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Aparchit September 1st Week English Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q. India aims to become a global drone hub by which year?

- A) 2035
B) 2025
C) 2030
D) 2027

Answer : C

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has partnered with the Drone Federation of India (DFI) to co-host the 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023'.
- ✓ The event is scheduled to be held on September 25 and 26, 2023 at the IAF's airbase in Hindan, Ghaziabad.
- ✓ The 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023' will showcase the prowess of the Indian drone industry in using these unmanned platforms.
- ✓ DFI shall host over 50+ live aerial demonstrations for survey drones, agriculture drones, fire suppression drones, tactical surveillance drones, heavy-lift logistics drones, loitering munition systems, drone swarms, and counter-drone solutions.
- ✓ Around 5,000 attendees are expected to witness the event including, 75 drone start-ups and corporates.
- ✓ This 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023' event will help the country to achieve its commitment of becoming a global drone hub by 2030.

TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2023

- This 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023' event will help the country to achieve its commitment of becoming a global drone hub by 2030.
- 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.



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- UNEP suggests measures to reduce 80% of world's plastic pollution by 2040.
- India aims to become one trillion dollar tourism economy by 2047.
- The government announced a plan to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next five years to achieve its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030.
- India has set targets for half of its installed electricity capacity to be from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and for the country to attain net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- 2023 foreign trade policy has the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.
- India to get 9% of Electricity from Nuclear Sources by 2047.
- India sets target to become 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030
- Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.
- India to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030.
- India has set a target to replace the use of diesel by renewable energy in the agriculture sector by 2024.
- Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- India targets ₹25,000-cr worth defence exports by 2024.
- Reserve Bank of India's 2023 monetary policy objective is to hold inflation within the mandated tolerance band and guide it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024.

Q. What is the total outlay for the Scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)?

A) Rs.7,400 crore

B) Rs.3,400 crore

C) Rs.4,400 crore

D) Rs.9,400 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister has approved the Scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). BESS are devices that enable energy from renewables, like solar and wind, to be stored and then released when the power is needed most.
- ✓ Under the scheme, 4,000 MWh of BESS projects will be developed by 2030-31.



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- ✓ Further, the project will provide financial support of up to 40% of the capital cost as budgetary support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF).
- ✓ Outlay of the scheme: The VGF for the development of the BESS Scheme has an initial outlay of Rs.9,400 crore. This includes a budgetary support of Rs.3,760 crore.
- ✓ To ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the consumers, a minimum of 85% of the BESS project capacity will be made available to Distribution Companies (Discoms).

Q. Which edition of the ASEAN Summit was held in 2023 and in which city?

- A) 43rd, Singapore B) 20th, Bangkok
C) 43rd, Jakarta D) 18th, Manila

Answer : C

- ✓ The 43rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5th to 7th of September 2023.
- ✓ Presently there are 10 countries as members of ASEAN.
- ✓ The annual ASEAN Tourism Forum will be hosted by Laos in January 2024.
- ✓ Theme : The theme of the forum will be "Quality and Responsible Tourism -- Sustaining ASEAN Future".
- ✓ Previously, Laos hosted the ASEAN Tourism Forum in 2004 and 2013.
- ✓ The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in Indonesia.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth.
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- ✓ Founded : 1967
- ✓ Headquarteres : Jakarta, Indonesia
- ✓ Secretary General : Lim Jock Hoi
- ✓ Member : 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam)
- ✓ Trick to Remember Countries of ASEAN
- ✓ Trick : TV CLIP of MBBS
- ✓ T - Thailand
- ✓ V - Vietnam
- ✓ C - Cambodia
- ✓ L- Laos



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- ✓ I - Indonesia
- ✓ P - Philippines of silent
- ✓ M - Malaysia
- ✓ B - Burma (Myanmar)
- ✓ B - Brunei
- ✓ S - Singapore.
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed 'in principle' to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member

Q. What is the purpose of the Malaviya Mission, recently launched by the Government for India?

- A) Teachers Training Programme B) Health Education Programme
C) Satellite Launch Programme D) Drone Manufacturing Programme

Answer : A

- ✓ On the occasion of Teachers Day on September 05, 2023, the Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Malaviya Mission – Teachers Training Programme by the University Grants Commission in New Delhi.
- ✓ The minister also inaugurated the Portal of the Programme.
- ✓ The Malaviya Mission – Teacher Training Programme has been organised by the University Grants Commission (UGC), in association with the Ministry of Education.
- ✓ The mission aims to provide tailored training programmes for 15 lakh teachers in higher educational institutions (HEIs) to ensure their continuous professional development and capacity building of faculty members.
- ✓ Under this mission, 111 Malaviya Mission centres will be set up across India in a time-bound manner.

Q. Recently, the Western Air Command (WAC) of the Indian Air Force launched its annual training exercise along the China-Pakistan border in the north and west, covering area from Leh in Kashmir to Nal in Rajasthan. What is the name of the exercise?

- A) Kavach B) Trishul
C) Raksha D) Agni

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Western Air Command (WAC) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has launched its annual major training exercise, codenamed 'Trishul', from September 04 to 14, 2023, along the China-Pakistan border in the north and west, covering area from Leh in Kashmir to Nal in Rajasthan.
- ✓ The main objective of this 10-days 'Trishul' exercise is to evaluate WAC's overall combat preparedness.
- ✓ A variety of combat assets of IAF such as fighter jets such as Rafales, Jaguars, MiG-29s, and Sukhoi-30MKIs, as well as transport aircraft such as C-130Js and C-17s, as well as surface-to-air guided weapons such as S-400s, MR-SAMS, and Akash are being used during the drill

Q. Name the 'Conversational Payments on UPI' platform, recently announced by RBI?

- A) Hello! UPI B) Namaste! UPI
C) Welcome! UPI D) Say! UPI

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shri Shaktikanta Das has announced the launch of a suite of new product offerings built by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). These products are aimed at creating an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable digital payments ecosystem. T
- ✓ These new products are – Credit Line on UPI, UPI LITE X and Tap & Pay, Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI, BillPay Connect- Conversational Bill Payments.
- ✓ Credit Line on UPI- The RBI Governor launched Credit Line on UPI, to expand access to credit, promote financial inclusion and innovation. This new offering enables pre-sanctioned credit lines from banks via UPI and will revolutionize customer access to credit, fostering a more streamlined and digital banking ecosystem

Q. For the assessment year [AY] 2023-24, CBDT has reduced the time taken to process income tax returns to how many days?

- A) 41 days B) 52 days
C) 18 days D) 10 days

Answer : D

- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in a press release, informed that the average time it takes to process income tax returns after the taxpayer has verified them has been reduced to 10 days for assessment year [AY] 2023-24.
- ✓ This is very less as compared to 82 days for AY 2019-20 and 16 days for AY 2022-23.



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Q. Name the organisation which is not involved for bringing the facility of offline Central Bank Digital Currency payment application on feature phones?

- A) IDEMIA
B) Dell
C) HMD Global
D) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ IDEMIA has announced that it has collaborated with Airtel Payments Bank and Nokia's parent company HMD Global to introduce an offline Central Bank Digital Currency payment application on feature phones. IDEMIA is a French identity security service provider.
- ✓ These three organizations will work together to expand the reach of offline Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) payments in India.
- ✓ This will be the first attempt to bring CBDC payments on feature phones using an application interface.

Q. Who has topped the Fortune India Rich List for 2023?

- A) Gautam Adani
B) Mistry family of Shapoorji Pallonji Group
C) Mukesh Ambani
D) Poonawalla family

Answer : C

- ✓ **Mukesh Ambani top the Fortune India Rich List for 2023**
- ✓ First: Mukesh Ambani, owner of Reliance Industries has topped the Fortune India Rich List for 2023 with a wealth of Rs. 8,19,225 Crore (USD 99.70 billion). Last year he was at second position.
- ✓ Second: Gautam Adani, the chairman of Adani Group of companies is at second position in 2023 with a wealth of Rs. 5,23,538 Crore (USD 63.71 billion). Last year he was at first position.
- ✓ Third: The Mistry family of Shapoorji Pallonji Group holds the third position with a wealth of \$34.6 billion.
- ✓ Fourth: Poonawalla family, owners of vaccine maker Serum Institute is ranked fourth with a wealth of \$32.9 billion.
- ✓ Fifth: Radhakishan Damani, claims the fifth spot on the India Rich List with a wealth of \$23.4 billion.
- ✓ The annual Fortune India-Waterfield Advisors list ranks 157 dollar billionaires in the country with a cumulative wealth of ₹69.30 lakh crore. Top 10 account for 41.65% of total wealth



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Q. Name the winner of the Bird Photographer of the Year 2023?

- A) Jack Zhi
B) Anton Trexler
C) Liron Gertsman
D) Stefan Gerrits

Answer : A

- ✓ Jack Zhi wins Bird Photographer of the Year 2023
- ✓ Wildlife photographer Jack Zhi has been named as the overall winner for the Bird Photographer of the Year 2023, for his image titled “Grab the Bull by the Horns”.
- ✓ Zhi won the prestigious honour which is worth £5,000.
- ✓ The image also won the Gold Award in Bird Behavior category.
- ✓ The image shows that how, during the breeding season, a female peregrine falcon fiercely protects her young, attacking anything that comes near the nest.

Q. The world’s tallest Nataraja statue has been installed at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 summit in Delhi. Who made this statue?

- A) Ravinder Reddy
B) Ram V. Sutar
C) Subodh Gupta
D) Radhakrishnan Sthapathy

Answer : D

- ✓ The world’s tallest Nataraja statue has been installed at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 summit in Delhi.
- ✓ The 28-foot-tall statue weighing 20 tonnes was made in a record time of seven months by sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapathy and his team at Swamimalai in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The statue was built in Ashtadhatu (8 metals) using the traditional casting method.

STATUE IN NEWS 2023

- President Droupadi Murmu has unveiled a 12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and a ‘Gandhi Vatika’ at Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat in New Delhi.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.



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

Q. Which IIT's researchers have developed a novel Cold-plasma Detergent in Environment (CODE) device for good indoor air quality?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Kanpur
- D) IIT Jodhpur

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur researchers have developed a novel Cold-plasma Detergent in Environment (CODE) device for good indoor air quality.
- ✓ The CODE device consumes less power, deactivates bacteria, moulds and viruses, captures dust and pollen, and also removes odours.
- ✓ The device has been tested extensively which deactivates more than 99.99 percent of harmful pathogens and provides quality indoor air.
- ✓ Air pollution is basically one of the top 5 risks causing chronic diseases, according to the World Health Organisation



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IIT IN NEWS 2023

- IIT Jodhpur scientists develop 'CODE' device for good air quality.
- IIT Madras-incubated space tech startup GalaxEye Space on 29 August 2023 launched their drone-based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) system, Ahead of their planned satellite launch in 2024.
- 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.



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

Q. Moon Sniper is a moon lander mission launched by which country recently?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The Japanese space agency, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched its moon -lander mission SLIM (Smart Lander for Investigating Moon) on September 07, 2023. The mission is nicknamed as Moon Sniper.
- ✓ The spacecraft took off aboard H-IIA rocket from Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan.
- ✓ The mission is expected to touch down on the lunar surface by February 2024.
- ✓ The overall cost of the mission is estimated to be \$100-million.
- ✓ If Japan succeeds in landing its SLIM spacecraft, it shall become only the fifth country in the world to do so.



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- ✓ Apart from this, the H-IIA rocket also carried X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM), a research satellite meant for astronomical observations. It has been developed by the NASA, the European Space Agency and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Q. Malini Rajurkar, who has passed away recently was well known for her which style of music?

- A) Hindustani classical vocal B) Carnatic music
C) Indian folk music D) Khyal

Answer : A

- ✓ Noted Hindustani classical vocalist Malini Rajurkar, passed away at the age of 82 years.
- ✓ She was very popular for her 'tappa' style of music. Tappa is a captivating form of Indian semi-classical vocal music known for its fast-paced and intricate melodies.

