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

Q. Who is the Best Actor Award at the 69th National Film Awards 2023?

- A) Prabhas
B) Allu Arjun
C) Vijay Deverakonda
D) Nagarjuna

Answer : B

- ✓ Best Actor - Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- ✓ Best Actress - Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) and Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Q. Which film recently won the best feature film award in the 69th National Film Award?

- A) Rocketry
B) The Kashmir Files
C) Sardar Udham
D) Pushpa

Answer : A

- ✓ Best Feature Film - R Madhavan's Rocketry

Q. Who won the award for Best Direction in the 69th National Film Award?

- A) R Madhavan
B) Nikhil Mahajan
C) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
D) Sriram Raghavan

Answer : B

- ✓ Best Direction - Nikhil Mahajan - Godavari (Marathi)

Q. Which film won the award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment in the 69th National Film Award?

- A) Rocketry
B) Sardar Udham
C) RRR
D) The Kashmir Files

Answer : C

- ✓ Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment - RRR



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Q. Which film won the award for Best Hindi Film in the 69th National Film Award?

A) Sardar Udham

B) Rocketry

C) RRR

D) The Kashmir Files

Answer : A

- ✓ Best Feature Film - Hindi - Sardar Udham
- ✓ The 69th National Film Awards was announced on Thursday during a press conference by the Jury at the National Media Center New Delhi.
- ✓ The Jury members for National Film Awards handed over the list of awardees for feature, non-feature and best script category to Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur.
- ✓ A total of 280 films from 28 languages were submitted for the awards in year 2021. 31 categories in Feature film, 24 in non-feature and 3 in script writing on cinema.
- ✓ 69th National Film Awards 2023
- ✓ Best Feature Film- Rocketry
- ✓ Best actor – Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- ✓ Best actress – Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) & Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- ✓ Best Director – Nikhil Mahajan Godavari
- ✓ Best Popular Film – RRR
- ✓ Nargis Dutt award for best film on national integration – Kashmir Files
- ✓ Best Supporting Actor – Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
- ✓ Best Supporting Actress – Pallavi Joshi (Kashmir Files)
- ✓ Best Music Direction (Background Music) – MM Keeravaani (RRR)
- ✓ Best Male Playback Singer – Kaala Bhairava (RRR)
- ✓ Best Female Playback Singer – Shreya Ghoshal (Iravin Nizhal)
- ✓ Best Choregraphy – RRR
- ✓ Best Hindi Film – Sardar Udham
- ✓ Best Gujarati Film – Chhello Show
- ✓ Best non feature film – Ek Tha Gaon
- ✓ Special Jury Award- Shershaah, Vishnuvardhan
- ✓ Special Jury Award (Non-feature film) – Shekhar Bapu Rankhambe, Rekha



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MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023

- **69th NATIONAL FILM AWARDS**
- Best Feature Film : Rocketry
- Best actor : Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- Best actress : Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) & Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director : Nikhil Mahajan Godavari
- Best Popular Film : RRR
- Best Hindi Film : Sardar Udham
- **INTERNATIONAL INDIAN FILM ACADEMY AWARDS (IIFA) 2023**
- Best Film: Drishyam 2
- Best Director: R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
- **68TH FILMFARE AWARDS, (also known as HYUNDAI FILMFARE AWARDS 2023)**
- Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Actor : Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do
- Best Actress : Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Gangubai Kathiawadi.
- **95TH ACADEMY AWARDS (OSCAR AWARDS 2023)**
- Best Picture : Everything Everywhere All At Once
- Best Actress : Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Actor : Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
- Best Director : Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Original Song : “Naatu Naatu” (RRR)
- Best Documentary Short Film : ‘The Elephant Whisperers’ by Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga
- **76TH BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS (BAFTAs)**
- Best Film : All Quiet on the Western Front
- Best Actress : Cate Blanchett, (Tar)
- Best Actor : Austin Butler, (Elvis)



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- Best Director : Edward Berger, (All Quiet on the Western Front)
- **DADASAHEB PHALKE INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS - 2023**
- Best Film: The Kashmir Files
- Best Actor: Ranbir Kapoor for Brahmastra: Part 1
- Best Actress: Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Director: R Balki for Chup: Revenge of The Artist
- Film of The Year : RRR
- **OTHERS FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023**
- South Cinema's film RRR has created history at the 80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award ceremony, the film's Telugu song 'Naatu Naatu' has won the Best Song award.
- RRR has bagged three big awards at the Hollywood Critics Association (HCA) Film Awards 2023.
- SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.
- The film is based on the lives of real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem.
- The song 'Naatu Naatu' is composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaal Bhairav and Rahul Sipligunj.
- Aparna Sen Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award at Jaipur Film Festival.

Q. Which city has secured the first position in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023 conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, securing an impressive 187 out of 200 points given by the CPCB?

A) Surat

B) Navi Mumbai

C) Indore

D) Vijayawada

Answer : C

- ✓ Indore secures 1st position, Bhopal 5th in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023
- ✓ Indore has secured the first position in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023 conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, securing an impressive 187 out of 200 points given by the CPCB.
- ✓ In the 10-lakh category, Gwalior seems to have made the least effort as it secured 117 points, ending up 43rd.



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- ✓ Bhopal came fifth with 181 points and Jabalpur seventh with 172 points.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has secured two of the first five positions for cities with a population of more than 10 lakhs.
- ✓ Indore stood first, Agra second, Thane third, Srinagar fourth and Bhopal fifth.

Q. Which state government has recently introduced additional textbooks of the State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) which incorporate the topics that were recently deleted from the NCERT textbooks?

A) Bihar

B) Kerala

C) Telangana

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala unveils additional books to include portions deleted by NCERT
- ✓ The Kerala government has introduced additional textbooks of the State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) which incorporates the topics that were recently deleted from the NCERT textbooks.
- ✓ Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan expressed his government's concern over the exclusion of chapters by NCERT under the pretext of rationalization for the 2023-24 academic year. He emphasized that the omitted chapters were deemed crucial and should not have been removed
- ✓ The government views the exclusion of chapters seriously as they believe those chapters excluded are important.
- ✓ In class 11 and 12, 12 subjects with 44 textbooks are from NCERT. Students of 11 and 12 are getting textbooks prepared by NCERT.

KERALA IN NEWS 2023

- Kerala unveils additional books to include portions deleted by NCERT.
- 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.



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

Q. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) recently switched to indigenously developed "COPSYSS" software for psychological screening of personnel prior to their induction in dignitary protection teams. What is the full form of COPSYSS?

- A) Commercial Psychological Screening System
- B) Computerized Psychological System Screening
- C) Computerized Psychological Survey System
- D) Computerized Psychological Screening System

Answer : D



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- ✓ The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) recently switched to indigenously developed software for psychological screening of personnel prior to their induction in dignitary protection teams.
- ✓ Computerised Psychological Screening System (COPSYSS) is a software designed and developed by the Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) of the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ✓ The indigenous physiological test system will help in the selection of candidates for escorting dignitaries.
- ✓ The force has a tough system in place for physical fitness but this test will ensure sharp mental fitness.
- ✓ However, the Special Protection Group (SPG) has been undergoing the Vienna Test System (VTS) for at least 15 years, and the National Security Guard (NSG) has switched to VTS in 2017.

Q. What is the theme of B20 Summit India 2023 which started recently in New Delhi?

A) RAISE

B) Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

C) One Earth, One Family, One Future

D) Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for

Answer : A

- ✓ The B20 Summit India 2023 commences in New Delhi.
- ✓ During the three days Summit, Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Dharmendra Pradhan, Dr. S Jaishankar, G20 India Sherpa Amitabh Kant, Trade Ministers of various countries, and several business leaders will share their ideas on the issues concerning businesses globally.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the special session on the 27th of this month as Chief Guest.
- ✓ First day of the Summit, seven sessions were organized including B20 India priorities and recommendations from India for the world, aligning global priorities, Artificial Intelligence for business and societies, opportunities and regulations, inclusive global value chain for resilient global trade and investment and Trade Ministers' Session.
- ✓ The Summit is based on the theme of B20 India R.A.I.S.E: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses.
- ✓ Chairperson of the Tata Group, N Chandrasekaran was appointed the chair of B20 India, to lead the business agenda during India's G20 presidency. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is appointed as the B20 India Secretariat by the Centre to lead the B20 India process.



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Q. Tech giant Infosys onboards __ as ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation.

- A) Novak Djokovic
B) Rafael Nadal
C) Alexander Zverev
D) Daniil Medvedev

Answer : B

- ✓ Tech giant Infosys has extended its partnership with Tennis star Rafael Nadal as an ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation.
- ✓ To mark Nadal's first-ever collaboration with a digital services company, Infosys and Nadal's coaching team are developing an AI-powered match analysis tool.
- ✓ Globally acknowledged as one of the legends in sports, he also has had the ability to change with the changing rigors of tennis over the years.

Q. ISRO is preparing a new Moon Mission in association with which country's space agency which has been named LUPEX or Lunar Polar Exploration?

- A) Israel
B) USA
C) France
D) Japan

Answer : D

- ✓ ISRO's Next Moon Mission in Collaboration with Japan Gathers Steam
- ✓ With Chandrayaan-3 successfully landing on the Moon's surface, decks have been cleared for ISRO to unveil the next stage of its lunar exploration programme.
- ✓ As of now, ISRO is preparing for one more lunar mission, this one in collaboration with Japanese space agency (JAXA).
- ✓ This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25. But there would be more in the Chandrayaan series as well.
- ✓ The rover will carry not only the instruments of ISRO and JAXA but also those of US space agency NASA and European Space Agency (ESA).
- ✓ Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX) is a collaborative venture between Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and the Bengaluru-headquartered Indian space agency.
- ✓ According to JAXA, the LUPEX mission is aimed at exploring lunar polar region suitability for establishing a base on the Moon for sustainable activities; obtaining knowledge regarding the availability of lunar water-



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ice resources, and demonstrating lunar and planetary surface exploration technologies such as vehicular transport and overnight survival.

- ✓ Ahmedabad-based Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), an autonomous unit of the Department of Space, has proposed multiple instruments in the LUPEX mission mainly to carry out measurements on the surface and subsurface near the permanently shadowed polar region of the Moon.
- ✓ The objective of one of the proposed instruments – Permittivity and Thermo-physical investigation for Moon’s Aquatic Scout (PRATHIMA) – is in-situ detection and quantification of water-ice mixed with lunar surface and sub-surface soil using a rover/lander platform.
- ✓ The LUPEX mission is slated to be launched in the year 2025.

Q. Who has inaugurated 33 Khelo India Centres (KIC) in the State of Rajasthan at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur?

- A) Anurag Singh Thakur B) Rajnath Singh
C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Narendra Modi

Answer : A

- ✓ The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated 33 Khelo India Centres (KIC) in the State of Rajasthan at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.
- ✓ He also announced that a National Center of Excellence with a sports science center will be set up in Rajasthan along with an additional 18 KIC, thus taking the total number of KIC in the State to 51.
- ✓ The total number of KICs across India is 960, out of which 715 are operational KICs.
- ✓ Currently, over 17,000 Athletes are getting trained in KICs and 699 Past Champion Athletes are already hired across the country.
- ✓ These KICs are specific training centres looking after sports disciplines like cycling, basketball, wushu, hockey and more

Q. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has a brand tie-up with which company for the upcoming Men’s Cricket World Cup 2023 to be held in India between 5 October and 19 November 2023?

- A) Mastercard B) Visa Inc
C) Paytm D) VIVO

Answer : A

- ✓ Mastercard inks brand partnership with ICC for upcoming World Cup



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- ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has a brand tie-up with Mastercard for the upcoming Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 to be held in India between 5 October and 19 November 2023.
- ✓ Under this tie-up, Mastercard will be a global partner for the World Cup.
- ✓ With this, Mastercard joins ICC's other global partners MRF Tyres, Booking.com, Aramco and Emirates.
- ✓ The ICC has three categories of sponsors — global partners, official partners and category partners. Sponsors get multiple benefits like media integration, in-stadium branding, tickets, and hospitality.
- ✓ Incidentally, MasterCard was also the title sponsor for all bilateral matches played in India until March. It was paying Rs 3.8 crore per match as the Indian cricket board's title sponsor.
- ✓ MASTERCARD
- ✓ Founded : 1966
- ✓ Headquarteres : New York, U.S
- ✓ Executive Chairman : Ajay Banga
- ✓ President and CEO : Michael Miebach

Q. Who has won the Cincinnati Open 2023 title after defeating Carlos Alcaraz of Spain?

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Alexander Zverev
- D) Daniil Medvedev

Answer : A

- ✓ Serbia's Novak Djokovic secured the title of Cincinnati Open 2023 after defeating Carlos Alcaraz of Spain.
- ✓ The win delivered Djokovic his 95th career title and 39th Masters 1000 crown.
- ✓ The Spaniard is currently ranked at number one in the ATP Tour rankings, with Djokovic ranked just behind him at number two.
- ✓ Djokovic is the only player in tennis history to be the reigning champion of all four majors at once across all three different surfaces.
- ✓ Serbian Tennis Player, Novak Djokovic has won the French Open 2023 men's singles final, clinching his 23rd Grand Slam title.
- ✓ Novak Djokovic defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of men's singles match of the Australian Open 2023.



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Q. Who has launched HSBC India's Green Hydrogen Partnerships?

- A) Rajnath Singh B) S. Jaishankar
C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : C

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched HSBC India's strategic partnerships to enable innovation in green hydrogen, partnering with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), the bank said in a statement
- ✓ These two partnerships, with total grant support of ₹15 crore (\$2 million), the bank said, will focus on innovation projects that will help prioritize green hydrogen as a strategic alternative fuel and help build a robust green-hydrogen economy.
- ✓ Sitharaman said the government is focused on driving growth through a range of green reforms. "This will provide a roadmap towards reducing carbon intensity in the economy and enable the creation of green job opportunities.
- ✓ The National Hydrogen Energy Mission, announced in the union budget 2021-22, is a step towards a greener future that will lay down the roadmap for tapping alternative sources of energy in India.
- ✓ Tucker said HSBC is committed to helping deliver a net-zero global economy by 2050 or earlier, in line with the Paris Agreement goals..

