffic Chalan for private and commercial vehicle owners pending from 2017 to 2021.
- UP holds 2nd position in GI tagged products.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- The state government has given green signal to the project of setting Uttar Pradesh a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- Uttar Pradesh introduces “School Health Program” digital health cards for children.
- The online rural education initiative ‘Pahal’ was officially launched by Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra at Government UP Sainik Inter College in Sarojini Nagar.
- Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India’s first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of ‘Family ID – One Family One Identity’.
- Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.
- Uttar Pradesh came in third with its tableau commemorating Ayodhya's Deepotsav.
- Uttar Pradesh Government Launched ‘Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan’ Campaign.
- Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India’s first data centre at Greater Noida.
- Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021.



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- Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- Kannuj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India.
- Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region

Q. What is the aim of the National Social Assistance Programme?

- A) To provide financial assistance to women
- B) Old-age pension to very poor
- C) To provide education and training to the weaker sections of the society
- D) To provide financial security to the vulnerable sections of society

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India submitted the report on the performance audit of the National Social Assistance Programme from 2017-18 to 2020-21.
- ✓ About National Social Assistance Programme:
- ✓ It was launched on 15th August, 1995.
- ✓ Objective
- ✓ It is a social security and welfare programme to provide support to aged persons, widows, disabled persons and bereaved families on death of primary bread winner,
- ✓ belonging to below poverty line households.
- ✓ Eligibility
- ✓ For getting benefits under NSAP the applicant must belong to a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family according to the criteria prescribed by the Govt. of India.
- ✓ The other eligibility criteria and the scale of central assistance under the sub - schemes of NSAP are as follows.
- ✓ Presently NSAP comprises of five schemes, namely –



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- ✓ Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS): The eligible age for IGNOAPS is 60 years. The pension is Rs.200 p.m. for persons between 60 years and 79 years. For persons who are 80 years and above the pension is Rs.500/ - per month.
- ✓ Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS): Widow aged 40 years will get pension is Rs.300 per month. After attaining the age of 80 years, the beneficiary will get Rs.500/ - per month.
- ✓ National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) : In the event of death of the bread – winner Rs. 20000/ - will be given as a lumpsum assistance to the bereaved household. The breadwinner should have been between 18-60 years of age.
- ✓ Annapurna: The scheme aims at provide food security to meet the requirements of those eligible old aged persons who have remained uncovered under the IGNOAPS. Under this programme 10 kgs of food grains (wheat or rice) is given per month per beneficiary.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development

Q. What is Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)?

- A) The fraction of the deposits that commercial banks lend to the customers.
- B) The fraction of the deposits that RBI must keep with commercial banks.
- C) The fraction of the deposits that commercial banks must keep with RBI.
- D) The fraction of the deposits that commercial banks must keep with the central government.

Answer : C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently asked Indian banks to set aside a larger share of incremental deposits under the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR).
- ✓ About Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR):
- ✓ Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) is the share of a bank's total deposit that is mandated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to be maintained with the latter as reserves in the form of liquid cash.
- ✓ The bank cannot use this amount for lending and investment purposes and does not get any interest from the RBI.
- ✓ CRR applies to scheduled commercial banks, while the regional rural banks and NBFCs are excluded.
- ✓ Key objectives of the Cash Reserve Ratio:
- ✓ CRR helps control inflation. In a high-inflation environment, RBI can increase CRR to prevent banks from lending more.



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- ✓ CRR also ensures banks have a minimum amount of funds readily available to customers even during huge demand.
- ✓ CRR serves as the reference rate for loans. Also known as the base rate for loans, the banks cannot offer loans below this rate.
- ✓ Since CRR regulates the money supply, it boosts the economy whenever required by lowering the CRR.
- ✓ How is CRR Calculated?
- ✓ CRR is calculated as a percentage of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL).
- ✓ This percentage is fixed by the RBI and is changed from time to time by the central bank itself.
- ✓ NDTL for banking refers to the aggregate savings account, current account and fixed deposit balances held by a bank.
- ✓ Currently, the CRR is fixed at 4.50%. This means that for every Rs 100 worth of deposits, the bank has to keep Rs 4.5 with the RBI.
- ✓ Key Facts about Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR):
- ✓ SLR is a minimum percentage of deposits that a commercial bank has to maintain in the form of liquid cash, gold or other securities.
- ✓ It is basically the reserve requirement that banks are expected to keep before offering credit to customers.
- ✓ However, these deposits are maintained by the banks themselves and not with the RBI.
- ✓ The SLR is fixed by the RBI.

