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**Q. Which city has topped in the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023?**

- A) Indore  
B) Surat  
C) Patna  
D) Nagpur

**Answer : A**

- ✓ **Indore Ranks first in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023, followed by Agra and Thane.**
- ✓ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav distributed the awards of Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 in Bhopal ,Madhya Pradesh on September 07, 2023, on the occasion of International Day of Clean Air for blue skies.
- ✓ Winners are mentioned below
- ✓ **Category I – (Million plus population)**
- ✓ Indore
- ✓ Agra
- ✓ Thane.
- ✓ **Category II – (3-10 lakhs population)**
- ✓ Amravati
- ✓ Moradabad
- ✓ Guntur.
- ✓ **Category III – (less than 3 lakhs population)**
- ✓ Parwanoo
- ✓ Kala Amb
- ✓ Angul.

**Q. In India, which city has been inaugurated as the first solar city of the country?**

- A) Alirajpur  
B) Barwani  
C) Sanchi  
D) Nagda

**Answer : C**

- ✓ **Sanchi Nagar of MP inaugurated as first solar city of India.**



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- ✓ Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated Sanchi Nagar, in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh as the first solar city of India.
- ✓ Sanchi Nagar is a World Heritage town. In the programme, an agreement was signed between the state department of renewable energy and IIT Kanpur to make Sanchi a net zero city.
- ✓ Sanchi Solar City will reduce the emissions of more than 14,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, which is equivalent to more than 238,000 trees.

### 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'.
- 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.



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- 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. The Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23 is a multinational joint military exercise, taking place in which country?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) India
- C) Egypt
- D) South Africa

**Answer : C**

- ✓ **Indian Army Participates in 'Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23' in Egypt.**
- ✓ The Indian Army is participating in the 'Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23', which is the largest ever joint military exercise in Middle East & North Africa region.
- ✓ The first edition of the Exercise was conducted in the year 1980 in Egypt.
- ✓ Indian Army contingent comprising of 137 personnel is participating with INS Sumedha in the exercise.
- ✓ The exercise has been organised at Mohammed Naguib Military Base in Egypt from 31 August to 14 September 2023.
- ✓ Overall 34 countries are participating in the 2023 edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise.
- ✓ The joint military exercise will be led by US CENTCOM and Egyptian Army.
- ✓ Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23 will provide opportunity to Indian Army to share best practices and experiences with other armies for enhancing overall defence cooperation.

**Q. Name the winner of the Miss International India 2023?**

- A) Zoya Afroz
- B) Praveena Aanjna
- C) Simrithi Bathija
- D) Tanishqa Bhosale

**Answer : B**

- ✓ **Praveena Aanjna crowned as Miss International India 2023.**
- ✓ Praveena Aanjna has won the Miss International India 2023 title during the Miss Divine Beauty 2023 final held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on August 26.
- ✓ She won the title from among 16 finalists.



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- ✓ The 24-year-old Praveena Aanjna is a chartered accountant by profession.
- ✓ She hails from Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✓ Aanjna will now represent India at the 61st edition of Miss International 2023 in Japan in October.

### MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2023

- Praveena Aanjna crowned as Miss International India 2023.
- Priyan Sen, who hails from Rajasthan, won the Miss Earth India 2023 title during the Miss Divine Beauty 2023 National Finals held in New Delhi.
- Rikkie Kollé is the first transgender woman to win Miss Universe Netherlands.
- Rajasthan's Nandini Gupta crowned 2023 Femina Miss India.
- America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
- South Korea's Mina Sue Choi Crowned Miss Earth 2022.
- Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
- Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022.
- Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea.
- Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- List of Miss World winners from India
  1. Reita Faria : 1966
  2. Aishwarya Rai : 1994
  3. Diana Hayden : 1997
  4. Yukta Mookhey : 1999
  5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000
  6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017.
- List of Miss Universe winners from India
  1. Sushmita Sen : 1994
  2. Lara Dutta : 2000
  3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021.
- Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966.
- Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994.



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

**Q. MQ-9B Predator Drone, that was in news recently, was developed by which country?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India is in the final stages of drafting the Letter of Request (LoR) to send to the United States government for the acquisition of 31 MQ-9B Predator drones from General Atomics (GA).
- ✓ About MQ-9B Predator Drone:
- ✓ The MQ-9B drone is a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper", an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capable of remotely controlled or autonomous flight operations.
- ✓ These are high-altitude, long-endurance drones armed with strike missiles that can take out enemy targets with high accuracy.
- ✓ It was developed by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI), primarily for the United States Air Force (USAF).
- ✓ The MQ-9B has two variants — SkyGuardian and its sibling SeaGuardian.
- ✓ The Indian Navy has been operating the MQ-9B Sea Guardian since 2020.

### USA IN NEWS 2023

- Seventh edition of the Indian Navy – US Navy (IN – USN) Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, SALVEX was conducted at Kochi, Kerala.
- The United States is celebrating its 247th Independence Day this year on 4th July.
- United States of America announces its intention to rejoin UNESCO in July.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United States from June 21 to June 24 is one of the most important diplomatic visits of 2023.
- PM Modi will lead the International Yoga Day celebrations at the United Nations Secretariat in New York.



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- India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X) was launched at an 2-day event in Washington DC which was co-organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Ministry of Defence and US Department of Defence (DoD).
- Indian Economic Trade Organization appoints Nutan Roongta as Director of USA East Coast.
- Serbia's men and the United States women won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, which took place in Vienna, Austria.
- UNITED STATES (US)
- Capital : Washington, D.C.
- Largest city : New York City
- Currency : Dollar
- First President : George Washington
- 46th President : Joe Biden
- 49th Vice President : Kamala Harris
- India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu.
- Exercise Tiger Triumph (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise)
- Exercise Vajra Prahar (Special Forces' Exercise)
- Cope India (Air Force).
- Malabar Exercise (Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia).
- Red Flag (US' multilateral air exercise)

**Q. Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO), was launched by which agency?**

**A) NASA**

**B) ISRO**

**C) ROCOSMOS**

**D) JAXA**

**Answer : A**

- ✓ NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) recently captured the image of India's Chandrayaan-3 lander.
- ✓ **About Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO):**
- ✓ It is a NASA spacecraft that was launched on June 18, 2009.
- ✓ Primary Objective: To make a 3D map of the Moon's surface from lunar polar orbit.
- ✓ It has also been used to study the Moon's geology, mineralogy, and environment.



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- ✓ It orbits the Moon in an eccentric polar mapping orbit.
- ✓ LRO is equipped with 7 science instruments, the most well-known of which is a 195-millimeter (7.7-inch) telescope and camera system that can see details up to 2.5 meters across.
- ✓ LRO is equipped with a laser altimeter that produces 3D maps by shooting lasers at the surface and measuring reflection times.

**Q. Satkosia Tiger Reserve, that was recently making news, is in which state?**

- A) Odisha
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Jharkhand

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Highly decomposed carcasses of two elephants were recently found in Satkosia Tiger Reserve.
- ✓ About Satkosia Tiger Reserve:
- ✓ Location: It is located in the heartland of Odisha and spread over four districts viz. Angul, Cuttack, Boudh and Nayagarh.
- ✓ The river Mahanadi flows through the valleys in the middle of the Reserve.