Q. Which IIT Receives donation of 18.6 million for Green Energy and Sustainability Research Hub?

- A) IIT Delhi
B) IIT Madras
C) IIT Kharagpur
D) IIT Bombay

Answer : D

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) has received a donation of \$18.6 million from an alumnus towards the establishment of a Green Energy and Sustainability Research Hub.
- ✓ This landmark contribution will redefine the Institute's role in addressing the global climate crisis.
- ✓ To be located within a state-of-the-art academic building on the IIT Bombay campus, the focus of this hub extends to critically important areas



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- IIT Bombay has received a donation of \$18.6 million from an alumnus towards the establishment of a Green Energy and Sustainability Research Hub.
- IIT Guwahati has signed MoU with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.
- IIT Guwahati researchers develop AI-based model for knee X-ray.
- Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani donated ₹315 crores to IIT Bombay.
- IIT-Madras generates hydrogen from seawater using solar energy.
- India, Israel to jointly develop Center of Water Technology at IIT Madras.
- IIT Madras researchers partner for development of materials and micro-device processing techniques.
- IIT Kanpur's C3iHub, a cybersecurity Technology Innovation Hub, has launched a Cybersecurity Skilling Programme .
- IIT Madras to set up its first international campus in Tanzania.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras will be provided a grant of Rs 242 crore over a period of five years to carry out research on Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD).
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and 47th globally in engineering and technology by the QS World University Rankings for 2023.
- IIT Indore, in partnership with NASA-Caltech and the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, has designed an inexpensive camera setup.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed a three-dimensional (3D) paper-based portable device that can detect adulteration in milk within 30 seconds.
- IIT Kanpur to Host Youth20 Consultation under G20 Presidency of India.
- IIT Bombay's SHUNYA secures second place in 'Solar Decathlon' Build Challenge in US.
- Students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore won an award of AED (Emirates Dirham) 1 million along with a gold medal at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- IIT Indore Students Awarded with Global Best M-GOV Awards by Egyptian President.
- Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has entered into a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited.
- DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.



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

Q. Which country's second- highest honor 'Grand Cross of the Order of Honour' was awarded to PM Modi?

A) France

B) South Africa

C) Greece

D) Germany

Answer : C

- ✓ The Indian Prime minister was recently conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by the Greece President in Athens.
- ✓ About Grand Cross of the Order of Honour:
- ✓ It is the second-highest civilian honour in Greece.
- ✓ It is conferred to "eminent personalities who, by reason of their distinguished position, have contributed to enhancing the stature of Greece".
- ✓ The Order of Honour was established in 1975.
- ✓ The head of the goddess Athena is depicted on the front side of the Star with the inscription "ONLY THE RIGHTEOUS SHOULD BE HONOURED".
- ✓ Key Facts about Greece:
- ✓ Location: It is located in southeastern Europe
- ✓ Capital : Athens



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- ✓ Currency : Euro
- ✓ President : Katerina Sakellaropoulou
- ✓ Prime Minister : Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- ✓ The Olympic Games have their origins in ancient Greece, where the first Olympic Games were held in Olympia in 776 BC.
- ✓ Greece also hosted the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896.
- ✓ **STATE HONOURS GIVEN TO NARENDRA MODI**
 15. PM Modi conferred with Greece's Grand Cross of the Order of Honour
 14. Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour : France's highest civilian and military honour
 13. Order of the Nile : Egypt's highest honor (2023)
 12. Companion of the Order of Logohu: the highest civilian award of Papua New Guinea (2023)
 11. Companion of the Order of Fiji: Highest honour of Fiji (2023)
 10. Ebakl Award by the Republic of Palau (2023)
 9. Order of the Dragon King is the highest civilian honour of Bhutan (2021)
 8. Legion of Merit is a military award of the USA (2020)
 7. Order of Zayed is the highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (2019)
 6. Order of St. Andrew is the highest civilian honour of Russia (2019)
 5. Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin is the highest honour of the Maldives (2019)
 4. King Hamad Order of the Renaissance is the highest honour of Bahrain (2019)
 3. Grand Collar of the State Of Palestine is the highest civilian order of Palestine (2018)
 2. Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud is the Highest honour of Saudi Arabia (2016)
 1. Amir Amanullah Khan Award is the highest civilian award of Afghanistan (2016)

Q. Gond' paintings are from which region of India?

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| A) Western | B) Northeastern |
| C) Southern | D) Central |

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, during the BRICS meeting, the Prime Minister of India gifted a Gond painting to the Brazilian president Lula da Silva.
- ✓ About Gond Painting



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- ✓ It is a famous folk art of the Gond tribal community of central India.
- ✓ It is done to preserve and communicate the culture of the Gond tribal community.
- ✓ Themes: Gond tribes are highly interlinked with nature, and this appears in their paintings too. They include animals, the mahua tree, mythological stories, Hindu gods, local deities and folktales, etc.
- ✓ The artist uses his distinctive pattern and style to fill the images. These style signatures are used in collages to make a complete picture, such as dots, fine lines, curved lines, dashes, fish scales, etc.
- ✓ Gond paintings were created by the aboriginals from Central Indian region like Madhya Pradesh. These paintings depict the day to day lives of their community and are rich with images of plants and animals
- ✓ **Key facts about the Gond Tribe**
- ✓ The Gonds are the largest Adivasi Community in India and can be traced to the pre-Aryan era.
- ✓ The word Gond comes from Kond, which means green mountains.
- ✓ They are a heterogeneous group spreading over large areas from the Godavari gorges in the south to the Vindhya Mountains in the north.
- ✓ They live in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, and Odisha.
- ✓ The majority speak various mutually unintelligible dialects of Gondi.

Q. Who has won the Chess World Cup Final 2023?

A) Garry Kasparov

B) Magnus Carlsen

C) R Praggnanandhaa

D) Fabiano Caruana

Answer : B

- ✓ The Norwegian chess grandmaster, Magnus Carlsen won the Chess World Cup Final 2023 title for the first time, after defeating India's chess grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa in a tie-breaker.
- ✓ Magnus Carlsen Norwegian chess grandmaster who is a five-time World Chess Champion.
- ✓ Carlsen has held the No. 1 position in the FIDE world chess rankings since 1 July 2011.
- ✓ Carlsen became World Chess Champion in 2013 by defeating Viswanathan Anand.
- ✓ R Praggnanandhaa (18) was the youngest World Cup finalist ever and the youngest World Cup winner.
- ✓ He managed to secure the silver medal after defeating Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana.
- ✓ He also became the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to enter the Chess World Cup.
- ✓ The Chess World Cup 2023 was a 206-player single-elimination chess tournament that took place in Baku, Azerbaijan from 30 July to 24 August 2023. It was the 10th edition of the Chess World Cup
- ✓ India's Viswanathan Anand and Levon Aronian have won the FIDE World Cup title 2-2 times



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CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2023

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) wins the Chess World Cup Final 2023.
- Aditya Samant becomes India's 83rd Grandmaster.
- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa has won the title of V Geza Hetenyi Memorial Super GM Chess Tournament 2023 .
- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) won the 2023 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland
- Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth became India's 82nd Grandmaster.
- Ding Liren has become 17th world chess champion – the first from China – defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- Global Chess League (GCL) announced Dubai as the inaugural edition of the world's largest and first franchise-based chess league. The league is a joint venture between FIDE and Tech Mahindra.
- Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- Sayantan Das from West Bengal has become India's 81st Chess Grandmaster.
- Vignesh NR became the 80th Grandmaster of the country.
- Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title At World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event.
- 16-year-old from Tamilnadu, M Pranesh became India's 79th chess grandmaster .
- Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.

Q. Who signs MoU with NRL for Export of Petroleum Cargo via National Waterways-2 (Brahmaputra) and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route?

A) IWAI
C) IWGI

B) IWNI
D) IBAI

Answer : A

- ✓ The Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) on signed an MoU with the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for transporting petroleum products to Bangladesh and southeast Asian countries from Assam.
- ✓ The memorandum of understanding was signed here by NRL's Chief General Manager (Marketing) Subrata Das and IWAI Director A Selva Kumar in the presence of Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and



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Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Rameshwar Teli.

- ✓ The MoU will facilitate the transportation of NRL's petroleum products from IWAI's jetty at Jogighopa in Assam to neighbouring Bangladesh and southeast Asian nations.
- ✓ Speaking on the occasion, Sonowal said the National Waterways-2 (Brahmaputra) and Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR) will be used for exporting petroleum products to Bangladesh and southeast Asian countries.
- ✓ The NRL will export around 10,000 MT of petroleum and petrochemical products per month from IWAI Jogighopa Multi Modal terminal.
- ✓ It will also set up a Port of Loading (POL) Oil Terminal at Jogighopa Logistics Park with rail connectivity.
- ✓ "It is a watershed moment for the promotion of trade in Northeast India. The Act East policy is empowering the region towards unlocking the full potential of Hydrocarbon vision 2030..
- ✓ National Waterway 1 (NW-1): The Ganges River between Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh and Haldia in West Bengal.
- ✓ National Waterway 2 (NW-2): The Brahmaputra River in Assam, from Sadiya to Dhubri.
- ✓ National Waterway 3 (NW-3): The West Coast Canal in Kerala.
- ✓ National Waterway 4 (NW-4): The Krishna River between Wazirabad and Vijayawada.
- ✓ National Waterway 5 (NW-5): The Brahmani River in Odisha.

Q. Vaccine manufacturer Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) will commercially launch its dengue fever vaccine by which year?

- A) 2025 B) 2026
C) 2030 D) 2028

Answer : B

- ✓ Vaccine manufacturer Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) expects to commercially launch its dengue fever vaccine by early 2026.
- ✓ Dengue, a mosquito-borne disease, has over the last few years become a major public health concern in India, with 31,464 dengue cases and 36 related deaths reported between January and July 31, 2023.



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- ✓ While its spread had fallen during the pandemic, there was a 333% surge from 2020 to 2021 and a 21% rise in number of cases between 2021 and 2022, according to the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control.
- ✓ Besides IIL, at least two other Indian companies – Serum Institute of India and Panacea Biotech – are working to develop a dengue vaccine.

TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2023

- Vaccine manufacturer Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) expects to commercially launch its dengue fever vaccine by early 2026.
- 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.



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- 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.

Q. AR4 Tech has partnered Sodian Energy of which country to make sodium-ion battery packs for domestic and export markets?

- A) Indonesia
B) Malaysia
C) Singapore
D) Japan

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, AR4 Tech has partnered Sodian Energy of Singapore to make sodium-ion battery packs for domestic and export markets
- ✓ **About Sodium-Ion Battery:**
- ✓ These types of batteries generate electricity through a chemical reaction.
- ✓ These are made up of an anode, cathode, separator and electrolyte.
- ✓ In a sodium-ion battery, lithium ions are replaced with sodium ions in the battery's cathode, and lithium salts are swapped for sodium salts in the electrolyte

Q. Which of the following has imposed a penalty on Platinum Trust for Gun Jumping?

- A) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
B) National Anti-Doping Agency of India (NADA)
C) World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
D) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty on Platinum Trust for Gun Jumping.
- ✓ **About Gun Jumping:**
- ✓ It essentially means acting before the appropriate time and refers to situations where a party or parties to a combination (M&A deal) consummate a transaction before CCI approves the transaction, thereby violating standstill obligations.
- ✓ It is all about competition and merger control.



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- ✓ Gun Jumping in competition jurisprudence occurs when parties to Mergers and acquisitions consummate the transaction without keeping the competition authorities informed.
- ✓ Most competition regimes, including India, require pre-merger notification (in India, it is the CCI).
- ✓ The concept of gun-jumping has not been expressly defined in the Competition Act of 2002.
- ✓ The law requires parties to a deal satisfying certain monetary thresholds, to first notify the CCI about the impending transaction.
- ✓ Parties are then obligated to conform to the standstill provisions — wait for 210 days from the date of notifying or till CCI approval happens, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ During the standstill period, the parties are required to continue to operate their businesses as independent entities.
- ✓ If the parties fail to notify CCI before the consummation of the deal or violate standstill obligations, this is typically referred to as gun jumping.
- ✓ Penalties:
- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has the power to penalise parties for Gun Jumping under Section 43A of the Competition Act 2002.
- ✓ The penalty can be as high as 1 per cent of the total turnover or 1 per cent of the assets, whichever is higher, of the combination

Q. Kaliveli Bird Sanctuary, which was named a bird sanctuary recently, is located in which state?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Rajasthan

D) Telangana

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has withheld the environmental clearance granted for fishing harbours at Alamparaikuppam and Azhagankuppam, located in the intertidal area of Kaliveli bird sanctuary.
- ✓ About Kaliveli Bird Sanctuary:
- ✓ This wetland is the second-largest brackish water lake in South India after Pulicat Lake.
- ✓ The first declaration was issued by the Villupuram District Administration in Tamil Nadu under Section 18 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, for setting up this sanctuary.



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- ✓ How is Bidriware made?
- ✓ Bidri Ware is manufactured from an alloy of copper and zinc (in the ratio 1:16) by casting.
- ✓ The zinc content gives the alloy a deep black colour.
- ✓ The craftsman uses small chisels to engrave the design over the freehand etching.
- ✓ Fine wire or flattened strips of pure silver are then carefully hammered into these grooves.