Q. In which city will the India Drone Shakti-2023 be organized?

- A) Bangalore B) Mumbai
C) Ghaziabad D) Jaipur

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Air Force and Drone Federation of India will co-host Bharat Drone Shakti-2023 at Indian Air Force airbase in Hindon Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh from 25th of this month. More than 50 live aerial shows will be done in this two-day drone event

Q. Which company has recently launched India's first-ever UPI-ATM with NPCI?

- A) IDFC FIRST Bank B) Hitachi Payment Services
C) Pine Labs D) Fiserv

Answer : B

- ✓ Hitachi Payment Services has announced the launch of India's first-ever UPI-ATM named Hitachi Money Spot UPI ATM in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). It is a White Label ATM (WLA)
- ✓ A UPI-ATM allows users to withdraw cash from multiple accounts using the United Payments Interface (UPI) app. This ATM will also allow users the option for cardless cash withdrawals, eliminating the need for physical cards.



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- ✓ Hitachi Payment Services is a subsidiary of Japan-based Hitachi Ltd, on Tuesday. Hitachi Payment Services is the only White Label ATM operator to offer a cash deposit facility

INDIA'S FIRST ATM IN NEWS

- India's first UPI ATM has been launched by Hitachi Payment Services, a subsidiary of Hitachi Limited.
- Hyderabad gets India's first Gold ATM.
- India's first Aadhaar enabled ATM launched by DCB Bank.
- HSBC is the first bank that introduced ATM (Automated Teller Machine) in India.
- Hong Cong and Shanghai Bank Corporation introduced the ATM concept in India in 1987.
- The first ATM was set-up in Andheri-East, Mumbai.
- India's first Grain ATM has been set up as a pilot project in Farrukhnagar, Gurugram.
- SBI launched the first floating ATM in Kerala in 2004.
- Country's first post office savings bank ATM is located at the Head Post Office in Thyagaraya Nagar, Chennai.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is the apex authority for maintaining a nationwide link of all the ATMs in India.
- TCPSL is Tata communications payment solutions limited was the first company to get a licence from RBI to open White Label ATM in India in Mumbai.

Q. Name the Indian who has been bestowed with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2023?

- A) Palagummi Sainath B) Rajanikant Arole
C) Pramod Karan Sethi D) R Ravi Kannan

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, Surgical oncologist Padma Shri Dr R. Ravi Kannan, Director of the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC) in Assam, received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2023

Q. How many individuals have been awarded with the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023?

- A) 04 B) 02
C) 05 D) 03



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Answer : A

- ✓ The 65th Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023 has been bestowed on the following 04 individuals:
- ✓ They are Korvi Rakshand from Bangladesh, Eugenio Lemos from Timor-Leste, Miriam Coronel-Ferrer from the Philippines, and Dr Ravi Kannan R. from India.
- ✓ The award carries a certificate, a medallion bearing the likeness of the late President, and a cash prize of USD 50,000.
- ✓ About Ramon Magsaysay Award:
- ✓ Established : 1957
- ✓ First award : 1958
- ✓ Vinoba Bhave was the 1st Magsaysay Award winner in 1958 (first Indian).
- ✓ This award was created to commemorate Ramon Magsaysay, the late president of Philippines.
- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's premier prize and highest honour.
- ✓ It is considered as Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize
- ✓ This award is given in 6 categories
- ✓ These categories are:
 1. Government services (GS)
 2. Public services (PS)
 3. Community leadership(CL)
 4. Journalism, literature & creative communication arts (JLCCA)
 5. Peace and International Understanding (PIU)
 6. Emergent leadership (EL)
- ✓ Indian winners on the list
- ✓ Prominent Indians who have won the award include Vinoba Bhave in 1958, Mother Teresa in 1962, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay in 1966, Satyajit Ray in 1967, and Mahasweta Devi in 1997.
- ✓ In recent years, Arvind Kejriwal (2006), Anshu Gupta of Goonj (2015), human rights activist Bezwada Wilson (2016), and journalist Ravish Kumar (2019) have won the award

Q. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award given by which country?

A) United States

B) New Zealand

C) Germany

D) Philippines



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Answer : D

Q. Utkela Airport has recently been inaugurated in which state by Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia?

- A) Bengaluru
B) Kerala
C) Odisha
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated Utkela Airport owned by the Government of Odisha.
- ✓ It has been developed as a regional airport under the UDAN scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India at a cost of Rs. 31.07 Cr.
- ✓ He also inaugurated a direct flight between Utkela and Bhubaneswar that will be operated by IndiaOne.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023

- Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated Utkela Airport owned by the Government of Odisha.
- Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport became the first airport in the northeast to get 'Digi Yatra' facility.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot.
- Government of India has given 'in-principle' approval for setting up 21 new greenfield airports.
- Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has launched a new app called BLR Pulse to provide hassle-free experience to the commuters at Kempegowda International Airport.
- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has launched a new facility called 'DigiYatra' which enables passengers to avail of its services without downloading a mobile application.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport is the first in India to offer a free reading lounge to the passengers, with a huge collection of literature.
- Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi ranked 9th busiest airports globally in 2022 , as per Airports Council International (ACI). United States-based Atlanta airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport.



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- According to the Airport Council International (ACI), Delhi International Airport has been ranked among the cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27 February 2023 launched the newly built Shivamogga airport along with various development projects worth over Rs 3,600 crore in Shivamogga, Karnataka.
- Bangalore's Kempegoda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport both ranked second and seventh in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022.
- Mopa International Airport Goa named after former CM Manohar Parrikar.
- Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".

Q. Recently, Shri Shaktikanta Das has earned an "A+" grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023. Total how many governors have earned this A+ grade in 2023?

A) 2

B) 3

C) 4

D) 5

Answer : B

- ✓ Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has earned an "A+" grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023.
- ✓ The Bank Governors who earned an "A+" grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023 are:
 - ✓ Shri Shaktikanta Das, India (Reserve Bank of India)
 - ✓ Thomas J. Jordan, Switzerland (Swiss National Bank)
 - ✓ Nguyen Thi Hong, Vietnam (State Bank of Vietnam)
- ✓ The Central Banker Report Cards is published annually by Global Finance since 1994 and it grades the central bank governors of 101 key countries. Grades are based on a scale from A to F for success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability and interest rate management.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has been honoured with the 'Governor of the Year 2023 Award' by the international publication Central Banking.



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- ✓ Shaktikanta Das has become the second governor to get this award after Raghuram Rajan, who was awarded back in 2015.
- ✓ Shaktikanta Das is serving as the current & 25th governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He was earlier a member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission and India's Sherpa to the G20.
- ✓ With the second term of three years, Das will head the RBI till December, 2024

Q. ISRO used which launch vehicle to successfully launch its Solar mission Aditya L1 in September 2023?

A) PSLV C-55

B) PSLV C-54

C) PSLV C-56

D) PSLV C-57

Answer : D

- ✓ ISRO successfully launched its Solar mission Aditya L1 (PSLV C-57) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh on September 02, 2023.
- ✓ Aditya-L1 is a satellite dedicated to the comprehensive study of the Sun. The spacecraft carries seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the Sun (the corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors, all seven are developed indigenously. Five by ISRO and two by Indian academic institutes in collaboration with ISRO.
- ✓ Aditya in Sanskrit means the Sun. L1 here refers to Lagrange Point 1 of the Sun-Earth system. L1 is a location in space where the gravitational forces of two celestial bodies, such as the Sun and Earth, are in equilibrium. This allows an object placed there to remain relatively stable with respect to both celestial bodies.
- ✓ Following its scheduled launch on September 2, 2023, Aditya-L1 stays Earth-bound orbits for 16 days, during which it undergoes 5 manoeuvres to gain the necessary velocity for its journey.
- ✓ Aditya-L1 will stay approximately 1.5 million km away from Earth, directed towards the Sun, which is about 1% of the Earth-Sun distance. The Sun is a giant sphere of gas and Aditya-L1 would study the outer atmosphere of the Sun. Aditya-L1 will neither land on the Sun nor approach the Sun any closer.

Q. Which Northeastern state of India has become the first in the region to initiate Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR)?

A) Mizoram

B) Nagaland

C) Assam

D) Meghalaya



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Answer : B

- ✓ Nagaland has become the first State in the North Eastern Region to initiate Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR).
- ✓ Nagaland aims to streamline birth registration by integrating Aadhaar enrolment for children in the age group of 0 to 5 years.
- ✓ Nagaland has collaborated with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) as a Registrar cum Enrolment Agency for Child Enrolment via the ALBR process.

Q. As per the data released by CBDT, total advance pricing agreements (APA) and _Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (BAPAs) were inked 2022-23.

- A) 95; 32
- B) 98; 54
- C) 91; 45
- D) 97; 39

Answer : A

- ✓ CBDT signs 95 APAs and 32 BAPAs in 2022-23, highest ever since launch in 2012
- ✓ CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) has signed 95 advance pricing agreements (APA) in 2022-23, the highest ever in any financial year since its launch in 2012.
- ✓ CBDT also signed 32 Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (BAPAs) in FY 2022-23 being the maximum number of BAPAs in any financial year till date.
- ✓ The Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) programme of CBDT is one of its foremost initiatives for promoting an investor-friendly and non-adversarial tax regime in India.
- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has raised the tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement of non-government salaried employees from ₹3 lakh to ₹25 lakh.
- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- ✓ Founded : 1860
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Nitin Gupta
- ✓ Minister responsible : Ministry of Finance



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Q. The Government of India has approved the merger of Tata SIA Airlines (Vistara) with which of these airlines company in India?

- A) Go First
- B) Spice Jet
- C) Jet Airways
- D) Air India

Answer : D

- ✓ The Competition of Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of Tata SIA Airlines (Vistara) into Air India, and the acquisition of certain shareholding by Singapore Airlines in Air India.
- ✓ Tata SIA Airlines (TSAL)which operates under the brand name “Vistara”, is a joint venture between TSPL (an investment holding company) and Singapore Airlines Limited (SIA). TSPL and SIA holding 51% and 49% of the total shareholding, respectively.
- ✓ The proposed combination envisages
 - a) the merger of Tata SIA Airlines Limited (TSAL/Vistara) into Air India Limited (AIL/Air India), with AIL being the surviving entity (Merged Entity) and
 - b) in consideration of the merger, the acquisition of shares in the Merged Entity by Singapore Airlines Limited (SIA) and Tata Sons Private Limited (TSPL) and
 - c) acquisition of additional shares in the Merged Entity by SIA pursuant to a preferential allotment.

Q. What will be the distance of Aditya-L1 satellite from the earth, for the comprehensive study of the Sun?

- A) 1.5 million
- B) 2 million
- C) 0.5 million
- D) 1 million

Answer : A

- ✓ **Aditya-L1 will stay approximately 1.5 million km away from Earth**, directed towards the Sun, which is about 1% of the Earth-Sun distance. The Sun is a giant sphere of gas and Aditya-L1 would study the outer atmosphere of the Sun. Aditya-L1 will neither land on the Sun nor approach the Sun any closer.

Q. Which team has won the 2023 Durand Cup?

- A) Kerala Blasters
- B) Mohun Bagan Super Giant
- C) Indian Army
- D) East Bengal

Answer : B

- ✓ The Kolkata club Mohun Bagan Super Giant defeated East Bengal FC by 1-0 to win the 2023 Durand Cup.
- ✓ It was the 132nd edition of Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament in Asia.
- ✓ This was the 17th Durand Cup title won by Mohun Bagan Super Giant and the first since 2000.