**Q. What is the name of the World's Most Advanced Arabic Large Language Model, which was released recently?**

- A) Gyaan
- B) Ruez
- C) Jais
- D) Rooh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Inception, a unit of Abu Dhabi AI company G42, has released 'Jais', the world's most advanced Arabic large language model.
- ✓ Jais is a bilingual Arabic-English model that has been trained on a massive dataset of text and code.
- ✓ It can be used for a variety of tasks, such as machine translation, text summarization, and question answering.
- ✓ It was trained on the Condor Galaxy, the world's largest AI supercomputer, using 116 billion Arabic tokens and 279 billion English tokens



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**Q. Nilachal Flyover, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?**

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) West Bengal

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the State's longest flyover, named Nilachal Flyover after the Nilachal Hills near which it stands.
- ✓ It measures a total of 2.63 kilometres and starting from Maligaon Chariali to Kamakhya Gate in Guwahati.
- ✓ The flyover was built at a cost of ₹420.75 crore.

**Q. What is the primary purpose of the National Carbon Registry launched by the UNDP in August 2023?**

- A) To facilitate carbon credit trading between countries
- B) To track emissions and invest in emission-reducing projects
- C) To provide customizable software for carbon management
- D) To promote digital public infrastructure for climate challenges

**Answer : B**

- ✓ National Carbon Registry is open-source software that allows countries to manage their carbon credit trading data and processes.
- ✓ The software was launched by the UNDP in August 2023. It is the first of its kind to allow countries to customize the code to their specific needs.
- ✓ The registry is supported by the Digital4Climate Working Group, which includes the UNDP, World Bank, UNFCCC, and EBRD.
- ✓ The group aims to build a digital public infrastructure to address climate challenges and carbon markets.
- ✓ The carbon registry system allows companies to track their emissions and then offset them by investing in emission-reducing projects.
- ✓ For example, a company might invest in a project that captures methane from a landfill or replaces high-emitting lightbulbs with low-emitting LED lights.





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**Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR) for which of these reasons?**

- A) To encourage banks to increase their lending to the public.
- B) To absorb surplus liquidity resulting from the return of Rs 2000 currency notes.
- C) To reduce the reserve requirement for banks.
- D) To promote digital payment methods

**Answer : B**

- ✓ I-CRR was introduced as a temporary measure to manage the excess liquidity in the banking system, which occurred due to the return of Rs 2000 currency notes.
- ✓ This reserve required banks to maintain 10% of the increase in their net demand and time liabilities between May and July 2023 to absorb the surplus liquidity.
- ✓ The RBI has decided to discontinue the I-CRR in a phased manner by releasing impounded funds in installments, as mentioned in the text, to ensure that the system liquidity is not subject to sudden shocks and that money markets function smoothly.

**Q. Who are the main beneficiaries of 'Project Naman' launched by the Indian Army?**

- A) Veterans and families of deceased personnel
- B) Service Before Self
- C) May the Lord of Water be auspicious unto us
- D) Touch the Sky with Glory

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Indian Army recently launched 'Project Naman', which will entail establishing facilitation and grievance redressal centres for veterans and the kin of personnel who have lost their lives.
- ✓ About Project Naman:
- ✓ The Project will entail establishing facilitation and grievance redressal centres for veterans and the kin of personnel who have lost their lives.
- ✓ The first such centre will be established in Delhi Cantonment.
- ✓ 'Naman' will house a Common Service Centre, which will facilitate the veterans and their relatives.



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- ✓ It will offer all government-to-customer services and also facilitate the updating of pensioners' accounts on the SPARSH portal of veterans, next of kin and dependents.
- ✓ What is the SPARSH portal?
- ✓ It is being implemented by the Ministry of Defence to meet the pension sanction and disbursement requirements for Armed Forces viz. Army, Navy, Air Force and Defence Civilians.

**Q. Which of the following is planning to unveil a host of new measures, including 100 per cent cashless claim settlement in health coverage?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is planning to unveil a host of new measures, including 100 per cent cashless claim settlement in health coverage.
- ✓ About the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):
- ✓ It is a statutory body formed under an Act of Parliament, i.e., the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 (IRDAI Act 1999), for overall supervision and development of the Insurance sector in India.
- ✓ It is also responsible for registering and/or licensing insurance, reinsurance companies and intermediaries according to the regulations.
- ✓ **Entities regulated by IRDAI:**
- ✓ Life Insurance Companies - Both public and private sector Companies
- ✓ General Insurance Companies - Both public and private sector Companies. Among them, there are some standalone Health Insurance Companies which offer health Insurance policies.
- ✓ Re-Insurance Companies
- ✓ Agency Channel
- ✓ Intermediaries which include the following:
- ✓ Corporate Agents
- ✓ Brokers
- ✓ Third-Party Administrators
- ✓ Surveyors and Loss Assessors.



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- ✓ Composition: It is a 10-member body- a chairman, five full-time members and four part-time members appointed by the Government of India.
- ✓ IRDAI's Head Office is in Hyderabad
- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- ✓ Founded : 1999
- ✓ Headquarteres : Hyderabad
- ✓ Chairman : Debasish Panda

**Q. Which day of the year is marked as the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies?**

- A) September 05                                      B) September 06  
C) September 07                                      D) September 05

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed globally on September 07 to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality..
- ✓ The inaugural edition of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies was held in 2020.
- ✓ The theme for 4th International Day of Clean Air for blue skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas 2023) is "Together for Clean Air"
- ✓ It is a UN recognised day which aims to raise public awareness at all levels (individual, community, corporate and government) that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Resolution to hold an International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on December 19, 2019, during its 74th session and invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Q. The state government of Uttarakhand observes the Himalayan Day every year on which day?**

- A) 07 September                                      B) 10 September  
C) 08 September                                      D) 09 September

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Himalayan Day is observed every year on September 09 in the state of Uttarakhand.



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- ✓ The day was officially declared in 2010, by the then Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank”.
- ✓ The aim of celebrating Himalayan Day is to save and maintain the Himalayas and mountain nature.
- ✓ The year 2023 marks the 14th anniversary of the Himalayan Day.

### UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2023

- Harela Festival 2023 begins in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- 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”.



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**Q. Ajit Ninan, who has passed away recently was one of the popular \_\_\_ by profession?**

- A) Cartoonist  
B) Journalist  
C) Scientist  
D) Astronaut

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Renowned cartoonist Ajit Ninan, who worked as political cartoonist for India Today and the Times of India since the early 80s has passed away.
- ✓ He was 68.
- ✓ Ninan was best known for his outstanding 'Centrestage' series in India Today magazine and 'Ninan's World' in The Times of India.
- ✓ Apart from this, he was also known for creation of popular cartoon character 'Detective Moochhwala' in the children's magazine 'Target'.

**Q. G Marimuthu was a famous Actor and Director of which film industry?**

- A) Tamil  
B) Hindi  
C) Kannada  
D) Odia

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Renowned Tamil actor and director G Marimuthu has passed away due to heart attack while dubbing for his television show, Ethirneechal.
- ✓ The 57-year-old versatile actor was last seen on silver screen in Rajinikanth starrer "Jailer", produced by Sun Pictures.

**Q. 'Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey', which got Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is from which State/UT?**

- A) Assam  
B) Jammu and Kashmir  
C) Rajasthan  
D) West Bengal

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- ✓ In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had gifted organic Sulai honey to Queen Elizabeth during his visit to Britain.



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### GI TAG IN NEWS 2023

- Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- 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.
- 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.



