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Q. Which state has become the first Indian state to give free In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatment in government hospitals?

A) Goa

B) Kerala

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Karnataka

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Goa has become the first Indian state to offer free in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment.
- ✓ The inauguration of this service, alongside assisted reproductive technology (ART) and intrauterine insemination (IUI), was done by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant at the Goa Medical College (GMC) in Bambolim.
- ✓ Depending on the hospital and the kind of IVF treatment, the cost of IVF in India comes between Rs 70,000 to Rs 3 lakh per cycle

#### **GOA IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ Goa has become the first Indian state to offer free in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment.
- ➤ GI tags for Goan mangoes and bebinca, crafts from Rajasthan and U.P.
- The products are 'Jalesar Dhatu Shilp' (a metal craft), 'Goa Mankurad Mango', 'Goan Bebinca', 'Udaipur Koftgari Metal Craft', 'Bikaner Kashidakari Craft', 'Jodhpur Bandhej Craft', and 'Bikaner Usta Kala Craft'.
- 'India's First Village Atlas' Is Of Mayem In Goa.
- > The tourism department of the Goa government is set to hold the 'Heritage Festival 2023' from April 28 to 30 at Saligao village in North Goa.
- ➤ Bharti Institute of Public Policy, a renowned think tank under the Indian School of Business (ISB), and the Government of Goa have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a knowledge partnership.
- ➤ The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, holds the position of Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency. The SAI20 Summit is scheduled to take place in Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023.



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- ➤ Union Cabinet has approved the naming of Greenfield International Airport at Goa's Mopa as Manohar International Airport after former Defence Minister and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- > Purple, First Inclusion Festival of India starts in Goa.
- ➤ Goa Manohar International Airport wins best sustainable greenfield airport award.
- Government of Goa has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program.
- > The first Prime Minister GatiShakti regional workshop for the Western and Central Zone was held in Goa.
- India's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge opens in Goa.
- ➤ 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference begins in Goa.
- ➤ Goa Statehood Day 2023 observed on 30th May.
- ➤ This year Goa celebrates its 36th anniversary of statehood.
- Q. The government is planning skill development training for how many women under the 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme, which aims to encourage them to start micro-enterprises?

A) Rs 2 crore

B) Rs 1 crore

C) Rs 5 crore

D) Rs 3 crore

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Govt planning skill training for 2 crore women under 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme
- ✓ The government is planning skill development training for two crore women under the 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme that aims to encourage them to start micro-enterprises.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day speech, said "It is my dream to make two crore lakhpati didis in villages".
- ✓ The 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme has been in place in some states and now the government is planning to train two crore women under it.
- ✓ Women would be trained in skills like plumbing, LED bulb making and operating and repairing drones among others.
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi also said it is now being seen that more than men, women are studying STEM. He further said that the G-20 has also acknowledged India's approach of women-led development.



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- Q. Which IT company has bagged a €1.5 billion (\$1.64 billion) deal from Liberty Global to build and scale the entertainment and connectivity platforms of the digital communications firm?
  - A) Wipro Limited

B) Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited

C) Infosys

D) Tata Consultancy Services

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Indian IT services company, Infosys has bagged a €€1.5 billion (\$1.64 billion) deal from Liberty Global to build and scale the entertainment and connectivity platforms of the digital communications firm.
- ✓ The agreement has an initial tenure of five years which can be extended to eight years, which would take the deal value to €€2.3 billion (\$2.5 billion).
- ✓ Infosys' deal follows, HCLTech, which last week a bagged a \$2.1- billion contract from Verizon.
- ✓ Three months back, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)-led consortium also received an order of Rs 15,000 crore (\$1.8 billion) from BSNL, for the deployment of a 4G network across India.
- ✓ Last month, even L&T Technology Services announced that it has won \$50 million deal in the same vertical.
- ✓ INFOSYS

✓ Founded: 1981

✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

✓ Chairman: Nandan Nilekani

✓ MD & CEO : Salil Parekh

Q. According to Soumya Kanti Ghoshon, Group Chief Economic Adviser of State Bank of India (SBI), India is likely to become the third largest economy by which year?

A) 2030

B) 2027

C) 2035

D) 2028

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Group Chief Economic Advisor at the State Bank of India (SBI), Soumya Kanti Ghoshon has reiterated that India is likely to become the third-largest economy by 2027.
- ✓ Indian economy is currently ranked fifth and is behind the US, China, Japan, and Germany.
- ✓ In 2014, India was the 10th largest economy. In 2022, India became the fifth-largest economy overtaking the UK. And most likely in the next couple of years, by 2027, India will become the third largest economy, just after US and China.



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✓ India to become a developed country by 2047. And that is actually a true reflection of unity in diversity. And that is possibly the best gift that India could get in its hundred years of independence

#### **TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2023**

- Group Chief Economic Advisor at the State Bank of India (SBI), Soumya Kanti Ghoshon has reiterated that India is likely to become the third-largest economy by 2027.
- ➤ The Ministry of Coal has set a target to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by FY 2030.
- According to the report of Goldman Sachs Research, by the year 2075, India will become the second largest economy in the world after China leaving behind not only Japan and Germany but also America.
- ➤ UNEP suggests measures to reduce 80% of world's plastic pollution by 2040.
- ➤ India aims to become one trillion dollar tourism economy by 2047.
- ➤ The government announced a plan to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next five years to achieve its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030.
- ➤ India has set targets for half of its installed electricity capacity to be from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and for the country to attain net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- ➤ 2023 foreign trade policy has the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.
- ➤ India to get 9% of Electricity from Nuclear Sources by 2047.
- ➤ India sets target to become 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030
- Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.
- India to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030.
- India has set a target to replace the use of diesel by renewable energy in the agriculture sector by 2024.
- Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- ➤ India targets ₹25,000-cr worth defence exports by 2024.
- Reserve Bank of India's 2023 monetary policy objective is to hold inflation within the mandated tolerance band and guide it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024.



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Q. How many Police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day?

A) 787

B) 839

C) 689

D) 954

#### Answer: D

- ✓ A total of 954 Police personnel has been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day.
- ✓ The President's Police Medal for Gallantry has been awarded to CRPF personnel and the Police Medal for Gallantry has been awarded to 229 personnel.
- ✓ President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service has been awarded to 82 and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service to 642 personnel.
- ✓ 125 personnel from Left Wing Extremism affected areas, 71 personnel from Jammu and Kashmir region and 11 personnel from North East region are being awarded for their gallant action.
- ✓ Among the majority of the 230 Gallantry Awards, 125 personnel from Left Wing Extremism affected areas, 71 personnel from Jammu & Kashmir region and 11 personnel from North East region are being awarded for their gallant action.
- ✓ Among the personnel receiving Gallantry Awards, 28 are from CRPF, 33 are from Maharashtra, 55 are from J&K Police, 24 are from Chhattisgarh, 22 are from Telangana and 18 are from Andhra Pradesh the remaining from the other States/UTs and CAPFs.
- Q. How many personnel have been awarded Fire Service Medals on the occasion of Independence Day 2023?

A) 22

B) 47

C) 53

D) 36

#### Answer: C

- ✓ A total of 53 personnel has been awarded Fire Service Medals on the occasion of Independence Day 2023.
- ✓ Out of these, President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry is awarded to 03 personnel and Fire Service Medal for Gallantry is awarded to 01 personnel for their respective acts of valour and gallantry.
- ✓ President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service is awarded to 8 personnel and Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded to 41 personnel for their respective distinguished and meritorious records of services.



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- ✓ In addition, 48 personnel/volunteers are also awarded Home Guards & Civil Defence Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2023.
- Q. 'Navroz' is the new year of which of the following community?

A) Jainism

B) Parsi

C) Christian

D) Marathi

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Parsi New Year, also known as the festival of Navroz or Nowruz, falls between July and August in India.
- ✓ In 2023, It has observed in India on 16 Aug. This day marks the beginning of the Zoroastrian calendar.
- ✓ Navroz is a festival that marks the beginning of spring and the renewal of nature.
- ✓ Derived from the Persian words 'Nav' and 'Roz' which literally translates to 'new day', the tradition of celebrating Parsi New Year is believed to have been observed by Iranians and Zoroastrians for the past 3,000 years.
- Q. Which travel company has joined hands with the Ministry of Tourism to showcase 600-plus offbeat destinations?

A) Tripadvisor

B) Despegar

C) MakeMyTrip

D) Ola

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Online travel company, MakeMyTrip has joined hands with the Ministry of Tourism to showcase 600-plus offbeat destinations.
- ✓ The online travel firm has launched a microsite, 'Traveller's Map of India'.
- ✓ The site provides an interactive platform for travellers to discover lesser-known tourism gems that lie within the country's borders based on their preferences.
- ✓ According to MMT, this microsite has been designed in line with the Government of India's visionary 'DekhoApnaDesh' program
- Q. G20 Film Festival begins in New Delhi. Who has inaugurated this Film Festival?

A) Piyush Goyal

B) Nirmala Sitharaman

C) Amit Shah

D) Amitabh Kant



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#### Answer: D

- ✓ Veteran actor Victor Banerjee and Amitabh Kant (India's G20 Sherpa) have inaugurated the G20 Film Festival in New Delhi.
- ✓ The festival aims to celebrate and showcase a vibrant and collaborative partnership existing amongst the G20 and invited countries in the field of cinema.
- ✓ The festival is organized by the India International Centre (IIC) and the G20 Secretariat of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ✓ Satyajit Ray's "Pather Panchali" will be the opening film.
- Q. Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has announced a plan to expand the Supreme Court with how many new additional courts?

A) 27

B) 30

**C)** 33

D) 34

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has announced a plan to expand the Supreme Court with 27 additional courts and 51 judges' chambers.
- ✓ Currently, the Supreme Court has 17 courtrooms and two registrar courts. Its judicial strength is 32.
- ✓ In his address at the 76th Independence Day celebrations at the Supreme Court lawns, Chief Justice Chandrachud said an "overhaul" of the court infrastructure was necessary on a priority basis to make courts more accessible and inclusive.
- ✓ The top judge said the emphasis of the new project would be on modernizing the judicial infrastructure.
- ✓ We plan to expand the Supreme Court by constructing a new building to accommodate 27 additional courts, 51 judges' chambers, 4 Registrar Court Rooms, 16 Registrar Chambers, and other requisite facilities for lawyers and litigants
- Q. The Union Cabinet has approved the PM-eBus Seva initiative worth how many rupees to increase the use of electric buses in 169 cities?

A) Rs 65,189 crore

B) Rs 57,613 crore

C) Rs 48,781 crore

D) Rs 37,723 crore

Answer: B



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- ✓ The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Rs 57,613 crore PM-eBus Sewa initiative to augment the use of electric buses in 169 cities.
- ✓ The scheme will augment city bus operations, under which priority will be given to cities having no organized bus service.
- ✓ Out of the Rs 57,613 crore outlined for the scheme, support of Rs 20,000 crore will be provided by the Centre.
- ✓ The scheme will cover cities with 300,000 and above population, according to Census 2011.
- ✓ These include all the capital cities of Union Territories (UTs), northeastern and hill states. The e-buses will be provided under the public-private partnership (PPP) mode for 10 years.
- ✓ A total of 181 cities will also be supported for the development of charging infrastructure under the Green Urban Mobility Initiatives.
- ✓ The move aims to help the Centre's plan to deploy 50,000 e-buses under the National Electric Bus Program and achieve 40 percent e-bus penetration by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2070.
- Q. Union Cabinet has approved how many multi-tracking projects targeted at Indian railways with an outlay of Rs 32, 500 crore?

A) 6

B) 8

C) 9

D) 7

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved seven multi-tracking projects targeted at Indian railways with an outlay of Rs 32, 500 crore.
- ✓ The projects will be built completely on Engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) mode, and will add 2,339 kilometres to the existing network of Indian Railways.
- ✓ The projects will receive 100 percent funding from the central government. They will cover 35 districts across Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal
- $\checkmark$  The projects will provide employment of 7.06 crore person-days to the people of the selected states.
- ✓ The government is also planning to introduce a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for train component makers as part of its efforts to attract foreign manufacturing firms and reduce dependence on imports, people aware of the matter said



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- Q. Which state government has launched the Annapurna Food Packet Scheme, which aims to distribute food packets free of cost to over 10.4 million families every month?
  - A) Odisha

B) Bihar

C) Rajasthan

D) Chhattisgarh

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has launched the state government's Annapurna Food Packet Scheme which seeks to distribute food packets to more than 10.4 million families for free every month.
- ✓ The scheme is part of the ₹19,000 crore 'Inflation Relief Package', which was announced by the chief minister in February during the state budget for 2023-24 to provide relief to the public from rising prices.
- ✓ Under the scheme, each food packet will contain one kilogram each of chana dal, sugar, salt, one litre soybean refined edible oil, 100 gm each of chilli powder and coriander powder, and 50 gm of turmeric
- ✓ The chief minister also urged the Centre to regularly implement the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana providing 5kg free dry rations to 800 million poor every month instead of extending it for six months each time.

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

- NABARD has sanctioned Rs 1,974.07 crore to the Rajasthan government under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for 2023-24.
- Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender.
- For the first time in India, the Rajasthan government introduced the Rajasthan Platform Based Gig Workers Bill, 2023.
- > Rajasthan Assembly passed a bill to provide minimum guaranteed income to all adult citizens as part of a welfare package for the state.
- > Rajasthan government is set to take stringent measures against recruitment exam paper leaks by introducing a bill in the upcoming assembly session.
- ➤ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 5600 crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.
- ➤ Rajasthan government has sanctioned Rs 13.48 crore to promote religious tourism at Nagaur, Jaisalmer, and Alwar regions of the state.



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

A) Prahaar

B) Prithvi

C) Prabal

D) Akash

#### Answer: C

- ✓ India's first long-range revolver "Prabal" has been launched.
- ✓ The revolver is manufactured by the state-owned enterprise Advanced Weapons and Equipment India (AWEIL), based in Kanpur.
- ✓ Distinguished by its .32 bore, the Prabal revolver boasts an impressive firing range of up to 50 meters, more than twice the reach of other revolvers in India
- ✓ The noteworthy feature of Prabal is its side-swing cylinder, marking a significant advancement in revolver design.
- ✓ Moreover, the prevailing market revolvers have a limited range of only up to 20 meters. In contrast, Prabal excels with a range of 50 meters. Weighing merely 700 grams (excluding cartridges), it boasts a barrel length of 76 mm and an overall length of 177.6 mm.



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Q. The Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO) has organized a first-of-its-kind global summit on Traditional Medicine in which city?

A) Lucknow

B) Ahmedabad

C) Gandhinagar

D) Gurugram

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO) has organized a first-of-its-kind global summit on Traditional Medicine in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has inaugurated the event in the presence of Minister of Health Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal.
- ✓ The summit will serve as a platform for experts and practitioners to delve into the latest scientific advancements and evidence-based knowledge in the sector, with the ultimate goal of ensuring health and well-being for all.
- ✓ In 2022, WHO with the support of the Government of India, established the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine
- Q. National Health Authority (NHA) has collaborated with which of the following to promote digital health integration in insurance?