Q. Which State government has launched scheme to improve banking penetration in 4,373 Panchayats?

A) Odisha

B) Jharkhand

C) West Bengal

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Odisha Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved to open banking outlets in 4,373 unbanked gram panchayats at a cost of Rs 500 crore in Aug 2023.
- ✓ Aim : To improve financial inclusion, will be implemented in coordination with six public sector banks in a phased manner.
- ✓ The Odisha government will provide rent-free banking space for five years. It will also bear one-time expenses for fixed cost and recurring expenses for a period of three years.



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- ✓ The cabinet also approved a new scheme NUA-Odisha —Nutana (new), Unnata (developed), Abhilasha (aspirational) — with an outlay of Rs 385 crore that aims to skill one lakh youth every year in the state during the next three years.

Q. Who launched the 3rd edition of the UPI Safety Awareness Campaign, "UPI Chalega" in August 2023?

- A) NTPC
B) NPCI
C) NITI Aayog
D) Ministry of Finance

Answer : B

- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the 3rd edition of the UPI Safety Awareness Campaign, "UPI Chalega".
- ✓ The campaign aims to promote UPI as an easy, safe, and instant mode of payment. It also educates users about various features such as UPI LITE, which enables swift low-value transactions;
- ✓ UPI AUTOPAY, which allows secure and convenient recurring payments using any UPI application; and UPI Interoperability, which facilitates seamless money transfers between all UPI-enabled applications.
- ✓ UPI has revolutionized digital payments, witnessing increased transaction value and volume. The campaign was launched in 2020 under the Financial Literacy Advisory Committee (FLAC) guidance.
- ✓ UPI Chalega Campaign 1.0 and 2.0 played a crucial role in expanding UPI's outreach, educating users about its safety, and enhancing its ease of use for various transactions, making it the preferred payment choice.
- ✓ UPI Chalega 3.0 Aim :
- ✓ To drive UPI adoption and safe usage through engaging initiatives. The campaign aims to boost UPI's brand awareness, amplify understanding of its features, and encourage wider adoption among new users.

Q. Which day of the year has been dedicated to be celebrated as the International Youth Day annually?

- A) 10 August
B) 11 August
C) 12 August
D) 13 August

Answer : C

- ✓ International Youth Day (IYD) is observed on August 12 annually to draw attention of governments and others towards youth issues worldwide.
- ✓ 2023 Theme : Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World



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- ✓ The day was designated by the United Nations in 1999.
- ✓ The first IYD was observed on 12 August, 2000.
- ✓ National Youth Day is celebrated in India every year on 12 January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The day was declared by the Government of India in 1984 while the event was first celebrated in 1985.

Q. When is the World Elephant Day observed globally?

A) 13 August

B) 11 August

C) 10 August

D) 12 August

Answer : D

- ✓ World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12 globally for the preservation and protection of the global elephants.
- ✓ The main objective of World Elephant Day is to create awareness on elephant conservation, and to share knowledge and positive solutions for the better protection and management of wild and captive elephants.
- ✓ The day is being officially celebrated since 2012.
- ✓ Save the Elephant Day is celebrated on April 16 every year to raise awareness about the dangers elephants face and various difficulties they have to overcome to live.
- ✓ Asia's 'longest-tusked' elephant Bhogeshwara dies of natural causes.
- ✓ Interesting facts about Elephant
- ✓ Project Elephant : 1992
- ✓ Elephas Maximus : Elephant Scientific Name
- ✓ India's first Elephant Hospital Opens In Mathura
- ✓ India's 1st Elephant Rehabilitation Centre to Open in Kottor Kerala
- ✓ India's 1st water clinic for elephants has opened in Mathura
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has got its first elephant colony in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Karnataka has the highest number of elephants (6,049)
- ✓ Botswana has world's largest elephant population
- ✓ Elephant : State animal of Jharkhand, Kerala and Karnataka
- ✓ Singphan Elephant Reserve Nagaland 30th elephant reserve
- ✓ Bholu (Elephant) is the official mascot of Indian Railways