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- ✓ Golden Ball Award – Nandhakumar Sekar (East Bengal)
- ✓ Golden Boot Award – David Lalhlansanga (Mohammedan Sporting)
- ✓ Golden Glove Award – Vishal Kaith (Mohun Bagan Super Giant)

Q. Which player has won the 2023 Tata Steel Chess India Women's Rapid Tournament?

- A) Divya Deshmukh B) Dronavalli Harika
C) Koneru Humpy D) Vantika Agrawal

Answer : A

- ✓ Divya Deshmukh emerges winner of 2023 Tata Steel Chess India Women's Rapid Tournament
- ✓ Divya Deshmukh, India's 17-year-old Chess Woman Grandmaster from Maharashtra, has won the women's title in the rapid section of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament.
- ✓ Divya won all the three rounds of the tournament, which was held at the National Library in Kolkata on September 01, 2023.
- ✓ Deshmukh finished on top with 7 points, followed by the world champion Ju Wenjun of China with 6.5 points and Russia's Polina Shuvalova on 5.5 points.

Q. India defeated which country to win the inaugural Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023?

- A) Japan B) Malaysia
C) Pakistan D) Oman

Answer : C

- ✓ India has won the Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023 by defeating Pakistan in the final match. Mor Mandeep was the captain of team India.
- ✓ The event was held in Salalah, Oman. With the win, India has booked their place in the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup 2024. It will be held in Muscat.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the technology industry body NASSCOM?

- A) Sangeeta Gupta B) Debjani Ghosh
C) Kritika Murugesan D) Rajesh Nambiar

Answer : D

- ✓ MD Rajesh Nambiar appointed as the new chairperson of Nasscom



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- ✓ Technology industry body, National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) has appointed Rajesh Nambiar as its chairperson. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India.
- ✓ Nasscom is the premier trade body and chamber of commerce of the tech industry in India and consists of over 3,000 member companies

Q. As per SEBI's latest decisions, which of these trade settlement time will be implemented by March 2024?

- A) 1 day
- B) 2 hour
- C) 1 hour
- D) 2 day

Answer : C

- ✓ Sebi plans to implement one-hour settlement of trades by March 2024
- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is planning to implement one-hour trade settlement by March 2024 as announced by SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch.
- ✓ In January 2023, India moved to T+1 settlement (trade plus one day) against T+2 settlement earlier.
- ✓ Further SEBI plans to bring into effect real-time settlement by the second half of the financial year FY25.

Q. IREDA has inked MoU with which banks to co-finance renewable energy projects?

- A) DBS Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) Canara Bank and Bank of India
- C) State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank
- D) Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda

Answer : D

- ✓ IREDA signs MoUs with Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda to co-finance Renewable Energy projects
- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Union Bank of India (UBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB), on September 5, 2023.
- ✓ Under this, IREDA will collaborate with Union Bank of India (UBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB), in co-lending and loan syndication for a wide range of renewable energy projects, including both established and emerging RE technologies.
- ✓ CMD of IREDA- Shri Pradip Kumar Das.



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Q. Paytm has launched Card Soundbox to allow merchants to accept card payments of up to ₹___

- A) 5000 B) 3000
C) 7000 D) 4000

Answer : A

- ✓ Paytm unveils ‘card soundbox’ to empower merchants
- ✓ Fintech firm Paytm has unveiled ‘Card Soundbox’, an innovative device that will enable merchants to accept both mobile and card payments across networks.
- ✓ The Paytm Card Soundbox is India’s first Soundbox that will also accept contactless card payments.
- ✓ The device is equipped with a built-in ‘tap and pay’ functionality, which will allow merchants to accept card payments of up to ₹5,000.
- ✓ Soundbox is a device that provides instant audio alerts on amounts paid to merchants through an inbuilt speaker.
- ✓ Paytm
- ✓ Founded : 2010
- ✓ Founder : Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- ✓ Headquarters : Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ CEO : Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Q. SpaceX is in news recently launching its record breaking mission in 2023. How many orbital launch missions have been launched in 2023 by SpaceX?

- A) 65 B) 67
C) 61 D) 62

Answer : D

- ✓ SpaceX breaks record, launches 62nd mission of the year 2023
- ✓ Elon Musk-owned SpaceX has set a new launch record, when the company sent 21 of its Starlink internet satellites to orbit on September 03, 2023.
- ✓ The launch took place atop a Falcon 9 rocket from NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ✓ It was the 62nd orbital mission of SpaceX in 2023, breaking its own orbital launch record for most flights in a year.
- ✓ In 2022, SpaceX launched 61 orbital missions for the full year.



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- ✓ SpaceX
- ✓ Founded : 2002
- ✓ Founder : Elon Musk
- ✓ Headquarters : Hawthorne, California, United States
- ✓ CEO : Elon Musk
- ✓ President : Gwynne Shotwell

Q. The Jal Jeevan mission has reported to provide tap water connections to how many rural households till 2023 since its launch?

- A) 13 crore
- B) 11 crore
- C) 09 crore
- D) 15 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has achieved the milestone of providing tap water connections to 13 Crore rural households on September 05, 2023.
- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission was launched on 15th August, 2019. It is a mission under Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ✓ As on date, 6 States namely Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh) and 3 UTs – Puducherry, D&D and D&NH and A&N Islands, have reported 100% coverage.
- ✓ About Jal Jeevan Mission
- ✓ It is a flagship programme of the Government of India which was announced from the ramparts of Red Fort by the Prime Minister on August 15, 2019.
- ✓ The objective of the mission is to supply potable tap water in adequate quantity, prescribed quality and on a regular and long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024.
- ✓ It is implemented by the Government of India in partnership with the States/Union Territories.
- ✓ This mission comes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ✓ Funding Pattern :
- ✓ The fund sharing pattern between the Center and the states under the mission is 90:10 for Himalayan and North-Eastern states and 50:50 for other states.
- ✓ In the case of Union Territories, 100% contribution is made by the Centre



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Q. Where was the International Aerospace Conference as a part of G20 initiative held?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ International Aerospace Conference jointly organized by MoCA and CII in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ 'International Aerospace Conference: Moving Towards Inclusive Global Value Chains' is being jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 1st and 2nd September 2023 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Union Minister for Civil Aviation & Steel today inaugurated the event.
- ✓ The International Aerospace Conference is a G20 initiative in the aerospace sector under G20 and B20 priority, focusing on developing inclusive global value chains for Global trade and Investment.

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- The 'Sanchi' city of Madhya Pradesh has been established as the country's first solar city.
- International Aerospace Conference jointly organized by MoCA and CII in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- 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'.



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- 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. When is Ministry of Education celebrating the literacy week in 2023?

- A) 1 September to 7 September B) 1 September to 8 September
C) 2 September to 8 September D) 8 September to 14 September

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Education will organise a literacy week from 1st September to 8th September 2023 to celebrate International Literacy Day and to create awareness among all citizens about the ULLAS- Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.
- ✓ ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) of Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram was launched by the Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on 29.07.2023 in New Delhi during the celebration of 3rd anniversary of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ✓ International Literacy Day is celebrated on 8 September.
- ✓ Ullas- New India Literacy Program is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which will run from 2022 to 2027.
- ✓ The scheme comprises five components: Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Important Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills and Continuing Education.
- ✓ The scheme's logo and slogan, "Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society" (ULLAS) and "Jan Jan Sakshar," were launched by the Union Education Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, on July 29, 2023, during the celebration of the 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020 in New Delhi.



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- ✓ The ULLAS Mobile App serves as a platform where learners and volunteers can connect with literacy and educational programs

Q. Who is the present Chief Economic Advisor of India?

- A) V Anantha Nageswaran B) Pramod Kumar Mishra
C) Sood Ajay D) T.V. Somanath

Answer : A

- ✓ Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran has said the economy is expected to grow at 6.5 per cent in the current year i.e. FY2023-24.

Q. Which Northeastern state of India has become the first in the region to initiate Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR)?

- A) Mizoram B) Nagaland
C) Assam D) Meghalaya

Answer : B

- ✓ Nagaland has become the first State in the North Eastern Region to initiate Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR).
- ✓ Nagaland aims to streamline birth registration by integrating Aadhaar enrolment for children in the age group of 0 to 5 years.
- ✓ Nagaland has collaborated with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) as a Registrar cum Enrolment Agency for Child Enrolment via the ALBR process.

Q. Which US State has declared to observe the month of October as 'Hindu Heritage' month?

- A) Virginia B) Florida
C) Georgia D) California

Answer : C

- ✓ Governor of Georgia Brian Kemp has declared October as 'Hindu Heritage' month.
- ✓ This declaration highlights the intention to celebrate Hindu heritage by emphasizing its rich culture and the diverse spiritual traditions that originate from India.



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- ✓ In April 2023, Georgia passed a historic resolution condemning Hinduphobia, making it the first US state to do so.

Q. Who has been appointed as the interim MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank in place of incumbent Uday Kotak?

- A) Nilesh Shah
- B) Jaimin Bhatt
- C) Dipak Gupta
- D) Jaideep Hansraj

Answer : C

- ✓ Uday Kotak, the founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank has resigned as the Managing Director (MD) and CEO with effect from September 1, 2023. His tenure as MD and CEO was to end on December 31, 2023.
- ✓ Dipak Gupta, the Joint Managing Director, will carry out the duties of the MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank until December 31, 2023, subject to approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1985
- ✓ Founders : Uday Kotak
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai

Q. What was the profession of Pilo Reporter, who has passed away recently?

- A) Athlete
- B) Journalist
- C) News Reporter
- D) Cricket Umpire

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Indian international umpire Pilo Reporter has passed away due to cerebral contusions issue. He was 84.
- ✓ Pilo Reporter was part of the first pair of neutral umpires to stand in international cricket.
- ✓ He along with fellow Indian VK Ramaswamy, stood in the Lahore Test between Pakistan and West Indies in November 1986, making it the first instance of neutral umpires standing in international cricket.
- ✓ Besides, Reporter was also one of the umpires for the 1992 World Cup.



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Q. The Union Law Ministry has launched 'One nation, One election' committee. Who is the head of this committee?

A) Ram Nath Kovind

B) Amit Shah

C) Nitin Gadkari

D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Government constitutes 8-member committee to examine 'One nation, One election': Head- Ram Nath Kovind.
- ✓ Law Ministry has constituted an 8-member committee to examine 'One nation, One election'. This committee will be chaired by Ram Nath Kovind.
- ✓ The seven other members are- seven other members which includes Home Minister Amit Shah, Senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Ghulam Nabi Azad, NK Singh, Subhash C. Kashyap, Harish Salve and Sanjay Kothari.
- ✓ The committee will examine and recommend specific amendments to the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act and any other laws and rules which would require amendments for the purpose of holding simultaneous elections.

Q. The Ministry of Education and, Ministry Skill Development & Entrepreneurship have partnered with which company to launch 3-year partnership "Education to Entrepreneurship"?

A) IBM

B) Microsoft

C) Meta

D) Alphabet

Answer : C

- ✓ Govt partners with Meta for 'Education to Entrepreneurship' to skill 500,000 entrepreneurs
- ✓ Ministry of Education, Ministry Skill Development & Entrepreneurship along with Meta have launched a 3-year partnership "Education to Entrepreneurship: Empowering a generation of students, educators and entrepreneurs". It was launched by Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.
- ✓ Under this partnership, 5 lakh entrepreneurs will get access to digital marketing skills by Meta over the next 3 years. In the initial stage, the budding and existing entrepreneurs will be trained in digital marketing skills using Meta platforms in 7 regional languages.



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- ✓ For this, 3 Letters of Intent (LoI) were exchanged between Meta and National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), AICTE and CBSE

Q.. The famous ISRO scientist who was responsible to give voice to the countdown of numerous ISRO launches, including the recent Chandrayaan-3 mission. has passed away. Name the scientist?

- A) Ritu Karidhal
B) N Valarmathi
C) Tessy Thomas
D) V. R. Lalithambika

Answer : B

- ✓ N Valarmathi, an ISRO scientist, who was the voice behind the countdown for the recent Chandrayaan-3 mission, has passed away due to heart attack. She was 64.
- ✓ Valarmathi had been responsible for the countdowns for numerous launches by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ✓ She was the project director for the remote sensing RISAT-1 project in 2012.