A) LIC

B) IRDAI

C) SEBI

D) SIDBI

#### Answer: B

- ✓ National Health Authority (NHA) and IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) jointly organized an exclusive three-day Accelerator Workshop.
- ✓ Objective To help insurance companies complete their Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) integration and to facilitate adoption of Health Claims Exchange (HCX) specifications.
- ✓ The workshop was organized in New Delhi and saw participation from over 150 professionals representing 29 insurance companies and 16 TPAs.
- ✓ The IRDAI issued a circular in June 2023 advising all insurance companies to start capturing the ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) number of all of the persons seeking insurance cover and also to obtain their consent for sharing medical records with insurers/TPAs through ABHA.



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✓ The ABHA number would help identify the insured in a digital environment and facilitate seamless healthcare and insurance service delivery.

Q. Which of the following will launch a pilot project for Public Tech Platform (PTP) for frictionless credit?

A) NPCI

B) RBI

C) SEBI

D) SIDBI

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will launch the pilot project for Public Tech Platform (PTP) for frictionless credit.
- ✓ The same will be done via the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI.
- ✓ The platform will enable the delivery of frictionless credit by facilitating a seamless flow of required digital information to lenders.
- ✓ How will the platform work?
- ✓ The end-to-end digital platform will have an open architecture, open Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and standards, to which all financial sector players will be able to connect seamlessly in a 'plug and play' model".
- ✓ During the pilot, the platform will focus on products such as Kisan Credit Card loans up to Rs 1.6 lakh per borrower, Dairy Loans, MSME loans (without collateral), personal loans and home loans through participating banks.
- ✓ The platform will also enable linkage with services such as Aadhaar e-KYC, land records from onboarded State Governments (Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra), Satellite data, PAN Validation, Transliteration, Aadhaar e-signing, account aggregation by Account Aggregators (AAs), milk pouring data from select dairy co-operatives, house/property search data etc.
- Q. Alex Chriss has been appointed as the new CEO of which of the following company?

A) PayPal

B) RazorPay

C) Easebuzz

D) PayU

Answer: A



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- ✓ Alex Chriss has been appointed as the new CEO of PayPal.
- ✓ He will replace its longest-serving chief executive officer Dan Schulman.
- ✓ He currently serves as the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Intuit's Small Business and Self-Employed Group,
- ✓ Schulman became PayPal's CEO after the split from eBay in 2015, and he notified the company of his decision to retire at the end of December last year.
- Q. Chingam is the first day of the new year of which traditional calendar used in Kerala?
  - A) Odia calendar

B) Telugu calendar

C) Tamil calendar

D) Malayalam calendar

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Malayalam New Year Chingam was observed on 17th August 2023. In 2023, it's being celebrated on August 17.
- ✓ Chingam 1 is the first day of the new year of the traditional Malayalam calendar used in Kerala.
- ✓ Chingam 1 is also known as Chingam Month or Chingam Masam and it's followed by the Onam festival.
- ✓ The Malayam Calendar is based on the solar calendar system and every year, the date of Chingam 1 varies.
- ✓ Chingam 1 marks the beginning of the harvest season in Kerala and is considered an auspicious day.
- Q. India has signed MoU with which country to share 'India Stack' Collaboration?
  - A) Kenya
  - B) Maldives
  - C) Sri Lanka
  - D) Trinidad and Tobago

#### Answer: D

- ✓ India and Trinidad and Tobago have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on sharing INDIA STACK a collection of open APIs and digital public goods that aim to facilitate identity, data, and payment services on a large scale, the Ministry of Electronics and IT informed on August 17, 2023.
- ✓ As per the statement, both sides have agreed to cooperate in the areas of digital transformation by means of capacity building, training programmes, exchange of best practices, exchange of public officials and experts, development of pilot or demo solutions, among others.



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- Q. ADB has approved USD 40.5 million loan for childhood development in Which State?
  - A) Meghalaya

B) Nagaland

C) Manipur

D) Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 40.5 million loan for integrated early childhood development and maternal mental health in the northeastern state of Meghalaya.
- ✓ The Meghalaya government is contributing USD 15.27 million to the project.
- ✓ The project is expected to strengthen home-based childcare (children 0-1.5 years) and center-based childcare (1.5-6 years) through daycare (Anganwadi) centers in Meghalaya.
- ✓ Project Aim: To improve access to nurturing care, including a component of maternal mental health care and group-based parenting programs to enable the inclusion of fathers in caregiving

#### **ADB IN NEWS 2023**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 40.5 million loan for integrated early childhood development and maternal mental health in the northeastern state of Meghalaya.
- ADB have signed a \$200 million loan as additional financing in Rajasthan.
- ADB approves \$295mn loan to improve Transport Connectivity in Bihar.
- ADB gives 130 million dollars to increase horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$141.12 million loan agreement for the development of an industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh.
- > Pakistan is the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced its plans to invest in non-convertible debentures valued at Rs 150 crore in Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL).
- ADB approves \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- ADB to provide \$1.2 billion loan for infrastructure projects.
- ➤ ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded: 19 December 1966
- ➤ HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)



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- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian?
- ➤ Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
- > Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
- ➤ Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).
- ➤ ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- > Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- ➤ It is a regional multilateral financial institution focused on countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
- ➤ It currently has 68 members of which 49 are from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 from outside.
- Q. The Government clears \_ Crore deal to build five warships in August 2023.

A) Rs 15000 Crore

B) Rs 16500 Crore

C) Rs 18000 Crore

D) Rs 20000 Crore

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The government has cleared a Rs 20,000 crore deal to manufacture fleet support vessels (FSVs) which are urgently required by the Indian Navy.
- ✓ Vizag-based Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) will manufacture five of the 45,000-tonne warships, the largest ship of its class being built at the defence ministry-owned yard
- ✓ The Indian FSV project was initially given a go-ahead in 2016 after the Indian Navy projected a requirement for ships that could carry fuel and other supplies for warships at sea.
- Q. Nehru Memorial Museum and Library has been renamed as?
  - A) Patel Museum and Library
  - B) Gandhi Memorial Museum and Library
  - C) Chandra Bose Museum and Library
  - D) Prime Ministers' Museum and Library

#### Answer: D

✓ The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) has officially been renamed the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society recently.



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- ✓ About Prime Ministers' Museum and Library (PMML) Society.
- ✓ Status: It is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- ✓ Location: It is housed in the historic Teen Murti campus located south of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- ✓ PMML is dedicated to the objective of promoting advanced research on Modern and Contemporary India.
- ✓ History:
- ✓ Designed by Robert Tor Russel and built in 1929-30 as part of Edwin Lutyens' imperial capital, Teen Murti House was the official residence of the Commander-in-Chief in India.
- ✓ PMML has four major constituents, namely-
- ✓ Memorial Museum;
- ✓ Library on modern India;
- ✓ Centre for Contemporary Studies;
- ✓ Nehru Planetarium;
- ✓ Administration: The General Council and the President and the Vice-President of the PMML Society are nominated by the Central Government

#### **RECENTLY RENAMED IN NEWS 2023**

- Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society, New Delhi.
- > Central government renamed the Mughal Gardens in New Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan as 'Amrit Udyan'.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Ahmednagar renamed Ahilyadevi Holkar Nagar, Maharashtra.
- Coastal Road in Mumbai renamed after Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, Maharashtra.
- > Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) renamed as Promotion of Prime Minister's Heritage (PM Vikas) Scheme.
- ➤ IDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC) to be renamed as Bandhan Mutual Fund as SEBI approves change in ownership.
- > Maharashtra's Bandra-Versova sea route in Mumbai will be renamed as 'Veer Savarkar Bandra-Versova Sagari Setu'.



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- > Churchgate Railway Station in Mumbai will now be known as First Indian RBI Governor CD Deshmukh.
- > Union Government Approved Renaming of Aurangabad & Osmanabad in Maharashtra.
- ▶ Philips Domestic Appliances has announced the change of its company name to Versuni.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village, situated in the Bhopal district, has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- > On Parakram Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in a ceremony to name 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Edelweiss General Insurance rebranded itself as Zuno General Insurance.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?

A) R. Doraiswamy

B) Vibha Padalkar

C) Anup Bagchi

D) Rakesh Jain

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), a public sector insurance firm, has announced the appointment of Doraiswamy Ramachandran as the Managing Director, effective from September 1, 2023.
- ✓ Currently, Doraiswamy is serving LIC as the Executive Director at the head office in Mumbai. He will be taking over from Mini Ipe, who is retiring as CEO and MD this month, after around 35 years of service
- ✓ Now, LIC has 4 MDs: Doraiswamy Ramachandran, Sat Pal Bhanoo; M Jagannath and Tablesh Pandey.

#### LIC IN NEWS 2023

- > SatPal Bhanu has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- ➤ Siddhartha Mohanty appointed as Chairman of LIC Until June 2024.
- ➤ LIC Raises Stake in Tech Mahindra to 8.88% Through Open Market Transactions.
- ➤ Ratnakar Patnaik appointed as new Chief Investment Officer of LIC.
- > Tablesh Pandey and M. Jagannath have been appointed as the managing directors of the Life Insurance Company (LIC).



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- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched LIC Jeevan Azad Plan.
- ➤ The minimum basic sum assured under LIC Jeevan Azad Plan is Rs 2 lakh and the maximum basic sum assured is Rs 5 lakh. The policy can be taken for term of 15 to 20 years.
- ➤ LIC to divest 60.72% share in IDBI Bank.
- ➤ LIC presently has four managing directors
- ➤ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- > Founded: 1956
- > Headquarters : Mumbai
- > Chairman : Siddhartha Mohanty
- ➤ It is India's largest life insurance company and also the country's largest investment company.
- Authorised Capital of LIC Rs 25,000 Crore.
- ➤ At Rs 21,000 crore, LIC is India's largest IPO.
- Q. From when till when the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is being organised?

A) 11-15 August 2023

B) 12-15 August 2023

C) 13-15 August 2023

D) 14-15 August 2023

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The government is celebrating Har Ghar Tiranga from 13-15 August 2023, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ Har Gar Tiranga campaign launched by the Ministry of Culture has transformed into a people's movement with increasing jan-bhagidari
- ✓ The idea behind this is to commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the essence of collaborative participation.
- O. Who has been elected as the caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan?

A) Mamnoon Hussain

B) Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

C) Asif Ali Zardari

D) Imran Khan

Answer: B



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- ✓ Pakistan on their Independence day got their caretaker Prime Minister in little known senator from Baluchistan- Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.
- ✓ Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif dissolved the parliament last week as its five-year term came to an end. Usually, such a step is a formality and a general election would typically have to be held within 90 days.
- Q. With whom is the Ministry of AYUSH organizing the Global Summit on Traditional Medicine?

A) UNICEF

B) NITI Aayog

C) World Health Organization

D) United Nation

#### Answer: C

- ✓ A first-of-its-kind global summit on Traditional Medicine, organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) and co-hosted by the Ministry of Ayush, is set to take place on August 17-18, 2023, at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The summit will take into account the vast experience and expertise of the country and this highly anticipated event will serve as a platform for experts and practitioners to delve into the latest scientific advancements and evidence-based knowledge in the sector, with the ultimate goal of ensuring health and well-being for all.
- ✓ The esteemed Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, will inaugurate the event in the presence of Minister of Health Shri Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
- Q. How Many Countries That Celebrate Independence Day on August 15?

A) 1

B) 2

C) 4

D) 5

#### Answer: D

- ✓ August 15 is a day of celebration for many countries around the world.
- ✓ It is the day on which they gained their independence from colonial rule.
- ✓ India, South Korea, North Korea, Bahrain, and Liechtenstein all celebrate their independence on August 15.
- ✓ India gained its independence from British rule in 1947.
- ✓ This was a momentous occasion for the Indian people, who had long struggled for freedom.
- ✓ The day is celebrated with parades, flag hoisting ceremonies, and cultural events.



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Q. Who has selected the McKinsey, Accenture to use AI, ML to Improve Regulatory Supervision

A) RBI

B) SBI

C) ADB

D) IMF

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank has selected global consultancy firms McKinsey and Company India LLP and Accenture Solutions Pvt Ltd India to develop systems using artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) for its supervisory functions.
- ✓ The RBI is looking to extensively use advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning to analyse its huge database and improve regulatory supervision over banks and NBFCs. For this purpose, the central bank plans to hire external experts.
- Q. Who has launched the One District One Product 'ODOP Wall'?

A) Piyush Goyal

B) Charanjit Singh

C) Som Parkash

D) Sunil Barthwal

#### Answer: B

- ✓ One District One Product (ODOP) and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) joined hands to launch 'ODOP wall'.
- ✓ Launching the 'ODOP Wall', Shri Charanjit Singh, Additional Secretary, Rural Livelihoods, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI said that such convergence is one more step forward towards realising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of showcasing the uniqueness of Indian Craft before the world.
- ✓ The One District One Product (ODOP) program, an initiative under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, aims at manifesting the vision of the Prime Minister to make the country and its people self-reliant by fostering balanced regional development across all districts of the country.
- Q. Who has laid the foundation stone of Sant Ravidas Temple in Madhya Pradesh?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) J. P. Nadda

D) Rajnath Singh

Answer: A



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- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Sant Shiromani Gurudev Shri Ravidas ji Memorial that will be constructed in more than ₹100 crors at Badtuma village of Sagar district in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The memorial is steeped in the spirit of 'Samrasta' as the soil of more than 20,000 villages and 300 rivers have been used in it.
- ✓ Families from Madhya Pradesh have sent grain for 'Samrast Bhoj' and five yatras also concluded here at Sagar.
- ✓ These yatras mark a new era of social harmony.
- Q. The Union Cabinet has approved the expansion of 'Digital India Project' with an outlay of Rs.\_\_\_.

A) Rs. 14,503 crores

B) Rs. 14,903 crores

C) Rs. 15000 crores

D) Rs. 15120 crores

#### Answer: B

✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the launch of an extended version of the Digital India programme, aimed at further accelerating the country's digital transformation journey. The extended programme encompasses a wide range of initiatives spanning technology, education, governance, and innovation with an additional outlay of Rs 14,903 crore.

#### ✓ 1. DIGILOCKER EXTENSION

In a bid to streamline documentation and enhance digital record-keeping, an extension of the DigiLocker platform will be introduced, specifically tailored for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and other organisations. This move is anticipated to improve operational efficiency and facilitate seamless access to important documents.

#### ✓ 2. FUTURESKILLS PRIME PROGRAMME

Acknowledging the rapidly evolving technological landscape, the FutureSkills Prime Programme is set to re-skill and up-skill around 6.25 lakh IT professionals. The initiative aims to equip them with the necessary expertise to excel in emerging technologies and contribute to the nation's digital prowess.

#### ✓ 3. ISEA PROGRAMME

Under the Information Security & Education Awareness Phase (ISEA) Programme, 2.65 lakh individuals will undergo comprehensive training in information security. This effort seeks to bolster the nation's cybersecurity framework and create a more secure digital environment for all citizens.



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#### ✓ 4. UMANG APP EXPANDS SERVICES

The Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG) app, which already offers over 1,700 services, is set to enhance its offerings with an additional 540 services. This expansion aims to simplify access to government services and information through a single, user-friendly platform.