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- 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?
- 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. GREAT scheme, seen recently in news, is associated with**

- A) Food Standards
- B) Technical textiles
- C) Education sector reform
- D) Green revolution in eastern states

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Recently, the Union Ministry of Textiles released the guidelines of the GREAT scheme.
- ✓ About GREAT Scheme:



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- ✓ Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT) Scheme focuses on supporting individuals and companies to translate prototypes to technologies & products, including commercialisation.
- ✓ Aim: To provide much-needed impetus for the development of the technical textiles startup ecosystem in India, especially in niche sub-segments such as bio-degradable and sustainable textiles, high-performance and speciality fibres, and smart textiles.
- ✓ Funding:
- ✓ Under this scheme, a grant-in-aid of up to Rs 50 lakh for up to a period of 18 months will be provided.
- ✓ The textile ministry will additionally provide 10 per cent of the total grant-in-aid to incubators.
- ✓ Only a minimum of 10 per cent contribution has to be made by the incubatee.

**Q. Which bank has launched its 'Nation First Transit Card', a RuPay prepaid instrument under the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) that can be used nationwide?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ State Bank of India has launched its 'Nation First Transit Card', a RuPay prepaid instrument under the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) that can be used nationwide.
- ✓ About Nation First Transit Card:
- ✓ It aims to facilitate a seamless and convenient customer commuting experience and ensure easy digital ticketing fare payments in metro, buses, water ferries, parking, etc., through a single card.
- ✓ In addition, individuals can also use this card for making retail and e-commerce payments.
- ✓ It is powered by RuPay and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) technology.
- ✓ Key Facts about National Common Mobility Card (NCMC):
- ✓ NCMC feature enables the Bank's customers to use their Debit Cards as travel cards for travelling on Metro Rail and Buses where this facility is enabled.
- ✓ The idea of NCMC was floated by the Nandan Nilekani committee set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ NCMC is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in India designed to promote cashless transactions and offer a unified payment platform for commuters.
- ✓ It was launched on March 4, 2019.





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- ✓ It offers a unified contactless transport solution through the RuPay platform, developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ What is a RuPay Card?
- ✓ It is an Indian domestic card scheme conceived and launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ RuPay is an affordable card and can be issued as credit cards, debit cards, and prepaid cards.
- ✓ It works to enable electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions.

### SBI IN NEWS 2023

- State Bank of India has launched its 'Nation First Transit Card', a RuPay prepaid instrument under the National Common Mobility Card (NPMC) that can be used nationwide.
- State Bank of India has launched a Customer Service Points (CSPs) functionality that allows customers to enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 percent through its third infrastructure bond issuance.
- State Bank of India will set up a new trustee company as its wholly-owned subsidiary for managing the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF).
- State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru Circle, recently launched 'Project Kuber' to meet the banking needs of its customers.
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, has raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian" and the book celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and 200 years of SBI's history.
- SBI to launch new current accounts and savings accounts in FY24 to attract deposits.
- The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "Parivar" (family) account.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced the completion of a \$1 billion syndicated social loan facility.
- The facility of \$1 billion was arranged through MLABs, MUFG bank and Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co.



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- State Bank of India (SBI) has partnered with the NGO That's Eco Foundation to donate ₹48 lakh for the plantation of 32,000 tree saplings at Garden City University in Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 3,717 crore through its third Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 bond issuance in the current financial year at coupon rate of 8.25 per cent..
- SBI reintroduces 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term deposit scheme and provides an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI )
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
- (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
- (2) With you all the way
- (3) A bank of the common man



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- (4) The banker to every Indian
- (5) The Nation banks on us.
- It is one of the largest and oldest banks in India.

**Q. Which city in United States has declared to observe September 03 as the Sanatana Dharma Day every year?**

- A) Seattle
- B) Boston
- C) Miami
- D) Louisville

**Answer : D**

- ✓ **United States city Louisville declares September 3rd as Sanatana Dharma Day.**
- ✓ The Louisville city in the US state of Kentucky, has declared September 3 to be observed as Sanatana Dharma Day in the city.
- ✓ The Mayor of Louisville, Craig Greenberg attended a re-consecration ceremony at the Hindu Temple of Kentucky where his deputy Barbara Sexton Smith read out the official proclamation on September 3.

**Q. What is the theme of ASEAN Summit in 2023?**

- A) We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper
- B) ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth
- C) ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together
- D) Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN

**Answer : B**

- ✓ **PM Modi attends 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit (EAS) in Jakarta.**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit (EAS) in Jakarta, Indonesia on 7 September 2023.
- ✓ The summit was held on the sidelines of the 43rd ASEAN Summit 2023.
- ✓ The theme of ASEAN Summit in 2023 is 'ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth.
- ✓ At the ASEAN-India Summit, Prime Minister presented a 12-point proposal for strengthening India – ASEAN cooperation.
- ✓ About the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):



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- ✓ It is a regional intergovernmental organisation of ten Southeast Asian countries.
- ✓ It was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration).
- ✓ Member States (10) : Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- ✓ It promotes intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational, and sociocultural integration between its members and other countries in Asia.
- ✓ Secretariat: The ASEAN Secretariat, located in Jakarta, Indonesia, and led by a secretary-general, coordinates the work of ASEAN member states and their associated bodies.

**Q. OTG Ring is India's first contactless payment wearable ring. Which organisation has collaborated with LivQuik to launch this technology?**

- A) NPCI
- B) Paytm
- C) SBI
- D) IIT Indore

**Answer : A**

- ✓ NPCI launched India's First Contactless Payment Wearable Ring "OTG Ring" in collaboration with LivQuik.
- ✓ NPCI has unveiled the "OTG Ring" which is the first contactless payment wearable ring made in India, in collaboration with Indian startup LivQuik.
- ✓ "OTG Ring" can be enabled for National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) customers and used for various open-loop transit programs.
- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ NPCI, an umbrella organization for operating retail payment and settlement systems in India, has been initiated by the 'RBI' and the 'Indian Banks' Association' (IBA) under the 'Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007'.
- ✓ It is a 'not-for-profit' company established under the provisions of Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956 (as amended in 2013), with the objective of providing physical and electronic payment infrastructure to the entire banking system in India.



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**Q. Which edition of the East Asia Summit (EAS) was held in 2023 in Jakarta?**

- A) 21    B) 18  
C) 30    D) 10

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit (EAS) in Jakarta, Indonesia on 7 September 2023.
- ✓ What is the East Asia Summit?
- ✓ It is a unique Leaders-led forum of 18 countries of the Asia-Pacific region formed to further the objectives of regional peace, security and prosperity.
- ✓ Established in 2005, EAS allows the principal players in the Asia-Pacific region to discuss issues of common interest and concern in an open and transparent manner at the highest level.
- ✓ The membership of EAS consists of ten ASEAN Member States: Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the USA.
- ✓ EAS is an initiative of ASEAN and is based on the premise of the centrality of ASEAN.

**Q. Which Railway Station was recently awarded the 'Green Railway Station' certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council?**

- A) Chengalpattu Railway Station, Tamil Nadu  
B) Hubballi Railway Station, Karnataka  
C) Kalyan Railway Station, Maharashtra  
D) Vijaywada Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh

**Answer : D**

- ✓ 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.