Q. Which day is observed as the International Day of Charity to commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa?

- A) 03 September
B) 04 September
C) 05 September
D) 02 September

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Day of Charity is observed annually on September 05. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.
- ✓ September 5 was chosen in order to commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa, who had always been engaged in charitable work.
- ✓ The prime purpose of the International Day of Charity is to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations for their own purposes on the local, national, regional and international level.
- ✓ About Mother Teresa
- ✓ Mother Teresa was born in Macedonia on 26 August 1910.
- ✓ She was honoured in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.
- ✓ She received the Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize in 1962 and Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.



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- ✓ She became the Indian citizen in 1950 and was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1980.
- ✓ Mother Teresa Is known as the ‘Saint of the Gutters

Q. How many teachers have been conferred with the National Teachers Award in 2023 by the Government of India?

- A) 75
- B) 45
- C) 65
- D) 55

Answer : A

- ✓ National Teachers Awards 2023 conferred upon 75 teachers across the country.
- ✓ The Ministry of Education presents the National Teachers Awards on the occasion of Teachers’ Day every year to acknowledge and encourage extraordinary and meritorious efforts of teachers from across the length and breadth of the country for their excellent and unique contributions.
- ✓ In 2023, the President of India, Droupadi Murmu will confer National Awards on 75 teachers from across the country.
- ✓ They include 50 School Teachers, 13 teachers from Higher education and 12 teachers from Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

Q. Who has unveiled a 12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and a ‘Gandhi Vatika’ at Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Draupadi Murmu
- D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : C

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has unveiled a 12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and a ‘Gandhi Vatika’ at Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat in New Delhi.
- ✓ To enhance the visitor experience, a selfie point has been established within Gandhi Vatika.
- ✓ The Gandhi Vatika features multiple statues of Mahatma Gandhi depicting him in various postures. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Mahatma Gandhi’s ideals and values have given a new direction to the whole world.



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- President Droupadi Murmu has unveiled a 12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and a 'Gandhi Vatika' at Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat in New Delhi.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- Tamil Nadu CM Stalin inaugurated statue of 'Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108-feet tall bronze 'Statue of Prosperity' of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "Viswas Swaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- The Viswas Swaroopam statue was built by Tat Padam Sansthan.

Q. What is the name given to India's first AI-powered anti-drone system?

- A) Prakhar
- B) Chetak
- C) Indrajal
- D) Gaganyaan

Answer : C

- ✓ India unveils the world's first AI-powered anti-drone system – Indrajal by Grene Robotics.
- ✓ Hyderabad-based robotics company Grene Robotics developed Indrajal, an innovative autonomous anti-drone system powered by artificial intelligence (AI).
- ✓ The Indrajal system is the first of its kind in India and is designed to protect critical facilities such as nuclear installations and oil rigs, as well as large areas, potentially entire cities, from various drone threats.



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- ✓ It offers an impressive coverage range of up to 4,000 square km per unit, providing comprehensive protection against a variety of drones.

Q. Who inaugurated the first of its kind community radio in Jammu University?

A) Amit Shah

B) Manoj Sinha

C) Smriti Irani

D) Anurag Thakur

Answer : B

- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the community radio, the first of its kind in the Union Territory, on the 54th Foundation Day of Jammu University.
- ✓ It may be noted that the University of Jammu has been declared as the nodal university by the UGC for the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the UT.

Q. The First WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 held in Which State?

A) Karnataka

B) Maharashtra

C) Gujarat

D) West Bengal

Answer : C

- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) released the outcome document of the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 as the "Gujarat Declaration".
- ✓ The "Gujarat Manifesto" reaffirms the global commitment to traditional medicine for health and wellness.
- ✓ This emphasizes the need for rigorous scientific methods to understand and implement holistic and context-specific healthcare approaches.
- ✓ India, as the host of the WHO Global Center for Traditional Medicine in Gujarat, plays an important role in supporting Member States and taking forward the work agenda of the summit.
- ✓ The summit was organized by WHO and co-hosted by the Ministry of AYUSH in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 17 - 18 August 2023.

GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- 'Gujarat Declaration' outlining the outcome of the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 released.



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- In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.
- Gujarat to host 69th edition of Filmfare Awards in 2024.
- 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.



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- Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat.
- International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Q. Which Country has granted its first golden visa to Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Indonesia has granted its first golden visa to Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, a pioneering firm in artificial intelligence.
- ✓ The Indonesian immigration authority issued a 10-year visa to Altman, acknowledging his global renown and potential contributions to the nation.
- ✓ Indonesia's Immigration Director General has said that Altman "has an international reputation and may bring benefits to Indonesia", Bloomberg reported.
- ✓ He believes the visa will serve as an incentive for high-profile foreign investors

Q. Corning to Build \$113m India's First Gorilla Glass Plant in Which State?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Telangana

Answer : D

- ✓ US-based multinational technology company "Corning" has announced plans to set up a \$113m Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in the Indian state of Telangana.
- ✓ Corning to build \$113m Gorilla Glass plant in India was originally created and published by Investment Monitor, a GlobalData owned brand.

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

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- Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF).
- Telangana achieves 100% coverage of PMJDY.
- Telangana govt launches first of its kind State Robotics Framework.
- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad. The 400 feet tall structure will be constructed on six acres of land in Narsingi at a cost of Rs 200 crore.
- The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently unveiled a 125-feet tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023.
- IAS 'Shanti Kumari' becomes first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- The G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting began on April 17 in Hyderabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of Pongal on 15 January, virtually flagged off the Vande Bharata Express train connecting Secunderabad with Vishakhapatnam.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a nation-wide financial inclusion program of Government of India.
- It was announced by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August 2014.
- Slogan Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha ("My account brings me good fortune")
- Age of Eligible Beneficiaries 18-65 Years
- Overdraft facility up to Rs.10000 after satisfactory operation of the account for 6 months
- Account holder will get RuPay Debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh.
- Life insurance cover of Rs 30,000



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Q. Which state government has launched the Mukhya Mantri Sporting Abilities, Rebuilding Aspirations and Livelihood Scheme (SABAL) Scheme to Empower specially-Abled Children?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Rajasthan

D) Uttarakhand

Answer : B

- ✓ Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the Mukhya Mantri Sporting Abilities, Rebuilding Aspirations and Livelihood Scheme (SABAL) at Nadaun in the Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The goal of SABAL Yojana is to improve the lives of differently-abled children by connecting them to the mainstream of society.
- ✓ Around 400 schools in Hamirpur, Solan, and Shimla districts will get government aid, which will include necessary facilities and opportunities for specially-abled children.
- ✓ A 2% reservation quota has been allotted in government jobs for specially-abled persons.
- ✓ The education stipend for disabled children will be increased to Rs.1000.
- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh government aims to empower over 7,000 specially-abled children through the SABAL scheme.
- ✓ In the same program, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu also launched 'Abhyas Himachal' and 'Teacher Sahayata' chatbots on the Swift Chat App.

HIMACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- HIMACHAL PRADESH Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Launches Scheme For Specially-Abled Children, 'SABAL'.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Sashakt Mahila Loan Yojana', a collateral-free loan scheme for women.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has inaugurated "The Tribune Real Estate Expo, 2023, Shimla".
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu informed that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) will set up an ethanol plant at Jeetpur Baheri in Una district at a cost of Rs 500 crore.
- European Commission (EC) has awarded protected geographical indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, a unique variety of tea grown in the Kangra district of India's Himachal Pradesh.



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- Himachal Pradesh (HP) has become the first Indian state to develop a DNA database for unidentified bodies.
- Himachal Pradesh launched Sanjeevani Project to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers and livestock owners.
- Himachal Pradesh targets to be first 'green energy state' by 2025.
- Himachal Cabinet approves monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women of Spiti Valley.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced to set up of Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashraya Sahayata Kosh for the destitute in the state.
- Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone of 'Himachal Niketan' which will provide accommodation facilities to the students and residents of Himachal Pradesh visiting New Delhi.
- Himachal Pradesh celebrates its 53rd Statehood Day with joy and enthusiasm across the state on 25th January 2023
- About Himachal Pradesh
- Formation - 1 November 1956
- Capital - Shimla and Dharamshala (Winter)
- District - 12
- Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla
- Chief Minister - Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
- Rajya Sabha - 3 seats
- Lok Sabha - 4 seats
- Symbol of Himachal Pradesh
- Bird - Western Tragopan
- Fish - Golden Mahseer
- Flowers - Pink Rhododendron
- Mammal - Snow Leopard
- Tree -Deodar Cedar



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Q. Which Indian has been elected as a member of the International Esports Federation?

- A) Kapil Dev B) Abhinav Bindra
C) Abhishek Sinha D) Lokesh Suji

Answer : D

- ✓ The General Body of the International Esports Federation (IESF) has elected "Lokesh Suji", Director of the Esports Federation of India (ESFI) and Vice-President of the Asian Esports Federation (AESF), to its esteemed Membership Committee on a three-year term.
- ✓ This election marks the first time that an Indian has become a part of the membership committee of the International Esports Federation.
- ✓ The IESF is a global Esports organization working towards promoting Esports as a true sport beyond language, race, and culture barriers

Q. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has tied up with whom to empower 'teachers and entrepreneurs'?

- A) Meta B) Apple
C) Google D) Microsoft

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 3-year partnership of his Ministry with Meta to provide Digital and marketing skills to students, educators, and entrepreneurs in New Delhi.
- ✓ Three Letters of Intent (LoI) were exchanged between Meta and NIESBUD, AICTE and CBSE. Speaking at the event, Dharmendra Pradhan said that the initiative launched is in furtherance to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of making India a skilled capital of the world and empowering our Amrit Peedhi.
- ✓ Under the partnership with NIESBUD, five lakh entrepreneurs will get access to digital marketing skills by Meta over the next three years.

Q. Which Company Has Announced to Acquire 23,000 MWh of Energy for Nextra Data Centers?

- A) Bharti Airtel B) Jio
C) Flipkart D) Paytm

Answer : A



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- ✓ Bharti Airtel has announced its commitment to purchase 23,000 MWh of renewable energy by Q4 FY 23–24 to power its data centre subsidiary, Nxtra.
- ✓ Airtel will acquire stakes in renewable energy project companies Continuum Green India Pvt. Ltd. and Vibrant Energy Holdings Pte. Ltd. to facilitate this endeavour
- ✓ This initiative is aligned with Airtel's goal to reduce its carbon footprint and promote sustainability.
- ✓ Through an open access route, Airtel will acquire stakes in Continuum Green's project company, which will supply green power from solar and wind projects to six Nxtra Edge data centres located in Madhya Pradesh.

Q. Which railway station was awarded the 'Green Railway Station' certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)?

- A) Howrah Junction railway station
- B) Mumbai Central railway station
- C) Vijayawada Railway Station
- D) Chennai Central railway station

Answer : C

- ✓ Vijayawada Railway Station was awarded the 'Green Railway Station' certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
- ✓ About Indian Green Building Council:
- ✓ The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) is part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and was formed in the year 2001.
- ✓ It is India's Premier certification body.
- ✓ The council offers a wide array of services, which include developing new green building rating programmes, certification services and green building training programmes.
- ✓ The council also organises the Green Building Congress, its annual flagship event on green buildings.
- ✓ It is also among the 5 countries that are on the board of the World Green Building Council, discussing global issues at COP and similar global platforms.
- ✓ The rating is based on six environmental categories, which include sustainable station facility, health, hygiene and sanitation, energy efficiency, water efficiency, smart and green initiatives and innovation and development.
- ✓ Headquarter: Hyderabad.



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Q. Which is the first solar city of the country?

A) Sanchi

B) Varanasi

C) Indore

D) Pune

Answer : A

- ✓ The 'Sanchi' city of Madhya Pradesh has been established as the country's first solar city, which was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of the state, Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ✓ About 13 thousand 747 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions will be reduced annually in Sanchi Solar City, which is equal to the capacity of more than 2 lakh adult trees.
- ✓ Significantly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target of developing a solar city in every state of the country by 2070.