#### ✓ 5. NATIONAL SUPERCOMPUTING MISSION GROWS

To further advance scientific research and computational capabilities, the National Supercomputing Mission will see the addition of 9 new supercomputers. This expansion builds upon the existing 18 supercomputers already deployed across the country.

#### ✓ 6. BHASHINI

The AI-enabled multi-language translation tool, Bhashini, currently available in 10 languages, will be extended to cover all 22 Schedule 8 languages. This move is expected to break language barriers and foster better communication across diverse linguistic communities

#### ✓ 7. MODERNISATION OF NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK

The National Knowledge Network, which interconnects 1,787 educational institutions, will undergo modernisation to provide enhanced connectivity and collaboration opportunities for students and researchers.

#### ✓ 8. SUPPORTING STARTUPS

Under the extended version of the Digital India programme, 1,200 startups in tier 2 and 3 cities will receive support, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship beyond metropolitan areas

#### ✓ 9. CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR AI APPLICATIONS

Three Centres of Excellence will be established, focusing on developing AI applications for health, agriculture, and sustainable living in urban areas. These centres are poised to drive technological advancements for societal benefit.

#### ✓ 10. CYBERSECURITY AND CYBER AWARENESS INITIATIVES

A significant emphasis will be placed on cybersecurity and cyber awareness. Cyber awareness courses will be made available for 12 crore college students, while initiatives will be taken to boost CERT-In (Computer Emergency Response Team - India) and take this organisation to the next level. The programme will also introduce new cybersecurity tools and integrate more than 200 sites with the National Cyber Coordination Centre.



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Q. Which state government has launched its flagship scheme "Gramin Mitra" to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state?

A) Goa

B) Assam

C) Odisha

D) Kerala

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The government of Goa launched its flagship scheme "Gramin Mitra" to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state and promote digital empowerment in rural areas.
- ✓ Speaking at the inauguration, Chief Minister "Pramod Sawant" said the scheme will bridge the digital divide and promote digital empowerment in the rural parts of the state.
- Q. Who Appointed as 1st woman CMD of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited?

A) Parminder Chopra

B) Revathi Advaithi

C) Jayshree Ullal

D) Padmasree Warrior

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Parminder Chopra, an industry veteran, has been formally appointed as the new chairman and managing director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited. This appointment, as confirmed by PFC to the stock exchanges, makes her the first woman to lead the country's largest non-banking financial company (NBFC).
- ✓ The Ministry of Power has approved Chopra's appointment "till the date of her superannuation (April 30, 2027) or until further orders, whichever is earlier", a regulatory filing stated.
- ✓ About Parminder Chopra :
- ✓ The new PFC head has a cumulative experience of over 35 years, spanning across power and financial sectors. In her last stint as the company's director (finance), she "spearheaded the Finance Division, leading to highest Net Profit, highest Net worth and lowest NPA levels. its highest net Profit, highest Net worth and lowest NPA levels", the NBFC said.
- ✓ The robust financial performance, for which Chopra is credited, also allowed the public sector firm to attain the highest status of "Maharatna".
- ✓ She had also played a key role in the successful implementation of Rs 1.12 trillion Liquidity Infusion Scheme (LIS) for the power distribution sector, PFC said. The scheme was rolled out as part of the Centre's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.



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- ✓ Power Finance Corp. Ltd (PFC) is set to become the 11th Maharatna central public sector enterprise (CPSE).
- Q. Recently Scientists of Which Institute of India Have Discovered a New Star (HE 1005-1439)?

A) C-DAC

B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics

C) Indian Astrobiology Research Center D) None of the above

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Scientists in Bengaluru have stumbled upon an astronomical revelation that has sent ripples of excitement through the world of astrophysics.
- ✓ This discovery has upended established notions about star formation processes, casting new light on how stars come into being.
- ✓ This groundbreaking finding emerged from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, and promises to reshape our understanding of the universe.
- ✓ The Enigmatic Star HE 1005-1439
- ✓ At the heart of this scientific intrigue lies a celestial entity known as "HE 1005-1439," a star that defies conventional classification.
- ✓ This star stands out in the cosmos as a carbon-enhanced metal-poor (CEMP) star, a rare and intriguing type.
- Q. 'Graphene-Aurora Program' has been launched in collaboration with which ministry?

A) Ministry of Education

B) Ministry of Agriculture

C) Ministry of Home Affairs

D) Ministry of Electronics and IT

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) Secretary Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma launched the 'Graphene-Aurora program' at a function in Maker Village Kochi, Kerala 14th Aug 2023.
- ✓ The program shall be implemented by Digital University Kerala with joint funding from Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India and Government of Kerala and Industry partners, with the total budget outlay of Rs 94.85 Crore, wherein, Carborundum Pvt Limited joined as one of the main industry partners. Along with the startup products developed, the technologies and products also developed at research and development centers like India Innovation Centre Graphene (IICG), setup at Makers village, Kochi shall be considered for commercialization.



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

- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) Secretary Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma launched the 'Graphene-Aurora program' at a function in Maker Village Kochi, Kerala.
- kerala has launched a groundbreaking scheme called 'Shubhayatra'.
- ➤ Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- ➤ Piramal Finance opened the first all women branch named "Maitreyi" at Thripunithura near Kochi to cater to the unique needs of women customers.
- > Kerala has become the first state in the country to launch its own internet service.
- Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- > Kerala has adopted a water budget, the first of its kind in the country, to deal with the problem of water scarcity in summer.
- > Dharmadam, Kerala becomes first complete library constituency in India.
- ➤ Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project.
- India's first Graphene Innovation center to be set up in Kerala.
- ➤ Recently, a group of researchers discovered a butterfly subspecies from the fringes of Akkulam and Vembanad lakes in Kerala.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th April flagged off Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station.
- ➤ Kerala declared first State to enable digital banking service.
- > M T Vasudevan Nair was awarded the "Kerala Jyoti", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.
- ➤ The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the 2nd G20 Empower meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the theme "Women Empowerment: Win-win for Equality and Economy".
- ➤ Kerala to become first State to use robotics tech extensively for manhole cleaning.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites.



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Q. Which Team introduces a new all-weather lotus type with 108 petals?

A) CAIR

B) CNIR

C) CSIR

D) DRDO

#### Answer: C

- ✓ To celebrate the 77th Independence Day, the CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) unveiled an enhanced version of the national flower Lotus.
- ✓ This new variety, named 'Namoh 108,' boasts 108 petals and is designed to be more resilient to various weather conditions.
- ✓ The technology intervention by NBRI allows this lotus variety to bloom for an extended period of 10 months, spanning from March to December.
- ✓ The number '108' was chosen due to its religious significance, coupled with the reverence of the lotus in Indian culture.
- Q. Which airport becomes first in northeast to launch 'Digi Yatra' facility?
  - A) Mumbai, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
  - B) Delhi, Indira Gandhi International Airport
  - C) Kolkata, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
  - D) Guwahati, Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport became the first airport in the northeast to get 'Digi Yatra' facility.
- ✓ The Digi Yatra service will be available in three major areas of the airport, namely first entrance, check-in and boarding areas.
- ✓ What is Digi Yatra initiative?
- ✓ According to a release from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Digi Yatra uses facial recognition technology to provide a seamless and hassle-free experience to passengers at airports. The aim of Digi Yatra facility is to eliminate the need for verification of tickets and IDs at various touch points.
- ✓ The ministry noted that no personally identifiable information (PII) of passengers is stored during the Digi Yatra process and all passenger data is encrypted and stored in their smartphone wallet..



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- > Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport became the first airport in the northeast to get 'Digi Yatra' facility.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot.
- ➤ Government of India has given 'in-principle' approval for setting up 21 new greenfield airports.
- ➤ Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has launched a new app called BLR Pulse to provide hassle-free experience to the commuters at Kempegowda International Airport.
- ➤ Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has launched a new facility called 'DigiYatra' which enables passengers to avail of its services without downloading a mobile application.
- ➤ Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport is the first in India to offer a free reading lounge to the passengers, with a huge collection of litreature.
- ➤ Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi ranked 9th busiest airports globally in 2022, as per Airports Council International (ACI). United States-based Atlanta airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport.
- According to the Airport Council International (ACI), Delhi International Airport has been ranked among the cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27 February 2023 launched the newly built Shivamogga airport along with various development projects worth over Rs 3,600 crore in Shivamogga, Karnataka.
- ➤ Bangalore's Kempegoda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport both ranked second and seventh in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022.
- Mopa International Airport Goa named after former CM Manohar Parrikar.
- > Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- ➤ Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".
- Q. The 15th summit of the BRICS group is being held under the chairmanship of which country?

A) South Africa

B) India

C) Brazil

D) China



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#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Republic of South Africa from 22-24 August 2023 at the invitation of H.E Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa, to attend the 15th BRICS Summit being held in Johannesburg under the South African Chairmanship.
- ✓ BRICS has been pursuing a strong cooperation agenda across various sectors. We value that BRICS has become a platform for discussing and deliberating on issues of concern for the entire Global South, including development imperatives and reform of the multilateral system.
- ✓ This Summit will provide a useful opportunity for BRICS to identify future areas of cooperation and review institutional development.
- Q. Which Country Environment Ministry has launched a program to combat desertification using artificial intelligence (AI)?

A) Qatar

B) Saudi Arabia

C) Kuwait

D) United Arab Emirates

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Saudi Environment Ministry has launched a program to combat desertification using artificial intelligence (AI).
- ✓ The program, which is a collaboration between the ministry, the National Center for Vegetation Development and Combating Desertification, and the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.
- ✓ Aim : To study the status of vegetative cover in the Kingdom and contribute to the goals of afforestation projects and the "Green Saudi" initiative.
- Q. Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated India's first medical technology expo 'India MedTech Expo 2023' in which city?

A) Kolkata

B) Chennai

C) Gandhinagar

D) Hyderabad

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated India's first medical technology expo, 'India MedTech Expo 2023', in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The inaugural event was organized on the sidelines of the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting.



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- ✓ India has been recognized as the 'Pharmacy of the World'. It is now time for India to take the lead in the medical devices sector and become the leader in the manufacturing of affordable, innovative, and quality Medical Devices
- ✓ The "MedTech Expo 2023 draws inspiration from PM Modi's vision of making India Aatmanirbhar.
- ✓ The Expo is set to become an unparalleled and comprehensive platform for demonstrating the capabilities and promise of the Indian Medical Devices ecosystem.
- ✓ Gujarat's pharmaceutical industry ranks number one in India with a 33% share in drug manufacturing and 28% share of drug exports.

### **GANDHINAGAR IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated India's first medical technology expo, 'India MedTech Expo 2023', in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ➤ The first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit is set to unfold on August 17 and 18, 2023, in the city of Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.
- ➤ The second edition of 'SemiconIndia 2023' in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel.
- ➤ Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated SemiconIndia 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. With the theme "Catalysing India's Semiconductor Ecosystem".
- The Third G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBGs) meeting, held during the Indian G20 Presidency, is slated to occur in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from July 17th to 18th, 2023.
- The first 15 meetings of the Business 20 (B20) India Inception Meeting will be held in Gandhinagar from January 22nd to 24th, 2023.
- Q. Which IT services company has launched a centre of excellence on generative artificial intelligence in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi)?

A) Tata Consultancy Services

**B)** Infosys

C) Wipro

D) HCL Technologies

### Answer: C

✓ Indian IT services company Wipro has launched a centre of excellence on generative artificial intelligence in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi).



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- ✓ This centre has been set up on the premises of the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence at IIT Delhi, and this Centre of Excellence (CoE) will support applied research in generative AI.
- ✓ The aim of this centre is to encourage and better the research and development capabilities in several emerging areas such as generative AI and then connect the candidates with a talent pool.
- ✓ Wipro CoE teams will jointly work on building innovative solutions using AI, Machine Learning (ML), and other technologies.
- ✓ Wipro
- ✓ Founded: 1945
- ✓ Founder : Azim Premji
- ✓ Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairman : Azim Premji
- Q. Which country has signed an agreement with the Indian government for sharing the India Stack?

A) Trinidad and Tobago

B) Nigeria

C) Morocco

D) Senegal

#### Answer: A

- ✓ India signs MoU with Trinidad and Tobago on sharing INDIA STACK
- ✓ Trinidad and Tobago has signed an agreement with the Indian government for sharing the India Stack, which is a collection of open application programming interfaces and digital public goods for identity.
- ✓ The agreement was signed in the presence of officials from the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), the National E-Governance Division, and the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ✓ A similar agreement was signed with Papua New Guinea also last month, while the UPI part of India Stack has been accepted in France, UAE, Singapore and Sri Lanka.
- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) of Papua New Guinea signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for sharing India Stack.
- ✓ Trinidad and Tobago
- ✓ Capital : Port of Spain
- ✓ Currency: Trinidad and Tobago dollar (TTD)
- ✓ President : Christine Kangaloo



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Q. In which city did Power Minister, RK Singh dedicate to the nation the 660 MW unit of NTPC's Super Thermal Power Project?

A) Darlipali

B) Barh

C) Barauni

D) Dadri

### Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh has dedicated to the nation a 660 MW unit of NTPC's Barh Super Thermal Power Project in Barh, Bihar.
- ✓ The 660 MW unit being inaugurated is Unit 2 of Stage I of the project. The commissioning of this unit would be another milestone in the government's endeavour to provide reliable and affordable power to the nation.
- ✓ The Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy also lay the foundation stone for the extension of POWERGRID's (Power Grid Corporation of India Limited) 400/132 kV Lakhisarai Sub-station.
- ✓ As part of the project, 220 kV GIS will be constructed in existing sub-station premises along with the installation of two transformers of 500 MVA capacity. The extension of the substation at Lakhisarai will lead to improved power availability in Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura, Munger and Jamui districts and will also ease supply of power to meet future energy demand.
- Q. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has planted the 4 Croreth tree under the All-India Tree Plantation Campaign of the Ministry of Home Affairs in which city?
  - A) Lucknow
  - B) Gurugram
  - C) Greater Noida
  - D) Ghaziabad

### Answer: C

- ✓ Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has planted the 4 Croreth tree under the All-India Tree Plantation Campaign of the Ministry of Home Affairs at the CRPF Group Center in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Amit Shah also inaugurated 15 newly constructed buildings, built at a cost of Rs 165 crores, across 8 different campuses of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- ✓ The campaign is an initiative of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) to plant 5 crore trees by Dec 2023.



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Q. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has inaugurated the ninth Commonwealth Parliament Association (CPA) India Region Conference in which city?

A) Ajmer

B) Udaipur

C) Kota

D) Jaipur

### Answer: B

- ✓ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has inaugurated the ninth Commonwealth Parliament Association (CPA) India Region Conference at Udaipur.
- ✓ The theme of the two-day Conference is "Strengthening Democracy and Good Governance in Digital Age".
- ✓ One of the topics is how to make public representatives more effective or efficient in encouraging good governance through digital empowerment
- ✓ The Conference concludes with the valedictory address of Vice-President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Q. Which state government has launched the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Road Scheme which aims to enhance road connectivity in tribal areas of the 17 districts of the state?