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- ✓ The council offers a wide array of services, which include developing new green building rating programmes, certification services and green building training programmes.
- ✓ 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

**Q. Which of the following is not a valid tenor of Treasury bills?**

- A) 182 days                      B) 91 days  
C) 365 days                      D) 364 days

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Recently, the yields on Treasury Bills (T-Bills) eased by up to seven basis points (bps) following an improvement in liquidity in the banking system.
- ✓ About Treasury Bills:
- ✓ T-Bills are money market instruments.
- ✓ These are short-term debt instruments issued by the Government of India.
- ✓ Tenure: These are presently issued in three tenors, namely, 91 days, 182 days and 364 days.
- ✓ These are zero coupon securities and pay no interest. Instead, they are issued at a discount and redeemed at the face value at maturity.
- ✓ When were treasury bills introduced?
- ✓ Treasury bills were first issued in India in 1917. They are issued via auctions conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at regular intervals.
- ✓ Who can buy it?
- ✓ Individuals, trusts, institutions and banks can purchase T-Bills. But they are usually held by financial institutions.
- ✓ They have a very important role in the financial market beyond investment instruments.
- ✓ Banks give treasury bills to the RBI to get money under repo.
- ✓ Similarly, they can also keep it to fulfil their Statutory Liquid Ratio (SLR) requirements.
- ✓ How do T-bills work?



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- ✓ Treasury bills are issued at a discount to the original value, and the buyer gets the original value upon maturity.
- ✓ For example, a Rs 100 treasury bill can be availed of at Rs 95, but the buyer is paid Rs 100 on the maturity date. The return on treasury bills depends on the liquidity position of the economy. When there is a liquidity crisis, the returns are higher, and vice versa.

**Q. Wide Field Survey Telescope (WFST) is being developed by which country?**

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) India
- D) United States

**Answer : A**

- ✓ China is set to launch the Wide Field Survey Telescope (WFST) in September.
- ✓ About Wide Field Survey Telescope:
- ✓ It is the largest time-domain survey facility in the Northern Hemisphere.
- ✓ Objectives:
- ✓ The core scientific objective is to explore and monitor dynamic astronomical events and conduct time-domain astronomical observation research.
- ✓ This will enable researchers to detect faint and distant celestial signals, including those from galaxies beyond the Milky Way and galaxy clusters.
- ✓ It will also seek out planets or their moons in the Kuiper Belt and beyond.
- ✓ The WFST project was launched in July 2019 through a collaboration between the University of Science and Technology of China and the Purple Mountain Observatory under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

**Q. The Cherial Scrolls is a dying art form of India practised by one family called the Nakashi family for many generations. Name the modern day state which owns this art form?**

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

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ Cheriya scroll painting will be presented to the spouses of the heads of state from around the world, who will gather for the upcoming G20 Summit.
- ✓ **About Cheriya scroll painting:**
- ✓ It is a popular and modified version of Nakashi art, considered highly rich in the local motifs.
- ✓ This art form is unique to the state of Telangana and made mostly in Hyderabad currently.
- ✓ The Nakashis are the artists of Telangana and the scrolls constitute a key element of the social and cultural setting of Telangana.
- ✓ This traditional art form is considered an inseparable part of the profession comprising the story-telling and balladeer community called Kaki Padagollu.
- ✓ This painting also received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in the year 2007.

### TELANGANA IN NEWS 2023

- US-based multinational technology company "Corning" has announced plans to set up a \$113m Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in the Indian state of Telangana.
- 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.





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- 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

**Q. Which organisation developed the indigenous trainer aircraft HTT-40, which was recently unveiled?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Deputy Chief of Air Staff recently flew the Hindustan Turbo Trainer Aircraft - 40 (HTT-40) Basic Trainer Aircraft in Bengaluru.
- ✓ About HTT-40:
- ✓ The Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) is a basic trainer aircraft (BTA).
- ✓ Manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), the aircraft has been indigenously designed and developed by the Aircraft Research & Design Centre of HAL, and is based on the training requirements of the Indian Armed Force (IAF).
- ✓ The aircraft will meet the shortage of BTAs for the training of newly inducted pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF).



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#### HAL IN NEWS 2023

- Guyana to the purchase of two Dornier 228 aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Argentina to acquire light and medium utility helicopters from HAL.
- Ministry of Defence has recently signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the procurement of two Dornier Aircraft, aimed at enhancing the aerial surveillance capabilities of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). With an overall cost of Rs 458 crore.
- United States, General Electric (GE) Aerospace has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a state-run Indian aerospace company. The MoU paves the way for the joint production of fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and signifies a new era in the India-US partnership.
- HAL received approval from DGCA for indigenously developed 'black boxes'.
- The defence ministry sealed a deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to procure six Dornier aircraft at a cost of Rs 667 crore for the Indian Air Force.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has unveiled the Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT-42) design of the scale model at the 14th edition of Aero India 2023 held in Bengaluru.
- Union Cabinet approved the procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The approval was given to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The procurement would cost around Rs 6,828 crore.
- Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL), an aerospace company in India, and EDGE, the top defence company in the UAE, inked a Memorandum of Understanding at the International Defense Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):
- Establishment: 23 December 1940 (Aircraft manufacturing started from 1942).
- Founder: Incorporated as Hindustan Aircraft Limited in Bangalore by Walchand Hirachand.
- It was formed on 1 October 1964 as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Headquarters: Bangalore
- Management: by a Board of Directors appointed by the President of India through the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
- The HAL HF-24 Marut fighter-bomber was the first indigenously built fighter aircraft in India.



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**Q. The World EV Day (Electric Vehicle) is observed on which day around the world?**

- A) September 08                                  B) September 06  
C) September 09                                  D) September 07

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The World EV (Electric Vehicle) Day is observed every year on September 9, since 2020.
- ✓ Purpose: to celebrate e-mobility and educate people about the benefits of electric vehicles, by organizing special awareness campaigns.
- ✓ The Day was an initiative by sustainability media company Green.TV.
- ✓ China is the largest EV market in the world, while India's automotive industry is the fifth largest in the world.

**Q. The United Nations observes the International Day to Protect Education from Attack on which day every year?**

- A) September 10                                  B) September 09  
C) September 07                                  D) September 08

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The UN recognized International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed on 9 September. The Day was celebrated for the first time in 2020.
- ✓ Purpose: to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 9 September as International Day to Protect Education from Attack on 29 May 2020.
- ✓ UN calls for action to prevent attacks on education and to do more to mobilize resources for humanitarian funding and education programs.
- ✓ UNESCO and UNICEF will facilitate the annual observance of the Day in close collaboration with partners within and outside the UN system

**Q. When is the International Literacy Day observed globally?**

- A) September 09                                  B) September 08  
C) September 10                                  D) September 07



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#### Answer : B

- ✓ International Literacy Day is observed annually on September 8 across the world to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.
- ✓ The day was declared by UNESCO on 26 October 1966 at 14th session of UNESCO's General conference. It was celebrated for the first time in 1967.
- ✓ The theme of the International Literacy Day in 2023 is 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'.

**Q. September 08 is also observed as \_\_\_\_ day globally?**

- A) World Pharmacy Day                      B) World Acupuncture Day  
C) World Physiotherapy Day                D) World Obesity Day

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Every year, September 08 is observed as the World Physiotherapy Day (World PT Day) since 1996. World PT Day is promoted by World Physiotherapy.
- ✓ The day aims to honor the establishment of the profession in 1951.
- ✓ The overall goal of commemorating this day is to pay tribute to the dedication of physiotherapists and the invaluable services they provide, enabling people to be mobile, well, and independent.
- ✓ In 2023, the theme of World PT Day is Arthritis.
- ✓ The focus will be on Arthritis with in-depth look at various forms of inflammatory arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis

**Q. What is the theme of the 2023 G20 Leaders' Summit held in New Delhi?**

- A) Recover Together, Recover Stronger  
B) One Earth, One Family, One Future  
C) People, Planet, Prosperity  
D) Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Global Biofuel Alliance and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor announced at 2023 G20 New Delhi Summit.
- ✓ The 2023 G20 Leaders' Summit began in New Delhi on September 09, 2023.