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Q. What is the theme of the 2022 International Youth Day (IYD)?

- A) Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages
- B) Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health
- C) Youth Engagement for Global Action
- D) Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World

Answer : D

- ✓ The theme for International Youth Day in 2023 is 'Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World'

Q. The Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in which state for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ The Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- ✓ The Indian Space Policy 2023 has the provision for the utilization of a spaceport for carrying out launch activities by Non-Government Entities (NGEs), subject to technical feasibility and range safety constraints.
- ✓ The Indian Space Policy 2023 has the provision for the utilization of a spaceport for carrying out launch activities by Non-Government Entities (NGEs), subject to technical feasibility and range safety constraints.
- ✓ The Policy opens up the sector for enhanced participation of NGEs across the entire value chain of the space economy, while clearly delineating the roles of various stakeholders like IN-SPACe, ISRO, New Space India Limited and Department of Space.
- ✓ The Government has set up the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) as a single-window agency for promotion and authorization of space activities.
- ✓ The budget allocations for IN-SPACe are 2023-24 ₹95 crore; 2022-23 ₹33 crore and 2021-22 ₹10 crore.



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ISRO IN NEWS 2023

- Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- ISRO has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) .
- ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- ISRO has successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- ISRO has successfully launched India's largest Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) rocket/OneWeb India-2 Mission with 36 satellites onboard from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ISRO successfully launched a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -C52(PSLV-C52) on 14 February 2022 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- The PSLV-C52 rocket carried three satellites EOS-04 ,INSPIR Esat-1and INS-2TD).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch OneWeb India-2 mission from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- Under a commercial agreement with NewSpace India Ltd, will launch 72 satellites of UK-based Network Access Associates Ltd and place them in low Earth orbit.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently successfully carried out a controlled descent of its 12-year-old low earth orbit satellite Megha Tropiques-1 (MT-1) into the Pacific Ocean.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently released images of Earth captured by the EOS-06 satellite.
- Earth Observation satellite (EOS-6) is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series.
- Indian Space Research Organization has launched its smallest rocket SSLV-D2 into space from Satish Dhawan Space Center (Sriharikota).
- ISRO's SSLV-D2 flew into space carrying three satellites with it.



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- These include ISRO's satellite EOS-07, Chennai-based space startup Spacekidz's satellite Azad SAT-2 and American company Antaris's satellite JANUS -1.
- All these three satellites will be placed in circular orbit 450 km apart.
- An Earth-observation satellite jointly developed by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and ISRO will be sent to India in late February 2023 for a possible launch in September.
- India's first ever private Vikram-S (Suborbital) rocket was launched on 18 November from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- Vikram-S, designed by Skyroot Aerospace.
- ISRO has successfully launched its heaviest rocket LVM3-M2, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota spaceport, Andhra Pradesh on 23 October 2022. The mission, which was named LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1, carried 36 broadband communication satellites of OneWeb Company.
- ISRO will launch 36 satellites of OneWeb, the UK's global communications network, on October 23, 2022.
- The name of the rocket is LVM3, it was earlier called GSLV Mk III.
- ISRO 'Shukrayaan I' mission to planet Venus reportedly shifted to 2031.
- ISRO is doing to boost the use of 'NAVigation with the Indian Constellation' (NavIC), India's version of GPS.
- ISRO has unveiled spectacular images of the Earth taken by its Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-06), also known as Oceansat-3.