A) Chhattisgarh

B) Jharkhand

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Maharashtra

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Maharashtra government has launched the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Road Scheme which aims to enhance road connectivity in tribal areas of the 17 districts of the state.
- ✓ The scheme aims to connect remote tribal areas to the main roads.
- ✓ Maharashtra cabinet also decided to repeal the 45-year-old Maharashtra Casinos (Control and Tax) Act, 1976, announcing that the state will not have casinos in the future.
- ✓ The State Cabinet has decided to give special rations during the upcoming Ganeshotsav and Diwali festivals under the Antyodaya scheme

### **MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023**

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- Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Samant will present the first 'Udyog Ratna' award to veteran industrialist and Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata.
- ➤ Maharashtra topped the list with the highest number of missing women in 2021, with a reported count of 56,498.
- Maharashtra's Economy will become a trillion dollar by 2028, said N Chandrashekhar, president of the State Economy Development Council.
- Maharashtra Prisons Department has launched a "video call" facility for foreign nationals lodged in different jails across the state.
- NCP leader Ajit Pawar has been sworn in as the new Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra Government launched Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana.
- Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations.
- Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season.
- A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' started in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister, is scheduled to present the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' Award to Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari, also known as Appasaheb Dharmadhikari, on April 16 for his notable work as a social worker and reformer.
- Maharashtra Government has introduced a 4% quota for employees with disabilities in promotions.
- ➤ Bank of Maharashtra inaugurated its first dedicated Branch for Start-ups in Pune.
- Ramesh Bais Appointed as the New Governor of Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill.
- Recently a rare low altitude basalt plateau has been discovered in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra...
- Nilesh Sambre conferred with 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' by Maharashtra State.
- > Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune.
- Q. Who won the gold medal in the women's 76kg freestyle at the U20 World Wrestling Championships 2023 in Jordan?

A) Sakshi Malik

B) Vinesh Phogat

C) Priya Mallik

D) Sonam Malik



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### Answer: C

- ✓ Indian grappler Priya Mallik won a Gold medal at the 2023 U20 World Wrestling Championships in Jordan.
- ✓ Priya became just the second woman wrestler from India to be crowned U20 world championship. Antim Panghal had been the first woman from India to win a junior world title in wrestling at last year's edition.
- ✓ Priya Mallik beat Laura Celine Kuehn of Germany by 5-0 in the women's 76kg freestyle wrestling final.
- Q. Dr. V S Arunachalam passed away recently. He was the former Director General of which organization?

A) ISRO

B) DRDO

C) L&T

D) BARC

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Dr V S Arunachalam, founder chairman of Bengaluru-based think tank Center for Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), passed away at the age of 87 in California.
- ✓ Arunachalam helmed the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and was the Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister from 1982-92.
- ✓ He was conferred the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award (1980), Padma Bhushan (1985), and Padma Vibhushan (1990) for his contribution to engineering science and technology
- ✓ His distinguished career spanned across Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), National Aeronautical Laboratory, and Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory.
- ✓ In 2005 he founded the CSTEP to enrich policymaking with innovative approaches using science and technology for a sustainable, secure and inclusive society
- O. Which district of Uttar Pradesh has become the first district in the state to adopt e-office?

A) Kannauj

B) Mathura

C) Aligarh

D) Gorakhpur

### Answer: A

- ✓ UP's Kannauj has become the first district in the state to adopt e-office the new digital gateway that cuts on manual handling of files and documents.
- ✓ The e-office is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the National e-Governance Plan.
- ✓ E-office is a workflow-based system that extends features of existing manual handling of files in addition to the more efficient electronic system.



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- ✓ The efficiency of e-office not only helps departments in taking quick decisions but also makes them paperless.
- Q. How many Indian youths have been named among the International Young Eco-Hero Award 2023 to tackle the world's most pressing environmental challenges?

A) 4

B) 5

C) 6

D) 8

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Five Indian youths named among International Young Eco-Hero award 2023
- ✓ Five youths from India have been named among 17 teen environmental activists from across the globe to receive the 2023 International Young Eco-Hero Award who have taken initiatives to tackle the world's most pressing environmental challenges.
- ✓ The young eco-warriors who were recognized for their efforts by the US-based non-profit organization, "Action For Nature", are Eiha Dixit, Manya Harsha, Nirvaan Somany, Mannat Kaur, and Karnav Rastogi.
- ✓ The International Young Eco-Hero Awards programme recognizes and encourages children and teens from ages 8 to 16 who have taken action towards solving the most critical environmental issues.
- ✓ The awardees are eco-conscious youth who took crucial steps to solve tough environmental problems.
- ✓ Winners of the International Young Eco-Hero Award are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education.
- Q. Which Company has inked to supply 300 MW solar power for 25 years to Rajasthan?

A) NLC India Limited

B) NTPC Limited

C) Coal India

D) Power Grid Corporation of India

### Answer: A

- ✓ State-owned NLC India (NLCIL) has inked a pact to supply 300 MW of solar power for 25 years to Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam under the CPSU scheme.
- ✓ NLCIL is presently having 1,421 MW of Renewable Energy Capacity. As per its corporate plan, it contemplates establishing 6,031 MW capacity by 2030, a statement said.
- ✓ NLC India has entered into a long-term power usage agreement with Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited to supply 300 MW of solar power under the CPSU Scheme in Rajasthan, it added.



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- ✓ The company has secured 510 MW solar project capacity in the CPSU Scheme Phase-II Tranche-III, floated by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) through competitive bidding.
- ✓ The 300 MW solar project capacity is under execution at Barsingsar, Bikaner District, Rajasthan.
- ✓ The EPC (engineering procurement construction) contract for the project has been awarded to TATA power solar systems through competitive bidding.
- ✓ The power usage agreement (PUA) for the 300 MW Solar project was signed between NLC India Ltd and Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (RUVNL) on August 17, 2023, in Jaipur by DK Jain, Director (Finance), RUVNL and DP Singh, GM (PBD) of NLC India for the supply of solar power to Rajasthan for the next 25 years..
- Q. Which state Government has launched the India's First-Ever Night Street Racing Circuit?
  - A) Karnataka
  - B) Kerala
  - C) Tamil Nadu
  - D) Andhra Pradesh

#### Answer: C

- ✓ A new street circuit, which will also hold night races, was launched by the Tamil Nadu government and RRPL here on Wednesday (16th August 2023).
- ✓ The state government has partnered with Racing Promotions Private Limited (RRPL) for the project. RRPL is also the promoter of the Indian Racing League and F4 Indian Championship.
- ✓ Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu, Udhayanidhi Stalin, launched the circuit.
- ✓ As for the track, it is a 3.5km layout, located around the Island Grounds that resides in the heart of the city.
- ✓ The track would be stretched across the Island Grounds, Victory War Memorial and the Napier Bridge with elevation changes, along with the view of the Marina Beach Road and the Bay of Bengal. It will also have 19 corners with multiple chicanes.
- ✓ The newly launched track is set to host a couple of events the F4 Indian Championship and the Indian Racing League on December 9-10, 2023.
- ✓ According to its press release, the SDAT will be investing Rs 42 crore to host the event.



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### **TAMIL NADU 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.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- > Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation.
- ➤ Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister "Udhayanidhi Stalin" has unveiled the trophy and the 'Bomman' mascot for the prestigious Asian Champions Trophy 2023 hockey tournament to be held in Chennai.
- Muthamizh Selvi, first Tamil Nadu woman to scale Mt Everest.
- > Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..
- Tamil Nadu becomes first state to launch its own Climate Change Mission.
- Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- ➤ In a first of its kind initiative in India, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project' .
- Q. With reference to UDGAM Portal, consider the following statements:

1.It is a platform designed to promote environmental conservation by encouraging the use of single-use/biodegradable plastics and disposable products in everyday life.

2.It has been launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Statement 1 is incorrect. UDGAM Portal stands for Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access information. Its aim is to aid users to identify their unclaimed deposits/ accounts and enable them to either claim the deposit amount or make their deposit accounts operative at their respective banks.
- ✓ Statement 2 is correct. The portal has been launched by the RBI.



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✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently launched a Centralised Web Portal, UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access inforMation), for the public to search for their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks at one place.

#### ✓ About UDGAM Portal

- ✓ It has been developed by RBI for use by members of public to facilitate and make it easier for them to search their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks at one place.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Information Technology Pvt Ltd (ReBIT), Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS), and participating banks have collaborated on developing the portal.
- ✓ The portal will enable users to either claim the deposit amount or make their deposit accounts operative at their respective banks.

#### ✓ Procedure:

- ✓ Customers can register on the 'Udgam' platform using their mobile number.
- ✓ Once registered, they can search for unclaimed deposits under their name and provide additional inputs such as PAN, voter ID, driving licence and passport number.
- ✓ Customers can then retrieve their deposits by completing a KYC process with their branch.
- ✓ In case the deposit-holder has passed away, their nominee will be required to submit documents
- ✓ What are Unclaimed Deposits?
- ✓ According to RBI, "Unclaimed Deposits" refers to funds held in savings or current accounts that have remained inactive for a duration of 10 years, or in the case of fixed deposits (FDs), have not been withdrawn within 10 years from the maturity date.
- Q. India's first 3D-printed post office built with a robotic printer using 3D printing technology has been opened in which city?

A) Hyderabad

B) Bengaluru

C) Chennai

D) Mumbai

#### Answer: B

- ✓ India's 1st state-of-the-art 3D-Printed post office opens in Bengaluru
- ✓ India's first 3D-printed post office built with a robotic printer using 3D printing technology that deposits concrete layer-by-layer in accordance with computerized 3D model drawing input was inaugurated in Bengaluru.



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- ✓ The entire construction activity was completed in a period of 45 days as compared to about six to eight months taken by the conventional method.
- ✓ Cost and time savings make 3D-concrete printing technology a viable alternative to conventional building practices.
- ✓ The post office building was constructed by construction company Larsen & Toubro Limited while IIT Madras provided technical guidance.

### **BENGALURU IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ India's 1st state-of-the-art 3D-Printed post office opens in Bengaluru.
- > Bengaluru becomes the first Indian city to join the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF).
- ➤ India is all set to host the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) for the first time from 25-28 September 2023 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Sberbank's branch in India has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up an IT unit in Bengaluru.
- ➤ India's first 3D-printed post office to come up in Bengaluru.
- > The second Trade and Investment Working Group meeting under the G20 India Presidency began in Bengaluru.
- Foxconn to invest nearly 1 billion USD in Bengaluru.
- Nitin Gadkari unveiled first methanol run buses in Bengaluru.
- ➤ India Energy Week 2023 (IEW 2023), being organised during India's G20 Presidency, will be held in Bengaluru between February 6 and 8, 2023. .
- ➤ The Union Ministry of Defence has announced on 27 November 2022 that the biennial air show AeroIndia-2023 will be held at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru's from 13-17 February, 2023. This would be the 14th edition of Aero India.
- The first G-20 Environment meeting under the G-20 India Presidency will be held at the Taj West End in Bengaluru.
- > Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar on 15 March inaugurated a 5-day cultural program "AgriUnifest" in Bengaluru..
- ➤ The first meeting of the G-20 Energy Transition Working Group under the chairmanship of India will be held in Bengaluru from 5 to 7 February



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- Q. RBI has launched a centralized web portal "UDGAM" to help citizens search for their unclaimed deposits. What is the full form of UDGAM?
  - A) Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Account inforMation
  - B) Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Allied inforMation
  - C) Unclear Deposits Gateway to Account inforMation
  - D) Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access inforMation

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a centralized web portal to help citizens search for their unclaimed deposits known as UDGAM.
- ✓ UDGAM stands for Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access inforMation.
- ✓ The portal has been developed by the central bank for the public to help them search for their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks at one place.
- ✓ How will the UDGAM portal work?
- ✓ The launch of the web portal will help users identify their unclaimed deposits/accounts and enable them to either claim the deposit amount or make their deposit accounts operative at their respective banks.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Information Technology Pvt Ltd (ReBIT), Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS) and participating banks have collaborated on developing the portal.
- ✓ Users would be able to access the details of their unclaimed deposits in respect of seven banks presently available on the portal.
- ✓ These banks are the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, South Indian Bank, Central Bank of India, Dhanlaxmi Bank, DBS Bank India, CitiBank N.A.
- ✓ The RBI said the search facility for the remaining banks on the portal would be made available in a phased manner by October 15, 2023.

### **RBI PORTAL IN NEWS**

- ➤ RBI launched UDGAM portal to track unclaimed deposits.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has planned to launch a secured web-based centralised portal named 'PRAVAAH' to simplify and streamline application processes.
- > RBI to launch PRISM platform to strengthen compliance by supervised entities.
- RBI develops portal FLAIR for reporting of Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA).



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- RBI launches CISBI portal for keeping track of Banking Outlets.
- RBI launches Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI) app for visually impaired persons
- Q. In which city the warship 'INS Vindhyagiri' was inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu?

A) Mumbai

B) Kolkata

C) Chennai

D) Visakhapatnam

#### Answer: B

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has launched 'Vindhyagiri', an advanced stealth frigate, at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd's (GRSE) facility on the banks of Hooghly River, Kolkata
- ✓ This is the sixth of seven ships built under 'Project 17 Alpha' for the Navy. The first five ships of the project were launched between 2019 and 2022.
- ✓ This is the third and last stealth frigate that the Kolkata-based warship maker was contracted to build for the Navy under the project.
- ✓ 75 percent of orders for equipment and systems of P17A ships are from indigenous firms, including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ✓ P17A ships are guided missile frigates, each of which is 149 metres long, with the displacement of approximately 6,670 tonnes and a speed of 28 knots. These are capable of neutralizing threats in all three dimensions of air, surface, and sub-surface
- ✓ Project-17 Alpha is also known as the Nilgiri class frigate project. INS Vindhyagiri is the sixth stealth frigate constructed under Project-17 Alpha.
- ✓ Sixth vessel to be rolled out as part of the Project 17A Frigate
- ✓ Stealth frigate Vindhyagiri is the sixth vessel rolled out as part of the Project 17A Frigate.
- ✓ The five other ships INS Nilgiri, Udaygiri, Himgiri, Taragiri, and Dunagiri were launched between 2019 and 2022.
- ✓ Built by: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) facility at Kolkata.
- ✓ Named after: The ship is named after the Vindhyagiri hills in Karnataka.
- ✓ These frigates are being built by two state-run shipyards:
- ✓ Mazagon Docks Limited(MDL) is responsible for manufacturing four frigates INS Nilgiri, Udaygiri, Taragiri and Mahendragiri.