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- ✓ The two day summit from 9 – 10 September 2023, is taking place in Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition-Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ✓ It is the 18th meeting of G20 (Group of Twenty), and for the first time G20 summit is being held in India as well as in South Asia.
- ✓ The Summit is chaired by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 G20 Leaders' Summit is One Earth, One Family, One Future
- ✓ Indonesia held the presidency in 2022.
- ✓ Two major global partnerships announced on Day 1 of the Summit under India's presidency are
  - ✓ Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA)
  - ✓ India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.
- ✓ INDIAN PRESIDENCY OF G 20
- ✓ India officially assumed the Presidency of G20 on 1 December 2022 from Indonesia.
- ✓ India will hold the G20 Presidency from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, and host the 18th G20 Summit in 2023.
- ✓ The summit meeting of the Head of the States and the leaders of the G20 is scheduled to be held in September 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The theme of India's G20 Presidency—"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth One Family One Future"—is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad.
- ✓ **India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant.**
- ✓ Group of Twenty (G-20)
- ✓ The G-20 was founded back in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis.
- ✓ The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 sovereign countries, the European Union (EU), and the African Union (AU).It works to address major issues related to the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation and sustainable development.
- ✓ The Group of Twenty (G-20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States), European Union and
- ✓ The G-20 members represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.
- ✓ India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999.



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- ✓ LIST OF G20 SUMMIT
- ✓ 1st G20 Summit 2008 – USA
- ✓ 16th G20 summit 2021 – Italy
- ✓ 17th G20 summit 2022 – Indonesia
- ✓ 18th G20 summit 2023 – India
- ✓ 19th G20 summit 2024 – Brazil
- ✓ 20th G20 Summit 2025 – South Africa

**Q. Under the Global Biofuel Alliance, the G20 members are urged to take initiative of blending ethanol in petrol upto what percent at global level?**

- A) 25%
- B) 10%
- C) 20%
- D) 15%

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Global Biofuel Alliance is the third multilateral initiative created by the Narendra Modi-led government, behind the International Solar Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
- ✓ India, Brazil and the United States are the founding members of the GBA.
- ✓ The initiative urges countries at a global-level to take ethanol blending in petrol up to 20 percent.

**Q. Which among these countries or union has been included as the 21st permanent member of the Group of 20 (G20) nation?**

- A) African Union
- B) Spain
- C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D) Britain

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The African Union (AU), has been formally included as a permanent member of the Group of 20 (G20), during the 18th G20 meeting 2023, being held in India on September 09 and 10, 2023. AU is a continental body of 55 member states.
- ✓ During the opening remarks at the summit on September 9, 2023, Prime Minister Modi invited the AU Chairperson and President of the Union of Comoros, Azali Assoumani, to take a seat at the table of G20 leaders as a permanent member representing AU.
- ✓ As of 2023, there are 21 members in the Group of 20 (G20).



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✓ About African Union (AU):

- ✓ The African Union (AU) is a continental body consisting of the 55 member states that make up the countries of the African Continent.
- ✓ It was officially launched in 2002 and replaced its predecessor, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which was founded in 1963.
- ✓ It aims to strengthen political, economic, and social integration among African countries, with a vision of achieving an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa.
- ✓ Headquarters: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- ✓ The African Union (AU) is a continental union consisting of 55 member states located on the continent of Africa. In 2017, the AU admitted Morocco as a member state.

**Q. How many scientists have been selected for the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for the year 2022?**

A) 10

B) 11

C) 12

D) 13

**Answer : C**

- ✓ 12 scientists have been selected for the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for the year 2022.
- ✓ Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar is the top annual award in the field of science.
- ✓ 12 scientists will be awarded awards in seven categories. Dr.N. CSIR Director General Kalaiselvi met Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. The awards for the year 2022 were announced in the presence of Jitendra Singh.
- ✓ Named after Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, the first director of CSIR, the awards are given in seven scientific disciplines – Physics, Biology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Chemistry and Earth Sciences.
- ✓ **About Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology:**
- ✓ It is a science award in India given annually by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ✓ It is the most coveted award in multidisciplinary science in India, recognizing outstanding Indian work (according to the view of the CSIR awarding committee) in science and technology.
- ✓ It is given for notable and outstanding research in applied or fundamental science, biology, chemistry, environmental science, engineering, mathematics, medicine and physics.



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- ✓ It was awarded first in 1958 and the names of the recipients are traditionally declared by the Director General on every 26 September, which is the CSIR Foundation Day. The prize is distributed by the Prime Minister of India.
- ✓ Any citizen of India engaged in research in any field of science and technology up to the age of 45 years is eligible for the prize.
- ✓ The prize is awarded on the basis of contributions made through work done in India only during the 5 years preceding the year of the prize.
- ✓ The prize comprises a citation, a plaque, and a cash award of ₹5 lakh. In addition, recipients also receive Rs. 15,000 per month up to the age of 65 years.

**Q. Sabudana of Salem district of which state has recently been given GI tag?**

A) Assam

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Rajasthan

D) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Salem district in the state of Tamil Nadu has gained acclaim for its sago production, which is widely recognized as Sabudana.
- ✓ Salem Sago, locally known as Javvarisi, is derived from the wet starch powder extracted from tapioca roots. Indian tapioca roots are known to contain approximately 30-35% starch content.
- ✓ Sago production has been a cornerstone of Salem's economic development since 1967.
- ✓ Currently, over 80% of sago in India is produced in the Salem region, with a significant portion marketed through Sagoserve.

### TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023

- Taiwanese firm Foxconn Technology Group, a key supplier to Apple Inc., signed a letter of Intent with the Tamil Nadu government to invest ₹1,600 crore to establish a manufacturing facility in Kancheepuram district.
- Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation .





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

**Q. Which association has been inducted as a permanent member during the New Delhi G20 summit?**

- A) ASEAN
- B) African Union
- C) SAARC
- D) OPEC

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The African Union has been included as a new permanent member in the G20 summit held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of India.
- ✓ With this, now there are 19 countries and two unions (European Union and African Union) in this group. President of the African Union Azali Assoumani attended the conference and took membership.
- ✓ The African Union is a continental union which includes 55 countries of the African continent.
- ✓ It was established in 1999.

**Q. Which team won the title of SAFF U-16 Championship 2023?**

- A) India
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Bhutan
- D) Pakistan

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India's Under-16 football team has won the title of SAFF U-16 Championship 2023 by defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final.
- ✓ The final of the tournament was held at Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.



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- ✓ India's Suraj Singh was awarded as the best goalkeeper of SAFF U16 Championship.

**Q. Where was the meeting of heads of Asian coast guard agencies held?**

- A) Istanbul
- B) Mumbai
- C) Jakarta
- D) Tehran

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The meeting of heads of Asian coast guard agencies was held in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ✓ A four-member ICG delegation led by Indian Coast Guard Director General Rakesh Pal participated in this meeting.
- ✓ Its last edition was organized in New Delhi in the year 2022.