Q. Which payments bank has launched an eco-friendly debit card for its customers with savings bank accounts?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank Launched India's 1st Eco-Friendly Debit Card
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank has launched an eco-friendly debit card for its customers with savings bank accounts, underlining the company's 'commitment to sustainability and promoting eco-friendly practices within the financial sector.'



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- ✓ The company will manufacture these debit cards from r-PVC (recycled polyvinyl chloride) material, which it claims to be eco-friendly.
- ✓ Moreover, the payments bank stated that every batch of 50,000 cards produced would reduce carbon emissions by 350 kilograms, compared to conventional PVC cards in the market.
- ✓ Producing these eco-friendly debit cards will also diminish petroleum consumption during manufacturing, cutting hydrocarbon usage by 43 percent. This manufacturing approach will conserve 6.6 million litres of water for every batch of r-PVC produced.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank is developing two cards under the classic variant; a personalized Classic card and an Insta Classic card.
- ✓ The former can be ordered through the Airtel Thanks app, while the latter will be available at select neighbourhood banking points by the end of the current quarter.
- ✓ The cards come with rewards including e-commerce benefits of up to Rs 10,000 and complimentary dining experiences under the 'One Dines Free' programme across major cities of India.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank
- ✓ Founded : 2017
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas
- ✓ Stake : Bharti Airtel Limited(80.01%) & Kotak Mahindra Bank(19.9%)
- ✓ Subsidiaries : YTS Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Q. Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi Innovation and Incubation Centre (IIITD-IC) has signed an MoU with which bank to scale up Indian startups?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi Innovation and Incubation Centre (IIITD-IC) has signed a MoU with YES Bank.



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- ✓ The partnership aims to enable IIITD-IC to strengthen its mentoring initiatives for startups, gain access to experts across the industry, as well as identify newer investment and funding opportunities that can benefit startups.
- ✓ In this collaboration, YES Bank aims to provide banking services to startups in the developmental phase at IIITD-IC through the Bank's specialized YES Head Startup programme.
- ✓ YES Bank has brought the bank to Startups, adopting a horizontal approach and bundling up the most lucrative features possible.

YES BANK IN NEWS 2023

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

Q. RBI has increased the per transaction limit for UPI Lite from existing Rs 200 to how much rupees to promote digital transactions?

- A) 500
- B) 1000
- C) 2000
- D) 5000



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Answer : A

- ✓ RBI has increased the offline transaction limit from 200 rupees to 500 rupees but the overall limit of small value digital transaction limit is kept unchanged at 2,000 rupees.
- ✓ These initiatives will further deepen the reach of digital payments in the country.
- ✓ Central Bank has also proposed to use Near Field Communication (NFC) technology in UPI transactions.
- ✓ What is UPI Lite?
- ✓ UPI Lite is an 'on-device wallet' feature that will allow users to make real-time small-value payments without using a UPI PIN.
- ✓ How to use UPI Lite?
- ✓ First, you have to add funds to or load money into the wallet on the app, from your bank account. Then, you can use those pre-loaded funds to pay from the wallet via UPI Lite.
- ✓ Do note that the total limit of UPI Lite balance for an on-device wallet will be Rs 2,000 at any point in time.
- ✓ In many remote areas, the data network is patchy and RBI's move of increasing the limit on UPI lite transactions will help travellers in doing digital transactions.
- ✓ Further, RBI to introduce Near Field Communication (NFC) technology to facilitate offline payments. To promote the use of UPI Lite, it is proposed to facilitate offline transactions using Near Field Communication (NFC) technology.
- ✓ This feature will not only enable retail digital payments in situations where internet/telecom connectivity is weak or not available, but it will also ensure speed, with minimal transaction declined.

Q. Which state government has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF)?

- A) Himachal Pradesh B) Telangana
C) Rajasthan D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF).
- ✓ It is developed as a digital public infrastructure (DPI) for the agriculture sector. The ADeX is a collaboration between the Telangana Government, the World Economic Forum, and the Indian Institute of Science.