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- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) will manufacture the remaining three frigates, INS Himgiri, Dunagiri and Vindhyagiri.
- ✓ These ships are follow-on versions of the three Project-17 vessels, also known as the Shivalik class frigates in the Indian Navy.
- Q. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services has launched which app for seafarers?
  - A) SAGAR
  - **B) MAHASAGAR**
  - C) SAMUDRA
  - D) SETHUSAMUDRAM

### Answer: C

- ✓ Recently, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) launched a new mobile application called SAMUDRA for seafarers and the fishing community.
- ✓ About SAMUDRA App:
- ✓ Smart Access to Marine Users for Ocean Data Resources and Advisories (SAMUDRA) application offers comprehensive information on all ocean related services.
- ✓ It is a cutting-edge tool helping users to navigate the marine domain with confidence on their safety, and profitable fishing operations.
- ✓ It embodies the institute vision and mission in serving the nation with ocean data, information, and advisory services.
- ✓ It will catalyse sustainable ocean activities, thus enabling a way forward for the Blue Economy,
- ✓ It empowers users with real-time updates and critical alerts on oceanic disasters such as tsunamis, storm surges, high waves, and swell surge alerts, for the individuals and communities to stay informed and take necessary precautions towards the protection of lives and property.
- ✓ What is INCOIS?
- ✓ It was established as an autonomous body in 1999 under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- ✓ Mandate: To provide the best possible ocean information and advisory services to society, industry, government agencies and the scientific community through sustained ocean observations and constant improvements through systematic and focused research



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- Q. Who has launched to the FloodWatch mobile app for real-time flood forecast situations across the country?
  - A) Kushvinder Vohra
  - B) Raj Kumar Singh
  - C) Giriraj Singh
  - D) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

### Answer: A

- ✓ Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC), Shri Kushvinder Vohra today launched the mobile application, "FloodWatch" with the aim of using mobile phones to disseminate information related to the flood situation and forecasts up to 7 days on a real-time basis to the public.
- ✓ About Floodwatch App:
- ✓ This app gives information related to the flood situation and forecasts up to 7 days on a real-time basis to the public.
- ✓ The in-house developed user-friendly app has readable and audio broadcast and all the information is available in 2 languages, viz. English and Hindi.
- ✓ Other feature of the app includes real-time flood monitoring where users can check up-to-date flood situation throughout the country.
- ✓ The app utilizes near real-time river flow data from various sources.
- ✓ The app also provides flood forecast at nearest location where users can check the flood advisory at the station nearest to them on the Home Page itself.
- ✓ The app will also provide State-wise/Basin-wise Flood Forecast (up to 24 hours) or Flood Advisory (up to 7 days) which can be accessed by selecting specific stations, state wise or basin wise from the dropdown menu.
- ✓ This app utilizes advanced technologies such as satellite data analysis, mathematical modelling, and realtime monitoring to deliver accurate and timely flood forecasts.
- ✓ Key facts about Central Water Commission
- ✓ It is a premier Technical Organization of India in the field of Water Resources.
- ✓ It is presently functioning as an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation



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- Q. Which bank has recently introduced the Jeevan Dhara saving bank account for pensioners?
  - A) Karnataka Bank

B) Dhanlaxmi Bank

C) Canara Bank

D) Federal Bank

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Canara Bank has introduced Canara Jeevan Dhara, a special savings bank account for pensioners, and prospective pensioners.
- ✓ All the employees who retired on a voluntary basis or normal retirements are also eligible.
- ✓ The primary benefit of this account for senior citizens is that it is a zero-balance savings account. With this savings account, senior citizens do not have to maintain a minimum balance and there are no maintenance charges.
- ✓ The bank offers two variants depending on the pension credit. Diamonds account is for up to Rs 50,000 and Platinum account is for above Rs 50,000.
- ✓ The interest rate on Jeevan Dhara savings account will be same as regular savings account which ranges from 2.90% to 4% depending on the balance in the account

### **CANARA BANK IN NEWS 2023**

- Canara Bank has introduced Canara Jeevan Dhara, a special savings bank account for pensioners, and prospective pensioners.
- ➤ Public sector bank Canara Bankwill be signing a ₹3,000 crore IT transformation deal to revamp and enhance its tech infrastructure.
- Canara Bank Tops Public Sector Banks in Lending to State PSUs and Corporations for Fifth Consecutive Year.
- ➤ Canara Bank, in partnership with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), has introduced a new customer-friendly service called "Digitalised Submission of Form 15G/15H," which is aimed at enhancing customer satisfaction.
- ➤ Canara Bank, in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has announced that its customers can now utilize their RuPay Credit Cards on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform.
- > Canara Bank and NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) have collaborated to launch a service that allows Indians residing in Oman to make payments for their bills in India.



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- Canara Bank said it plans to sell its stake in Russian Joint Venture(JV) Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) to the other venture partner State Bank of India (SBI) for about Rs 114 crore.
- > CIBL, incorporated in 2003, is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- ➤ K Satyanarayana Raju named as new MD and CEO of Canara Bank.
- ➤ He will be replacing L V Prabhakar.
- CANARA BANK
- ➤ It is a leading commercial bank of India.
- ➤ It was established in 1906, by Sri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai.
- > Syndicate Bank was merged with Canara Bank on 1 April 2020. After this merger, Canara Bank has become the fourth largest bank in the country.
- Headquarters Bangalore, Karnataka
- MD & CEO: K. Satyanarayana Raju
- Q. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of South Indian Bank, with effect from 1st October 2023?

A) PR Seshadri

B) B. Ramesh Babu

C) N. Kamakodi

D) Abhijit Chakravorty

### Answer: A

- ✓ PR Seshadri appoints as MD and CEO of South Indian Bank
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of PR Seshadri as Managing Director & CEO of the South Indian Bank for a period of three years with effect from 1 October 2023.
- ✓ He is currently mentoring businesses both at an operating level as well as at the board level at various companies.
- ✓ He has served, amongst other positions, as managing director & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank, managing director & regional sales and distribution head of Citibank N.A
- ✓ South Indian Bank

✓ Founded: 1929

✓ Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala✓ Chairman : Salim Gangadharan



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- ✓ MD & CEO: Murali Ramakrishnan
- ✓ Tagline : Experience Next Generation Banking.
- Q. Dr. V S Arunachalam passed away recently. He was the former Director General of which organization?

A) ISRO

B) DRDO

C) L&T

D) BARC

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Dr V S Arunachalam, founder chairman of Bengaluru-based think tank Center for Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), passed away at the age of 87 in California.
- ✓ Arunachalam helmed the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and was the Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister from 1982-92.
- ✓ He was conferred the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award (1980), Padma Bhushan (1985), and Padma Vibhushan (1990) for his contribution to engineering science and technology
- ✓ His distinguished career spanned across Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), National Aeronautical Laboratory, and Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory.
- ✓ In 2005 he founded the CSTEP to enrich policymaking with innovative approaches using science and technology for a sustainable, secure and inclusive society
- Q. Based on the FY23 revised budget estimates, which state secured the top position as the best state in overall fiscal health in a report conducted by a foreign brokerage firm?

A) Punjab

B) Bihar

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Maharashtra

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Maharashtra scored top position in fiscal health report
- ✓ Based on the FY23 revised budget estimates Maharashtra secured the top position as the best state in overall fiscal health in a report conducted by a foreign brokerage firm.
- ✓ Chhattisgarh, one of the poorest states in the country, is in 2nd position followed by Telangana and Jharkhand, while the bottom 3 are Bengal, Punjab, and Kerala



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Q. Who has been awarded Harward University's coveted George Ledlie Prize 2023?

A) Raj Chetty

B) Merrick Garland

C) Gina Raimondo

D) Tony Blinken

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Indian-American economist Raj Chetty has been awarded Harward University's coveted George Ledlie Prize 2023 for wielding big data to break myths about who achieves the American Dream.
- ✓ Along with Chetty, Biologist Michael Springer, professor of systems biology at Harvard Medical School, who created a better, faster COVID test system to help deal with the spread of COVID, was also honoured with the coveted Harvard University's George Ledlie Prize
- ✓ Chetty, Professor of Economics at Harvard University is also director of Opportunity Insights, a group of economists based at Harvard who study inequality
- ✓ The award is given every two years to a member of the Harvard community who has made the most valuable contribution to science or in any way for the benefit of mankind.
- Q. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has flagged irregularities in which scheme?

A) PM DISHA

B) Sagarmala programme

C) Bharatmala Programme

D) Ayushman Bharat

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has highlighted irregularities in the registration and validation of beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat- Prime Minister Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY).
- ✓ In its audit report on Performance Audit of AB-PMJAY, tabled in Lok Sabha, the CAG said that overall, 7,49,820 beneficiaries were linked with a single mobile number in the Beneficiary Identification System (BIS) of the scheme.
- ✓ What is Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?
- ✓ About
- ✓ Launched in September 2018, the scheme aimed to offer secondary and tertiary care services to the vulnerable population in the society.
- ✓ It was launched as a second component of the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme.



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- ✓ This scheme aimed to offer medical coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to poor and vulnerable families.
- ✓ The scheme covers over nearly 40% of the population targeted towards poorest and the vulnerable.
- ✓ What is the Role of National Health Authority (NHA)?
- ✓ NHA is the apex body responsible for implementing India's flagship public health insurance/assurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ✓ It has been entrusted with the role of:
- ✓ designing strategy, building technological infrastructure and
- ✓ implementation of National Digital Health Mission to create a National Digital Health Eco-system.
- ✓ To implement the scheme at the State level, State Health Agencies (SHAs) in the form of a society/trust have been set up by respective States.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Nepal?

A) Anil Kumar Sinha

B) Ishwor Prasad Khatiwada

C) Bishowambhar Prasad Shrestha

D) Ananda Mohan Bhattarai

### Answer: C

- ✓ Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel appointed Bishowambhar Prasad Shrestha as the Chief Justice of Nepal.
- Q. The World Photography Day is celebrated on which day?

A) 16 August

B) 17 August

C) 18 August

D) 19 August

### Answer: D

- ✓ World Photography Day is celebrated on 19 August every year to promote photography as a hobby and also inspire photographers around the globe to share a single photo with the rest of the world.
- ✓ Theme 2023 LANDSCAPES
- ✓ The first official World Photo Day was observed on August 19, 2010.
- ✓ The origin of World Photo Day comes from the invention of the Daguerreotype, a photographic process developed by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicephore Niepce in 1837.



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✓ It was on August 19, 1939 that the French government purchased the patent of Daguerreotype process and announced the invention as a gift "free to the world".

### Q. Which day in the year is celebrated as World Humanitarian Day?

A) 19 August

B) 20 August

C) 18 August

D) 17 August

### Answer: A

- ✓ The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed every year on 19 August to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service.
- ✓ Theme 2023 No matter what
- ✓ In 2023 we are celebrating the 14th WHD.
- ✓ World Humanitarian Day was commemorated for the first time on 19 August 2009, after it was formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009.
- ✓ Why 19 August?
- ✓ 19 August marks the day on which the then Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq, Sérgio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his colleagues were killed in the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad.
- Q. When is the World Mosquito Day observed globally?
  - A) 20 August
  - B) 19 August
  - C) 18 August
  - D) 17 August

#### Answer: A

- ✓ World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
- ✓ The day also commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.
- ✓ In 1902. Ross won Nobel Prize for Medicine becoming the first British person to receive the award.



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- Q. Sadbhavana Diwas is observed in India annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?
  - A) Syama Prasad Mukherjee

B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

D) Rajiv Gandhi

### Answer: D

- ✓ Every year India observes Sadbhavana Diwas on August 20 to commemorate the birth anniversary of late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.
- ✓ 'Sadbhavana' means goodwill and bonafide.
- ✓ August 20, 2023 marks the 79th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi who was the youngest Prime Minister of India at the age of 40.
- ✓ The day aims to promote National Integration and Communal Harmony among people of all relgions, languages and regions and stop violence.
- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi was the 6th Prime Minister of India, serving from 1984 to 1989.
- Q. In India, when is the Akshay Urja Diwas celebrated?

A) 19 August

B) 20 August

C) 18 August

D) 17 August

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day) is observed every year on 20 August since 2004 to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.
- ✓ The Akshay Urja Day was initiated by the Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources in 2004.
- ✓ The energy such as Biogas, Solar Energy, Wind energy, hydroelectrical power are few example of Akshay Urja.
- ✓ The main motive of Akshya urja Diwas is to make people aware that they have to think about the renewable energy (Akshya Urja) apart from tradition energy.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?

A) Virat Kohli

B) Rohit Sharma

C) Rahul Dravid

D) Sachin Tendulkar



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### Answer: C

- ✓ Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), the second-largest Indian oil marketing company (OMC), has announced Rahul Dravid as its latest brand ambassador.
- ✓ Rahul Dravid's remarkable sportsmanship, role model status, integrity, dependability, and trustworthiness perfectly reflect the values we stand for and make him the perfect fit for brand BPCL.
- ✓ Rahul Dravid will represent BPCL's Pure for Sure initiative and its range of MAK lubricants.
- ✓ CMD of BPCL G. Krishnakumar

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- Rahul Dravid: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- ➤ Shah Rukh Khan : ICC World Cup 2023
- > Shraddha Kapoor: Asics India Private Limited
- Rashmika Mandanna: Printer company Epson India
- > Smriti Mandhana : Wrangler
- ➤ Hrithik Roshan : Zebronics TV
- > Sachin Tendulkar : Smile Ambassador
- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network
- > Sourav Ganguly: Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- Alia Bhatt: Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- > Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- > Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh: Star Sports Network
- ➤ Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar: Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar: World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- > Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights



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Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur: Hyundai Motor India Ltd

Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave

> Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma

Nikhat Zareen: National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)

Saurav Ganguly: Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign

> Anushka Sharma : Puma

Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
 Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
 Prasoon Joshi : Uttarakhand State

➤ Lionel Messi : Byjus

- Q. Which bank has set up 10 startup cells across different centres in the country to serve its specialized banking requirements?
  - A) Canara Bank

B) Bank of Baroda

C) Indian Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

### Answer: C

- ✓ Public sector Indian Bank has set up 10 startup cells across different centres in the country to serve its specialized banking requirements.
- ✓ The startup cells have been set up in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Chennai, New Delhi, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Mumbai.
- ✓ It includes offering payment gateways, corporate credit cards and credit facilities apart from the existing products of the bank.
- ✓ The launch of the startup cells is a major milestone in Indian Bank's journey to support the growth of the startup ecosystem in India.
- ✓ The startup cell branches would have dedicated relationship managers, who would partner with them and build lifecycle engagement with the start-ups.
- ✓ Indian Bank has also launched 'IND SPRINGBOARD' a customised loan product for startups to address their unique financial challenges.
- ✓ Indian Bank



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✓ Founded: 1907

✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu

✓ MD & CEO: Shanti Lal Jain

Q. Which bank has partners with the RBI innovation hub to launch KCCs and MSME loans?

A) Yes Bank

B) Axis Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) HDFC Bank

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Private lender Axis Bank has launched two lending products powered by the Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC), introduced by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).
- ✓ RBIH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ Axis Bank will offer Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and unsecured micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) loans to customers powered by the platform.
- ✓ Both products will be offered in a completely digital manner and require no submission of documents by customers.
- ✓ As a pilot, Kisan Credit Cards will be offered in Madhya Pradesh and will be available to customers for up to Rs 1,60,000 to start with.
- ✓ MSME loans will be available across the country and will offer loans up to Rs 10 lakh to customers.
- ✓ As part of the pilot, Axis Bank will leverage the PTPFC to access customer data. These include PAN validation, Aadhaar eKYC, account aggregator data, verification of land records and penny drop service to validate bank accounts.

### **AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023**

- Axis Bank partners with RBI innovation hub to launch KCCs and MSME loans.
- 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.



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- > Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation ltd announce strategic partnership under the colending model.
- Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank Partners with OPEN to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account.

> AXIS BANK

> Founded: 1993

HQ: Mumbai, MaharashtraChairman: Rakesh Makhija

MD & CEO : Amitabh ChaudharyTagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. Which entity has signed an a MoU with Government, Revenue Target for 2023-24 set at ₹ 4,350?