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

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



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- Slogan Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha (“My account brings me good fortune”)
- Age of Eligible Beneficiaries 18-65 Years
- Overdraft facility up to Rs.10000 after satisfactory operation of the account for 6 months
- Account holder will get RuPay Debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh.
- Life insurance cover of Rs 30,000

Q. Which of the following isare true about Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI)?

- A) Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) consists of securities and other financial assets passively held by foreign investors.**
- B) It does not provide the investor with direct ownership of financial assets.**
- C) Foreign portfolio investment differs from foreign direct investment (FDI).**
- D) All of the above**

Answer : D

- ✓ SEBI recently proposed allowing increased participation from NRIs and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) in the Indian securities market through the Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) route.
- ✓ **About Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI):**
- ✓ FPI refers to the purchase and holding of a wide array of foreign financial assets by investors seeking to invest in a country outside their own.
- ✓ Foreign portfolio investors have access to a range of investment instruments such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, derivatives, fixed deposits, etc.
- ✓ FPI generally intends to invest money into the foreign country’s stock market to generate a quick return.
- ✓ **Who regulates FPI in India?**
- ✓ In India, foreign portfolio investment is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ✓ FPI in India refers to investment groups or FIIs (foreign institutional investors) and QFIs (qualified foreign investors).
- ✓ **Advantages:**
- ✓ It offers investors the freedom to diversify their portfolios internationally.



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- ✓ A portfolio investor can also take advantage of exchange rate differences. Thus, an investor from an economically challenged country can invest heavily in a foreign country that has a much stronger currency, thereby making sizeable profits.
- ✓ **What is Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)?**
- ✓ It is a category of cross-border investment in which an investor resident in one economy establishes a lasting interest in and a significant degree of influence over an enterprise resident in another economy.
- ✓ It is an ownership stake in a foreign company or project made by an investor, company, or government from another country.
- ✓ FDI is a key element in international economic integration because it creates stable and long-lasting links between economies.
- ✓ **FPI vs. FDI:**
- ✓ FDI seeks an ownership stake in a foreign company or project made by an investor, company, or government from another country.
- ✓ FPI is a form of investment in the assets of a foreign enterprise, such as stocks or bonds. It does not offer any form of control over the entity and hence offers no ownership of the entity.
- ✓ Unlike FDIs, an FPI does not require any transfer of IP, technology, or know-how. There is no need to enter a joint venture with a partner company.
- ✓ FDI comprise significantly larger sums, and any tie-ups or operations tend to last longer than portfolio investments.
- ✓ Portfolio investments typically have a shorter time frame for investment return than direct investments.

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Next-Generation Photonic Analog-to-Digital Converters (NG-PADC)

- 1. It can carry out instantaneous generation and transport of radio frequency (RF) through optical method**
- 2. It will help in improved satellite communication.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct

- A) 1 Only B) 2 Only
C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C



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- ✓ Recently, Next-Generation Photonic Analog-to-Digital Converters (NG-PADC) was developed by IIT Madras with support from the IMPRINT programme, which is equipped with a time-stretched photonic ADC.
- ✓ Analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) are critical components for developing the next generation of advanced digital receivers.
- ✓ The limitation of electronic ADCs (EADCs) is that their vertical resolution is compromised at high bandwidths.
- ✓ There are two possible approaches to solving this problem through Photonics.
- ✓ Radiofrequency, when modulated on a spectrally rich optical pulsed source, can be stretched in the optical domain through a dispersive medium, thus converting high-frequency RF signals into effectively low-frequency signals.
- ✓ This reduces the input bandwidth requirements of the back-end ADC as many times as the stretch factor of the optical pulse.
- ✓ A newly designed prototype in the Next-Generation Photonic Analog-to-Digital Converters (NG-PADC) project can carry out instantaneous frequency measurement, generation and transport of Radio Frequency (RF) through optical methods.
- ✓ Its effective bandwidth is 12 times higher than a corresponding EADC
- ✓ This could revolutionise various sectors, enabling faster digital communication, improved satellite communication, better medical imaging, and Photonic radars.

Q. With reference to the recent announcement to allow the use of surety insurance bonds, consider the following statements:

1. Surety bond is a legally binding contract.

2. These bonds are mainly aimed at infrastructure development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) organised a brainstorming session with stakeholders to expedite the adoption of Insurance Surety Bonds for its contracts.



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✓ **About Insurance Surety Bonds:**

- ✓ These bonds can be defined in their simplest form as a written agreement to guarantee compliance, payment, or performance of an act.
- ✓ These are instruments where insurance companies act as 'Surety' and provide the financial guarantee that the contractor will fulfil its obligation as per the agreed terms.
- ✓ Surety is a unique type of insurance because it involves a three-party agreement.
- ✓ The three parties in a surety agreement are:
 - ✓ Principal: The party that purchases the bond and undertakes an obligation to perform an act as promised.
 - ✓ Surety: The insurance company or surety company that guarantees the obligation will be performed. If the principal fails to perform the act as promised, the surety is contractually liable for losses sustained.
 - ✓ Obligee: The party who requires and often receives the benefit of the surety bond. For most surety bonds, the obligee is a local, state or federal government organisation.

Q. The Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary (JWS) is located in which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Gujarat
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the Gujarat State Board for Wildlife (GSBWL) deferred a decision on a proposal of the Gujarat State Minerals Development Corporation (GSDMA) seeking more land for "removing manganese dump" from the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary in Panchmahal district.
- ✓ About Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ✓ It is located in Gujarat's south-central part.
- ✓ Vegetation: It contains Grasslands, water-borne plants, medicinal herbs, dry southern tropical rain forests, dry deciduous mixed and secondary forests, and dry scrubs of the deciduous type.
- ✓ What are Eco-Sensitive Zones?
- ✓ Land within 10 km of the boundaries of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is to be notified as eco-fragile zones or Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ).
- ✓ While the 10-km rule is implemented as a general principle, the extent of its application can vary.
- ✓ The Union government can also notify areas beyond 10 km as ESZs if they hold larger ecologically important "sensitive corridors".



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Q. Which company signs women's tennis champ Iga Swiatek as brand ambassador?

- A) TATA
B) Infosys
C) Jio
D) Wipro

Answer : B

- ✓ Infosys announced on has entered into a multi-year partnership with women's tennis World No. 1 Iga Świątek, making her its global brand ambassador to promote Digital Innovation and inspire women worldwide.
- ✓ This news comes a day after the IT major signed up Rafael Nadal for the same role

Q. Which State Cabinet Approves 18 'Atal Residential' Schools, to Cost Rs 1,250 Crore?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Karnataka
C) Uttarakhand
D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved developing 18 Atal Residential Schools along the lines of the centre-run Navodaya Vidyalayas at a cost of Rs 1,250 crore.
- ✓ The capacity of these schools will be 1,000 students, including 500 girls and as many boys. It will have classes from six to 12. Children whose studies were affected by Covid-19 pandemic can also get admission to these schools.

Q. Recently, which of the following crop was accorded with Geographical Indication (GI) Tag?

- A) Chokuwa rice of Assam
B) Tur dal of Gulbarga
C) Cotton of Raichur
D) Wheat of Bidar

Answer : A

- ✓ Chokuwa rice recently earned a GI (Geographical Indication) tag for its exquisiteness.
- ✓ About Chokuwa rice.
- ✓ It is also known as Magic rice cultivated in Assam.
- ✓ It is a part of Assam's culinary heritage; this unique rice has been a staple of the troops of the mighty Ahom dynasty.



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- ✓ This unique and healthy rice is cultivated around the Brahmaputra River area.(In several parts of Assam like Tinsukia, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, etc.)
- ✓ It is basically semi-glutinous winter rice, known as Sali rice.
- ✓ The sticky and glutinous variety is categorised as Bora and Chokuwa based on their amylose concentration.
- ✓ The low amylase Chokuwa rice variants are used to make soft rice, which is known as Komal Chaul or soft rice.
- ✓ This whole grain can be consumed after soaking the rice in cold or lukewarm water. This rice variety is widely consumed for its convenience of preparation and nutritional value.
- ✓ This unique rice variety is consumed with curd, sugar, jaggery, and bananas to name a few.
- ✓ This rice is also used in making several Assamese delights like Pithe and other local dishes.

GI TAG IN NEWS 2023

- Chokuwa rice of Assam recently earned a GI (Geographical Indication) tag for its exquisiteness.
- The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Mushkbudji rice, which was granted the GI tag along with eight other products from Jammu and Kashmir.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- Geographical Indications Registry, in June 2023, accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the Kari Ishad mango predominantly grown in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada in Karnataka .
- Mircha rice variety from West Champaran district of Bihar has recently been granted the GI tag.
- With the recently added products in GI tag lists, has made the total number of GI tags in India 2023 to over 430.
- The products included are Tandur red gram of Telangana, gamocha of Assam, Alibag white onion of Maharashtra, and Raktsey Karpo apricot of Ladakh among others.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.



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- Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- Ladakh wood carvings, also known as 'Ladakh Shingskos', have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI tag was granted to Tamil Nadu's famous Cumbum Paneer Thirachai, also known as Cumbum Grapes.
- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Banarasi paan has been awarded the GI tag, which signifies its unique identity and origin. Three other foods from the Varanasi region, including Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal), and Adamchini rice, have also received the GI tag.
- Chhattisgarh's Nagri Dubraj rice variety gets geographical indication tag.
- Gamocha', a symbol of the culture and identity of Assam, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- European Commission (EC) has recently granted Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, a unique variety of tea grown in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh in India.
- The Central Government has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana, Bihar.
- GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- What is GI tag?



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- A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has sent a contingent to participate in Exercise Bright Star-23, a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise held in which country?

- A) Australia
B) Egypt
C) Singapore
D) Japan

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, an Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent departed to participate in Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23, scheduled to be held at Cairo (West) Air Base, Egypt, from 27 August to 16 September 2023.
- ✓ About EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR-23:
- ✓ It is a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise.
- ✓ This multinational exercise was launched in 1980 as part of the US-brokered peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.
- ✓ This is the first time that IAF is participating in Ex BRIGHT STAR-23.
- ✓ Participating countries: United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Greece and Qatar.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force contingent will consist of five MiG-29, two IL-78, two C-130 and two C-17 aircraft.
- ✓ India and Egypt have had an exceptional relationship and deep cooperation wherein the two jointly undertook the development of aero-engine and aircraft in the 1960s, and training of Egyptian pilots was done by Indian counterparts

Q. Which bank has partnered with Marriott Bonvoy to launch the 'Marriott Bonvoy Credit Card'?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ HDFC Bank launches India's First Co-Branded Hotel Credit Card with Marriott
- ✓ HDFC Bank has partnered with Marriott Bonvoy, the esteemed travel program by Marriott, to launch 'Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card'.
- ✓ This pioneering co-branded card will operate on the Diners Club platform, which is a part of the globally recognized Discover Global Network.



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- ✓ The newly launched credit card comes packed with travel benefits, designed to elevate cardholders' travel journeys.
- ✓ Cardholders are entitled to Silver Elite Status with Marriott Bonvoy, ushering in a range of privileges including priority late checkouts, exclusive member rates, and bonus points, among other perks.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2023

- HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is highest paid bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55 crore pay.
- HDFC Bank overtakes SBI in CRISIL's corporate banking ranking for 2023.
- Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- HDFC Bank, India's largest private lender, has achieved a significant milestone by entering the \$100 billion market-capitalization club as world's 7th largest lender.
- HDFC emerges as fourth largest bank in the world after merger.
- According to Bloomberg, with a valuation of \$172 billion, the merger will place HDFC in the fourth position in equity market capitalisation behind JP Morgan Chase & Co., Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. and Bank of America Corp.
- Deepak Parekh has announced his decision to step down as HDFC chairperson after serving as the chairman for 46 years.
- HDFC Bank introduced a new credit card named 'Millennia Credit card' which offers cashback over e-commerce platforms and multiple benefits.
- SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- As part of the amalgamation, existing shareholders of HDFC Ltd will hold a 41% stake in HDFC Bank.
- HDFC Bank has launched a retail banking initiative called 'Vishesh' aimed at customers in semi-urban and rural areas.
- HDFC Bank partners Manipal Global to build up a talent pipeline.
- SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- HDFC Bank has signed a "Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement" with Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit.



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- HDFC Bank recommends re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan MD, CEO for 3 yrs.
- HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is 'BS Banker of the Year 2022'.
- HDFC Bank, IRCTC launch India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card.
- HDFC Bank, Lulu Exchange ink deal to enhance cross-border payments between India-Gulf region.
- HDFC Bank collaborates with Microsoft as part of its digital transformation.
- Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).
- India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee issued by HDFC Bank.
- HDFC BANK
- Founded : 1994
- Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We understand your world

Q. Foxconn subsidiary inked ₹1,600 crore deal with which state to set up electronic components manufacturing facility?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Karnataka

Answer : C

- ✓ Taiwanese firm Foxconn Technology Group, a key supplier to Apple Inc., signed a letter of Intent with the Tamil Nadu government to invest ₹1,600 crore to establish a manufacturing facility in Kancheepuram district.
- ✓ The letter of intent was signed in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Foxconn Chairman Young Liu.
- ✓ The facility will potentially employ 6,000 people.



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TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023

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- 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. What is the name of the Invoice Incentive Scheme launched by the Government of India recently?

- A) 'Mera Bill Mera Haque' B) 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar'
C) 'Mera Bill Nai Pahal' D) None of these

Answer : B

- ✓ Government of India is starting an 'Invoice Promotion Scheme' named 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar' to encourage the initiative of customers seeking bills for all purchases. It is being taken forward in collaboration with all the state governments. This pilot scheme will be launched on September 1, 2023. It will be initially launched in the states of Puducherry, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Assam, Gujarat and Haryana.



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Q. President Smt. Draupadi Murmu released a postal stamp in whose memory?

- A) Parkash Singh Badal B) Arun Jaitley
C) Grandmother Prakashmani D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Answer : C

- ✓ President Smt. Draupadi Murmu released a postal stamp in the memory of Grandmother Prakashmani, former head of Brahma Kumaris at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre. This postage stamp was released under the 'My Stamp' initiative of the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, on the occasion of the 16th death anniversary of Dadi Prakashmani.

Q. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has tied up with whom to explore business opportunities in the civil aviation sector?