**Q. To which country has India handed over the presidency of G20 during the New Delhi G20 summit?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) USA
- C) Japan
- D) Brazil

**Answer : D**

- ✓ During the New Delhi G20 summit, PM Modi has handed over the responsibility of the next presidency of the G20 to Brazil.
- ✓ PM Modi handed over the formal responsibility of the post of President to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and promised all possible help. On December 1 last year, India took over the chairmanship of G-20 from Indonesia, which was the chairperson at that time.
- ✓ India will remain the President of G20 till 30 November

**Q. Who Announced its Partnership With MeitY to Train Government Officials?**

- A) Google Cloud
- B) Microsoft Azure
- C) GitHub
- D) Amazon Web Services

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Google Cloud announced its partnership with the government's computer emergency response unit CERT-In to train 1,000 government officials and provide 1 lakh cybersecurity certificate scholarships to learners.



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- ✓ The 'cyber force' of government officials will be trained in cyber defence best practices, including the use of generative AI, and conducting cybersecurity AI hackathons led by Google Cloud and Mandiant experts, the American technology giant

**Q. Which Country has ranked No. 1 in the World Best Countries Report 2023?**

- A) Australia                      B) Canada  
C) Switzerland                  D) United States

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Switzerland has once again claimed the title of the world's best country, according to the latest U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Countries rankings 2023.
- ✓ This marks Switzerland's second consecutive year at the pinnacle and its sixth time overall as the No. 1 nation on the list.
- ✓ The rankings, released recently, reaffirm Switzerland's supremacy, closely followed by Canada at No. 2, Sweden at No. 3, Australia at No. 4, and the United States at No. 5.
- ✓ The United States has slipped one spot compared to its 2022 ranking

**Q. Which G20 Summit, a One-Day Conference Themed "Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)" Convened in New Delhi?**

- A) 20th                                B) 19th  
C) 18th                                D) 17th

**Answer : C**

- ✓ In the run-up to the 18th G20 Summit, a one-day conference themed "Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)" convened in New Delhi on 6 September 2023.
- ✓ The conference, spearheaded by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' company under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, sought to explore the potential of cross-border energy connectivity and collaboration

**Q. G20 leaders commit to WTO Reforms To Have a Fully Functional Dispute Settlement System by \_\_.**

- A) 2023                                B) 2024  
C) 2026                                D) 2028

**Answer : B**



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- ✓ The G20 leaders expressed their commitment to conduct discussions for having a "fully and well-functioning" dispute settlement system of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) by 2024.
- ✓ Besides formulating norms for global exports and imports, the Geneva-based 164-member multi-lateral body adjudicates trade disputes among the member countries. The dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO has been derailed due to a non-functional appellate body since December 2019.
- ✓ MC, which is the highest decision-making body of the WTO, is scheduled to meet in February next year (2024) in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ There are two main ways to settle a dispute once a complaint has been filed in the WTO -
- ✓ First : The countries find a mutually agreed solution, particularly during the phase of bilateral consultations;
- ✓ Second : Through adjudication which includes ruling by a panel and if not satisfied, challenging that ruling at the appellate body

**Q. Which Ministry has launched a Portal for 'Bharat: The Mother of Democracy' at G20 exhibition?**

- A) Ministry of Culture                      B) Ministry of Finance  
C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs        D) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer : A**

- ✓ On the eve of the G20 leadership summit, the culture ministry launched a portal of the mega exhibition— 'Bharat: The Mother of Democracy'—to be held at Bharat Mandapam for global leaders attending the conference.
- ✓ About "Bharat: The Mother of Democracy" Portal:
- ✓ The portal showcases the content on the history of democracy in India, showcasing 7,000 years of democratic ethos starting from the Sindhu-Saraswati civilisation to 2019.
- ✓ It is available in 16 languages, including German, French, Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, Italian, Turkish, and Russian besides English and Hindi.
- ✓ The portal is divided into five sections and 22 sub-sections starting from Sindhu-Saraswati Civilisation (6000-2000BCE), Mahajanapada and Gantantra (7-8 BCE), Vijaynagar Empire (14-16 century), and Mughal emperor Akbar reign (1556-1605) to Constitution of India (1947) and Elections in Modern India (1952 onwards).



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**Q. Who has Launched the Mashaal for the 37th National Games Alongside the Sports Authority of Goa?**

A) R. N. Ravi

B) P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

C) S. Abdul Nazeer

D) Tamilisai Soundararajan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Goa Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai launched 'Mashaal' for the 37th National Games at a program held in Durbar Hall Raj Bhavan, Donapaula.
- ✓ The 37th National Games will be held in Goa from October 25 to November 9, 2023.
- ✓ The Governor also released the anthem (theme song) of the national games for which actor Amitabh Bachchan has given his voice.
- ✓ "This is a rare opportunity in the history of Goa to host the National Games.
- ✓ Goa is the 'Devbhoomi' of Bharat. Our country is always committed towards unity and integrity.
- ✓ The Mascot for 37th National Games, named MOGA was unveiled in Goa by its Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant recently.

### GOA IN NEWS 2023

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



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- Union Cabinet has approved the naming of Greenfield International Airport at Goa's Mopa as Manohar International Airport after former Defence Minister and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- Purple, First Inclusion Festival of India starts in Goa.
- Goa Manohar International Airport wins best sustainable greenfield airport award.
- Government of Goa has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program.
- The first Prime Minister GatiShakti regional workshop for the Western and Central Zone was held in Goa.
- India's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge opens in Goa.
- 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference begins in Goa.
- Goa Statehood Day 2023 observed on 30th May.
- This year Goa celebrates its 36th anniversary of statehood.

**Q. Who has been selected as the brand ambassador by women's fashion brand 'W'?**

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Priyanka Chopra
- C) Deepika Padukone
- D) Anushka Sharma

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India's leading women's fashion brand - W, on-boarded famous Bollywood actor and entrepreneur Anushka Sharma as its brand ambassador

## LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023

- Anushka Sharma : W
- 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
- Shradha Kapoor: Asics India Private Limited
- Rashmika Mandanna : Printer company Epson India



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- Smriti Mandhana : Wrangler
- Hrithik Roshan : Zebronics TV
- Sachin Tendulkar : Smile Ambassador
- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network
- Sourav Ganguly : Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- Alia Bhatt : Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- 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
- Prasoos Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus



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**Q. Gati Shakti University, Vadodara has signed an MoU with whom?**

- A) Indigo  
B) Tata Motors  
C) Airbus India  
D) Lockheed Martin

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara and Airbus, a global aviation giant, have recently embarked on a strategic collaboration aimed at fortifying the Indian aviation sector.
- ✓ This partnership, sealed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, signifies a significant milestone in fostering industry-academia alliances to propel India's aviation industry to new heights
- ✓ **The Vision of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) :**
- ✓ Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara, established through an Act of Parliament in 2022, is dedicated to nurturing top-tier manpower and talent for the transportation and logistics sectors.
- ✓ GSV aims to fulfill the mandates of key national development plans, including the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021 and the National Logistics Policy 2022.

**Q. Which Cabinet Approves 1k Pension of Rs 1,000 Per Month for Transgender Community?**

- A) Telangana  
B) Gujarat  
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Jharkhand

**Answer : D**

- ✓ In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the transgender community in Jharkhand have been included in the category of Other Backward Caste (OBC) so that they can also avail the benefits of reservation in government jobs.
- ✓ The Jharkhand Cabinet gave its approval for the same along with 34 other proposals. In addition to that, the transgender persons will also be provided benefits of the State Social Security Scheme under which they will be given a pension of Rs 1,000 per month.
- ✓ According to the Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security (WCDSS), the population of transgender persons was around 11,900 in Jharkhand in 2011, which currently would be nearly 14,000.