A) REC

B) NTPC Limited

C) THDC India Limited

D) IREDA

### Answer: D

- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a Mini Ratna (Category I) Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has signed a performance-based Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- ✓ The MoU, in alignment with guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance, outlines strategic targets that IREDA aims to achieve during the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- ✓ As per the MoU, the Government of India has set a Revenue from Operations target for IREDA, of ₹ 4,350 crores for the financial year 2023-24 and ₹ 5,220 crores for 2024-25.
- ✓ Notably, the company had achieved a Revenue from Operations figure of ₹ 3,482 crores in the preceding fiscal year, against a target of ₹ 3,361 crores
- Q. NHPC signs MoU with RITES for 2,880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project in Which State?

A) Uttarakhand

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Arunachal Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh



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### Answer: C

- ✓ State-owned hydro power giant NHPC has inked an initial pact with Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) to construct railway siding for a 2,880 MW Dibang multipurpose project in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ "NHPC signed an MoU with RITES for Construction of Railway Siding at Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) for NHPC's 2,880 MW Dibang Multi Purpose Project at NHPC Corporate Office on 21st August 2023," a company statement said.
- ✓ According to the statement, the agreement was signed by General Manager (Civil) Dibang and Executive Director, RITES, in the presence of Biswajit Basu, Director (Projects) NHPC at corporate office of NHPC.
- ✓ NHPC's total installed capacity is 7,097.2 MW of renewable power (including wind and solar) through its 25 power stations, including 1,520 MW through its subsidiary.
- ✓ RITES Ltd is a leading player in the transport consultancy and engineering sector in India, having diversified services across sectors and geographical reach.

### **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.



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- 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. Jan Dhan Accounts Cross How Many Crores Mark In Less Than 9 Years?

A) 30 Crores

B) 40 Crores

C) 50 Crores

D) 70 Crores

### Answer: C

- ✓ The finance ministry recently said the total number of Jan Dhan accounts in the country has crossed the 50 crore mark, with 56 per cent of the accounts belonging to women.
- ✓ About Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY):
- ✓ PMJDY is a National Mission for Financial Inclusion launched in August 2014 to ensure access to financial services, namely, Banking/ Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance and Pension, in an affordable manner.
- ✓ It envisages universal access to banking facilities with at least one basic banking account for every household, financial literacy, access to credit, insurance and pension.
- ✓ The plan also envisages channelling all Government benefits (from Centre / State / Local Body) to the beneficiary's accounts and pushing the Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) scheme of the Union Government.
- ✓ Eligibility:
- ✓ The applicant should be an Indian National.
- ✓ Any individual above 10 years can open a bank account.
- ✓ If minors above ten years apply, they will require support from their legal guardians to administer their PMJDY account.
- ✓ Jan Dhan Account:
- ✓ An individual can consider opening an account under this scheme with any bank branch or Business Correspondent (Bank Mitr) outlet.
- ✓ Further, accounts opened under PMJDY can be opened with zero balance.



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- ✓ However, if the account holder wishes to get a chequebook, he/she will have to fulfil the minimum balance criteria.
- ✓ The account holders under this scheme will be given a RuPay debit card which can be used across all ATMs for cash withdrawal.
- ✓ Individuals opening a Jan Dhan account are subject to be recipients of certain benefits. They are
- ✓ Accidental Insurance Cover:
- ✓ It provides accidental insurance of ₹1,00,000 to the holders of non-premium cards, while those with premium cards can avail up to ₹2,00,000.
- ✓ People holding a RuPay Debit Card under PMJDY will be eligible for this insurance.
- ✓ Life Cover Insurance:
- ✓ The holders of a RuPay Debit Card under the scheme can also receive life cover insurance up to ₹30,000.
- ✓ It will only apply to people opening bank accounts for the first time under Jan Dhan Yojana with a debit card.
- ✓ The person should also be the head of the family or a major earning member.
- ✓ This scheme will be liable to a single payment of ₹30,000 upon the death of a beneficiary.
- ✓ Overdraft Facility: Beneficiaries can avail of an overdraft facility for up to ₹10,000. However, this is only available against one account per household.
- ✓ This scheme also provides loans of up to ₹5,000 to beneficiaries after completing six months of account transactions
- Q. Who has won the gold medal in the U-17 category of the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships held in Dalian, China?

A) Akanksha Salunke

B) Sunayna Kuruvilla

C) Anahat Singh

D) Tanvi Khanna

#### Answer: C

- ✓ India's Anahat Singh clinched the gold medal in the U-17 category of the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships held in Dalian, China.
- ✓ The 15-year-old Anahat defeated Hong Kong's Ena Kwong 3-1 in the final on 20th August 2023 to win the gold medal.
- ✓ She had beaten Malaysian players Doyce Lee and Whitney Isabelle Wilson in the quarterfinal and semifinal, respectively.



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- ✓ Last year in Thailand, the Delhi-based Anahat had won her first gold medal of this event.
- ✓ Earlier this year, Anahat emerged winner in the U-15 category of the British Junior Open Squash, beating Sohaila Hazem of Egypt in the final
- O. Who has been elected as the new 30th Prime Minister of Thailand?

A) Chan-o-cha used

B) Shretha Thavisin

C) Yingluck Shinawatra

D) Abhisit Vejjajiva

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Thailand's parliament voted for real estate tycoon Srettha Thavisin to be the country's next prime minister, bringing an end to three months of political deadlock.
- ✓ Srettha, 60, was the sole candidate put forward by the populist Pheu Thai Party and received 482 votes out of a possible 747 in Thailand's bicameral parliament.
- Q. 4th G20 Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting will begin in Which City?

A) Bengaluru

B) Varanasi

C) Chennai

D) Mumbai

### Answer: B

- ✓ The 4th G20 Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting will begin 23rd August 2023 in Varanasi. It will culminate in the Culture Ministers' Meeting (CMM) on 26th August 2023.
- ✓ Delegates from G20 member nations, invitee countries, and various international organizations will attend it. Building upon the success of the previous three CWG meetings in Khajuraho, Bhubaneswar, and Hampi, as well as the four Global Thematic Webinars.
- ✓ Aim: The 4th CWG meeting in Varanasi aims to arrive at actionable outcomes while positioning culture at the heart of policy-making.
- ✓ The delegates will have the opportunity to experience the world-renowned Ganga Aarti on the banks of the river Ganga and explore the beautiful history of the lion capital of Sarnath.
- ✓ The G20 Global Orchestra performance titled "Sur Vasudha" celebrating the rich musical knowledge and heritage of G20 member nations and invitee countries will be presented in Varanasi.



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- ✓ The delegates will also witness cultural performances including Indian classical music and dance forms during their time in Varanasi. A report titled "G20 Culture: Shaping the Global Narrative for Inclusive Growth".
- Q. Which Country FDA Approved First Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine?

A) USA

B) UK

C) China

D) India

### Answer: A

- ✓ The U.S. Food and Drug Administration(FDA) approved Abrysvo (Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine), the first vaccine approved for use in pregnant individuals to prevent lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) and severe LRTD caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in infants from birth through 6 months of age.
- ✓ Abrysvo is approved for use at 32 through 36 weeks gestational age of pregnancy. Abrysvo is administered as a single dose injection into the muscle.
- ✓ The FDA approved Abrysvo in May for the prevention of LRTD caused by RSV in individuals 60 years of age and older
- Q. Indian Coast Guard has signed a MoU with the \_\_\_ Coast Guard to enhance maritime cooperation in New Delhi.
  - A) Thailand
  - B) Indonesia
  - C) Malaysia
  - D) Philippines

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Indian Coast Guard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Philippine Coast Guard to enhance maritime cooperation.
- ✓ The implementation of this MoU will enhance bilateral maritime cooperation between the two nations for ensuring safe, secure, and clean seas in the region.
- ✓ The MoU was signed by the Director General of Indian Coast Guard Rakesh Pal and the Commandant of Philippine Coast Guard Admiral Artemio M Abu in New Delhi.



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- Q. The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has partnered with which institute for a faculty development programme on artificial intelligence (AI) and data science?
  - A) Indian Institute of Science
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
- D) Jio Institute

### Answer: D

- ✓ The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has partnered with Jio Institute for a faculty development programme on artificial intelligence (AI) and data science.
- ✓ The partnership aims to upskill and reskill faculty members from AICTE-approved institutions. It will also explore emerging opportunities within the technological landscape.
- ✓ The collaborative initiative aims to empower academic leaders and senior faculty members with a deep understanding of AI and data science while also emphasizing the ethical considerations of utilizing AI tools for immersive learning.
- Q. Which state government will host the first-ever Pro Govinda League in the state?

A) Maharashtra

B) Gujarat

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Madhya Pradesh

### Answer: A

- ✓ The Maharashtra government will host the first-ever Pro Govinda League in Mumbai.
- ✓ The Pro Govinda League would be held on 31 August on the lines of the Pro Kabaddi League.
- ✓ The Pro Govinda League would be held at the National Sports Club of India at Worli in Mumbai.
- ✓ Around 50,000 Govindas, including 3,500 from Mumbai, would be participating in the event.
- ✓ The first prize comprises a whopping Rs 11 lakh, second Rs 7 lakh, third Rs 5 lakh, and fourth Rs 3 lakh
- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde recognized Dahi-Handi as a sport in Maharashtra in 2022 on the occasion of Janmashtami.
- Q. Kamlesh Varshney and Amarjeet Singh have been appointed as whole-time members of which of the following recently?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) SIDBI

D) IRDAI

Answer: B



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- ✓ Kamlesh Varshney, Amarjeet Singh appointed SEBI whole-time members
- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Kamlesh Varshney and Amarjeet Singh as SEBI Whole-Time Members.
- ✓ While Varshney, a 1990-batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service, is a joint secretary at the revenue department in the Finance Ministry.
- ✓ While Singh is an executive director at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ✓ Both Varshney and Singh have been appointed for three years from the date of assumption of charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ At SEBI, Varshney and Singh will fill in the vacancies created by the retirement of S K Mohanty and Ananta Barua.
- Q. Executive Vice President of which company Sandeep Navlakhe resigned from the key post in the company recently?

A) JSW Energy

B) Adani Transmission

C) NHPC

D) Tata Projects

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Tata Projects Executive Vice President Sandeep Navlakhe, who played a crucial role in the construction of the new Parliament, has resigned from the key post in the company.
- ✓ He has been responsible for buildings, factories, and airports business unit at the company.
- ✓ A BITS Pilani alumina, Navlakhe has 32 years of experience in the construction industry, having previously worked at Larsen and Toubro (L&T) for more than two decades.
- ✓ Tata Projects is a leading technology-led engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) company in India.
- Q. The World Senior Citizen Day is marked every year on which day?

A) 20 August

B) 21 August

C) 22 August

D) 23 August

Answer: B



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- ✓ World Senior Citizen Day is observed globally on August 21 every year to raise awareness about issues affecting older people, such as deterioration with age and the abuse of the elderly and support, honor and show appreciation to seniors and to recognize their achievements.
- ✓ The Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 14, 1990.
- ✓ The day was officially founded by the former President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan in 1988 to dedicate a day to older adults and their issues.
- Q. Who has been designated as a "national icon" by the Election Commission (EC) to encourage greater voter participation in the electoral process?

A) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

B) Sachin Tendulkar

C) Kapil Dev

D) Sourav Ganguly

### Answer: B

- ✓ Cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar has been designated as a "national icon" by the Election Commission (EC) to encourage greater voter participation in the electoral process.
- ✓ A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Tendulkar and the poll panel. As part of the three-year agreement, Tendulkar will spread voter awareness.
- ✓ This collaboration would mark a significant step towards leveraging Tendulkar's unparalleled impact with the youth for increasing voters' participation in the forthcoming elections, especially in general elections (to Lok Sabha), 2024.
- ✓ Last year, the commission had recognized actor Pankaj Tripathi as a national icon.
- ✓ Earlier, during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, stalwarts such as MS Dhoni, Aamir Khan and Mary Kom had been the EC's national icons.

### **SACHIN TENDULKAR IN NEWS 2023**

- > Sachin Tendulkar has been designated as a "national icon" by the Election Commission (EC) to encourage greater voter participation in the electoral process.
- ➤ A new book titled 'Sachin@50'- Celebrating A Maestro by Boria Majumdar.
- > Sachin Tendulkar now 'smile ambassador' for Maharashtra govt under the state's 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan'.
- > Savlon India appoints Sachin Tendulkar as world's first 'Hand Ambassador'.



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- Master blaster Sachin Tendulkar has turned 50 this year on 24 April and to honour him the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground in Australia has unveiled a set of gates named after him.
- ➤ In honor of Sachin Tendulkar's 50th birthday, the West Stand at the renowned Sharjah cricket stadium has been renamed as the 'Sachin Tendulkar Stand.'
- > 10 yrs post-retirement, a life-size statue of Sachin Tendulkar at Wankhede stadium Mumbai
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?
  - A) Advait Thakur
  - B) Trishneet Arora
  - C) Utkarsh Kawatra
  - D) Prakash Shrivastava

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Former Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, Justice Prakash Shrivastava has been appointed as the new Chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- ✓ The Cabinet Appointments Committee of the Central Government approved the appointment of Justice Prakash Srivastava as the Chairman of the NGT.
- ✓ NGT was set up under the National Green Tribunal Act in 2010.
- ✓ Earlier, Justice Shiv Kumar Singh was appointed as the executive chairperson after the retirement of the then NGT Chairman Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel in July.
- ✓ About National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- ✓ Founded 18 October 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
- ✓ Headquarters- Delhi
- ✓ Chairman Prakash Shrivastavs
- ✓ Regional Offices 4 (Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai)
- ✓ Tenure- Term of 3 years or till the age of 65 years and not eligible for reappointment.
- ✓ Objective- To speed up disposal of environmental issues
- ✓ India is the third (first developing) country in the world after Australia and New Zealand to set up a Special Environment Tribunal.



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Q. Which bank has launched its state-of-the-art mobile banking app 'iris' to offer digital banking solutions in India?

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) HDFC Bank

### Answer: B

- ✓ Private lender YES Bank has launched its state-of-the-art mobile banking app 'iris' by YES Bank.
- ✓ The iris app has a sleek and intuitive user interface that aims to offer a simplified banking experience for users of all age groups, and backgrounds.
- ✓ Designed to cater to both existing and new customers, the app offers access over 100 features and services in just a few clicks on a single platform.
- ✓ It also ensures utmost safety of the customers' financial data by incorporating best-in-class safety features like Biometric Authentication, Sim-Binding as well as a 2-factor Verification

### **YES BANK IN NEWS 2023**

- > YES BANK launched 'iris' to offer digital banking solutions in India.
- > 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 Expertis



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Q. Who is the author of the book titled "Drunk on Love: The Life, Vision and Songs of Kabir"?

A) Anne Frank

B) Vipul Rikhi

C) Christopher Paolini

D) Alexander Pope

#### Answer: B

- ✓ A new book titled "Drunk on Love: The Life, Vision and Songs of Kabir" is written by Vipul Rikhi.
- ✓ A new book aims to capture the life of mystic poet Kabir through popular legends, his vision and his poetry that has been quoted and translated extensively.
- ✓ This book was published by HarperCollins India and presents the 15th-century poet, as he is described, quoted, and loved in popular imagination.
- Q. Which state government has approved nine industrial projects worth Rs 873.57 crore which will create employment opportunities for 251,600 people in the state?