- A) Go Air B) Air India
C) Hevas Aerotech India D) Indigo

Answer : C

- ✓ Aircraft services provider Hevas Aerotech India has signed a pilot agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to explore business opportunities in the civil aviation sector, both in the domestic and international markets.
- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is an Indian public sector aerospace and defense company headquartered in Bangalore

Q. Which country has become the first country in the world to reach the South Pole of the Moon?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Creating history, India has become the first country in the world to land a lander on the south pole of the Moon.
- ✓ Recently Vikram Lander has landed near the south pole of the Moon. With the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3, India has become the fourth country in the world to make a soft landing on the moon.
- ✓ America, China and the former Soviet Union (now Russia) have been successful in soft landing on the moon. Now India has also joined this list.



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Q. ISSF World Championship 2023 Which Indian shooter has won gold medal?

A) Vijay Kumar

B) Saurabh Chowdhary

C) Amanpreet Singh

D) Rajdeep Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian shooter Amanpreet Singh has won the gold medal in the men's 25m standard pistol shooting event at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ✓ India's total medal count has gone up to nine, which includes five gold and four bronze medals.

Q. Who is the project director of Chandrayaan-3 mission launched by ISRO?

A) S Somnath

B) S. Unnikrishnan Nair

C) M Sankaran

D) P Veeramuthuvel

Answer : D

- ✓ The project director of the Chandrayaan-3 mission is P Veeramuthuvel, he took over as the project director of Chandrayaan-3 in the year 2019.
- ✓ Prior to this, he has served as Deputy Director in the Space Infrastructure Program Office of ISRO. P Veeramuthuvel had earlier played an important role in the Chandrayaan-2 mission.
- ✓ He hails from Villupuram, Tamil Nadu and has studied at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M).

Q. United World Wrestling has recently suspended the wrestling association of which country?

A) India

B) Pakistan

C) China

D) Iran

Answer : A

- ✓ United World Wrestling has suspended the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for not holding the Wrestling Association elections on time.
- ✓ Due to which Indian wrestlers will not be allowed to compete in the upcoming World Championships under the Indian flag.



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- ✓ The IOA had appointed a panel on April 27 and the committee had to conduct elections within 45 days.

Q. Professor Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao passed away recently, he was associated with which field?

- A) Medicine
B) Space
C) Statistics
D) Journalism

Answer : C

- ✓ Professor Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, one of the eminent statisticians, has passed away. He was also known as CR Rao.
- ✓ CR Rao was 102 years old and lived in America.
- ✓ The Government of India honored CR Rao with the Padma Bhushan in the year 1968 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001, India's second highest civilian award

Q. What name has ISRO given to the rover sent with Chandrayaan-3 mission?

- A) Vikram
B) Gyan Ganga
C) Jigyasha
D) Pragyan

Answer : A

- ✓ The Chandrayaan-3 mission was launched by ISRO on 14 July 2023 from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ ISRO has named the lander of Chandrayaan-3 mission as 'Vikram' and 'rover' as 'Pragyan' which is a scientific payload.
- ✓ 'Pragyan' is a robotic vehicle which translates to 'knowledge' in Sanskrit.
- ✓ The Chandrayaan-3 mission is a follow-up to the 2019 Chandrayaan-2 mission. Chandrayaan-2's Vikram Lander crashed on the surface of the Moon

Q. Who was honored with the first 'Udyog Ratna' award instituted by the Government of Maharashtra?

- A) Ratan Tata
B) Mukesh Ambani
C) Gautam Adani
D) Adar Poonawala

Answer : A

- ✓ Renowned industrialist Ratan Tata was honored with the first 'Udyog Ratna' award instituted by the Government of Maharashtra.



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- ✓ Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar were present on the occasion. In the financial year 2021-22, the combined revenue of Tata companies was \$ 128 billion
- ✓ Indian Industrialist Shri Ratan Tata appointed in 'Order of Australia' for distinguished service.

Q. Which country has won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 title?

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil
- C) England
- D) Spain

Answer : D

- ✓ Spain has won the title of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Final. In the final, the women's team of Spain registered a historic victory by defeating England 1-0. Spain's women's football team has become the world champion for the first time
- ✓ 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup
- ✓ Host countries : Australia & New Zealand
- ✓ Teams : 32
- ✓ Champions : Spain (1st title)
- ✓ Runners-up : England
- ✓ Third place : Sweden
- ✓ Fourth place : Australia
- ✓ Top scorer : Japan Hinata Miyazawa (5 goals)
- ✓ Best player : Spain Aitana Bonmatí
- ✓ Best young player : Spain Salma Paralluelo
- ✓ Best goalkeeper : England Mary Earps
- ✓ Fair play award : Japan

Q. In which research institute the new variety of lotus flower 'NAMO 108' has been developed?

- A) National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow
- B) FSSAI
- C) National Botanical Research Institute, Howrah
- D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Answer : A



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- ✓ Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh unveiled a new variety of lotus flower with 108 petals 'NaMoh 108'.
- ✓ This variety of lotus has been developed by the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) located in Lucknow.
- ✓ Flowers of 'NBRI Namoh 108' variety of lotus bloom from March to December and this is the first flower of this variety

Q. What is the rank of India at the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2023?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 4th
- D) 5th

Answer : A

- ✓ India has secured the second rank in the 16th International Olympiad of Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) to be held in Chorzów, Poland from 10 to 20 August 2023.
- ✓ India won four gold and one silver medal.
- ✓ United Kingdom secured the first position with five gold.
- ✓ A total of 236 students from 50 countries participated in this Olympiad, and collectively won 27 gold, 41 silver and 50 bronze medals in all categories.

Q. Which Indian company signed MoU with Skoda Group for a joint venture to produce components for Indian railway and public mobility?

- A) Mahindra and Mahindra
- B) Tata AutoComp
- C) Maruti Suzuki
- D) Ashok Leyland

Answer : B

- ✓ Tata AutoComp has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Skoda Group, a leading European manufacturer of components and vehicles for public transport.
- ✓ The agreement sets the framework for a strategic joint venture aimed at producing components for the growing Indian railway and public mobility market.



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Q. Who has become the first Indian to win a gold medal in the World Athletics Championships?

A) Neeraj Chopra

B) DP Manu

C) Kishore Jena

D) Rohit Yadav

Answer : A

- ✓ Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships.
- ✓ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary
- ✓ In the men's javelin final, Neeraj Chopra won the Gold medal with a throw of 88.17 meters.
- ✓ Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won the silver medal in the men's javelin throw event with a throw of 87.82 metres.
- ✓ Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic won the bronze medal in the same event.
- ✓ In the javelin throw, Indian player Kishor Jena finished fifth, while Indian player DP Manu finished sixth.
- ✓ Success in women's 3000m steeplechase:
- ✓ Representing India, Parul Chowdhary finished 11th in the women's 3000m steeplechase event.
- ✓ Men's 4x400m Relay:
- ✓ The Indian team of Muhammad Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Muhammad Ajmal Variathodi, and Rajesh Ramesh finished fifth in the men's 4x400m relay

NEERAJ CHOPRA IN NEWS 2023

- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary with a throw of 88.17 meters.
- Neeraj Chopra, will lead the country's challenge at the World Athletics Championships from August 19 to 27, 2023 in Budapest.
- India observes 3rd 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 07, 2023.
- Neeraj Chopra wins second straight Diamond League title in Lausanne, Switzerland with 87.66m throw.
- Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra has secured victory with 88.67 m throw at Doha Diamond League 2023.
- Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw.



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- Neeraj Chopra is on top with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) accepted Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train in Kuortane, Finland.
- The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.
- Neeraj Chopra presently holds the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army.
- Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana

Q. Neeraj Chopra has won the gold medal in the men's Javelin Throw at the World Athletics Championships 2023 with a throw of _.

A) 88.17 meters

B) 89.57 meters

C) 86.67 meters

D) 87.47 meters

Answer : A

- ✓ Neeraj Chopra becomes first Indian to win gold at World Athletics
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra achieved another historic feat, becoming the first Indian athlete to win World Athletics Championships gold medal during the men's javelin throw final event in Budapest.
- ✓ Chopra's second attempt in the final saw him launch the javelin to a distance of 88.17 meters, which remained the highest in the event.
- ✓ Neeraj's achievement marked a significant improvement from the 2022 edition of the Worlds, where he secured a silver medal.
- ✓ Chopra's compatriot from Pakistan, Arshad Nadeem finished second as he finished marginally behind the Indian gold medallist at 87.82m. The Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch took the bronze in 86.67m.
- ✓ Chopra, the current no.1 in the javelin world rankings, had won the Olympic gold in Tokyo 2020 but finished with a silver at the worlds in Eugene last year, as Anderson Peters had clinched the gold.
- ✓ The only other Indian to win a medal at the worlds was Anju Bobby George, who took bronze in the women's long jump in 2003 in Paris
- ✓ India's superstar javelin thrower also became only the third in history to simultaneously hold the Olympics and World Championships titles in the sport, after the iconic Jan Zelezny of Czech Republic and Andreas Thorkildsen of Norway



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- ✓ Zvezdny clinched Olympics gold in 1992, 1996 and 2000 while winning World Championships title in 1993, 1995 and 2001. Thorkildsen won gold in 2008 Olympics and 2009 World Championships

Q. What is the name of the specific spot where Chandrayaan-2 was landed on the Moon?

- A) Shivshakti
- B) India Point
- C) Shakti Point
- D) Tiranga Point

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared August 23 as the National Space Day to commemorate the remarkable achievement of Chandrayaan-3's landing on the moon.
- ✓ The specific spot where Chandrayaan-3 landed on the Moon will be named 'Shivshakti', and the spot where Chandrayaan-2 landed will be called 'Tiranga Point'.
- ✓ PM Modi made this announcement during his visit to the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network Mission Control Complex in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✓ On 23 August 2023, Chandrayaan-3 achieved a historic feat by becoming the first mission to land on the South Pole of the Moon.
- ✓ Mission goals included a safe lunar landing, rover maneuverability, and the performance of scientific experiments on-site.
- ✓ India has now joined the ranks of the United States, Russia, and China in successfully landing on the Moon.

Q. Which day has been announced to be celebrated as National Space Day?

- A) 22 August
- B) 23 August
- C) 24 August
- D) 25 August

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to celebrate August 23 as 'National Space Day'.
- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 made a successful soft landing on the South Pole of the Moon on 23 August. To make this day historic, it has been declared as National Space Day.
- ✓ Also, the point (surface) of Chandrayaan-3 mission's Vikram Lander on the Moon's south pole was named as 'Shiv Shakti Point'.
- ✓ The point at which the hard landing of Chandrayaan-2 took place in 2019 has been named as 'Tiranga' point.
- ✓ PM Modi made this announcement during his visit to the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network Mission Control Complex in Bengaluru, Karnataka



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✓ Chandrayaan-3 Achievements:

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- ✓ India has now joined the ranks of the United States, Russia, and China in successfully landing on the Moon.

✓ Objectives of Chandrayaan-3:

- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 is set to operate on the lunar surface for one lunar day (equivalent to 14 Earth days).
- ✓ The Pragyan rover will detect, conduct experiments, and transmit the data to the lander within a radius of 500 meters around the landing site.
- ✓ The Vikram lander will relay data and images to the orbiter, which will then transmit them back to Earth.
- ✓ Both the lander and the rover carry advanced scientific instruments for a variety of lunar investigations including terrain analysis, mineralogical composition, surface chemistry, atmospheric studies, and water/resource exploration.

✓ Additional Payloads and Studies:

- ✓ The propulsion module that propelled the lander and rover into a 100 km lunar orbit contains the SHAPE payload.
- ✓ SHAPE (Spectro-Polarimetry of the Habitable Planet Earth) is designed to study the spectral and polarimetric characteristics of Earth from the orbit of the Moon.

✓ Chandrayaan-1

- ✓ Chandrayaan-1 was the first Indian lunar probe launched by ISRO.
- ✓ It was part of the Chandrayaan program and was launched in October 2008 and the mission lasted till August 2009.
- ✓ Chandrayaan-1 consisted of a Lunar Orbiter and an Impactor.
- ✓ The Lunar Orbiter conducted scientific research and collected data about the Moon.
- ✓ The objective of the mission was to make a detailed map of the Moon's surface and study its composition.
- ✓ Chandrayaan-1 had advanced instruments to test the presence of water ice and minerals.
- ✓ The spacecraft carried both Indian and international scientific payloads.
- ✓ Chandrayaan-1 made important discoveries including evidence of water molecules on the lunar surface.

✓ Chandrayaan-2:



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- India will support Sri Lanka's debt restructuring plan as the island nation looks to trim its huge public expenditure to win approval for a crucial bailout from the International Monetary Fund.
- India has supplied 50 buses to Sri Lanka on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence.
- Indian High Commission signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to establish a Hindi Chair.
- India & Sri Lanka inaugurate exhibition 'Geoffrey Bawa' in New Delhi.
- Reliance Retail Ventures Limited announced a strategic partnership with Sri Lanka-headquartered Maliban Biscuit Manufactories Limited.
- SRI LANKA
- Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)
- Colombo (executive and judicial)
- Currency : Rupee
- President : Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Prime Minister : Dinesh Gunawardena
- Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- Parliament : parliamenthua (225 seats)
- National day : 4 February 1948

Q. Who has launched Tele-Law- 2.0 which Integrates Tele-Law and Nyaya Bandhu App to ensure access to Justice in New Delhi?

A) Meenakshi Lekhi

B) G. Kishan Reddy

C) Rattan Lal Kataria

D) Arjun Ram Meghwal

Answer : D

- ✓ Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal launched Tele-Law- 2.0 that Integrates Tele-Law and Nyaya Bandhu App to ensure access to Justice in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Department of Justice (DOJ) hosted the Tele-Law 2.0 event at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi.
- ✓ The event marks the achievement of helping 5 million citizens and highlights the use of technology in providing pre-litigation advice to the public.