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- ✓ Both ADeX and ADMF provide the right platform to ensure fair and efficient usage of agricultural data by the industry and startups and provide a big boost to the data economy specifically in the agriculture sector.

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

- Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF).
- Telangana achieves 100% coverage of PMJDY.
- Telangana govt launches first of its kind State Robotics Framework.
- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad. The 400 feet tall structure will be constructed on six acres of land in Narsingi at a cost of Rs 200 crore.
- The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently unveiled a 125-feet tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023.
- IAS 'Shanti Kumari' becomes first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- The G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting began on April 17 in Hyderabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of Pongal on 15 January, virtually flagged off the Vande Bharata Express train connecting Secunderabad with Vishakhapatnam.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a nation-wide financial inclusion program of Government of India.
- It was announced by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August 2014.
- Slogan Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha ("My account brings me good fortune")
- Age of Eligible Beneficiaries 18-65 Years
- Overdraft facility up to Rs.10000 after satisfactory operation of the account for 6 months



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- Account holder will get RuPay Debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh.
- Life insurance cover of Rs 30,000

Q. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the merger scheme of India's homegrown entertainment company Zee Entertainment Enterprises with which company?

- A) Star Bharat
B) TV18
C) Sony Pictures Networks
D) India TV

Answer : C

- ✓ NCLT Approves \$10 Billion Mega-Merger Between Zee and Sony
- ✓ The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the merger scheme of India's homegrown entertainment company Zee Entertainment Enterprises with Culver Max Entertainment (erstwhile Sony Pictures Networks India or SPNI).
- ✓ While announcing the order, the bench comprising Justice HV Subba Rao and member Madhu Sinha, gave approval to the scheme and dismissed all objections raised by some lenders including Axis Finance, JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Co, IDBI Bank, Imax Corp, and IDBI Trusteeship.
- ✓ Objective – To create a \$10-billion Indian media giant

Q. The Supreme Court of India has launched an online portal facility to generate online electronic passes for visitors to enter the apex court's premises. What is the name of this portal?

- A) Yuktdhara
B) SuSwagatam
C) e-Gazette
D) TAPAS Portal

Answer : B

- ✓ The Supreme Court of India has launched 'SuSwagatam', an online facility to generate online electronic passes for visitors to enter the apex court's premises.
- ✓ "SuSwagatam" is a web-based and mobile-friendly application that allows users to register themselves online and request for e-passes for various purposes such as attending court hearings, and meeting advocates.
- ✓ The portal also provides role-based secure logins for different types of users where they can upload their proof of identity and capture their live photo during the registration process.
- ✓ SuSwagatam will enable a user to avoid long queues, and have a paperless entry pass (e-pass) for access at the apex court



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Q. Which of the following has won Gold Award under Excellence in Government Process Reengineering for Digital Transformation Category-1 by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Complaints?

- A) Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System
- B) Next Generation Identification
- C) National Automated Fingerprint Identification System
- D) Interpretable Fingerprint Identification System

Answer : C

- ✓ National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) Team won Gold Award under Excellence in Government Process Reengineering for Digital Transformation Category-1 by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Complaints in Aug 2023.
- ✓ The award for its excellence in delivering e-governance is a recognition of the dedication the entire NAFIS team has put into creating a fool-proof fingerprint identification system, in pursuit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji's vision of a secure India.
- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs communiqué said that NAFIS has created a central database of fingerprints of criminals, which can be accessed by users from all States, Union Territories, and Central Agencies.
- ✓ This has resulted in a qualitative improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal detection and investigation process.
- ✓ About NAFIS
- ✓ NAFIS helps in the quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of a centralized fingerprint database.
- ✓ It assigns a unique 10-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN) to each person arrested for a crime

Q. Which state government has allotted 12 hydropower projects to three Central Government PSUs by signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with them at State Banquet Hall?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Tripura

Answer : C

- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh government allotted 12 hydropower projects to three Central Government PSUs by signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with them at State Banquet Hall in Itanagar.
- ✓ The projects will be implemented by NHPC Ltd., SJVN Ltd., and NEEPCO Ltd.