Q. International Cricket Council has signed a sponsorship deal with which Indian bank?

A) State Bank of India

B) Punjab National Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) IndusInd Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has signed a multi-year sponsorship deal with IndusInd Bank. This deal has been done for \$ 20-24 million (about Rs 160-200 crores). In addition to this deal with IndusInd Bank, Mastercard has stepped in for the top sponsorship for the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup 2023.
- ✓ IndusInd Bank Limited was established in April 1994 and is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q. Who has been named as the official sponsor of the Indian contingent for the 19th Asian Games?

A) Amul

B) Paytm

C) Jio

D) Airtel India

Answer : A

- ✓ Amul has been named as the official sponsor of the Indian contingent for the 19th Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China.
- ✓ The 19th Asian Games will be held from September 23 to October 8, 2023



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Q. Who has taken over as the Principal Chief Operations Manager of Central Railway?

- A) Ajay Sharma
B) Abhishek Sinha
C) Shyam Sunder Gupta
D) Rajendra Awasthi

Answer : C

- ✓ Shyam Sundar Gupta has taken over as Principal Chief Operations Manager of Central Railway in Pune.
- ✓ He has succeeded Mr. Mukul Jain, who retired on August 31, 2023

Q. In India, the Teachers Day is celebrated every year on 5th of September to mark the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A) V. V. Giri
B) Rajendra Prasad
C) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
D) Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Answer : D

- ✓ In India, the Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on September 05 since 1962.
- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, an Indian philosopher, academic, and statesman, who defined the role of the teacher as someone who acts not only as an educator but also as a moral mentor and inculcates values among students.
- ✓ He was the second President of India (1962 to 1967) and the first Vice President of India (1952–1962).

Q. Which institution has operationalized the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF)?

- A) Rs 10000 crore
B) Rs 40000 crore
C) Rs 30000 crore
D) Rs 20000 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Officials from the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry recently said the first tranche of loans to fund ongoing projects in tier-2 and tier-3 cities - under the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) will likely be disbursed soon.
- ✓ About Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF):
- ✓ UIDF is established through the use of priority sector lending shortfall.
- ✓ **Purpose:** The Fund will be used by public agencies to create urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.



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- ✓ The focus will be on basic services like sewerage and Solid Waste Management, water supply and sanitation, construction and improvement of drains/storm water drains, etc., and impact-oriented projects will be prioritised.
- ✓ **It is managed by the National Housing Bank.**
- ✓ **The initial corpus for this Fund is ₹10,000 crore.**
- ✓ **It is established on the lines of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).**
- ✓ States will be encouraged to leverage resources from the grants of the 15th Finance Commission, as well as existing schemes, to adopt appropriate user charges while accessing the UIDF.
- ✓ It currently covers 459 tier-2 cities and 580 tier-3 cities.
- ✓ UIDF Loans:
- ✓ The interest rate on UIDF loans has been kept at Bank Rate minus 1.5 per cent.
- ✓ The loan (Principal) will be repayable in five equal annual instalments within seven years from the date of the draw, including a moratorium period of two years.
- ✓ Interest will be payable on a quarterly basis.
- ✓ What are tier-2 and tier-3 cities?
- ✓ The NHB, the nodal agency for the implementation of the UIDF, defines tier-2 cities as those with a population of 50,000 to less than a lakh and tier-3 cities as those between one lakh and less than a million as per the 2011 census.
- ✓ Key Facts about Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF):
- ✓ The RIDF was set up by the Government in 1995-96 to finance ongoing rural Infrastructure projects.
- ✓ The Fund is maintained by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- ✓ Contribution: Domestic commercial banks contribute to the Fund to the extent of their shortfall in stipulated priority sector lending to agriculture.
- ✓ Main Objective: To provide loans to State Governments and State-owned corporations to enable them to complete ongoing rural infrastructure projects.
- ✓ Repayment period: Loan to be repaid in equal annual instalments within seven years from the date of withdrawal, including a grace period of two years.



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Q. Recently, Koraput Kalajeera rice, an aromatic rice, has received Geographical Indication status of which state?

A) Assam

B) Manipur

C) Odisha

D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, Koraput Kalajeera Rice, an aromatic rice, has got Geographical Indications status.
- ✓ About Koraput Kalajeera Rice:
- ✓ The farmers of Koraput district in Odisha have domesticated Kalajeera rice over generations.
- ✓ It is known as the 'Prince of Rice' and is an aromatic variety of rice.
- ✓ It is popular among rice consumers for its black colour, good aroma, taste and texture.

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. Who has won the 8th Dr M S Swaminathan Award for the period 2021-2022 ?

A) Dr. A. Krishnaiah

B) Dr. P V Satyanarayana

C) Dr. K. Nagaiah

D) Dr.C.M.Senthil Kumar

Answer : B

- ✓ Dr P V Satyanarayana, Principal Scientist at the Agricultural Research Station, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Ragolu, has been recently awarded the prestigious Dr MS Swaminathan Award.
- ✓ About M S Swaminathan Award:
- ✓ It was instituted in 2004 with the objective to recognise the lifetime contributions of eminent persons who have made great impacts and outstanding contributions to agricultural research and development and to the overall food security and sustainability of agriculture, with special reference to India.
- ✓ It is named after the doyen of Indian Agriculture, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.
- ✓ It is a biennial award constituted by the Retired Indian Council of Agricultural Research Employees Association (RICAREA) and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited (NSL).
- ✓ The award carries a Cash prize of Rs.2 lakhs (Rupees Two Lakhs only), a Medal, and a Citation.
- ✓ The award is open to all, irrespective of his/her nationality.
- ✓ Who was M S Swaminathan?
- ✓ Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan, often referred to as Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, is a renowned Indian agricultural scientist and geneticist.
- ✓ Green Revolution in India:
- ✓ He is often referred to as the "Father of the Green Revolution in India."
- ✓ His research and work in crop breeding, particularly for wheat and rice, led to the development of high-yielding varieties that significantly increased agricultural productivity.
- ✓ This Green Revolution helped India overcome food shortages and played a crucial role in the country's agricultural transformation.
- ✓ In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was awarded the first World Food Prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award and many other national and international honours.



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Q. Under the GRIHA Rating Norms, a building securing 71 points on a 80 point scale, will be assigned which of the following star ratings

A) Two star

B) Three star

C) Four star

D) Five star

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian Army's new Thal Sena Bhawan (TSB) is coming up with GRIHA-IV (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) norms.
- ✓ **About GRIHA norms:**
- ✓ GRIHA is an acronym for Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment. GRIHA is a Sanskrit word meaning – 'Abode'.
- ✓ It is a rating tool that helps people assess the performance of their building against certain nationally acceptable benchmarks.
- ✓ It evaluates the environmental performance of a building holistically over its entire life cycle, thereby providing a definitive standard for what constitutes a 'green building'.
- ✓ The rating system, based on accepted energy and environmental principles, will seek to strike a balance between the established practices and emerging concepts, both national and international.
- ✓ **It is developed by TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute).**
- ✓ **This tool has been adopted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.**
- ✓ **Criteria:**
- ✓ It assesses a building out of 34 criteria and awards points on a scale of 100.
- ✓ In order to qualify for GRIHA certification, a project must achieve at least 50 points.
- ✓ **Project scoring**
- ✓ 50-60 points are certified as a 1-star GRIHA rated building,
- ✓ 61-70 is a 2-star GRIHA rated building,
- ✓ 71-80 is a 3-star GRIHA rating building,
- ✓ 81-90 is a 4-star GRIHA rated building
- ✓ 91-100 is a 5-star GRIHA rated building



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Q. Which of the following statement about PM-Daksh Yojana is/are not correct?

- A) During 2020-21 to 2022-23, a total of 107,156 beneficiaries
- B) It was launched during 2020-21
- C) The age criterion of the scheme is between 18-60 years
- D) Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Answer : C

- ✓ During 2020-21 to 2022-23, a total of 107,156 beneficiaries have been trained under the PM-DAKSH Yojana.
- ✓ **PM-DAKSH Yojana:**
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme.
- ✓ It was launched during 2020-21.
- ✓ The main objective of the Scheme is to enhance the competency level of the target groups to make them employable both in self-employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development.
- ✓ It is a National Action Plan for skilling marginalised persons covering SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Sanitation workers and waste pickers.
- ✓ The age criterion of the scheme is between 18-45 years, and the income criteria are no income limit for SCs, SafaiKaramcharis, including waste pickers and DNT.
- ✓ The annual family income should be below Rs.3 lakh for OBCs, and the EBCs (Economically Backward Classes) annual family income should be below Rs.1 lakh.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E).

Q. Which state government has recently proposed to develop Gilbert Hill into a tourist spot on the lines of Burj Khalifa in Dubai?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The Maharashtra Government recently proposed to develop Gilbert Hill into a tourist spot on the lines of Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- ✓ About Gilbert Hill:



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- ✓ It is a 200-foot monolithic column of black basalt rock located at Andheri in Mumbai.
- ✓ The rock has a sheer vertical face and was formed when molten lava was squeezed out of the Earth's clefts during the Mesozoic Era about 66 million years ago.
- ✓ It was declared a National Park in 1952, while the Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation categorised it as a Grade II heritage structure in 2007.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Maharashtra Government recently proposed to develop Gilbert Hill into a tourist spot on the lines of Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- 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.
- 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 Namoo Shetkari Mahasamman 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.



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- 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. Which among the following ministries launched programme under "Gramodyog Vikas Yojana" to benefit artisans?

- A) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, the Chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises distributed tool-kits and machineries to artisans under 'Gramodyog Vikas Yojna.
- ✓ About Gramodyog Vikas Yojana :
- ✓ It is one of the two components of the Khadi Gramodyog Vikas Yojana, which aims to promote and develop the village industries through common facilities, technological modernisation, training, etc.
- ✓ It includes the activities carried out under different village industries.
- ✓ Target beneficiaries: Artisans, Unemployed Youth and Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- ✓ Eligibility criteria: Any person who is a Traditional Artisan, has Knowledge of Skill, and has experience in Art and Craft

Q. Which drone company has recently secured type certification approvals from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its AG-365S kisan drone for use in agriculture?

- A) Garuda Aerospace
- B) Aero360
- C) Asteria Aerospace
- D) Marut Drones

Answer : D



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- ✓ Hyderabad-based drone manufacturer Marut Drones has become the first player in the market to receive the DGCA type certification in both small and medium-category battery-operated drones.
- ✓ Marut Drones recently secured type certification approvals from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its AG-365S kisan drone for use in agriculture.
- ✓ **About AG 365S:**
- ✓ It is a multi-utility agricultural drone in the small category (less than 25kg).
- ✓ It has been designed and developed by Marut Drones; an Indian drone technology company based in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Purpose: The made-in-India kisan drone – AG 365 has been developed particularly for agricultural purposes to reduce crop loss, lower agrochemical usage, and better yield and profits to the farmers.
- ✓ It is the first multi-utility agriculture small-category drone to receive the DGCA-approved type certificate in India.
- ✓ Features:
- ✓ The AG-365S drone has the highest endurance of 22 minutes.

Q. _ of Marut Drones Becomes first DGCA-Certified Drone for Multi-utility Agriculture Small Category Drone.

- A) AG-312S B) AG-365S
C) AG-427S D) AG-475S

Answer : B

- ✓ “AG-365S kisan drone is India’s first Multi-utility Agriculture small Category Drone to receive the prestigious DGCA approved type certificate.
- ✓ AG-365S has highest endurance of 22 minutes, equipped with high end sensors for smooth operations and tested extensively for best quality

Q. Umiam Lake, also known as Barapani Lake, is located in which state?

- A) Meghalaya B) Tripura
C) Odisha D) Assam

Answer : A



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Q. Which State Uses AI-Enabled Tech to Clean Up Tourist Hotspot Umiam Lake?