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- ✓ Tele-law services are being integrated with legal representation services under the Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono) program.
- ✓ This integration streamlines access to legal advice, assistance, and representation through a unified registration process on the Tele-Law platform.
- ✓ Screening of a documentary showing the journey of tele-law from 2017 to 2022.
- ✓ "Tele-Law-2.0" is being launched, which combines the Tele-Law and Nyaya Bandhu apps, Also an e-tutorial has been released.
- ✓ Unveiling of "Voices of Beneficiaries", a compilation of firsthand experiences shared by people who have benefited from Tele-Law.
- ✓ Presenting the "Achievers Catalogue", which acknowledges outstanding performers such as Paralegal Volunteers, Village Entrepreneurs, Panel Lawyers, and State Coordinators for the years 2022-2023 and April to June 2023.

Q. Which State government has announced Ladli Behna Yojana aid hike, 35% job reservation for women?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections draw nearer, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced big benefits for women voters.
- ✓ Citing the holy month of 'sawan', Chouhan increased the financial assistance provided to women under the Ladli Behna government scheme from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,250 per month.
- ✓ He also announced 35% reservation for women in government jobs and the provision of petrol cylinders for Rs 450.
- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh, women make up 7.07 lakh of the 13.39 lakh new voters and whose increase in electoral list numbers is at 2.79 per cent compared to 2.30 percent for men.



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

Q. Which bank has partnered with commodities trader Maptrusco for the completion of the first “live” transaction of electronic Bills of Lading (eBL) for shipments?

A) HSBC Bank

B) DBS Bank

C) Citibank

D) Standard Chartered Bank



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Answer : B

- ✓ DBS Bank has partnered with commodities trader Maptrusco for the completion of the first “live” transaction of electronic Bills of Lading (eBL) for shipments between Singapore and India.
- ✓ With this first shipment, businesses across Singapore and India can participate in the TradeTrust network via their respective choice of TradeTrust-enabled platforms to enable the digital trade finance of live shipments of goods between the two countries.
- ✓ The transaction was implemented under the TradeTrust framework, an initiative by the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and supported by Enterprise Singapore.
- ✓ The project leverages the United Nation’s Model Law for Electronic Transferable Records and aims to drive cross-border document and title exchanges.
- ✓ The successful transaction ushers in a new chapter of more efficient, and interoperable digital bills of lading and is a key milestone in the digital transformation of trade financing.
- ✓ Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1968
- ✓ Headquarters : Singapore
- ✓ Chairman : Peter Seah
- ✓ CEO : Piyush Gupta

Q. Indian women’s blind cricket team has won the gold medal after defeating which country in the IBSA World Games 2023?

A) England

B) Pakistan

A) Australia

D) South Africa

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian women’s blind cricket team created history as it defeated Australia in the finals by 9 wickets and won the gold medal at the IBSA World Games.
- ✓ The women’s cricket team showed exceptional resilience in the rain-spoiled match and ultimately became the first-ever cricket winners at the IBSA World Games.
- ✓ The Indian men’s blind cricket team earned a silver medal at the IBSA World Games 2023 after losing to Pakistan in the men’s T20 cricket final held at Edgbaston, Birmingham.



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- ✓ The inclusion of cricket in the IBSA World Games began and both the Indian men's and women's blind cricket teams reached the finals, ensuring medals for India.
- ✓ The team became the first-ever cricket winners at the IBSA World Games

Q. Which state has been awarded the best 'State Award' for 2022?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Rajasthan
C) Uttar Pradesh D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Indore bagged the best "National Smart City Award", followed by Surat and Agra.
- ✓ The central government announced the India Smart Cities Awards for 2022.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has won the best 'State Award' and Tamil Nadu bagged the second spot. Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh were in the third spot jointly.
- ✓ Chandigarh has been ranked the number one in the Union territory category.
- ✓ Among the 100 smart cities in the country, Indore bagged the top spot, Surat in Gujarat the second place, and Agra the third spot.
- ✓ In October last year, Indore was adjudged India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row.
- ✓ The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said that while 66 winners in different categories were announced the awards would be presented by President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony in Indore on September 27.
- ✓ It includes 35 in Project Award, six in Innovation Award, 13 in the National/Zonal City Award, five in State/UT Award and seven in Partner Award.

Q. Who has released books based on speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi titled "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Centre in Bhopal?

- A) Anurag Thakur B) Nirmala Sitharaman
C) Smriti Irani D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Shivraj Singh & Anurag Thakur releases books based on speeches of PM Modi
- ✓ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan have released books based on speeches of Prime



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Minister Narendra Modi titled “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas” at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Centre in Bhopal.

- ✓ The speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi are always connected with the public, make relations, create motion, and are based on Nation-First policy and that is why they are perfect and reach the heart of the public.
- ✓ The second volume of the book covers 86 speeches from the second year of Mr. Modi’s second term in the Prime Minister’s Office, i.e. from June 2020 to May 2021.
- ✓ Whereas, the third volume is a collection of 80 speeches from June 2021 to May 2022, the third year of Mr. Modi’s second term in the Prime Minister’s Office.

Q. Who has acquired the title sponsorship rights for the domestic matches of the Indian cricket team?

- A) Master Card
- B) Star Sports
- C) IDFC First Bank
- D) Paytm

Answer : C

- ✓ IDFC First Bank has bagged the title sponsorship rights for all the domestic matches of the Indian cricket team.
- ✓ Under this, the bank will have to pay an amount of ₹ 4.2 crore for each international match.
- ✓ BCCI said that this contract will be for a long period of three years which will start with the India-Australia ODI series
- ✓ IDFC First Bank
- ✓ Founded : October 2015
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Non-Exe. Chairman : Rajiv Lall
- ✓ MD & CEO : V. Vaidyanathan
- ✓ Tagline : Always You First.

Q. Who has been appointed as the first woman field director of Kaziranga National Park?

- A) Rita Chauhan
- B) Dr. Sonali Ghosh
- C) Aditi Sinha
- D) Premlata Thakur

Answer : B



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- ✓ As the first woman Field Director of Kaziranga National Park, Dr. Sonali Ghosh has been appointed.
- ✓ She will replace Indian Forest Service officer Field Director Jatindra Sarma who is retiring on August 31.
- ✓ Dr. Sonali will assume her charge from 01 September.
- ✓ According to a forest department official, she will be the first woman to take charge as the director of the 118-year-old Kaziranga National Park.
- ✓ About Kaziranga National Park:
- ✓ Location: It is located in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts of Assam.
- ✓ It was declared a national park in 1974.
- ✓ It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and houses two-thirds of the total world population of greater one-horned rhinoceros.

Q. Which Indian player won the bronze medal in the World Badminton Championship 2023?

- A) Shrikant Kidambi B) Lakshya Sen
C) H. S. Prannoy D) Parupalli Kashyap

Answer : C

- ✓ India's star badminton player H. S. Prannoy has won bronze medal in BWF World Championship 2023.
- ✓ He has become the fifth Indian to win a medal in the men's singles matches of the World Championships.
- ✓ India has so far won one silver and 4 bronze in men's singles in the history of the World Badminton Championships.
- ✓ Kidambi Srikanth is the only Indian to reach the men's singles final (in 2021) of the same event.
- ✓ The 28th edition of BWF World Badminton Championships 2023, sponsored by TotalEnergies, was held at Royal Arena, Copenhagen, Denmark from 21st to 27th August.
- ✓ Copenhagen has been chosen as the host for the BWF World Championships for the fifth time.
- ✓ India's star shuttler HS Prannoy won the gold medal in the Malaysia Masters Badminton Championship 2023 played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Q. Which country has created a new Asian record in the men's 4x400m relay team event at the World Athletics Championships?

- A) India B) China
C) Japan D) Bangladesh



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Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian men's 4x400m relay team produced a stellar performance at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, setting a new Asian record and also qualifying for the final in the event.
- ✓ The Indian quartet of Mohd Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Mohd Ajmal Variathodi and Rajesh Ramesh finished second behind USA in the event.
- ✓ The Indian team completed the race in 2 minutes 59.05 seconds, before this record was in the name of Japan.

Q. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated whom as a member of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs?

- A) Rahul Gandhi
- B) Varun Gandhi
- C) P Chidambaram
- D) Sanjay Raut

Answer : C

- ✓ Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated Congress MP P Chidambaram as a member of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs.
- ✓ The news of his appointment has been given through the bulletin of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. That P. Bhattacharya who retired from the membership of Rajya Sabha on 18 August 2023.

Q. 'Shell India' has appointed whom as its new chairperson?

- A) Mansi Madan Tripathi
- B) Meenakshi Sinha
- C) Vivek Agnihotri
- D) Ajay Kapoor

Answer : A

- ✓ Shell India has recently announced the appointment of Mansi Madan Tripathi as the new country chairperson of the company with effect from 1 October.
- ✓ He will succeed Nitin Prasad who has been the chairman of Shell India since 2016.
- ✓ She joined the company in 2012 from Procter & Gamble, where she held several regional and global director-level positions.
- ✓ Shell is a British multinational oil and gas company headquartered in London, England.



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Q. Who is the President of Zimbabwe who has been re-elected for a second five-year term?

- A) Emmerson Mnangagwa B) Robert Pereiro
C) Jacob Zuma D) Tino Janakika

Answer : A

- ✓ Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa has been re-elected for a second and final five-year term after the results of Zimbabwe's presidential election were announced.
- ✓ By the way, there has been a history of irregularities in elections in Zimbabwe, with the help of which former President Robert Mugabe remained in power for almost four decades.
- ✓ Zimbabwe is a South African country, whose capital is Harare.
- ✓ About Zimbabwe
- ✓ It is a landlocked country in Southern Africa.
- ✓ The Zambezi River flows through Zimbabwe and is home to Victoria Falls.
- ✓ Victoria Falls plunges 108 meters down the Batoka Gorge.
- ✓ Downstream of the Zambezi River are the Matusadona and Mana Pools National Parks.
- ✓ Capital - Harare
- ✓ Currency - United States Dollar

Q. Which Indian state is the first to launch 'Breakfast Scheme' for students of Government schools?

- A) Kerala B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Bihar D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : D

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the expanded form of the state government's breakfast scheme for government schools.
- ✓ Stalin launched the expansion at a school at Tirukkuvalai in Nagapattinam district. He served food to students to mark the launch.
- ✓ Video from the launch showed Stalin sitting on the floor and eating the meal with the children.
- ✓ The scheme was initially launched last year for 1,545 government primary schools, but has now been expanded to 31,000 schools across the state.
- ✓ Here we explain what's Tamil Nadu's CM Breakfast Scheme and how it has performed so far



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- ✓ Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin had launched the CM Breakfast Scheme on September 15, 2022. It provides free breakfast to children primary government schools

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with Germany's Professional Association Football League, 'Bundesliga'?

- A) Kerala
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Telangana
- D) West Bengal

Answer : B

- ✓ The Maharashtra Government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Germany's professional association football league, 'Bundesliga', to build a football team for players under the age of 14.
- ✓ Aim : To help young footballers to develop their skills and potentially compete at a high level.
- ✓ The agreement was signed by Ranjit Singh Deol, Principal Secretary, Department of School Education and Sports, and Mrs Julia Farr, representative of the Bundesliga, on behalf of the Government of Maharashtra

Q. Which union Ministry has released the Report on the Sixth Census on Minor Irrigation Schemes?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

Answer : B

- ✓ The Ministry of Jal Shakti released the report on the sixth census on minor irrigation schemes.
- ✓ 23.14 million minor irrigation (MI) schemes have been reported in the country, out of which 21.93 million are Ground Water (GW) and 1.21 million are Surface Water (SW) schemes.
- ✓ For the first time, the information about gender of the owner of MI scheme was also collected in case of individual ownership. Out of all the individually owned schemes, 18.1 per cent are owned by women.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh possesses the largest number of MI schemes in the country followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The same ranking of states follows for the GW schemes. Maharashtra leads in SW schemes followed by Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha and Jharkhand.



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- ✓ The report also revealed that there has been an increase of about 1.42 million in MI schemes as compared to the previous census..

Q.22. Which Country has handed over the B20 presidency to Brazil to host G20 in 2024?

- A) India
- B) Canada
- C) Maldives
- D) Australia

Answer : A

- ✓ India has handed over the B20 presidency to Brazil to host G20 in 2024. B20 India Chair N Chandrasekaran said that India's B20 Presidency under the its G20 Presidency worked under the theme of Vasudeva Katumbakam (One Earth, One Family, One Future).
- ✓ B20 Summit India 2023 began in New Delhi on 25 August.
- ✓ Eminent leaders including Tata Sons Executive Chairman and B20 India Chairman N Chandrasekaran, Mastercard CEO Michael Meibach, and World Economic Forum President Borge Brende will be present.
- ✓ The theme of the summit is "B20 India R.I.S.E." which is a symbol of responsible, agile, innovative, sustainable, and equitable businesses.

Q. Which country has hosted the first 'Karnataka Cultural Festival'?

- A) Maldives
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Thailand
- D) Bhutan

Answer : B

- ✓ Sri Lanka hosts 'Karnataka Cultural Festival' for the first time.
- ✓ Sri Lanka hosted the Karnataka Cultural Festival on August 27, 2023
- ✓ This program is organized by the International Cultural Council of India, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, and M.E. Organized in association with the Global Peace Foundation.
- ✓ The festival featured a variety of performances from over 30 artists from Karnataka: traditional dances, folk music, multilingual poems, ballet, and puppet shows
- ✓ The focus was on highlighting the cultural heritage and heritage of Karnataka.
- ✓ The cast included lead artist Madhuri Bondre and her troupe.