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- ✓ The total operational capacity of these 12 projects will be to the tune of 11,517 MW.
- ✓ These projects were initially allotted to independent power developers but remained stalled due to various reasons. To unlock this potential, the Central and the State Governments made joint and concerted efforts over the last two years

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. Who has launched the Direct Benefit Transfer in National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme in New Delhi?

A) Dharmendra Pradhan

B) Narendra Modi

C) Draupadi Murmu

D) Amit Shah

Answer : A



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- ✓ Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the Direct Benefit Transfer in National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Scheme marks a stride towards transparency and efficiency as the skilled workforce is paramount, to encompass policy evolution
- ✓ Objective – To focus on the vision of making skilling an apprenticeship aspirational as well as encouraging earning while learning as envisioned in the National Education Policy.
- ✓ The Minister also dispersed around 15 crores Rupees to One lakh apprentice and focused over the vision of making skilling an apprenticeship aspirational as well as encouraging earning while learning as envisioned in National Education Policy
- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said that more than 25 Lakh apprentices have been engaged since the inception of the Scheme in 2016, whereas around 3 lakh Apprentices have completed training in 2023.

Q. Which state government has recently approved the disbursement of 6,000 rupees to eligible farmers under the Chief Minister's Kisan Kalyan Yojana for the financial year 2023-24?

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| A) Uttarakhand | B) Bihar |
| C) Chhattisgarh | D) Madhya Pradesh |

Answer : D

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has approved the disbursement of 6,000 rupees to eligible farmers under the Chief Minister's Kisan Kalyan Yojana for the financial year 2023-2024.
- ✓ The decision was taken in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Bhopal.
- ✓ The Cabinet also decided to give the benefit of the seventh pay scale to Gram Panchayat Secretaries. An additional expenditure of 178.88 crore rupees on it will be met from minor mineral heads.
- ✓ The council of ministers further approved the construction of 53 CM Rise Schools and 19 Kanya Shiksha Parisar with a total cost of over 2,491 crore rupees.

Q. Which state government gave nod to open CSP Plus banking outlets in 4,373 unbanked gram panchayats (GPs) at a cost of Rs 500 crore?

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|--------------|-----------------|
| A) Rajasthan | B) Odisha |
| C) Assam | D) Chhattisgarh |

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Odisha Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik gave nod to open CSP Plus banking outlets in 4,373 unbanked gram panchayats (GPs) at a cost of Rs 500 crore.
- ✓ The CSP (customer service point) Plus banking outlets will be opened in coordination with six public sector banks (PSBs).
- ✓ Six PSBs — State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), UCO Bank, Union Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, and Bank of India will help in opening the facilities in 4,373 unbanked gram panchayats.
- ✓ The cabinet also approved an additional budget of Rs 2,687 crore for a special programme for developing and creating awareness for millets in four years from 2023-24 to 2026-27.

Q. Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS) 2023 will be held in which city from 17 to 19 October?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), 2023 is slated for October 17 to October 19 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ✓ The meeting, with participation from more than 40 countries, including 21 Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Deputy High Commissioners, Trade Commissioners, and 23 other diplomats, underscored the global interest in the upcoming GMIS 2023.
- ✓ GMIS 2023 is a premier maritime sector focussed event to bring together pivotal figures from the industry to explore opportunities, understand challenges, and stimulate investment within India's maritime sector.

Q. The Uttar Pradesh government will set up the country's largest IT hub in which city of state?

- A) Rae Bareli
B) Varanasi
C) Lucknow
D) Meerut

Answer : C

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government will set up the country's largest IT hub in Lucknow.
- ✓ The IT hub will be located on 40 acres of land in the Nadarganj Industrial Area of Amausi on Kanpur Road.
- ✓ The hub will be divided into three parts: IT Park, Business Park, and International Incubation Facility Center.
- ✓ The IT Park will be constructed on 11.47 acres.