- A) Nagaland
B) Meghalaya
C) Uttarakhand
D) Maharashtra

Answer : B

- ✓ The Meghalaya government recently adopted AI-enabled robotic technology to keep its tourist hotspot, Umiam Lake, free of pollutants.
- ✓ Umiam Lake, also known as Barapani Lake, is a lake in the state of Meghalaya 15 km (9.3 miles) north of Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya.

Q. Which organisation has developed open-source software that allows countries to effectively manage national data and processes for trading carbon credits?

- A) UNEP
B) WEF
C) UNDP
D) UNESCO

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has developed open-source software that allows countries to effectively manage national data and processes for trading carbon credits.
- ✓ About National Carbon Registry:
- ✓ This software has recently been accredited as a digital public good (DPG).
- ✓ As a DPG, the registry uses open-source code, which allows countries to replicate and adapt the information to fit their own needs and contexts.
- ✓ The registry's modules, software and technical documentation can be reused and tailored by countries, which could potentially reduce production costs and implementation timelines.
- ✓ The registry follows national and international best practices, which include UNDP, the World Bank, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Q. Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education
B) Ministry of Civil Aviation
C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
D) Ministry of Earth Sciences



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Answer : A

- ✓ The National eGovernance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is set to integrate Personalised Adaptive Learning (PAL) into its existing Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform.
- ✓ **About DIKSHA Platform:**
- ✓ It is a national platform for school education, an initiative of the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), Ministry of Education.
- ✓ It provides e-content for schools via an online portal and a mobile application.
- ✓ It was developed based on the core principles of open architecture, open access, open licensing, choice and autonomy.
- ✓ It is built on open-source technology that is made in India and for India, incorporating internet-scale technologies and allowing for a variety of use cases and solutions for teaching and learning.

Q. Which Union Ministry implements the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana?

- A) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Answer : A

- ✓ The Central Government's innovative employment incentive scheme, the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY), has exceeded its initial employment generation goals, showcasing its success in fostering job creation and recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ **About Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana:**
- ✓ It was launched in 2020.
- ✓ This was designed to stimulate the creation of new job opportunities by extending financial support to employers of establishments registered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).
- ✓ This scheme aimed to incentivise employment of unemployed individuals, including those who lost their jobs due to the pandemic, by covering both the employee and employer contributions (24% of wages) for establishments with up to 1000 employees.



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- ✓ For establishments with over 1000 employees, only the employee's EPF contributions (12% of wages) were covered in respect of new employees.
- ✓ As of July 31, 2023, the ABRY has already achieved an enrolment of over 7.58 million new employees, surpassing its initial employment generation target.
- ✓ Significance: It substantially contributed to the job market's revival, underscoring its role in boosting economic recovery during these challenging times.
- ✓ The EPFO is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India

Q. Pulikkali is a traditional street art form played in which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, human tigers and leopards pranced about the streets in a rollicking show of Pulikkali to lend a carnivalesque finish to Onam celebrations.
- ✓ About Pulikkali:
- ✓ Pulikkali (Tiger Dance) is one of the folk art forms of Kerala.
- ✓ On the fourth day of the Onam festival, artists paint their bodies like tigers with stripes of yellow, red and black and dance to the rhythm of traditional percussion instruments such as thakil, udukku and chenda.
- ✓ The Swaraj Ground in Thrissur district plays host to this carnival that has people appearing in various unique hues and masks.
- ✓ The main theme of this folk art is tiger hunting, with participants playing the role of tiger and hunter.
- ✓ It was introduced by the erstwhile ruler of Cochin, Maharaja Rama Varma Sakthan Thampuran.
- ✓ Key facts about Onam
- ✓ It is the biggest and the most important festival in the state of Kerala.
- ✓ It is a harvest festival celebrated at the beginning of the month of Chingam, the first month of the Malayalam Calendar (Kollavarsham).
- ✓ The Carnival of Onam lasts from four to ten days. The first day, Atham and the tenth day, Thirunam, are the most important of all.



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- ✓ According to a popular legend, the festival is celebrated to welcome King Mahabali, whose spirit is said to visit Kerala at the time of Onam.

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.
- 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.



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- 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 government has exempted imports of LPG, liquified propane and liquified butane from ___ agri cess with effect from September 1.

- A) 15%
- B) 10%
- C) 20%
- D) 13%

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government recently exempted imports of LPG, liquified propane and liquified butane from 15 per cent Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC).
- ✓ About Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC):
- ✓ It was introduced in the Union Budget 2021-22.
- ✓ It is a tax that the government imposes on the commercial production of agricultural produce.
- ✓ The cess is imposed at a specific rate on the value of these goods.
- ✓ Purpose:
- ✓ The primary objective of AIDC is to provide financial support for the development of agricultural infrastructure in India.
- ✓ The funds collected through this cess will be utilised for the creation and maintenance of agricultural infrastructure such as cold storage facilities, warehouses, and market yards.
- ✓ It aims to enhance the overall efficiency of the agricultural sector and improve farmers' income.
- ✓ What is a Cess?
- ✓ Cess is a form of tax charged/levied over and above the base tax liability of a taxpayer.
- ✓ A cess is usually imposed additionally when the state or the central government looks to raise funds for specific purposes.

Q. In which Country are all Nobel Prizes(except Nobel Peace Prize) awarded?

- A) Norway
- B) Finland
- C) United States
- D) Sweden

Answer : D



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- ✓ The Nobel Foundation recently withdrew its invitation for representatives of Russia, Belarus and Iran to attend this year's Nobel Prize award ceremonies.
- ✓ About Nobel Foundation:
- ✓ The Nobel Foundation is a private institution established in 1900 based on the will of Alfred Nobel.
- ✓ The Foundation manages the assets made available through the will for the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace.
- ✓ It represents the Nobel Institutions externally and administers informational activities and arrangements surrounding the presentation of the Nobel Prize.
- ✓ Headquarters: Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✓ Key Facts about the Nobel Prize:
- ✓ The Nobel Prizes are prestigious international awards presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to various fields.
- ✓ Recipients can be both individuals and organisations.
- ✓ They were established in accordance with the will of Alfred Nobel, a Swedish inventor.
- ✓ They were first awarded in 1901 and have been awarded annually ever since.
- ✓ Categories:
- ✓ There are six Nobel Prize categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (commonly referred to as the Nobel Prize in Economics).
- ✓ Each prize is awarded by a separate Nobel Prize-awarding institution based in Sweden or Norway, except for the Peace Prize, which is awarded in Oslo, Norway.
- ✓ The award ceremonies take place in Stockholm, Sweden, for all prizes except the Peace Prize, which is awarded in Oslo, Norway.

Q. Kokborok is the official language of which of the following states of India?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Manipur
- D) Tripura

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, over 260 people were detained in Tripura during a 12-hour statewide strike called by the Twipra Students' Federation (TSF) to press for the introduction of Roman script for Kokborok.



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- ✓ About Kokborok Language:
- ✓ Kokborok is the language spoken by the Borok people belonging to the State of Tripura.
- ✓ The term kok means "verbal", and borok means "people" or "human".
- ✓ It is a Sino-Tibetan language and can be traced back to at least the 1st century AD when the historical record of Tripuri kings started to be written down in a book called the Rajratnakar.

Q. Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria commonly called “The Global Fund” or “GFATM” was established In which year ?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| A) 2010 | B) 2002 |
| C) 2006 | D) 2014 |

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the Global Fund announced a deal with generic pharmaceutical manufacturers to significantly slash the price of a cutting-edge HIV drug.
- ✓ About Global Fund:
- ✓ The Global Fund is a worldwide movement to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all.
- ✓ It was set up in 2002.
- ✓ Partners of this initiative: Governments, civil society, health workers and the private sector.
- ✓ Funding:
- ✓ It raises funds on a three-year cycle, bringing longer-term predictability in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria.
- ✓ The funding primarily comes from the public sector, with 92% of total funding coming from donor governments. The remaining funding comes from the private sector, foundations and innovative financing initiatives.
- ✓ India joined the Global Fund as a donor in 2006 and pledged US\$25 million for the Global Fund’s Seventh Replenishment, covering 2023-2025

Q. RAMBHA-LP payload on board Chandrayaan-3’s lander Vikram has completed the first in-situ measurements of the surface-bound lunar ___ environment over the south polar region.

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| A) Plasma | B) Superconductor |
| C) Photonic matter | D) Superfluid |



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Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the RAMBHA-LP payload on board Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram has completed the first in-situ measurements of the surface-bound lunar plasma environment over the south polar region.
- ✓ About RAMBHA-LP Payload:
- ✓ The Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive ionosphere and Atmosphere - Langmuir Probe, named after American chemist and physicist Irving Langmuir, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- ✓ It is a device used for characterising a plasma.
- ✓ The probe operates without interruption, aiming to explore the changes occurring in the near-surface plasma environment throughout the lunar day.
- ✓ The device features a 5 cm metallic spherical probe mounted on a 1-metre boom attached to the Chandrayaan-3 lander's upper deck.
- ✓ It was led by Space Physics Laboratory (SPL), Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ Key findings
The initial assessment indicates that the plasma near the lunar surface is relatively sparse.

Q. Who is set to launch its innovative Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme?

- A) Geological Survey of India B) Archaeological Survey of India
C) British Standards Institution D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Answer : B

- ✓ The Archaeological Survey of India is set to launch its innovative Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme.
- ✓ About Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Scheme:
- ✓ It seeks to invite corporate stakeholders to enhance amenities at monuments by utilising their CSR funds.
- ✓ It is a revamped version of the earlier scheme launched in 2017. It clearly defines the amenities sought for different monuments as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act) 1958.
- ✓ Key Facts about "Adopt a Heritage Scheme":
- ✓ It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India.
- ✓ It was launched in September 2017 on World Tourism Day



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- ✓ The corporate sector is expected to use corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds for the upkeep of the site.

Q. Which of the following has Introduced ENTAZIA biofungicide to Safeguard Crops in India?

- A FMC India B) ICAR
C) CSIR D) BDL

Answer : A

- ✓ FMC India recently announced the launch of its latest product, ENTAZIA bio fungicide.
- ✓ About ENTAZIA:
 - ✓ It is a bio fungicide crop protection product formulated with Bacillus subtilis.
 - ✓ It was developed by FMC India.
 - ✓ It will provide farmers with a powerful and sustainable tool to protect their crops from fungi while maintaining environmental integrity

Q. Which of the following is the term used for storehouses where banknotes and rupee coins are stocked on behalf of the Reserve Bank for distribution to bank branches?

- A) currency depot B) coin depot
C) currency bank D) currency chest

Answer : D

- ✓ Two cases were recently registered after RBI detected fake notes from the SBI currency chest in Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ About Currency Chest:
 - ✓ A currency chest is a place where the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stocks the money meant for banks and ATMs.
 - ✓ The RBI has authorised select scheduled banks to establish currency chests.
 - ✓ The monitoring authority over the chests lies with the RBI. They are inspected by representatives of RBI from time to time.
 - ✓ Whenever new currency notes are printed by RBI, they are first delivered to currency chests. These notes are then delivered to other banks by the banks holding the currency chests.
 - ✓ RBI takes back soiled notes and mutilated notes from the public through currency chests.