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- Karnataka Cultural Festival : Sri Lanka
- Unmesha' – International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh' – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Festival of Libraries 2023 : New Delhi
- Chachin Grazing Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- Harela Festival : Uttarakhand
- Bonalu Festival : Telangana
- Kharchi Puja : Tripura
- Palkhi festival : Maharashtra
- Raja festival : Odisha
- Kheer Bhawani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- Great Prayer Festival : Ladakh
- Sinthan Snow Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- Heritage Festival : Goa
- Thawe Festival : Bihar
- Bohag Bihu festival : Assam
- 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- Yaoshang festival : Manipur
- Purple Fest : Goa
- Orange Festival : Nagaland
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Losar Festival : Ladakh
- 23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur
- Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh
- 26th National Youth Festival 2023 : Hubbali, Karnataka
- International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi



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- **Mongeeet Festival : Assam**
- **International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat**
- **Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**
- **Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana**

Q. Which company has successfully manufactured the first set of indigenous SCR Catalysts for limiting NOx emissions from thermal power plants?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ BHEL develops India's first catalyst set to curb NOx emissions in power plants
- ✓ State-owned engineering firm Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has successfully manufactured the first set of indigenous SCR Catalysts for limiting NOx emissions from thermal power plants.
- ✓ SCR Catalysts were earlier imported in line with the 'Make in India' initiative.
- ✓ The initial batch of indigenous SCR Catalyst was manufactured for 5×800 MW Yadadri Thermal Power Station in Telangana.
- ✓ BHEL set up a manufacturing facility at its Solar Business Division unit to produce SCR catalysts for reducing NOx emissions in thermal power plants
- ✓ Burning coal converts its nitrogen content into nitrogen oxides (NOx), a major air pollutant that includes substances such as NO, NO₂, and N₂O
- ✓ Other orders for SCR units came from Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MAHAGENCO), West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC), and NALCO for various thermal power stations
- ✓ Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL):
- ✓ It is a major Central Public Sector Enterprise in India.
- ✓ It has the distinction of being the largest manufacturer of power generation equipment under government ownership.



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- ✓ BHEL works as a part of the Government of India and comes under the purview of the Ministry of Heavy Industry.
- ✓ Establishment - 1956
- ✓ Headquarters - New Delhi

Q. Which bank has launched a Customer Service Points (CSPs) functionality that allows customers to enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card?

- A) Punjab National Bank B) Indian Overseas Bank
C) State Bank of India D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Public sector lender the State Bank of India has launched a Customer Service Points (CSPs) functionality that allows customers to enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card.
- ✓ Chairman Dinesh Khara introduced the feature which will be availed at the bank's CSPs that aims to make the process of enrolling in various social security schemes simpler.
- ✓ The customers visiting CSPs will need only their Aadhaar to enroll in social security schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY).
- ✓ They will no longer need to carry passbooks to the CSP outlet for enrolment.
- ✓ With the feature, the bank aims to strengthen its offerings and extend the benefits of crucial schemes to the masses.
- ✓ This technology-driven enhancement is a testament to SBI's commitment to improve financial inclusivity and social welfare through digitization.

SBI IN NEWS 2023

- State Bank of India has launched a Customer Service Points (CSPs) functionality that allows customers to enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 percent through its third infrastructure bond issuance.
- State Bank of India will set up a new trustee company as its wholly-owned subsidiary for managing the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF).



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- State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru Circle, recently launched 'Project Kuber' to meet the banking needs of its customers.
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, has raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian" and the book celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and 200 years of SBI's history.
- SBI to launch new current accounts and savings accounts in FY24 to attract deposits.
- The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "Parivar" (family) account.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced the completion of a \$1 billion syndicated social loan facility.
- The facility of \$1 billion was arranged through MLABs, MUFG bank and Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has partnered with the NGO That's Eco Foundation to donate ₹48 lakh for the plantation of 32,000 tree saplings at Garden City University in Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 3,717 crore through its third Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 bond issuance in the current financial year at coupon rate of 8.25 per cent..
- SBI reintroduces 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term deposit scheme and provides an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.



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- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
- (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
- (2) With you all the way
- (3) A bank of the common man
- (4) The banker to every Indian
- (5) The Nation banks on us.
- It is one of the largest and oldest banks in India.

Q. The 3rd International Conference on Structural Integrity (ICONS 2023) has been inaugurated in which city?

A) Mamallapuram

B) Thiruvananthapuram

C) Kozhikode

D) Kochi

Answer : A

- ✓ The 3rd International Conference on Structural Integrity (ICONS 2023) began virtually at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ ICONS 2023 is jointly organized by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam and the Society for Failure Analysis, in association with Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Indian Society for Non-destructive Testing, Kalpakkam Chapter, Indian Institute of Metals Kalpakkam Chapter and Indian Structural Integrity Society.



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- ✓ ICONS 2023 was attended by around 250 delegates from India and abroad, including mechanical engineers, materials scientists, academicians, industry experts, plant managers and regulatory personnel.

Q. Hindustan Shipyard Inks ___ Crore Deal With Ministry of Defence for Procurement of Five Fleet Support Ships (FSS).

- A) ₹15,000 Crore B) ₹16,500 Crore
C) ₹18,000 Crore D) ₹19,000 Crore

Answer : D

- ✓ The Ministry of Defence has signed a significant contract with Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) in Visakhapatnam on August 25, 2023, for the acquisition of five Fleet Support Ships (FSS) for the Indian Navy. Valued at approximately Rs 19,000 crore, this step advances the goal of self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- ✓ The ships in the 44,000-tonnes category will be the first of their kind to be built in India by an Indian shipyard

Q. Which state government has Issues Notification Banning Plastic Water Bottles Below 1 Litre from 2 October 2023?

- A) Bihar B) Odisha
C) Assam D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ The Assam Environment and Forest Department has taken a significant step by announcing the ban on the use and production of plastic water bottles below 1000 ml capacity within the state.
- ✓ This transformative initiative, set to be enforced from 2nd October 2023, reflects Assam's commitment to combat plastic pollution and promote sustainable practices.
- ✓ Recognizing the environmental hazards posed by such smaller plastic bottles, the Assam government's decision aligns with its commitment to safeguard the state's natural beauty and biodiversity.

BAN IN NEWS 2023

- Indian sprinter Dutee Chand gets four-year ban for failing dope test.
- Assam Govt Issues Notification Banning Plastic Water Bottles Below 1 Litre.
- FIFA lifts ban on Sri Lanka Football Federation.



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- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in India has recently cracked down on over 150 websites and YouTube-based news channels since May 2021.
- These actions were taken in response to the production of content deemed “anti-India” and in violation of Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act.
- India bans export of non-basmati white rice.
- New Zealand becomes first country to ban plastic produce bags.
- After ChatGPT, Italy plans to ban English language.
- Seattle created history becomes first city in US to ban caste discrimination.

ASSAM IN NEWS 2023

- Chokuwa rice of Assam recently earned a GI (Geographical Indication) tag for its exquisiteness.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launches ‘Amrit Brikshya Andolan’ app.
- Assam Govt Issues Notification Banning Plastic Water Bottles Below 1 Litre
- Project Gajah Kotha Launched in Assam.
- Assam launched "Gajah Kotha" campaign to address the growing problem of Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC).
- Assam's first underwater tunnel to be constructed between Numaligarh and Gohpur.
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal received the first over dimensional cargo (ODC) transported via waterways at Numaligarh Refinery jetty (Assam).
- Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, along with other disaster management groups, conducted a joint flood relief drill, 'Exercise Jal Rahat', at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River in Assam.
- India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Ayushman Assam Scheme under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya (MMJA) in Guwahati.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28th April virtually commissioned 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt at Diphu in Karbi Anglong district of Assam.
- World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.



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- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) in the state.
- Assam-based non-profit organization Aaranyak has formed a network of local communities called the Elephant Conservation Network (ECN).
- North East's 1st compressed biogas plant in Assam.
- Assam to Celebrate Mongeet Festival of Music, Culture, and Food.

Q. The Centre has formed a nine-member committee to review the functioning of the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO). Who will be chaired by this committee?

- A) V K Paul
B) KV Subramanian
C) K Vijay Raghavan
D) Usha Thorat

Answer : C

- ✓ The Centre has formed a nine-member committee to review the functioning of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ✓ The committee headed by Prof K Vijay Raghavan to review and redefine the role of the department and submit a report within three months.
- ✓ Prof Vijay Raghavan is a former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and one of the key architects of the National Research Foundation (NRF).
- ✓ The members also include a retired diplomat, an ISRO scientist and a serving officer.
- ✓ The committee would suggest measures to revamp DRDO to make it more result-oriented.

Q. Which state has emerged as the top state in the Nutrition Awareness Index 2023, scoring 11% above the national average?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Punjab emerged as the top state in Nutrition Awareness Index 2023
- ✓ The 'Right To Protein' campaign released the 'Nutrition Awareness Index 2023', a state-wise index assessing awareness, affordability, and accessibility of nutrition in India as perceived by end-consumers (citizens).



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- ✓ The Nutrition Awareness Index aims to serve as an important tool to advance the vision of nutrition security in India – with regards to commitments, practices, and management.
- ✓ Punjab emerged as the top state, scoring 11% above the national average, while Bihar ranked at the bottom, scoring 10% below the national average.
- ✓ Based on the total scores, the other top-ranked states are, Karnataka (9% higher than the national average), Delhi (7% higher), Uttarakhand (6% higher) and Assam (5% higher).
- ✓ While the bottom-ranked ones are Andhra Pradesh (10% lower than the national average), Rajasthan (8% lower), Tamil Nadu (6% lower) and Gujarat (6% lower).
- ✓ The Index also found that majority Indians are unaware of vegetarian protein sources. Over 53% of young Indians (aged 18-35) find nutrition access challenging and while over 50% of them feel they eat balanced but failed to identify nutritional food sources correctly.

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with TCPL Green Energy Solutions Private Ltd. (TGESPL) to set up the country's "first" hydrogen fuel project at an estimated cost of over Rs 350 crore?

- A) Odisha
B) Jharkhand
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ The Jharkhand government has signed an MoU with TCPL Green Energy Solutions Private Ltd. (TGESPL) to set up the country's "first" hydrogen fuel project in Jamshedpur at an estimated cost of over Rs 350 crore.
- ✓ The capacity of the proposed unit will be over 4,000 hydrogen IC engine/fuel agnostic engine and more than 10,000 battery system.
- ✓ The facility is expected to start commercial production in March 2024, and likely provide employment to about 1,000 people directly or indirectly.

Q. _____ Windham Rotunda aka Bray Wyatt passed away recently at the age of 36.

- A) Grand slam Champion
B) Baseball Champion
C) Shooting Champion
D) WWE Champion

Answer : D

- ✓ Former WWE Champion Windham Rotunda aka Bray Wyatt passes away



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- ✓ Windham Rotunda, who was known as Bray Wyatt passed away at the age of just 36.
- ✓ Rotunda was an American professional wrestler. He was best known for his tenure in WWE, where he performed under the ring name Bray Wyatt.
- ✓ Wyatt gained recognition among the fans the moment he made his debut with his 'Wyatt Family.'

Q. Which entity has plans to set up 'Research Analyst Administration and Supervisory Body (RAASB)'?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Capital Market Regulator SEBI plans to set up a Research Analyst Administration and Supervisory Body (RAASB) to administer and supervise research analysts.
- ✓ This is along the lines of the Investment Adviser Administration and Supervisory Body set up for administration and supervision of investment advisers.

Q. Which Ministry has launched the TRINETRA Security system at the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) campus in New Delhi?

- A) Ministry of Culture
B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
C) Ministry of Rural Development
D) Minister of State for Communications

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, the Minister of State for Communications, Government of India, launched the TRINETRA Security system at the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) campus in New Delhi.
- ✓ About C-DOT's TRINETRA
- ✓ It is a combination of multiple Security systems like Security Information and Event Management (SIEM), Security Orchestration and Automated Response (SOAR), Data Loss Prevention (DLP), User Entity and Behaviour Analytics (UEBA), Multi-Source Threat Intelligence and others.
- ✓ The solution provides 24x7 near real-time actionable cyber-security status and detection and resolution of cyber-threats (Virus, Malware, Ransomware, Spyware, etc.).
- ✓ It also performs security evaluation of the organisation's IT assets by protecting endpoints, including PCs, laptops, Servers and VMs, by detection, analyses and mitigation of vulnerabilities and giving AI-enabled automated responses to cyber threats, ensuring the protection of sensitive data.



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- ✓ The solution is capable of protecting the critical digital infrastructure of various Government departments from the ever-evolving cyber threat landscape.

Q. Which organisation has developed the 'Astra' indigenous air-to-air missile?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) BHEL

Answer : B

- ✓ The Astra indigenous air-to-air missile was successfully test-fired from the light combat aircraft (LCA), Tejas, off the coast of Goa.
- ✓ The missile release was successfully carried out from the aircraft at an altitude of about 20,000 feet. The state-of-the-art BVR air-to-air missile to engage and destroy highly maneuvering supersonic aerial targets, is designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Research Centre Imarat (RCI) and other laboratories of DRDO.

Q. When is the National Sports Day observed in India?

- A) 29 August
- B) 28 August
- C) 27 August
- D) 26 August

Answer : A

- ✓ In India, the National Sports Day is observed every year on 29 August, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- ✓ The National Sports Day, also known as Rashtriya Khel Divas, was celebrated for the first time in 2012.
- ✓ The day is used as a platform to launch various sports schemes as well as organise various sporting events and seminars to spread awareness about the importance of physical activities and sports in life.
- ✓ who was known as 'The Wizard' or 'The Magician' of hockey for his superb ball control.
- ✓ The legendary hockey player was born on 29 August 1905 in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ He won gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1934 and 1936. He scored over 400 goals in his career, from 1926 to 1948. It is believed that after India defeated Germany in the 1936 Olympics final by 8-1, Adolf Hitler offered him a senior post in the German Army, to which Chand refused.
- ✓ His autobiography "Goal!" was published by Sport & Pastime (Madras) in 1952



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- ✓ Government of India (GoI) awarded him the 3rd highest civilian honour of Padma Bhushan in 1956. Beside this, the most noted memorial for him is the Major Dhyan Chand Award, which is the highest award for lifetime achievement in sports and games in India

Q. The National Sports Day is observed in India to mark the birth anniversary of which Indian sports person?

- A) K. D. Jadhav
- B) Dhanraj Pillay
- C) Milkha Singh
- D) Major Dhyan Chand

Answer : D

- ✓ National Sports Day 2023 Theme : The theme for this year's National Sports Day celebration is "Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society".