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Q. Who has recently inaugurated various development works worth Rs 1052 crore in Gandhinagar, Gujarat?

A) Amit Shah

B) Narendra Modi

C) Draupadi Murmu

D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated various development works worth Rs 1052 crore in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The development works were done jointly by the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.
- ✓ Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for the widening of 4 lane road from Randheja to Balwa in his Lok Sabha constituency

Q. Which insurance company has recently introduced digital payments via WhatsApp and Unified Payment Interfaces?

A) SBI General Insurance

B) Max Life Insurance

C) Tata AIA Life Insurance

D) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer : C

- ✓ Tata AIA introduces Industry-First Premium payment through WhatsApp
- ✓ To reinforce its value of 'Consumer Obsession', Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA) has introduced digital payments via WhatsApp and Unified Payment Interfaces.
- ✓ This industry-first feature provides an instant premium payment facility through WhatsApp and UPI-enabled payment options.
- ✓ The newly added payment option is first-of-its-kind in the insurance industry. The agile, seamless process allows consumers to pay premiums digitally and receive a quick premium payment confirmation and acknowledgment.
- ✓ WhatsApp and UPI have become household messaging and payment facilities, respectively, in India. The country has close to 500 million WhatsApp users today and more than 300 million UPI users



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Q. Who has laid the foundation stone for the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited Nano Urea Plant at Gandhidham in Kutch?

- A) Piyush Goyal
B) Dharmendra Pradhan
C) Rajnath Singh
D) Amit Shah

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone for the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited Nano Urea Plant at Gandhidham in Kutch, Gujarat.
- ✓ India needs another green revolution in the form of natural farming under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi which aims to ensure the highest value addition to farmers and protect farmlands from degradation.
- ✓ The nano urea plant will provide multi-dimensional benefits to the agricultural economy. It will also help conserve the nutrients of the soil and ensure judicious use of fertilizers.

Q. Which state government has launched the 'Sinh Suchna' Web App on the occasion of World Lion Day?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Gujarat
C) Maharashtra
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ On the occasion of World Lion Day, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel has virtually launched Lion Anthem' and unveiled the 'Sinh Suchna' Web App.
- ✓ The application will help the state forest department track the movement of lions through the information shared by common people using the app.
- ✓ Using the 'Sinh Suchna' app, common people can directly inform the state forest department about the movement of lions in their area so that timely steps can be taken.
- ✓ This mobile will help us in locating lions in real-time and also help the authorities in avoiding human-animal conflicts," Patel said after launching the app.
- ✓ The central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a budget of Rs 2,900 crore under 'Project Lion' for the conservation of Asiatic Lions, which are found only in Gujarat.



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- ✓ Under this project, we will set up a breeding centre for lions, an isolation centre, and more facilities to provide them timely treatment. The funds will also be utilised to install CCTV cameras, buy radio collars as well as drones.
- ✓ Gir forest is the only abode of Asiatic lions in the world.

Q. Which state government has launched the Rs 500 crore Chief Minister's Solar Mission for minimizing the power deficit in the state?

- A) Tripura
B) Meghalaya
C) Sikkim
D) Nagaland

Answer : B

- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has launched the Rs 500 crore Chief Minister's Solar Mission here aimed at minimizing the power deficit in this northeastern hill state.
- ✓ The money will be invested by the government in the next 5 years.
- ✓ The people-centric CM Solar Mission will be a flagship Renewable Energy intervention committed to fostering green and clean energy transformation across the state.
- ✓ The mission will not only address power deficits but also usher in a new era of resilience, independence, and green progress for Meghalaya.
- ✓ The state government will earmark investment of Rs 100 crore annually for the solar mission initially. It intends to attract and invite more partners to diversify the portfolio for funding, including from corporate social responsibility, carbon credits or investment by like-minded organisations from across the world.
- ✓ The installed capacity of the mission is expected to be equal to the current installed capacity of the state in the next two to three years.
- ✓ The state has an installed capacity of 378.38 MW supplied from hydel power projects, while the current peak power demand is over 500 MW. The demand is increasing every year by over 50 MW

Q. India has won the fourth Asian Champions Trophy title by defeating which country at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Chennai?