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- ✓ Moreover, if the bank has an excess cash balance, the excess is moved to the currency chest. In a vice versa situation, when the bank is low on cash balance, the currency chest provides it.
- ✓ Guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests:
- ✓ The area of the room or vault should be at least 1500 sq. ft.
- ✓ In case of hilly/ inaccessible places, the area of the strong room or vault should be at least 600 sq. ft.
- ✓ Apart from this, the new chests should have a processing capacity of 6.6 lakh pieces of banknotes per day.
- ✓ For those situated in hilly/ inaccessible places, a capacity of 2.1 lakh pieces of banknotes per day.
- ✓ The currency chests should have a Chest Balance Limit (CBL) of ₹1,000 crore, subject to ground realities and reasonable restrictions, at the discretion of the Reserve Bank

Q. Who has been elected as the new President of Singapore?

A) Halima Yakub

B) Tharman Shanmugaratnam

C) Lee Hsien Loong

D) Ding Xuexiang

Answer : B

- ✓ Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam has registered a historic victory in the recently held presidential election in Singapore.
- ✓ He will be the 9th President of the country.
- ✓ Thurman won the election by defeating two rivals of Chinese origin.
- ✓ He got a total of 70.4% votes in this election.
- ✓ He will replace Halima Yakub. Singapore is an island country in Southeast Asia
- ✓ Singapore
- ✓ Capital : Singapore city
- ✓ Currency : Dollar
- ✓ President : Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam
- ✓ Prime Minister : Lee Hsien Loong

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2023

- Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam : Singapore
- Emmerson Mnangagwa : Zimbabwe
- Edgars Rinkevics : Latvian



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- Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.
- Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year.
- Uttarakhand Governor Approved 30% Women's Reservation Bill.
- PM Modi has inaugurated connectivity projects worth 3,400 crores in Mana village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand recently received the first prize in two categories - the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- India's first commercial space observatory will be set up in the Garhwal division of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal "Samarth".

Q. SEBI has reconstituted its alternative investment policy advisory committee with 25 members to advise on issues impacting the development of the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) space. Who will chair this committee?

- A) V K Paul
- B) KV Subramanian
- C) Nidhi Khatri
- D) N R Narayana Murthy

Answer : D

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its alternative investment policy advisory committee with 25 members to advise on issues impacting the development of the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) space.
- ✓ The committee is chaired by Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy and includes members from SEBI, the Ministry of Finance, and industry associations.
- ✓ The panel, which was constituted by Sebi in March 2015, had 20 members when it was last rejigged by the regulator in February 2022.
- ✓ Till now, the committee has submitted three reports on the AIF (Alternative Investment Fund) industry.



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SEBI IN NEWS 2023

- SEBI has introduced a regulatory framework for online investment platforms that facilitate investments in commission-free mutual fund (MF) schemes.
- SEBI sets up intermediary advisory panel to be led by S Ravindran.
- SEBI Introduced Risk disclosure Framework for Trading by Individual Traders in Equity F&O Segment.
- SEBI introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for issuers of non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments and security receipts.
- NDTV appoints former SEBI Chairman UK Sinha and business leader Dipali Goenka as Independent Directors.
- Sebi introduces Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) -like facility for secondary market trading in India.
- NSE gets the final SEBI approval to launch Social Stock Exchange.
- Markets regulator SEBI has launched an information database on municipal bonds.
- SEBI allowed Alternative Investment Funds(AIFs) to participate in the Credit Default Swaps(CDS) market as protection buyers and sellers in a bid to facilitate the deepening of the domestic corporate bond segment.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
 - It is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India established in 1988.
 - Its main objectives are to protect the interests of investors in securities and promote the development of the securities market in India by regulating intermediaries, ensuring transparency and accountability of listed companies, and promoting investor education.
 - It is owned by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, but functions as an autonomous body with its own governing board.
 - It has the power to issue guidelines, rules and regulations, investigate and punish fraudulent business practices.
 - It is the regulator of the Capital market and Commodities market in India.
 - The first SEBI chairman was Dr S A Dave (1988-90)
 - Madhabi Puri Buch is the current and 10th Chairperson of the SEBI.



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➤ Headquarters : Mumbai

Q. A global caller identification platform, Truecaller has partnered with which payment banking platform to provide a fast and secure online checkout experience for shoppers with its 1-Tap, OTP-Less Verification solution?

A) Razorpay

B) Paytm

C) PhonePe

D) GooglePay

Answer : A

- ✓ A global caller identification platform, Truecaller has partnered with Razorpay to provide a fast and secure online checkout experience for shoppers with its 1-Tap, OTP-Less Verification solution.
- ✓ Through this solution by Truecaller, Razorpay will be able to deliver a faster, seamless checkout experience to the 200Mn+ customers that transact via Razorpay's checkout annually.
- ✓ Customers would no longer need to manually fill up their contact details or wait for OTPs during the checkout, as these details will get auto-populated by Truecaller with a single tap.
- ✓ Razorpay is an India-based, fintech company that provides payment gateway services to vendors, merchants and ecommerce platforms.
- ✓ Razorpay
- ✓ Founded : 2014
- ✓ Founder : Shashank Kumar & Harshil Mathur
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore

Q. Which state government has increased the amount of the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangla Yojana from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 from the financial year 2024-2025?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Rajasthan

D) Haryana

Answer : A

- ✓ UP govt increases amount of Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangla Yojana
- ✓ On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced an increase in the amount of the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangla Yojana from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 from the financial year 2024-2025.



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- ✓ This will make it easier for the daughters of the state to fulfil their dreams and become self-reliant along with being educated.
- ✓ Under this scheme, a package of Rs 15,000 was given in six phases. “Starting next year, as soon as a daughter is born, an amount of Rs 5,000 will be transferred to her parents’ account.
- ✓ Similarly, when the daughter turns one year old, Rs 2,000 will be transferred, when she enters the first grade, Rs 3,000; on entering the sixth grade, Rs 3,000; on entering the ninth grade, Rs 5,000; and if the daughter pursues a graduate, diploma, or certificate course, then an amount of Rs 7,000 will be transferred to her account.

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to organize a campaign under Road Safety Fortnight from July 17 to 31.
- Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched ‘Operation Conviction’ to combat criminals and mafias in the state.
- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to cancel all Traffic Chalan for private and commercial vehicle owners pending from 2017 to 2021.
- UP holds 2nd position in GI tagged products.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- The state government has given green signal to the project of setting Uttar Pradesh a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- Uttar Pradesh introduces “School Health Program” digital health cards for children.
- The online rural education initiative ‘Pahal’ was officially launched by Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra at Government UP Sainik Inter College in Sarojini Nagar.
- Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.



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- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of 'Family ID – One Family One Identity'.
- Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.
- Uttar Pradesh came in third with its tableau commemorating Ayodhya's Deepotsav.
- Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida.
- Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021.
- Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- Kannuj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India.
- Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region

Q. Which ministry has signed an MoU with the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) to enhance the socio-economic upliftment of Safai Karamcharis?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer : D



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- ✓ Ministry of Social Justice signs MoU with NSKFDC
- ✓ 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 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 is continuously working for the empowerment of these most vulnerable and deprived sections of society through its various loan based and non-loan-based schemes like Short Term Skill Development Training Programmes.
- ✓ NSKFDC also provides loans upto Rs 1 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.

Q. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a comic book developed by NCERT & UNESCO on good health and wellness. What is the name of this book?

- A) Comic for Health B) Let's Move Comic
C) Comic Forward D) Let's Move Forward

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a comic book on good health and wellness.
- ✓ The comic book 'Let's Move Forward' is designed to cater to the diverse requirements of adolescents and encapsulates crucial information pertaining to the 11 thematic components of the School Health and Wellness Programme.
- ✓ Launching the comic book, developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and UNESCO, the minister hoped the book would motivate students to prioritize holistic well-being while entertaining them through storytelling, with a key focus on good health and wellness.
- ✓ An electronic version of the comic book will also be accessible on the ministry website and also on the websites of NCERT, UNESCO, and DIKSHA platforms.



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- ✓ Scientist N Valarmathi, who voiced the countdown of every launch mission at the Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) in Sriharikota, has passed away in Chennai.
- ✓ He also gave voice to India's successful Chandrayaan-3 mission launched on 14 July.
- ✓ This was his last countdown voice. Valarmathi was the director of the remote sensing RISAT-1 project in the year 2012.

Q. Who has been appointed as the interim Managing Director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- A) Uday Kotak B) Yashasvi Sinha
C) Deepak Gupta D) Rajiv Kapoor

Answer : A

- ✓ Deepak Gupta has been appointed as the interim Managing Director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- ✓ Uday Kotak, managing director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, resigned from the post before his term ends at the end of this year.
- ✓ The current Joint Managing Director Deepak Gupta has been appointed as the interim Managing Director and CEO till the appointment of a new CEO.
- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1985
- ✓ Founders : Uday Kotak
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai

Q. The Union government has formed a committee to look into the feasibility of simultaneous polls to State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha. Who will chair this committee?

- A) Jayant Sinha B) Jual Oram
C) Draupadi Murmu D) Ram Nath Kovind

Answer : D

- ✓ The Union government has formed a committee under the headship of former President of India Ram Nath Kovind, to look into the feasibility of simultaneous polls to State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha.
- ✓ This development follows the government's announcement to hold a special parliamentary session from September 18th to 22nd, 2023, which has led to curiosity about the session's purpose.



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- ✓ 'One Nation, One Election is a concept aimed at synchronizing elections for the Lok Sabha (the lower house of India's Parliament) and all state assemblies. The central idea is to hold these elections simultaneously, either on a single day or within a specific time frame.

Q. Who has launched the Amrit Kalash Yatra under the 'Meri Mati-Mera Desh' campaign in New Delhi?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Draupadi Murmu
- D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the Amrit Kalash Yatra under the 'Meri Mati-Mera Desh' campaign in New Delhi.
- ✓ The campaign aims to connect every citizen emotionally with the idea of creating a greater India.
- ✓ The Amritkal and "Sankalp Se Siddhi" initiatives will put India at the forefront in every field globally by August 15, 2047.

Q. Diversified group ITC will invest around Rs 1,500 crore to set up an integrated food manufacturing and logistics facility in which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Diversified group ITC will invest around Rs 1,500 crore to set up an integrated food manufacturing and logistics facility and sustainable packaging products manufacturing facility at Sehore in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The two projects spread over an area of nearly 57 acres will give a boost to agricultural and manufacturing sectors in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The two projects, when complete, would entail a total investment outlay of Rs 1,500 crores which will support livelihoods across sustainable value chain.
- ✓ While the food plant will manufacture ITC's products including atta brand Aashirvaad, Sunfeast biscuits, and 'YiPpee!' noodles, the moulded fibre products facility will be a pioneer in sustainable packaging, contributing to plastic substitution in areas such as packaging for electronic items, FMCG, and the food and beverage sector.



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- ✓ In a remarkable recognition of visionary leadership and outstanding contributions to the e-commerce technology landscape, N7 – The Nitrogen Platform’s CEO Manoj Bubna has been conferred the prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year 2023 award by the renowned Entrepreneur India business magazine..
- ✓ N7 – Nitrogen Platform is a new Digital experience and Streaming platform that delivers better digital experiences, drives conversions, and increases engagement.

Q. Who has received the Dr. V G Patel Memorial Award 2023 for promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India?

- A) Satyajit Majumdar B) Abhigyan Prakash
C) Rini Simon Khanna D) Afshan Anjum

Answer : A

- ✓ Mumbai Professor Satyajit Majumdar, dean of School of Management and Labour Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), has received the ‘Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023 for Entrepreneurship Trainer, Educator and Mentor’ for his work in promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India.
- ✓ Dr. Patel is widely acknowledged as the Father of the Entrepreneurship Movement in India.

Q. Danielle McGahey will become the first transgender cricketer to play in an international match for the Women’s T20 World Cup 2024 in Bangladesh. Which country will she play for?

- A) Australia B) Canada
C) South Africa D) England

Answer : B

- ✓ Danielle McGahey of Canada will become the first transgender cricketer to play in an international match when she represents her adopted country next month in a regional qualifying tournament for the 2024 Women’s T20 World Cup in Bangladesh

Q. Which day is observed as the World Coconut Day globally?

- A) 04 September B) 03 September
C) 01 September D) 02 September

Answer : D



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- ✓ World Coconut Day is observed on September 02 every year since 2009.
- ✓ It is observed for promoting this tropical fruit and bringing awareness regarding its health benefits.
- ✓ The theme for World Coconut Day 2023 is 'Coconuts: Transforming Lives'.
- ✓ The WCD also commemorates the formation of the Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), which aims to promote, coordinate and harmonize all activities of the coconut industry

Q. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Swaraj Tractors?