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Rajasthan

D) Gujarat

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Odisha government has approved nine industrial projects worth Rs 873.57 crore which will create employment opportunities for 251,600 people in the state.
- ✓ The projects include Petronet LNG Limited's Compressed Bio Gas and Fermented Organic Manure plant.
- ✓ With an annual capacity of 33,065 MT, this project promises a dual advantage of chemical production and renewable energy, Located in Deogarh, this initiative is set to transform the landscape.
- ✓ Pearl Precision Products Pvt Ltd joins the ranks with their plan for a cutting-edge Plastic Faucet, Water Tank, Pipes, and Fittings manufacturing unit. This project will be coming up in Paradeep Plastic Park, Jagatsinghpur.

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

- > Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' for indigenous people of the state to ensure individual and community rights over forest land for eligible beneficiaries.
- ➤ India's biggest natural arch formed 184 million years ago discovered in Odisha by Geological Survey of India (GSI).



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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 slumfree by the end of 2023
- Q. Which bank has recently launched the UPI Interoperable Digital Rupee mobile application as a part of the Reserve Bank of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot project?

A) Kotak Mahindra Bank

B) Canara Bank

C) Indian Overseas Bank

D) Indian Bank

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Canara Bank has launched the UPI Interoperable Digital Rupee mobile application as a part of the Reserve Bank of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot project.
- ✓ It is the first bank in both the public and commercial sectors to offer this feature via its CBDC mobile app called the Canara Digital Rupee app.
- ✓ With the introduction of this feature, customers can scan merchant UPI QR codes using the Canara Digital Rupee app and pay through digital currency.



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- ✓ Moreover, the feature is aimed at empowering merchants to accept digital currency payments using their existing UPI QR codes in addition to UPI-based payments without the requirement of a separate onboarding process for CBDC
- ✓ Digital currency is legal tender per RBI regulations, and the launch of this app is a significant step towards adopting digital currency in India.
- Q. Which country has demanded India to implement the PM Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendra Model in its country?

A) Indonesia

B) Malaysia

C) Philippines

D) Singapore

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Indonesia seeks to emulate India's Jan Aushadhi Kendra model
- ✓ Indonesian Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin visited a Jan Anushadhi Kendra in Gujarat's Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Sadikin praised India's healthcare model and sought to replicate the same PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana in Indonesia.
- ✓ Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide affordable medicines to senior citizens and middle-class families in India, with prices ranging from Rs 10 to Rs 20.
- ✓ Notably, Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Independence Day speech from Red Fort this year said that the government has plans to increase the number of 'Jan Aushadhi Kendras' from 10,000 to 25,000.
- ✓ Jan Aushadhi Kendras have provided new strength to senior citizens and middle-class families in our nation. We provide medicines which cost Rs 100 in the market for just Rs 10, Rs 15, Rs 20 through Jan Aushadhi Kendras," PM Modi had said from Red Fort.
- Q. Who has launched the CSIR Prima ET11, the first indigenous e-Tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur?

A) Dr Jitendra Singh

B) Draupadi Murmu

C) Narendra Modi

D) Rajnath Singh

Answer: A



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- ✓ Minister of Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh has launched the CSIR Prima ET11, which is claimed to be the first indigenous e-tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur.
- ✓ Jitendra Singh focused on the role of Agri StartUps in India's economy and called for the adoption of new and Al-driven technologies in Agriculture.
- ✓ An increasing number of new startups are venturing into the agriculture sector, focussing on niche technologies including e-tractor, recycling garbage, drip irrigation, and genome-sequenced farming such as Mango and Lotus among others
- Q. Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana means the 'Chief Minister's Learn-Earn' scheme in the state?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Rajasthan

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's Chief Minister Shivraj Singh has inaugurated Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana means 'Chief Minister's Learn-Earn' scheme in the state.
- ✓ The scheme has facilitated on-the-job training on the lines of 'learn and earn along with skill development.
- ✓ The state government is targeted to include one lakh youth in the first phase of the 'Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao' scheme. However, more than 8 lakh 69 thousand youths have already registered themselves so far.
- ✓ A total of 16 thousand 450 establishments have also been registered. These establishments have published around 69 thousand posts for the registered youth. Out of them, contracts have also been signed for more than 14 thousand posts
- ✓ The 'Mukhyamantri Sikho-Kamao' scheme has been started for the youth in the age group of 18 to 29 years. Under the scheme, the selected youth will be given training according to the requirements of the industries and also get an 8 to 10 thousand rupees stipend.
- Q. Who has recently launched the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP)?

A) Piyush Goyal

B) Rajnath Singh

C) Nitin Gadkari

D) Narendra Modi

Answer: C



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- ✓ Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has launched the much-awaited Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP).
- ✓ Bharat NCAP is a significant step forward in the government's commitment to improve road safety by raising the safety standards of motor vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes in India.
- ✓ The programme aims to provide a tool to the car customers to make a comparative assessment of crash safety of motor vehicles available in the market.
- ✓ Under this programme, car manufacturers can voluntarily offer their cars tested as per Automotive Industry Standard (AIS) 197
- ✓ Based on the performance of the car in the tests, the car will be awarded star ratings for Adult Occupants (AOP) and Child Occupant (COP). Potential car customers can refer to these star ratings to compare the safety standards of different vehicles and accordingly make their purchase-decision.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the part-time chairperson of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

A) Nandan Reddy

B) Deepak Ravindran

C) Neelkanth Mishra

D) Divya Gandotra Tandon

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the nodal body in charge of issuing Aadhaar numbers, has appointed Neelkanth Mishra as its part-time chairperson.
- ✓ Mishra is the Chief Economist and Head of Global Research at Axis Bank Ltd.
- ✓ The UIDAI board consists of a chairperson, two part-time members, and the CEO, who also serves as the member secretary.
- ✓ The three appointments are for a period of three years or up to the age of 65 years old, whichever is earlier.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Viacom 18 for digital business?

A) Sreelakshmi Suresh

B) Trishneet Arora

C) Farrhad Acidwalla

D) Kiran Mani

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Viacom 18 has appointed Google's Kiran Mani as CEO overseeing digital business operations.
- ✓ Currently, Mani is Google's General Manager and MD for Android and Google Play for the Asia Pacific region.



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- ✓ As the head of the digital business, Mani will be responsible for spearheading the growth of JioCinema, which has disrupted the video streaming market with its free proposition.
- Q. Which country has won the Women's Football World Cup 2023 after beating England in Sydney, Australia?

A) Argentina

B) Spain

C) France

D) Brazil

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Spain beat England to become Women's World Cup champions
- ✓ Spain's women's football team won the World Cup 2023 for the first time after beating England 1-0 in Sydney, Australia.
- ✓ With this win, Spain also became only the second nation to clinch both the men's and the women's World Cups after Germany.
- ✓ Spain's first major international trophy made it the first European team to win the Women's World Cup since Germany in 2007.
- ✓ The other nation is Germany, who won the men's World Cup in 1974 and 1990, and the women's World Cup in 2003 and 2007.
- ✓ Spain's Olga Carmona scored the winning goal against England.
- Q. Khelo India Women's League has been renamed as?

A) Asmita Mahila League

B) Kiran Mahila League

C) Beti Mahila League

D) Jagrati Mahila League

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Anurag Singh Thakur, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, has unveiled that the esteemed Khelo India Women's League will be recognized as the "Asmita Women's League" from now on.
- ✓ This purposeful transformation underscores the government's commitment to advancing gender equality and nurturing the vibrant engagement of women in the realm of sports.
- ✓ ASMITA: Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action :



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- ✓ The new name, "Asmita Women's League," carries a profound meaning. ASMITA stands for "Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action", encapsulating the spirit of resilience, determination, and achievement that defines women athletes across the nation.
- ✓ This change not only offers a new identity but also embodies the aspirations of countless women who strive to make their mark in the sporting arena.
- Q. Who has been elected as the new 30th Prime Minister of Thailand?

A) Chan-o-cha used

B) Shretha Thavisin

C) Yingluck Shinawatra

D) Abhisit Vejjajiva

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Thailand's parliament voted for real estate tycoon Srettha Thavisin to be the country's next prime minister, bringing an end to three months of political deadlock.
- ✓ Srettha, 60, was the sole candidate put forward by the populist Pheu Thai Party and received 482 votes out of a possible 747 in Thailand's bicameral parliament.
- Q. Which City Tulip Garden Enters Record Books With 1.5mn Flowers?

A) Gulmarg

B) Srinagar

C) Manali

D) Darjeeling

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar recently entered the World Book of Records (London) as Asia's largest such park.
- ✓ About Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden
- ✓ Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, previously Model Floriculture Center, is a tulip garden in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ It is the largest tulip garden in Asia, spread over an area of about 30 hectares.
- ✓ It is situated on the foothills of the Zabarwan Range with an overview of Dal Lake.
- ✓ The garden was opened in 2007 with the aim to boost floriculture and tourism in Kashmir Valley.
- ✓ The garden is built on a sloping ground in a terraced fashion consisting of seven terraces.
- ✓ The garden houses about 48 varieties of tulip flowers. The garden also has several types of other flowers, including daffodils, hyacinths, roses, narcissus, and other ornamental plants.



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- ✓ Tulip festival:
- ✓ It is an annual celebration that aims to showcase the range of flowers in the garden as a part of tourism efforts by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ It is organized during the onset of the spring season in Kashmir valley
- Q. Matti banana variety granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag of \_\_\_\_ District.

A) Theni

B) Thiruvattaru

C) Dharmapuri

D) Kanniyakumari

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag
- ✓ About Matti banana:
- ✓ There are six known types of the Matti banana and they are indigenous to Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu, where it thrives in the unique climate and soil.
- ✓ They are known as 'Baby Banana' which flourishes mainly in Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks.
- ✓ Even if it takes root and yields in other areas, the fruit will be without the sweet fragrance and honey-like taste unique to the Matti bananas grown in Kanniyakumari.
- ✓ Unlike typical banana bunches that grow straight, the Matti's fingers exhibit a distinct wind-blown appearance.
- ✓ Its low total soluble solids content (TSSC) recommends it as a baby food.
- ✓ Types of Matti Banana
- ✓ Nal Matti boasts a yellowish-orange colour and fine aroma, while Theyn [honey] Matti's pulp tastes like honey.
- ✓ Kal Matti gets its name from the calcium oxalate crystals forming in its pulp and black dots on the skin.
- ✓ Nei Matti exudes the aroma of ghee, and Sundari Matti, a Matti clone, with its elongated fingers, thick peel, and creamy white rind, is facing extinction
- Q. NTCA has approved India's India's \_\_\_\_tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts.

A) 52nd

B) 54th

C) 56th

D) 59th



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#### Answer: B

- ✓ India got its 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approving a proposal in this regard.
- ✓ This is Rajasthan's fifth tiger reserve after Ranthambore, Sariska, Mukundra Hills and Ramgarh Vishdhari.
- ✓ Giant leap for wildlife conservation in Rajasthan. Happy to announce that the state has got yet another Tiger Reserve
- ✓ The number of tigers in India has increased from 2,967 in 2018 to 3,682 in 2022, an annual rise of 6 per cent, according to government data.
- ✓ With a 50 per cent increase in the last four years, Madhya Pradesh has the maximum number of tigers in the country (785), followed by Karnataka (563), Uttarakhand (560), and Maharashtra (444).
- ✓ The number of tigers in Rajasthan has increased from 32 in 2006 to 88 in 2022

#### **TIGER RESERVE IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ India got its 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approving a proposal
- 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-Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana..



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- ➤ 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.
- ➤ 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 has recently approved USD 25 million proposal submitted by the India's Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying?

A) ADB

B) IMF

C) World Bank

D) G20 Pandemic Fund

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The G20 Pandemic Fund has approved a \$25 million proposal submitted by India's Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response".
- ✓ The G20 Pandemic Fund was established under Indonesia's G20 Presidency, which finances critical investments to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capacities at national, regional, and global levels of low- and middle-income countries.
- ✓ Historical Background of G20 Summit
- ✓ The Group owes its origin to the Financial Crisis in 1997-98 of the Asian Tigers (Countries of East and Southeast Asia), which caused its establishment in 1999. It worked first as a forum for the Central Bank Governors and Finance Ministers of the major industrialised and developing economies to discuss global economic and financial stability
- ✓ G20 Countries List



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- ✓ G20 comprises 19 countries, namely Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.
- ✓ These members account for around 85% of the world GDP, 75% of the total international trade, and two-thirds of the global population.
- ✓ In addition to these member countries, the G20 each year invites guest countries and international organisations such as the United Nations, World Bank, IMF, OECD, ASEAN, etc., to participate in its meetings
- ✓ The G20 consists of two parallel tracks called the Finance Track and the Sherpa Track
- ✓ India's G20 Priorities
- ✓ Green Development, Climate Finance and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE).
- ✓ Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth.
- ✓ Accelerating progress on SDGs.
- ✓ Technological Transformation and Digital Public Infrastructure.
- ✓ Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century.
- ✓ Women-led Development.
- O. Which country is the organiser of 'Army 2023: 9th International Military-Technical Forum'?

A) India

B) Australia

C) France

D) Russia

#### Answer: D

- ✓ India, China and Iran have set up pavilions at the ongoing Army 2023, the 9th International Military-Technical Forum organised by Russia.
- ✓ The India pavilion, which has stalls by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and three Defence Public Sector Undertakings including Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), and Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

#### **RUSSIA IN NEWS 2023**

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- India and Russia to Explore Acceptance of RuPay and Mir Payment Cards for Cross-Border Transactions.
- > Sberbank's branch in India has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up an IT unit in Bengaluru.
- > St. Petersburg, Russia, hosted the Second Summit of Russia-Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum.
- ➤ "India-Russia Business Dialogue" 2023 took place in New Delhi, and it was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.
- Russian Arms Supplies to India Worth \$13 bn in past 5 years.
- Financial crime watchdog FATF suspends Russia's membership due to Ukraine conflict.
- > Sberbank, Russia's top lender, has announced that individuals can now open accounts in Indian rupees, as the bank looks to decrease its reliance on the US dollar and euro.
- ➤ International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin over Ukraine war crimes.
- Russia's first lunar mission in nearly five decades, Luna-25, crashed into Moon a day after it had spun into uncontrolled orbit
- > RUSSIA
- Capital: Moscow
- Currency: Ruble
- > PM : Mikhail Mishustin
- > President : Vladimir Putin
- 'Roscosmos' Space Agency : Russia
- > AVIAINDRA Air Exercise : India and Russia
- > INDRA Military Exercise: India and Russia
- Q. North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) with an Approved Outlay of Crores

A) Rs. 7526.50

B) Rs. 7892.50

C) Rs. 8139.50

D) Rs. 8578.50



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#### Answer: C

- ✓ The North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) with an approved outlay of Rs.8139.50 crore for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 was also approved by the Cabinet, with two components viz. NESIDS-Road and NESIDS-Other Than Road Infrastructure (OTRI).
- ✓ The scheme is a central sector scheme with 100% central funding. The decisions of the Government including merger of the erstwhile North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) into NESIDS-Road component etc. necessitated formulation of fresh guidelines to administer and implement the restructured NESIDS during the balance period of the 15th Finance Commission
- ✓ The Union Cabinet had also approved continuation of the 'Schemes of NEC' for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs.3202.7 crore. The fresh guidelines for the "Schemes of NEC" has also been issued after having detailed discussion and consultations
- ✓ The objectives of the aforesaid schemes of the MDoNER are to supplement the efforts of the different Central Ministries & Departments on one hand and the felt needs of the NE States on the other, for uncovered development/welfare activities
- ✓ The MDoNER Schemes help provide gap-filling support to the eight North Eastern States as per their felt needs, by taking up projects e.g., for developing infrastructure to mitigate connectivity and social sector deficits and enhancing livelihood and employment opportunities in the region
- Q. What is the share provided by the Centre in implementation of projects under "North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme" (NESIDS)?