**Q. Which day has been observed as the World Suicide Prevention Day annually globally?**

- A) 09 September  
B) 08 September  
C) 10 September  
D) 11 September





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#### Answer : C

- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD): observed on 10 September every year since 2003.
- ✓ Purpose: Provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides through various activities around the world.
- ✓ 2021 -23 Theme: “Creating hope through action”.
- ✓ The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host World Suicide Prevention Day with various activities around the world since 2003.

**Q. Which bank has recently launched the UPI ATM facility at over 6,000 ATMs across the country?**

- A) Indian Overseas Bank                      B) Bank of Baroda  
C) Yes Bank                                      D) IDFC First Bank

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BoB) has enabled the UPI ATM facility at over 6,000 ATMs across the country.
- ✓ It is the first public sector bank to launch UPI ATMs, in coordination with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and powered by NCR Corporation.
- ✓ Customers as well as customers of all participating issuer banks using any UPI-enabled Mobile app can withdraw cash from Bank of Baroda UPI ATMs without using their debit card.
- ✓ Using the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) technology, which facilitates cardless cash withdrawals through ATMs, the UPI ATM enables seamless QR-based cash withdrawals, doing away with the need to carry a Card to withdraw cash, it

#### BOB IN NEWS 2023

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has enabled the UPI ATM facility at over 6,000 ATMs across the country.
- Debadatta Chand has assumed charge as the managing director and chief executive officer of Bank of Baroda (BoB).
- BoB introduces the BoB LITE Savings Account, offering customers the flexibility of a lifetime no minimum balance requirement.
- BoB Set to Reduce NSE Shareholding for at least ₹661 Crore.



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- Bank of Baroda, a public sector bank, has announced its partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL), a government-backed information utility appointed by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, to launch the Electronic Bank Guarantee (BG) system.
- Bank of Baroda, a prominent public lender, has recently launched the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers. This innovative service allows customers to withdraw money from ATMs using the United Payment Interface (UPI), eliminating the need for a physical card.
- Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- Founded : 1908
- Founder : Sayajirao Gaekwad III
- Headquarters : Vadodara, Gujarat
- MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand
- Tagline : India's International Bank

**Q. Which country has recently launched its first operational tactical nuclear attack submarine "Submarine No 841"?**

**A) South Korea**

**B) North Korea**

**C) Iran**

**D) Saudi Arabia**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ North Korea has launched its first operational "tactical nuclear attack submarine", a key part of leader Kim Jong Un's plan to develop a nuclear-armed navy to counter the United States and its Asian allies.
- ✓ Submarine No 841 – named Hero Kim Kun Ok after a prominent North Korean historical figure – was launched on Wednesday with Kim overseeing the event.
- ✓ The submarine was designed to launch tactical nuclear weapons from underwater, and "heralded the beginning of a new chapter" for North Korea's navy.
- ✓ About North Korea
- ✓ Capital : Pyongyang
- ✓ Currency : won
- ✓ Leader : Kim Jong -un





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✓ CFO : Sachin Mehra

**Q. Which card issuer company has launched new features of its super-premium card 'AURUM', targeted at the premium section of society, such as high-net-worth individuals?**

- A) American Express                      B) SBI Card  
C) Mastercard                                D) Visa

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India's largest credit card issuer, SBI Card has launched new features of its super-premium card 'AURUM', targeted at the premium section of society, such as high-net-worth individuals.
- ✓ With the enhancements, AURUM cardholders will be able to avail benefits worth up to Rs 2 lakh annually, based on their spending.
- ✓ The card offers unlimited international lounge access to cardholders, as well as four international lounge visits for accompanying guests.

**Q. Dennis Austin passed away recently. He was the co-creator of which software?**

- A) Power Point                                B) Excel  
C) Tally                                         D) Notepad

**Answer : A**

- ✓ One of the co-creators of Microsoft PowerPoint, Dennis Austin died at the age of 76.
- ✓ Dennis Austin, along with Robert Gaskins, developed PowerPoint and introduced it in 1987.
- ✓ Austin and Gaskins were both part of the software company Forethought, which was later acquired by Microsoft for \$14 million shortly after the launch of PowerPoint, which was originally named Presenter.
- ✓ Initially, PowerPoint was available exclusively for the Macintosh platform

**Q. Indian Airforce has received First C-295 Transport Plane from which company?**

- A) Airbus                                        B) Boeing  
C) Dassault Aviation                        D) HAL

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Indian Air Force, has received the first C-295 transport plane for India from global aircraft manufacturer Airbus at a facility in Seville, Spain.



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- ✓ India has contracted 56 of these planes, with 16 being manufactured in Spain and the remaining 40 produced by a Tata-Airbus joint venture in Vadodara, Gujarat.

**Q. Thiruvonam is a festival prevalently celebrated in which state?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Thiruvonam, the most auspicious day during the Onam festival, is celebrated throughout Kerala. Onam is a harvest festival that celebrates the return of King Mahabali/Maveli to his beloved state.
- ✓ The festival is celebrated for ten days and each day holds a lot of significance. Onam also marks the beginning of the Malayalam year, called Kolla Varsham

**Q. Which state government will provide Rs 10 lakh as compensation to the kin of person killed in a mob lynching incident?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh government will provide Rs 10 lakh as compensation to the kin of any person killed in a mob lynching incident.
- ✓ There will be a provision of compensation of Rs 4 to Rs 6 lakh for the injured.
- ✓ This will also include all those incidents of mob lynching that occur due to religion, caste, language or any other reason. Under the scheme, mob lynching will be considered in which five or more accused are involved.

**Q. Where is the world's highest fighter airfield being constructed by the Border Roads Organization (BRO)?**

- A) Ladakh  
B) Jammu and Kashmir  
C) Arunachal Pradesh  
D) Uttarakhand

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will construct the world's highest fighter airfield in the Nyoma region of Ladakh.
- ✓ The foundation stone of the project will be laid by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh from Devak Bridge.
- ✓ India is proactively working towards developing infrastructure along the 3,488 Km stretch of the Line of Actual Control.

**Q. Which country has pledged \$2 billion to the UN's Green Climate Fund (GFC) to support vulnerable countries in dealing with climate change?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has pledged \$2 billion to the UN's Green Climate Fund (GFC) to support vulnerable countries in dealing with climate change.
- ✓ The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is the biggest single funding commitment the UK has made to help the world tackle climate change.
- ✓ It was established by 194 countries following the Copenhagen Accord at COP15.
- ✓ The GCF is the largest global fund dedicated to supporting developing countries to reduce global emissions and support communities to adapt to the effects of climate change.

**Q. World Cup runner-up R Praggnanandhaa has finished which rank at the Tata Steel Chess India 2023 Open Blitz tournament?**

- A) 1st                                      B) 2nd  
C) 3rd                                      D) 4th

**Answer : C**

- ✓ World Cup runner-up R Praggnanandhaa has finished third at the Tata Steel Chess India 2023 Open Blitz tournament.
- ✓ World Champion Alexander Grischuk clinched the Open Blitz title of Tata Steel Chess India 2023 in Kolkata.
- ✓ Praggnanandha initially led the competition by remaining unbeaten in four games.
- ✓ He suffered significant defeats against Nodirbek Abdusattorov (13th round), Alexander Grishuk (15th round), and Vidit Gujrathi (16th round).