A) Rohit Sharma

B) Sachin Tendulkar

C) MS Dhoni

D) Virat Kohli

Answer : C

- ✓ Industrialist Anand Mahindra appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the Brand Ambassador of Swaraj Tractors, a company of Mahindra & Mahindra.
- ✓ Swaraj Tractors is an Indian tractor manufacturing company headquartered in Mohali, Punjab, and a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra.
- ✓ Established in 1974, its mission was to be self-reliant and develop India's first indigenous tractor.
- ✓ Presently Swaraj Tractors is one of the leading tractor manufacturers in India with a market share of over 10%.

LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Swaraj Tractors
- Iga Świątek : Infosys
- Rafael Nadal : Infosys
- Rahul Dravid : Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- Shah Rukh Khan : ICC World Cup 2023
- Shraddha Kapoor: Asics India Private Limited
- Rashmika Mandanna : Printer company Epson India
- Smriti Mandhana : Wrangler
- Hrithik Roshan : Zebrionics TV
- Sachin Tendulkar : Smile Ambassador
- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network



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- Sourav Ganguly : Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- Alia Bhatt : Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Sourav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Praseon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus

Q. Who has been appointed as the Principal Director General of Akashvani and News Services Division?

- A) Rajat Sharma B) Ritu Dhawan
C) Dr. Vasudha Gupta D) Vinay Maheshwari

Answer : C

✓ Dr. Vasudha Gupta takes charge as Principal Director General of Akashvani and News Services Division



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- ✓ Vasudha Gupta previously worked as Director General in All India Radio.
- ✓ About Akashvani (AIR)
- ✓ Akashvani, also known as All India Radio, is India's national public radio broadcaster, established in 1936.
- ✓ It is part of Prasar Bharati along with Indian television broadcaster Doordarshan.
- ✓ It is headquartered at Akashvani Bhawan, New Delhi, which houses various sections such as Drama, FM and National Service as well as Doordarshan Kendra (Delhi).
- ✓ AIR is the world's largest radio network and one of the largest broadcasting organizations globally, serving a wide variety of languages and cultures.
- ✓ AIR produces programming in 23 languages and 179 dialects.

Q. Who is the first woman to head Indian Mission in Pakistan?

- A) Meera Shankar B) Sujatha Singh
C) Preeti Saran D) Geetika Srivastava

Answer : D

- ✓ Geetika Srivastava is first woman to head Indian mission in Pakistan.
- ✓ Geetika Srivastava will be India's new charge d'Affaires at its high commission in Islamabad.
- ✓ Geetika, who is currently serving as the Joint Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), is the first woman to head India's mission in Pakistan.
- ✓ Geetika is currently handling the Indo-Pacific division in MEA and will succeed Dr M Suresh Kumar, who is expected to return to India soon.

Q. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of which airlines with Air India?

- A) IndiGo SIA B) Tata SIA
C) SpiceJet SIA D) Akasa Air SIA

Answer : B

- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the merger of Tata SIA Airlines into Air India, subject to certain conditions.
- ✓ The long pending merger of fully owned Tata airline Air India and sister airline Vistara, came through weeks after the watchdog raised concerns about market power.
- ✓ The CCI was scrutinising the planned merger of Air India, which Tata Group took over last year (2022), with Vistara, a 51: 49 joint venture between Tata and Singapore Airlines.



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- ✓ As part of the merger transaction, SIA shall also invest Rs 2,059 crore in Air India. Post the consolidation, SIA shall hold 25.1% shareholding in Air India,"

Q. Which IIT incubated space tech startup GalaxEye Space launched their drone-based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) system?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ IIT Madras-incubated space tech startup GalaxEye Space on 29 August 2023 launched their drone-based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) system, Ahead of their planned satellite launch in 2024.
- ✓ The Bengaluru-based startup aims to combine the prowess of the drone-based SAR system and their planned imaging satellites to provide all-weather imaging data from space. The startup claims that this data holds value in sectors such as insurance, precision agriculture, and so on.
- ✓ GalaxEye's satellite launch in Q3 of 2024 will be the latest in the long line of Indian space tech startups that are currently preparing for launching into space. Chennai-based Agnikul Cosmos recently started integration of their Agnibaan rocket in SHAR, Sriharikota.

Q. Who has been named as the chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune?

- A) Aamir Khan B) Kamal Haasan
C) Gautham Vasudev Menon D) R Madhavan

Answer : D

- ✓ R Madhavan has been named as the chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.
- ✓ Madhavan's nomination follows the national recognition his film 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' received.
- ✓ 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' won the prestigious Best Feature Film award at the 69th National Film Awards.
- ✓ 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' throws light on the life of former ISRO scientist S Nambi Narayanan and his remarkable contribution to India's space agency.
- ✓ Film and Television Institute of India (FTII):-
- ✓ It is a film school affiliated with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, and is supported by the Central Government.



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- ✓ FTII is located in Pune and was established in 1960 with the objective of training individuals for careers in the film and television industry

Q. Who has launches India's Own Blockchain-Backed Open-Source Project 'Falcon'?

- A) RBI
B) NPCI
C) SBI
D) NTPC

Answer : B

- ✓ India has maintained a rather sceptic stance towards accepting cryptocurrencies as part of its financial systems, but is keeping an open approach towards exploring blockchain technology.
- ✓ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), on 29 August 2023, announced the launch of Falcon.
- ✓ Aim : An open-source project that aims to simplify the management and use of blockchains based on 'Hyperledger Fabric' and supported on Kubernetes clusters. Essentially, Falcon is expected to help developers innovate on blockchain-based payment solutions...
- ✓ What is Hyperledger?
- ✓ Hyperledger Fabric was initiated by Digital Asset and IBM, as per Investopedia. Hyperledger fabric is an enterprise-level permission blockchain network. The framework serves as a foundation for creating blockchain-based products and solutions..
- ✓ What are Kubernetes Clusters?
- ✓ Developed by Google engineers Joe Beda, Brendan Burns, and Craig McLuckie in 2014, Kubernetes is an open-source platform that assists the management of packaged software codes, also called containerised applications.

Q. Which Company has launched First Fully Automated Investment Fund, 'The Ad Astra Fund'?

- A) Savart
B) Stratmark
C) Sreekavyam
D) Shares Bazaar

Answer : A

- ✓ Savart, one of India's largest investment advisors, is all set to launch its unique Portfolio Management Service (PMS), The "Ad Astra Fund" in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Sankarsh Chanda, Founder & CEO of Savart briefed in detail about the launch event which is expected to be graced by the presence of eminent investors from across the country. This unique fund transforms the



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traditional human led investment research processes and increases the probability of achieving a superior return on investment.

- ✓ The fund features end-to-end research automation, from investment opportunity discovery until exit i.e., the entire research and investment decision making is driven by their AI research system APART (Advanced Process Automation & Research Technology), which comprises of three engines.

Q. Which Countries Launched the RETAP Under the Umbrella of the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ India and the United States have taken a bold step towards fostering renewable energy technology innovation by launching the Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform (RETAP) under the umbrella of the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership.
- ✓ RETAP's initial focus will revolve around the development of green and clean hydrogen, wind energy, and long-duration energy storage solutions

Q. India's Largest Home-Built 700 MW Nuclear Plant Starts Operations in Which State?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.
- ✓ This milestone marks a pivotal moment in India's quest for energy self-sufficiency and underscores the nation's commitment to harnessing indigenous nuclear technology.
- ✓ Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is responsible for constructing two 700 MW pressurized heavy water reactors (PHWRs) at Kakrapar, Gujarat. Kakrapar is already home to two 220 MW power plants, and with the new 700 MW unit coming online, it strengthens India's nuclear power generation capacity



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.
- Gujarat to host 69th edition of Filmfare Awards in 2024.
- 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.



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Q. The Army has signed contracts for the procurement of how many tethered drones and 19 tank-driving simulators under Emergency Procurement (EP)?

- A) 120 B) 150
C) 130 D) 110

Answer : C

- ✓ The Army has signed contracts for the procurement of 130 tethered drones and 19 tank-driving simulators under Emergency Procurement (EP) and they will be delivered in 12 months.
- ✓ The armed forces are currently executing the fourth tranche of EPs sanctioned by the Defence Ministry.
- ✓ Indian Army has signed the contract for procurement of 130 Tethered Drones and 19 Tank Driving Simulators. The induction of such new equipment will enhance the overall operational preparedness.
- ✓ The long-endurance tether drone systems are contracted at an approximate value of ₹250 crore and can be used in high-altitude areas.
- ✓ Under the fourth tranche of EP, the Army has so far signed 49 contracts worth ₹7,600 crore and another 34 contracts of similar amount are lined up and expected to be concluded by end-September, as reported earlier.

Q. In India, the week from September 01 to 07 is celebrated every year as _

- A) Cleanliness Week B) Education Week
C) Nutrition Week D) Wildlife Week

Answer : C

- ✓ National Nutrition Week (NNW) is observed annually in India from September 1 to 7.
- ✓ This dedicated week aims to raise awareness among people about the vital role of nutrition and the significance of cultivating healthy eating habits.
- ✓ The theme of Nutrition Month 2023, according to UNICEF, is “Healthy Diet Going Affordable for All”

Q. Which company has launched of a new Mobile Application Called 'Share(dot)Market'?

- A) Google Pay B) Amazon Pay
C) PhonePe D) Apple Pay

Answer : C

- ✓ PhonePe announced its foray into stock broking business with the launch of a new mobile application called 'Share(dot)Market', under its subsidiary PhonePe Wealth Broking.



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- ✓ The announcement by the leading digital payment platform marks the completion of offerings in its financial services bouquet, said Sameer Nigam, the CEO and Co-Founder of the company.
- ✓ According to PhonePe, the Share(dot)Market app elevates the discount broking by providing market intelligence and quantitative research-based WealthBaskets, a scalable technology platform. It will be available as a mobile app and a dedicated web platform, enabling retail investors to buy stocks, engage in intra day trades, buy curated WealthBaskets and mutual funds
- ✓ Share(dot)Market app will provide a wide spectrum of investment products, including stocks (intraday and delivery), mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs).
- ✓ WealthBaskets are curated collections of stocks/investment products by SEBI registered intermediaries that align with specific themes, sectors, or market trends enabling active equity portfolio building with great convenience, and are available at low costs.

Q. Which Company has signed a MoU with the Indian postal service and has also partnered with the Indian Railways?

- A) Amazon B) Apple
C) TATA D) Microsoft

Answer : A

- ✓ Amit Agarwal, Senior Vice President (SVP) of India and Emerging Markets, Amazon said that the company has also partnered with the Indian Railways for a dedicated freight corridor that will help it expedite deliveries for its seller partners.

Q. Titagarh Rail Systems launches diving support craft for __.

- A) BSF B) Indian Army
C) Indian Air Force D) Indian Navy

Answer : D

- ✓ Titagarh Rail Systems Limited's shares were up by 0.84% after the company launched its first Diving Support Craft (DSC) from its shipyard in Titagarh, West Bengal.
- ✓ This follows a contract awarded by the Indian Navy to TRSL in February 2021 for the construction of five Diving Support craft.



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- ✓ The DSC, equipped with diving apparatus and tools, represents a significant advancement in diving support technology, enabling it to operate effectively in various undersea environments.

Q. Who was appointed as the new Defense Minister by UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak?

- A) David Cameron B) Oliver Dowden
C) Grant Shapps D) Nadhim Zahawi

Answer : C

- ✓ UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak appointed Grant Shapps as the new Defence Minister.
- ✓ The development comes after former Defence Secretary Ben Wallace resigned due to personal reasons.



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