Q. Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on which day to highlight the achievements made by women in various fields?

- A) 25 August
- B) 26 August
- C) 23 August
- D) 24 August

Answer : B

- ✓ Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on August 26 to highlight the achievements made by women in various fields.
- ✓ The day also aims to bring to the fore the struggles women have faced to win equal rights.
- ✓ Women's Equality Day is marked primarily in the US on August 26 annually. It was on this day in 1920 when women in the US were granted the right to vote after decades of hardships and advocacy.
- ✓ Women's Equality Day was first celebrated on August 26, 1971. Since then, it has been proclaimed each year by the president of the US.
- ✓ The first such protest by women for equal rights was held at the world's first Women's Rights Convention in 1848 in New York State.
- ✓ In 1973, the 37th President of the United States Richard Nixon formally recognised August 26 as Women's Equality Day.



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Q. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched the world's first 100 percent Ethanol-fueled car in which city?

- A) Pune
B) Bengaluru
C) New Delhi
D) Hyderabad

Answer : C

- ✓ Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched the world's first 100 percent Ethanol-fueled car in New Delhi.
- ✓ The world's first BS-VI (Stage-II), electrified flex-fuel vehicle has been launched which can function fully on ethanol-based fuel.
- ✓ With the implementation of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol, the country will save 35 thousand crore rupees annually as import bill.
- ✓ India has achieved 10 percent of ethanol blending five months in advance of the initial target of 2022.
- ✓ With the ethanol blending process the farmers have earned 82 thousand crores rupees so far and the country's import bill has reduced.
- ✓ The flex fuel is a technology that allows an engine to utilise ethanol-blended petrol or gasoline beyond 20 percent. The aim is to reduce carbon footprint, improve sustainable mobility and decrease the country's dependency on traditional fuel sources.

Q. Which bank has launched a co-branded Corporate Credit Card in collaboration with spend management platform Zagggle to empower businesses?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Yes bank partnered with fintech Zagggle for next-gen corporate credit card
- ✓ Yes Bank has launched co-branded Corporate Credit Card in collaboration with spend management platform Zagggle, to empower businesses to reimagine their payment processes, streamline reconciliation, and efficiently manage company expenditures.
- ✓ The new card 'YES BANK Zagggle Corporate Credit Card', provides businesses direct control over company expenditures.



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- ✓ This includes the ability to set individual spending limits, apply merchant category restrictions, and implement diverse controls.
- ✓ Additionally, cardholders gain access to an array of exclusive benefits, spanning rewards, golf privileges, lounge access, and travel insurance.
- ✓ The partnership with Zagggle enables businesses to bring in operational efficiencies by allowing them to undertake banking transactions, manage company expenditures as well as keep track of all business-related overheads on a single platform

YES BANK IN NEWS 2023

- Yes bank partnered with fintech Zagggle for next-gen corporate credit card.
- 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

Q. Which insurance company has tied up with Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd in its effort to increase the penetration of life insurance through the Bancassurance channel?

- A) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance B) Life Insurance Corporation Of India
C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance D) Bharti AXA General Insurance



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Answer : B

- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation of India has tied up with Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd in its effort to increase the penetration of life insurance through the Bancassurance channel in Mumbai.
- ✓ Saraswat Cooperative Bank is India's largest Urban Cooperative Bank.
- ✓ Citizens in general and customers of Saraswat Bank, in particular, will now have the opportunity to fulfill their life insurance protection needs through the Bank itself by purchasing insurance products.
- ✓ The Bank has a vast network of 294 Branches as at 31 March 2023 spread over 6 states and is catering to over 2 million customers. It has also got the distinction of being India's largest Urban Cooperative Bank.
- ✓ Being the premier insurer of the country, LIC has plans for all segments of the society under its product basket of Annuity, ULIP, Term Insurance and Savings category.
- ✓ Recently LIC has launched a close-ended Guaranteed Benefit plan "Dhan Vriddhi" which is available till 30th September 2023 only, to persons of all age ranging from 90 days to 60 years.

LIC IN NEWS 2023

- Life Insurance Corporation of India has tied up with Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd in its effort to increase the penetration of life insurance through the Bancassurance channel in Mumbai.
- 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.
- Tables Pandey and M. Jagannath have been appointed as the managing directors of the Life Insurance Company (LIC).
- 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



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- 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. Which state government has signed an MoU with Germany's professional association football league, 'Bundesliga', to build a football team for players under the age of 14?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Maharashtra signs MoU with Germany's professional association football
- ✓ The Maharashtra Government has signed an MoU with Germany's professional association football league, 'Bundesliga', to build a football team for players under the age of 14.
- ✓ The agreement was signed by Ranjit Singh Deol, Principal Secretary, Department of School Education and Sports, and Mrs Julia Farr, representative of the Bundesliga, on behalf of the Government of Maharashtra.
- ✓ It will help young footballers to develop their skills and potentially compete at a high level.
- ✓ The Bundesliga is Germany's premier professional football league.
- ✓ It is one of the leading football leagues in Europe and the best football players and teams belong to the league.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Maharashtra signs MoU with Germany's professional association football.
- 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.
- 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.



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- Maharashtra's Economy will become a trillion dollar by 2028, said N Chandrashekar, 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 Namu Shetkari Mahasnanman 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 has launched HSBC India's partnerships aimed at innovation in Green Hydrogen?

A) Nirmala Sitharaman

B) Piyush Goyal

C) Narendra Modi

D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched HSBC India's partnerships aimed at innovation in Green Hydrogen.
- ✓ That includes partnerships with IIT Bombay and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation to pursue technological advancements to make green hydrogen more efficient, cost-effective, and scalable.



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- ✓ These two partnerships, with total grant support of Rs 15 crore (USD 2 mn), will focus on innovation projects that will help prioritize green hydrogen as a strategic alternate fuel, help in building a robust, green hydrogen economy, and achieve the government's vision of an energy-independent nation.
- ✓ Green hydrogen has a pivotal role to play as we counter climate change and work towards enabling a low-carbon and self-reliant economy.
- ✓ The partnership with IIT Bombay will encourage researchers, scientists, and students across IITs to develop breakthrough technologies and solutions that address key challenges in green hydrogen production, storage, transportation, and utilization.
- ✓ Group Chairman of HSBC – Mark Tucker,
- ✓ CEO of HSBC India – Hitendra Dave
- ✓ Chairperson of the Board, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation – Jamshyed Godrej

Q. Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje has inaugurated the G20 One Health workshop in which city?

- A) New Delhi B) Bengaluru
C) Hyderabad D) Ahmedabad

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje has inaugurated the G20 One Health workshop in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The three-day workshop on One Health-Opportunities and Challenges is attended by delegates from G20 member countries and invited countries.
- ✓ India's G20 chairmanship is focused on the theme "One Earth, One Family, and One Future".
- ✓ Its goal is to create a harmonious system for sharing knowledge, experience, and resources among nations

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.



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- 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

Q. Which state government has distributed land rights certificates to the 65,000 poor families living in the slums?

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has distributed land right certificates to the 65,000 poor families living in the slums of five metropolitan cities including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur, and Rourkela.
- ✓ Odisha is the only state in the country to give land rights to slum dwellers



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- ✓ On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that “financial assistance will also be provided for the construction of houses.
- ✓ The second phase of the certificate will be issued next October. This campaign will continue till all the poor families of the city get land rights.
- ✓ The Chief Minister inaugurated 1010 colonies which have transformed into Biju Model Colonies and honoured the cities of Cuttack, Khordha, Koraput and Jajpur for their outstanding work in the construction of Biju Adamas Colony

ODISHA IN NEWS 2023

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has distributed land right certificates to the 65,000 poor families living in the slums of five metropolitan cities including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur, and Rourkela.
- 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).
- 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.



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

Q. Who has won the gold medal in the 3000 meters steeplechase final of the World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest Hungary?

- A) Winfred Mutile Yavi B) Parul Chaudhary
C) Beatrice Chepkoech D) Conor McGregor

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian athlete Parul Chaudhary finished in the eleventh position in the 3000 meters steeplechase final of the World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest Hungary.
- ✓ She broke the national record in the World Athletics Championships and qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ✓ Brunei athlete Winfred Mutile Yavi clinched the gold medal, Kenya's Beatrice Chepkoech won silver and another Kenya athlete Faith Cherotich achieved winning bronze.

Q. Who has been awarded the ET Leadership Excellence Awards?

- A) Parmeet Singh Sood B) Deepinder Goyal
C) Byju Raveendran D) Bhavish Aggarwal

Answer : A

- ✓ Parmeet Singh Sood felicitated at “ET Leadership Excellence Awards
- ✓ The Economic Times honored the achievements of leaders and change-makers who have made significant contributions in their respective fields.
- ✓ The Economic Times honored the achievements of leaders and change-makers who have made significant contributions in their respective fields.
- ✓ Parmeet Singh Sood, Managing Director of Climax Overseas Pvt. Ltd. was awarded the “Excellence in Manufacturing Of Automobile Parts” and felicitated by the well-known Bollywood actress Rakul Preet Singh along with Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva.



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Q. Jayanta Mahapatra passed away recently. Who was he?

- A) Social Worker B) Poet
C) Historian D) Actor

Answer : B

- ✓ Eminent littérateur and poet Jayanta Mahapatra passed away at the age of 95.
- ✓ Mahapatra was the first Indian poet to win a Sahitya Akademi award for English poetry in 1981.
- ✓ He was also conferred with the Padma Shri award in 2009. However, he returned it in 2015 to protest against “rising intolerance in India”.
- ✓ The author of ‘Indian Summer’ and ‘Hunger’, considered as classics in modern Indian English literature, Mahapatra penned 27 books of poems, of which seven are in Odia language and the rest in English.

Q. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has chaired the 26th meeting of the Western Zonal Council in which city?

- A) Gandhinagar B) Ahmedabad
C) New Delhi D) Bengaluru

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has chaired the 26th meeting of the Western Zonal Council at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The meeting was organized by the Inter-State Council Secretariat under the Ministry of Home Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Gujarat.
- ✓ The Western Zonal Council comprises the states of Gujarat, Goa, and Maharashtra, and the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

Q. Ministry of Education and _____ have launched the sixth edition of the Smart India Hackathon 2023.

- A) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
B) National Testing Agency (NTA)
C) University Grants Commission (UGC)
D) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

Answer : D



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- ✓ The Ministry of Education and the All-India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) have launched the sixth edition of the Smart India Hackathon 2023.
- ✓ The Smart India Hackathon acts as a remarkable platform that unites the ingenuity of India's young minds with the practical obstacles encountered by diverse government entities and ministries.
- ✓ With a vast network comprising more than 7500 Innovation Institutes spanning the nation, SIH is a breeding ground for unconventional solutions and fresh perspectives.
- ✓ Objective – To bring together the creativity of India's young minds with real-world challenges faced by various government departments.
- ✓ It has become a global model for hackathons and innovation frameworks, reflecting its dynamic evolution over time.

Q. As part of India's G20 presidency, the second G20-Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable Meeting has been conducted in which city?

A) Jaipur

B) Lucknow

C) Gandhinagar

D) Ahmedabad

Answer : C

- ✓ As part of India's G20 presidency, the second G20-Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable has been conducted in Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Science advisors, Scientists, researchers from G 20 countries, and invited countries participated in the meeting.
- ✓ During the day-long meeting, the delegates discussed several critical issues pertaining to scientific research and technology development.
- ✓ On the sidelines of the meeting, three bilateral meetings between India and Saudi Arabia, Australia and the UK were held.

Q. Which Payments Bank has partnered with Frontier Markets to launch the 'She Leads Bharat: Udyam' initiative?

A) India Post Payments Bank

B) Fino Payments Bank

C) Paytm Payments Bank

D) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer : D



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- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Frontier Markets to support 1 lakh women
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank, Frontier Markets and the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth have launched 'She Leads Bharat: Udyam', an initiative to elevate 1,00,000 women-owned small businesses with resources, tools and opportunities to grow and diversify their incomes.
- ✓ She Leads Bharat: Udyam is a first-of-its-kind initiative that brings together the private sector, social enterprise, and philanthropy in the banking, financial services, and insurance sector to demonstrate a digital-first model designed to unlock ways for women-owned small businesses to increase their incomes
- ✓ In this first phase, the initiative will enable 1,00,000 women-owned small businesses in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to learn and earn via Frontier Markets' proprietary, flexible Meri-Saheli platform
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank
- ✓ Founded : 2017
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas
- ✓ Stake : Bharti Airtel Limited(80.01%) & Kotak Mahindra Bank(19.9%)
- ✓ Subsidiaries : YTS Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Q. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the upper limit of an offline payment transaction to how much rupees from the existing Rs 200 to promote the use of UPI-Lite wallet?

- A) 500
- B) 1000
- C) 1500
- D) 2000

Answer : A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the upper limit of an offline payment transaction to Rs 500 from the existing Rs 200 to promote the use of UPI-Lite wallet in areas where internet connectivity is weak or not available.
- ✓ The total limit for offline transactions on a payment instrument, however, remains Rs 2,000.
- ✓ The RBI launched a device wallet called UPI Lite in September last year to increase the speed of small-value transactions on UPI, optimise processing resources for banks and reduce transaction failures
- ✓ The product currently processes more than 10 million transactions a month.