- A) Malaysia
B) Indonesia
C) Pakistan
D) Thailand

Answer : A



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- ✓ India beat Malaysia 4-3 and clinch a record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Chennai.
- ✓ With four Asian Champions Trophy titles, India is the most successful team in the history of the tournament.
- ✓ Pakistan, with three titles, is in the second spot now.
- ✓ Japan take 3rd spot after beating South Korea 5-3. Japan finished behind Malaysia in the Asian Champions Trophy tournament after the beat defending champion South Korea 5-3 in the third-place playoff tie in Chennai.

Q. Which edition of the famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race 2023 is being held at the picturesque Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha district of Kerala?

- A) 51st
- B) 61st
- C) 69th
- D) 75th

Answer : C

- ✓ The 69th edition of the famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race 2023 is being held at the picturesque Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha district of Kerala.
- ✓ 72 boats, including 19 Chundan Valloms or Snake Boats vying for the coveted trophy, participated in the boat race, held every year on the second Saturday of August.
- ✓ Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the event.
- ✓ The current champion, Pallathuruthy Boat Club from Alappuzha, has bagged the Trophy thrice.

Q. Bikash Sinha passed away recently. Who was he?

- A) Historian
- B) Politician
- C) Social Worker
- D) Physicist

Answer : D

- ✓ Renowned nuclear physicist Bikash Sinha passed away at the age of 78.
- ✓ He was the recipient of Padma Shri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2010 for his contribution to science & technology.
- ✓ In 1987 he was appointed the director of the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre. He held the concurrent charge as director of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics till 2009.



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- ✓ The SN Bose Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress Association in 1994, he was conferred by the West Bengal government the state's highest award 'Bangabibhushan' in 2022 and also the 'Rabindra Smriti Puraskar' in the same year

Q. International Lefthanders Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- A) 10 August
- B) 11 August
- C) 12 August
- D) 13 August

Answer : D

- ✓ International Lefthanders Day is celebrated every year on 13 August.
- ✓ Objective – To raise awareness of the unique skills and talents of left-handed people
- ✓ Theme 2023 – Left Handers in Sports
- ✓ Left-handed people are often more creative and intelligent, and they are also more likely to be entrepreneurs and leaders.
- ✓ International Lefthanders Day was first celebrated in 1976 by Dean R. Campbell, the founder of Lefthanders International, Inc.

The holiday was created to raise awareness of the challenges that left-handed people face in a world that is designed for right-handers. It is also a day to celebrate the unique skills and talents of left-handed people.

Q. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' or 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas' is observed every year on which day?

- A) 13 August
- B) 12 August
- C) 14 August
- D) 11 August

Answer : C

- ✓ Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' or 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas' is observed on August 14 to remember all those who lost their lives due to partition.
- ✓ This day was announced by the Prime Minister in 2021 to remember all those who lost their lives due to the partition of the nation and were uprooted from their origins.
- ✓ The partition caused one of the largest migrations in human history, affecting about 20 million people. Millions of families had to abandon their ancestral villages/towns/cities and were forced to start anew as refugees.



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Q. World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 13 August

B) 12 August

C) 10 August

D) 14 August

Answer : A

- ✓ World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on 13 August.
- ✓ Objective – To raise awareness about the importance of and help people understand organ donation.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – Donate Organs, Save Lives
- ✓ Organ donation is quite similar to giving someone another chance at life. The first ever successful living donor organ transplant was performed in 1954 in the US. A man named, Ronald Lee Herrick donated his kidney to his identical brother, Richard Lee Herrick.
- ✓ The doctor who performed this surgery was named Joseph Murray. He won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1990 for successfully carrying out this kidney transplant.



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