A) 75%

B) 50%

C) 60%

D) 100%

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme" (NESIDS) is a Central Sector Scheme on launched in 2017, under which 100% centrally funding is provided to the State Governments of North Eastern Region for the projects of physical infrastructure.
- ✓ Recently, the continuation of the NESIDS with an approved by the cabinet, for the period from 2022-23 till 2025-26 at an outlay of Rs.8139.50 crore.



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Q. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has reconstituted the Advisory Board on Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF) which conducts the first-level examination of bank frauds before recommendations or references are made to investigative by agencies such as the CBI. The reconstituted APBFF will be chaired by \_\_.

A) Abhijit Sen

B) M Rajeshwar Rao

C) Suresh N Patel

D) Abid Hussain

#### Answer: C

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- ✓ The reconstituted APBFF will be chaired by Suresh N Patel, the former Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- ✓ Besides the Chairman, there are four Members and the tenure of the Chairman/ Members would be for two years with effect from August 21, according to an order issued by the CVC.
- ✓ The four Members of the advisory board are Ravikant, a retired IAS officer; Rajnikant Mishra, former Director General, BSF; David Rasquinha, former MD of Exim Bank; and Partha Pratim Sengupta, former MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- ✓ The ABBFF has been empowered to examine the role of officials/ wholetime directors (including exofficials/ ex-wholetime directors) in public sector banks, public sector insurance companies; and public sector financial institutions in case of frauds amounting to ₹ 3 crore and above.
- ✓ The CVC has now stipulated that all PSBs, public sector insurance companies, and public sector financial institutions should refer all matters of frauds involving ₹3 crore and above to the board for advice

#### **COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023**

- > Government of India has constituted an expert panel headed by former Law Secretary TK Vishwanathan to propose reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act and reduce the burden on the courts.
- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has established an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Rajesh Gopal, secretary general of Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as its chairman.



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- ➤ Government of India has constituted a Peace Committee in Manipur under the Chairpersonship of Governor, Manipur Anusuiya Uikey.
- > IRDAI has recently constituted a five-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance; Headed By: Pratima Murthy.
- Razorpay forms 4-member advisory board to strengthen corporate governance; Head-former RBI deputy governor NS Vishwanathan.
- Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee forms panel to suggest changes to National Pension Scheme (NPS); Headed By- Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- ➤ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has set up a 14-member committee to look into stalled real estate projects; Headed By Amitabh Kant.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'. Chaired By Bhuvnesh Kumar.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has formed an expert committee to create a roadmap to encourage Indian startups/fintech domiciled abroad to relocate to the GIFT City in Gujarat. Chaired By G. Padmanabhan.
- A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) will now be made by a high-power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.
- The five-judge Constitution Bench was headed by Justice K M Joseph.
- > Supreme Court has formed a six-member expert committee to examine Hindenburg Research firm's report on the Adani Group and probe the stock price crash in Adani stocks. Headed By AM Sapre.
- Sovernment of India (GoI) constituted a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to analyse the need for a separate law for competition in the digital market and to draft a digital competition act within three months. Headed By Manoj Govil.
- > The Shipping Ministry has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for operationalization of Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. Headed By- Sanjay K. Mehta.



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Q. How many new countries will join the BRICS alliance from 1 January 2024?

A) 5

B) 6

C) 8

D) 4

#### Answer: B

- ✓ 6 Countries to join BRICS from 1 January 2024
- ✓ In a significant geopolitical development, the BRICS alliance has announced the inclusion of six new member countries.
- ✓ These countries are Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Argentina, the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia, and will join Brazil, Russia, China, India, and South Africa. The membership will take effect from 1 January 2024.
- ✓ President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, the host nation of the recent BRICS summit, made a historic announcement on August 24th, revealing the names of the new entrants to the alliance.
- ✓ This move not only diversifies the alliance but also provides a platform for emerging economies from different regions to align their interests on the global stage
- ✓ 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. 26th National Conference on e-Governance to begin in Which City?

A) Bhopal

B) Mumbai

C) Indore

D) Bengaluru



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#### Answer: C

- ✓ The 26th National Conference on e-Governance began in Indore on 24th August 2023 to deliberate on providing better facilities to the citizens.
- ✓ The two-day conference is being organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The conference is being brainstormed on the topic 'Developing India: Empowering Citizens'. Representatives from 28 states and 9 union territories as well as industry are participating in the conference.
- Q. Which company is set to launch 'India's first kerosene-oxygen-powered rocket'?

A) Agnikul Cosmos

**B) Dhruv Cosmos** 

C) Pixxel Cosmos

D) Orbit Cosmos

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Indian firm Agnikul Cosmos is on its way to becoming the first in the country to privately design, develop and launch a liquid-fuelled rocket.
- ✓ Agnikul is targeting to launch their maiden rocket known as 'Agnibaan SOrTeD' (SubOrbital Technological Demonstrator).
- ✓ It is a single-stage launch vehicle driven by Agnikul's patented Agnilet engine- an entirely 3D-printed, single-piece, 6kN semi-cryogenic engine.
- Q. India has partnered with which country for the MeitY- National Science Foundation (NSF) research collaboration?

A) Japan

B) UK

C) USA

D) South Korea

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of the Government of India have signed an Implementation Arrangement on research cooperation.
- ✓ Under the agreement, the first Joint Call for proposals has been made by the MeitY, in the areas of semiconductor research, next generation communication technologies/networks/systems, cyber-security, sustainability and green technologies and Intelligent Transportation Systems.



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#### **USA IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ Seventh edition of the Indian Navy US Navy (IN USN) Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, SALVEX was conducted at Kochi, Kerala.
- The United States is celebrating its 247th Independence Day this year on 4th July.
- ➤ United States of America announces its intention to rejoin UNESCO in July.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United States from June 21 to June 24 is one of the most important diplomatic visits of 2023.
- > PM Modi will lead the International Yoga Day celebrations at the United Nations Secretariat in New York.
- ➤ India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X) was launched at an 2-day event in Washington DC which was co-organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Ministry of Defence and US Department of Defence (DoD).
- ➤ Indian Economic Trade Organization appoints Nutan Roongta as Director of USA East Coast.
- ➤ Serbia's men and the United States women won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, which took place in Vienna, Austria.
- ➤ UNITED STATES (US)
- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Largest city: New York City
- Currency: Dollar
- First President : George Washington
- ➤ 46th President : Joe Biden
- > 49th Vice President : Kamala Harris
- India ambassador to US: Taranjit Singh Sandhu.
- Exercise Tiger Triumph (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise)
- Exercise Vajra Prahar (Special Forces' Exercise)
- Cope India (Air Force).
- Malabar Exercise (Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia).
- ➤ Red Flag (US' multilateral air exercise)



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- Q. Which country is the host of 'World Water Week 2023' event?
  - A) Finland

B) Sweden

C) Ireland

D) Switzerland

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) recently chaired an online session in from India, during the World Water Week.
- ✓ The session was titled 'Peer Networking for Integrated River Basin Planning and Management' having a discussion on the adoption of the river basin management approach.
- ✓ The World Water Week 2023 (from 20-24 August 2023) is an annual event held online and at Stockholm (Sweden) with the theme 'Seeds of Change: Innovative Solutions for a Water-Wise World'.
- Q. Which Union Ministry has notified the 'Green hydrogen standards' for India?

A) Ministry of External Affairs

B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

C) Ministry of Coal

D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy notified the green hydrogen standard for India, outlining the emission thresholds for production of hydrogen that can be classified as 'green'.
- ✓ The notification also specifies that the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the ministry of power will be the nodal authority for accreditation of agencies for the monitoring, verification and certification for green hydrogen production projects.
- Q. Singapore-headquartered BOC Aviation Limited and which airline company have entered into a finance lease transaction involving 10 Airbus A320NEO aircraft to further expand its fleet?

A) SpiceJet

B) Go First

C) Air India

D) IndiGo

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Singapore-headquartered BOC Aviation Limited and India's largest airline IndiGo have entered into a finance lease transaction involving 10 Airbus A320NEO aircraft to further expand its fleet.
- ✓ All 10 aircraft powered by CFM LEAP-1A engines are scheduled for delivery in 2023, said BOC Aviation.



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- ✓ India is currently among the fastest-growing civil aviation markets in the world and these aircraft will help IndiGo consolidate its position in the region.
- ✓ BOC Aviation is a leading global aircraft operating leasing company with a fleet of 652 aircraft owned, managed, and on order. Its owned and managed fleet was leased to 91 airlines in 42 countries and regions worldwide as of June 30, 2023
- ✓ IndiGo
- ✓ Founded: 2005
- ✓ Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana
- ✓ Chairman : Venkataramani Sumantran
- ✓ MD : Rahul Bhatia
- ✓ CEO: Pieter Elbers (Netherlands)
- ✓ Founders: Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal
- ✓ IndiGo is India's biggest airline by market share
- Q. Which of the following company has become the first Indian EV company to start Production in Africa?
  - A) TVS iQube Electric
  - B) Hero Electric Photon
  - C) Okinawa Ridge Plus
  - D) One Electric

#### Answer: D

- ✓ One Electric Motorcycles announced that the company has started manufacturing its flagship electric motorcycle "KRIDN" locally in Africa.
- ✓ The company has entered into a JV with a local established vehicle manufacturing entity.
- ✓ One Electric has provided complete components, technology, and know-how for the assembly of its motorcycles.
- ✓ One Electric also has plans to set up a battery manufacturing plant in Africa by end of the current year as volumes soar. After consolidation in Africa, the company is already in talks to expand into other markets like South America and Southeast Asia.



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Q. First Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite under the 100 microsites project by the National Health Authority launched in which city?

A) Patna

B) Aizawl

C) Lucknow

D) Ranchi

#### Answer: B

- ✓ First ABDM Microsite by National Health Authority launched in Aizawl
- ✓ The National Health Authority (NHA) announced 100 microsites project to accelerate the adoption of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) nationwide.
- ✓ In India, Mizoram became the first state to operationalize an ABDM microsite
- ✓ All healthcare facilities, including the private clinics and labs, will be made ABDM-enabled and will offer digital health services.
- ✓ The 100-microsite project under the ABDM is a vital initiative for reaching out to the bulk of small and medium-scale healthcare providers from the private sector
- ✓ The ABDM microsites are geographical regions where efforts are made to onboard small and medium-scale private healthcare providers.
- Q. The state of Kerala has introduced its first AI school situated in which city of state?

A) Thrissur

B) Kozhikode

C) Thiruvananthapuram

D) Kochi

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Kerala's first AI school launched in Thiruvananthapuram
- ✓ The state of Kerala has introduced its first AI school situated at Santhigiri Vidyabhavan in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ It was inaugurated by the Former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.
- ✓ The pioneering AI School has been developed in collaboration with iLearning Engines (ILE) USA, a globally renowned educational platform, and Vedhik eSchool.
- ✓ According to Vedhik eSchool authorities, AI school introduces an innovative learning approach that harnesses the power of artificial intelligence to offer students an international standard of education
- ✓ The AI-powered features of the school include Multi-Teacher Revision Support, Multilevel Assessment, Aptitude Tests, Psychometric Counseling, Career Mapping, Ability Enhancement, Memory Techniques,



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Q. Which company has acquired 6.660 percent stake in Jio Financial Services owing to the de-merger action by Reliance Industries?

A) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance

B) Life Insurance Corporation Of India

C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

D) Bharti AXA General Insurance

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Life Insurance Corporation of India has acquired 6.660 percent stake in Jio Financial Services owing to the de-merger action by Reliance Industries.
- ✓ Jio Financial de-merged from Reliance Industries on July 13, as a part of which shareholders of RIL were allotted one share of Jio Financial for every share held.
- ✓ The cost of acquisition is equivalent to 4.68 percent of the pre-de-merged cost of Reliance Industries. The country's largest insurer held 6.49 percent stake in RIL at the end of June 2023.
- Q. Which bank has launched a first-of-its-kind multi-branded credit card 'IndusInd Bank Avios Visa Infinite Credit Card' for all customers, in partnership with British Airways Executive Club and Qatar Airways Privilege Club?

A) IndusInd Bank

B) Bank of Baroda

C) Punjab National Bank

D) Canara Bank

#### Answer: A

- ✓ IndusInd Bank launches multi-branded credit card with Qatar Airways
- ✓ IndusInd Bank has launched a first-of-its-kind multi-branded credit card 'IndusInd Bank Avios Visa Infinite Credit Card' for all customers, in partnership with British Airways Executive Club and Qatar Airways Privilege Club.
- ✓ This credit card aims to offer best-in-class rewards and benefits to customers, across travel, wellness, and lifestyle experiences.
- ✓ The card is available in a sleek 'metal card' variant, tailored to meet the needs of our valued customers.
- ✓ Customers can opt for their preferred airline loyalty programme at the time of the application as well as select their preferred international destination to maximise the opportunity to collect Avios, the rewards



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✓ Founder : S.P. Hinduja

✓ Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra,

✓ MD & CEO : Sumant Kathpalia

✓ Tagline: We Make You Feel Richer

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Smart eMobility?

A) Kunal Bahl

B) Karsanbhai Patel

C) Bhavish Aggarwal

D) Manoj Kohli

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Manoj Kohli has been appointed as Chairman of Smart eMobility.
- ✓ Manoj Kohli, who previously held the position of Country Head at SoftBank India, is a highly accomplished entrepreneur with a proven track record.
- ✓ He is passionate about driving industry transformations in various fields, including mobile internet, renewable energy, digital unicorns, and electric vehicles.
- ✓ Smart eMobility is a fast-growing PaaS provider that offers comprehensive platform and end-to-end solutions for stakeholders in the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem



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NAME - PRAVEEN ROLL NO - 1801005776 SELECTED IN - RRB PO KARNATAKA GRAMMENA BANK STATE - KARNATAKA



Jame: Bathina Maneesha Rollno: 2543024278 Selected in : RRB clerk State : Telangana

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NAME - BATHINA MANEESHA ROLL NO - <u>2543024278</u> SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK STATE - TELAGANA



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NAME - NISHU SHARMA ROLL NO - 1523008901 SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK STATE - HARYANA



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NAME - GURIYA KUMARI ROLL NO -<u>1373006773</u> SELECTED IN - RRB CLERK DAKSHIN BIHAR GRAMEEN



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NAME - GURPREET KAUR ROLL NO - <u>2283002821</u> BANK - PUNJAB GRAMIN BANK STATE - FROM PUNJAB



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