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- ✓ Earlier this month, the RBI had proposed facilitating offline transactions using Near Field Communication (NFC) technology to promote UPI-Lite. Transactions through NFC do not require PIN verification

Q. Which of the following former cricket player has recently joined 'Midwicket Stories' as principal advisor?

- A) Sunil Gavaskar B) Ravi Shastri
C) Rahul Dravid D) Chetan Sharma

Answer : A

- ✓ Former Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar has joined 'Midwicket Stories' as principal advisor.
- ✓ Also known by the nicknames 'Sunny' and 'Little Master', Gavaskar is among the greatest Indian cricketers to have graced the gentleman's game.
- ✓ The concept of 'Midwicket Stories' is where former players come together and talk about their time, talk about things that happened during their time.
- ✓ Gavaskar is a distinguished member of India's maiden World Cup winning squad of 1983, Gavaskar once held the record for scoring the most centuries in Tests.

Q. Dev Kohli passed away recently in Mumbai. Who was he?

- A) Poet B) Theatre artist
C) Social Worker D) Historian

Answer : A

- ✓ Veteran lyricist and poet Dev Kohli passed away in Mumbai
- ✓ He had penned over a hundred songs for Bollywood films such as Baazigar, Hum Aapke Hain Koun, Maine Pyaar Kiya, Shoot Out At Lokhandwala, among many others.
- ✓ Kohli is famed for his songs over 100 films including 'Maine Pyaar Kiya,' 'Baazigar,' 'Judwaa 2,' 'Musafir,' 'Shoot Out At Lokhandwala,' and 'Taxi No. 9211.' He has collaborated with music directors like Anu Malik, Raam Laxman, Anand Raaj Anand, Anand Milind among others.
- ✓ Dev Kohli was born on November 2, 1942, in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. He moved to Delhi in 1949 and spent his childhood in Dehradun.
- ✓ He wrote lyrics for several hit songs like 'Aate Jaate Hanste Gaate,' 'Kabootar Ja Ja Ja,' 'Aaja Shaam Hone Aayee,' 'Maine Pyar Kiya' and 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun'



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5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000

6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017.

➤ List of Miss Universe winners from India

1. Sushmita Sen : 1994

2. Lara Dutta : 2000

3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021.

➤ Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966.

➤ Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994.

➤ Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

Q. Warship 'Mahendragiri' has been built by which Shipbuilders Limited?

A) Goa Shipyard Limited

B) Cochin Shipyard Limited

C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

D) ABG Shipyard Limited

Answer : C

- ✓ The wife of the Vice President will launch India's latest warship, Mahendragiri, at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.
- ✓ About Mahendragiri Frigate:
- ✓ It is the seventh and last stealth frigate of Project 17A Frigates.
- ✓ It is named after a mountain peak in Eastern Ghats located in Odisha.
- ✓ The ship is being built by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai.
- ✓ What is Project 17A?
- ✓ The project was launched by the defence forces of India to construct a series of stealth guided-missile frigates.
- ✓ Under the Project 17A programme, four ships by Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and three by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) are being built.
- ✓ These warships follow the Project 17 Class Frigates (Shivalik Class) and boast enhanced stealth features, advanced weapons, sensors, and platform management systems.
- ✓ Project 17A ships have been designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau WDB.
- ✓ As much as 75% of the orders for equipment and systems of Project 17A ships are from indigenous firms, including MSMEs.



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- ✓ The first six ships of the project have been launched so far by MDL & GRSE between 2019-2023.

Q. ADB and Fourth Partner Energy Collaborate for Solar Power Plant in Which State?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Fourth Partner Energy Private Limited (Fourth Partner) signed a long-term loan of up to 1.2 billion Indian rupees (about \$14.7 million) to construct and operate a 25-megawatt solar photovoltaic-based power plant to increase clean and low-cost energy supply to commercial and industrial customers.
- ✓ The power plant, located in Tirunelveli district in the state of Tamil Nadu in India, is expected to generate about 50.7 gigawatt-hours of electricity annually and will directly sell power to commercial and industrial users. India's progressive open access renewable energy policy allows a group of consumers to purchase electricity directly from an Independent Power Producer (IPP).

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023

- Taiwanese firm Foxconn Technology Group, a key supplier to Apple Inc., signed a letter of Intent with the Tamil Nadu government to invest ₹1,600 crore to establish a manufacturing facility in Kancheepuram district.
- 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.



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- In a first of its kind initiative in India, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project'.

Q. Who developed 'Nabhmitra' device for fishers' safety successfully tested at Neendakara?

- A) ISRO
B) DRDO
C) IIT Madras
D) IIT Bombay

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has achieved a significant milestone by successfully testing its innovative device named 'Nabhmitra'.
- ✓ This device, developed at ISRO's Space Applications Centre in Ahmedabad, aims to enhance the safety of fishermen during their sea expeditions.
- ✓ The successful testing took place at Neendakara, where the device was installed on a fishing vessel, and its capabilities were assessed in the presence of both scientists and officials from the Fisheries department.
- ✓ Nabhmitra operates on the basis of advanced satellite communication technology, allowing seamless two-way messaging between fishing boats and maritime authorities stationed at sea.

Q. Which Govt announced 27% reservation for OBCs in local bodies like panchayats, municipalities, and civic corporations?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Gujarat
C) Punjab
D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ In Gujarat, the state government 29th August 2023 announced a 27 percent reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in local bodies like panchayats, municipalities, and civic corporations.
- ✓ * Briefing media in Gandhinagar, minister and government spokesperson Rushikesh Patel said the decision was taken based on the basis of the Jhaveri Commission report.
- ✓ * The announcement, seats in panchayats municipalities and municipal corporations will be kept reserved for OBC candidates in 27 percent proportion when elections are held.



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- London-based company OneWeb and the Gujarat Government's Science and Technology Department have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today for the establishment of a 'Satellite Network Portal Site' in Gujarat.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah organized a virtual ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the country's first cooperative-run Sainik School.
- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the best tourism facilities in the historical lighthouses of Gujarat.
- Under the Sagarmala programme, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is developing a National Maritime Heritage Complex, a world-class facility at Lothal, Gujarat.
- Gujarat government signs MoU with US chip maker firm Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Ahmedabad.
- Indian cabinet has given its approval to Micron Technology's plan to invest \$2.7 billion in setting up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat.
- Urban-20 City Sherpas' meet begins at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term.
- Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli passed away.
- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year. The state was established on May 1, 1960.
- Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as "Swagat Saptah" in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the "State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology" (SWAGAT) initiative.
- Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in GIFT city.
- Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat.



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- Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Lisa Franchetti becomes 1st woman to be top Navy officer in US history.
- Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history.
- Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Shalini Singh from Lucknow has become the first woman NCC cadet in India to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand.
- Parminder Chopra becomes first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation.
- Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency.
- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhavar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dhami becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.



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- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.

Q. Who has taken over as Principal Director General of All India Radio and NSD?

- A) Dr. Vasudha Gupta B) Meenakshi Lekhi
C) Abhirup Sharma D) Ramesh Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Dr. Vasudha Gupta, a senior officer of the 1989 batch of the Indian Information Service, has taken over as the Principal Director General of All India Radio and News Services Division (NSD).
- ✓ Prior to this, she was working on the post of Director General in All India Radio.
- ✓ He has also served as the Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB).

Q. In Assam, the state's longest flyover was inaugurated, what is its length?

- A) 2.00 km B) 2.15 km
C) 2.63 km D) 3.00 km

Answer : C

- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the longest flyover in the state, which has been named Nilachal flyover after the Nilachal hills.
- ✓ Its total length is 2.63 kilometers and it has been built from Maligaon Chariali to Kamakhya Gate in Guwahati.
- ✓ It has been constructed at a cost of ₹420.75 crore and was built in a period of 35 months



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Q. Which country will host the first edition of the Global India AI 2023 conference?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ India will host the first edition of the Global India AI 2023 conference in October this year.
- ✓ It is a good platform for AI applications in next-generation learning, artificial intelligence models, electric vehicles and computing systems.
- ✓ Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has given this information

Q. In which state has the Griha Lakshmi Yojana been recently launched for women?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The state government of Karnataka has launched a social welfare scheme for women - Griha Lakshmi Yojana - in Mysore.
- ✓ Under this, the female head of a family will get Rs 2,000 per month from the government.
- ✓ The registration for Griha Lakshmi Yojana started from 19th July.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Finance Industry Development Council?

- A) Umesh Revankar
B) Rajiv Kumar
C) Ajay Sinha
D) Ravi Malhotra

Answer : A

- ✓ The Managing Committee of the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) has appointed Umesh Revankar as the new Chairman of FIDC.
- ✓ He is currently working as the Executive Vice Chairman of Shriram Finance Limited.
- ✓ He has over 35 years of experience in the financial services industry. He joined the Shriram Group in 1987



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Q. Which Ministry and the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) signed an MoU for 2023-25?

- A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs B) Ministry of Home Affairs
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer : D

- ✓ A momentous collaboration has been cemented as the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- ✓ This strategic partnership aims to enhance the socio-economic upliftment of Safai Karamcharis, Manual Scavengers, Waste Pickers and their dependants.
- ✓ NSKFDC also provides loans upto Rs.1.00 lacs under its Mahila Samridhi Yojana and Micro Credit Finance Scheme. The overall rate of interest is 4% and 5%, respectively. The other loan schemes are General Term Loan and Green Business Schemes under which loans upto Rs.15.00 lacs and upto Rs.30.00 lacs respectively are provided with rate of interest at 6% and 1% rebate for women beneficiaries.
- ✓ NSKFDC has provided Skill development Training to 20686 sanitation workers and their dependents under SRMS and PM DAKSH Yojana during FY 2022-23.

Q. Who has announced that 1,000 Khelo India Centres will be established within a year in the country?

- A) Jagdeep Dhankhar B) Anurag Singh Thakur
C) Amit Shah D) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer : B

- ✓ Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that 1000 Khelo India Centres will be established within a year in the country.
- ✓ Launching key initiatives on Indian Sports in New Delhi on the occasion of National Sports Day on 29 Aug 2023, the Minister said that it will not only provide employment opportunities to former athletes but also give budding sportspersons a chance to take guidance from the veterans.
- ✓ Mr Thakur also informed that the each player will receive five lakh rupees to procure equipments for their centres and per year another five lakh rupees for operational expenses.



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Q. Who has inaugurated the 'Awareness Campaign and Training of Trainers' initiative?

- A) Arjun Munda B) Smriti Irani
C) Piyush Goyal D) Pralhad Joshi

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the 'Awareness Campaign and Training of Trainers' initiative to educate grassroots workers and enable them to raise awareness about sickle cell anaemia, particularly in tribal regions.
- ✓ Announced in the 2023-24 budget, the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission targets the eradication of the disease by 2047.
- ✓ The comprehensive strategy involves public awareness campaigns, the screening of seven crore individuals aged 0-40 in affected tribal areas, and counselling

Q. NITI Aayog and __ sign Memorandum of Understanding on fast tracking SDGs

- A) UNDP B) UNICEF
C) UNESCO D) USAID

Answer : A

- ✓ NITI Aayog and UNDP India have signed today, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise a framework of cooperation on a range of areas, including SDG localisation, data-driven monitoring, Aspirational Districts and Blocks, among others.

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2023

- NITI Aayog convened a two-day G20 conference on the Green and Sustainable Growth Agenda for the Global Economy in New Delhi.
- The NITI Aayog has published the second edition of the Multidimensional Poverty Index titled 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A progress of Review 2023'.
- About 135.5 million (13.5 crore) persons have exited poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21.
- Nearly 3.43 crore people escaped poverty in Uttar Pradesh, registering the largest decline among the 36 States and Union Territories.



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- NITI Aayog released the Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) framework for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in India .
- NITI Aayog has recently released the Export Preparedness Index 2022.
- This time Tamil Nadu has achieved the top rank by leaving behind Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem (EVOLVE) mission.
- The mission has been launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korean-World Bank and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF).
- NITI Aayog, United Nations join hands to accelerate sustainable development in India.
- PM Modi chairs the 8th meeting of the NITI Aayog Governing Council held at the New Convention Center at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The meeting is focused on the theme of "Growth India @ 2047: Role of Team India".
- BVR Subrahmanyam was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog.
- The government has monetised assets worth ₹26,000 crore during FY23 against the target of ₹1.6 lakh crore for the current fiscal : NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog, the Indian government's policy think-tank, recently released a report titled "Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India." .
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), an initiative by NITI Aayog, has launched three new resources aimed at fostering innovation and creativity among India's youth.
- NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)
- Founded : 1st January 2015
- Preceding : Planning Commission (15th March 1950)
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery
- CEO : BVR Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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Q. Which Countries have signed a MoU to boost cooperation in civil aviation in New Delhi?

- A) India and Australia B) India and Switzerland
C) India and United Kingdom D) India and New Zealand

Answer : D

- ✓ India and New Zealand have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost cooperation in civil aviation. This will cover the scheduling of new routes, codeshare services, traffic rights, and capacity entitlement.

Q. When is World Sanskrit Day celebrated every year?

- A) 28 August B) 29 August
C) 30 August D) 31 August

Answer : D

- ✓ World Sanskrit Day is celebrated globally on 31 August every year.
✓ World Sanskrit Day is celebrated in ancient India to raise awareness about the language used by scholars and sages in many prestigious books, especially religious teachings.

Q. The amount of Chief Minister Kanya Sumangala Yojana has been increased, it is related to which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced to increase the amount fixed for the beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000.
✓ Chief Minister Kanya Sumangala Yojana was started in the year 2019.
Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to girls to complete their education and have a better future

Q. In which city will the Miss World 2023 event be organized?

- A) Kolkata B) Mumbai
C) New Delhi D) Kashmir



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Answer : D

- ✓ The 71st Miss World 2023 contest will be held in Kashmir later this year, in which 140 countries will participate.
- ✓ Julia Morley, CEO of Miss World Organization has given information about this.
- ✓ Sini Shetty will represent India in Miss World 2023.
- ✓ This prestigious international beauty pageant is being organized in India after 27 years



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