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**Q. Who has been awarded the prestigious “Dr AM Gokhale Award” for ophthalmology?**

- A) Ashvini Kumar Dwivedi                      B) RG Patel  
C) AM Gokhale                                      D) Sanjay Kumar Mishra

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Renowned ophthalmologist Brig Sanjay Kumar Mishra of Indian Army’s Research and Referral Hospital was conferred with the prestigious “Dr AM Gokhale Award” in Pune.
- ✓ Dr AM Gokhale was a renowned teacher of Ophthalmology and his students progressed to become the doyens of Ophthalmology in the country.
- ✓ Brig Mishra is one of the highest decorated officers of Indian Armed Forces Medical Services.

**Q. Which country has won the Men’s FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 after defeating Serbia?**

- A) Germany    B) Finland  
C) Sweden    D) Argentina

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Germany won their first-ever men’s FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 title by beating Serbia in Manila.
- ✓ The 19th edition of FIBA’s flagship event, co-hosted by the Philippines, Indonesia, and Japan.
- ✓ Germany became the first team to win a FIBA World Cup crown in their final debut since Spain in 2006.

**Q. When is the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation observed?**

- A) 9 September                                      B) 10 September  
C) 11 September                                      D) 12 September

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation is observed every year on September 12 since 2011, to celebrate the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south

**Q. Which state government has launched social welfare scheme “Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam”?**

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



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#### Answer : B

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has launched social welfare scheme “Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam”.
- ✓ Under the scheme, Tamil Nadu government will provide monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 to more than 1.06 crore female family heads through Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam.
- ✓ Beneficiaries will receive financial assistance through direct bank transfers and will be provided with ATM cards for easy access.
- ✓ The government emphasizes on effective implementation and will use SMS notifications to communicate with beneficiaries.

#### TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023

- Taiwanese firm Foxconn Technology Group, a key supplier to Apple Inc., signed a letter of Intent with the Tamil Nadu government to invest ₹1,600 crore to establish a manufacturing facility in Kancheepuram district.
- Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation .
- Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister "Udhayanidhi Stalin" has unveiled the trophy and the 'Bomman' mascot for the prestigious Asian Champions Trophy 2023 hockey tournament to be held in Chennai.
- Muthamizh Selvi, first Tamil Nadu woman to scale Mt Everest.
- Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..
- Tamil Nadu becomes first state to launch its own Climate Change Mission.
- Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- In a first of its kind initiative in India, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project'.





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**Q. Which bank has launched 'ONDC in a Box', a one-stop-shop proposition for corporates towards seamless enablement on ONDC?**

- A) Citibank  
B) HSBC Bank India  
C) Standard Chartered Bank  
D) MUFG Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) India has launched 'ONDC in a Box', a one-stop-shop proposition for corporates towards seamless enablement on ONDC.
- ✓ With this launch, HSBC India became the first foreign bank in India to offer an ONDC-enabled proposition.
- ✓ The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is an initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to build an open, interoperable network on which buyers and sellers can transact without needing to be present on the same platform.
- ✓ ONDC aims at fostering an inclusive, competitive, and open network, amplifying its impact across the business spectrum

**Q. Which bank has unveiled its metaverse concept for Better World, a gamified adventure for metaverse use cases?**

- A) MUFG Bank  
B) DBS Bank  
C) HSBC Bank India  
D) Standard Chartered Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ DBS has unveiled its metaverse concept for DBS BetterWorld, a gamified adventure for metaverse use cases.
- ✓ Through DBS BetterWorld, we aim to drive awareness about issues such as food waste and create engagement opportunities.
- ✓ This intends to align with the DBS Foundation's focus on championing social enterprises that bridge gaps within food and agricultural value chains.

**Q. GQG Partners has acquired how many equity shares of IDFC First Bank Ltd's MD & CEO in a ₹479.50-crore block deal transaction?**

- A) 2 crore  
B) 3 crore  
C) 4 crore  
D) 5 crore

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ GQG Partners has acquired about 5.1 crore equity shares of IDFC First Bank Ltd's MD & CEO in a ₹479.50-crore block deal transaction.
- ✓ MD & CEO of IDFC Bank, Vaidyanathan's shareholding in IDFC FIRST Bank will increase from 0.58% as of June 30, 2023, to 1.04%.
- ✓ The net proceeds of the sale of ₹478.7 crore will be used to subscribe for new shares of the bank through the exercise of options, to pay associated income tax, and to make contributions to specific pre-committed social causes
- ✓ Out of the ₹478.7 crore sales proceeds, ₹229 crore would be paid to IDFC First Bank to subscribe to new shares of the bank.
- ✓ In December 2018, Capital First merged with IDFC Bank. As part of the Amalgamation Scheme, which IDFC Bank and Capital First jointly agreed upon, these Capital First CMD stock options were converted to IDFC First Bank stock options

**Q. Which insurance company has launched a new product "Life Income Laabh" with an aim to simplify insurance and deliver maximum protection to its consumers?**

- A) Universal Sompo Insurance                      B) Cholamandalam MS Insurance  
C) Bharti AXA Life Insurance                      D) Bajaj Allianz Insurance

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Bharti AXA Life Insurance has launched a new product "Bharti AXA Life Income Laabh" with an aim to simplify insurance and deliver maximum protection to its consumers.
- ✓ The plan provides financial protection and a steady income stream to consumers.
- ✓ The newly launched plan provides customers with a steady stream of guaranteed income for 10 to 12 years, depending on the policy term they choose.
- ✓ It starts with an initial income pay-out equivalent to 100 percent of the annual premium paid by the policyholder. After 5 years, for those opting for a 10-year policy term, the income increases to 150 percent. Similarly, for a 12-year policy term, the income sees a boost of 200 percent after 6 years.

**Q. India and which country have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the Energy Sector?**

- A) Saudi Arabia                                      B) UAE  
C) Iran    D) Qatar





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- For the first time in India, the Rajasthan government introduced the Rajasthan Platform Based Gig Workers Bill, 2023.
- Rajasthan Assembly passed a bill to provide minimum guaranteed income to all adult citizens as part of a welfare package for the state.
- Rajasthan government is set to take stringent measures against recruitment exam paper leaks by introducing a bill in the upcoming assembly session.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 5600 crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan government has sanctioned Rs 13.48 crore to promote religious tourism at Nagaur, Jaisalmer, and Alwar regions of the state.
- PM Modi Launches Projects Worth Rs 5,500 Crore In Rajasthan, Including 114 Km Long Six-Lane Udaipur-Shamlaji Section Of NH-48.
- Lithium reserves have been discovered in Rajasthan's Degana following the recent discovery in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan virtually on Abu Road in the Sirohi district of Rajasthan.
- Indian Air Force's MiG-21 crashes near Hanumangarh in Rajasthan.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot has announced the launch of 19 new districts and 3 new divisions in Rajasthan.
- Presently there are 33 districts in the state.
- With the creation of these 19 new districts, the total number of districts in Rajasthan will increase to 52.

**Q. Who has recently launched the Ayushman Bhav campaign aimed at achieving Universal Health Coverage and ensuring healthcare for all?**

A) Draupadi Murmu

B) Narendra Modi

C) Amit Shah

D) Piyush Goyal

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has launched Ayushman Bhav campaign aimed at achieving Universal Health Coverage and ensuring healthcare for all.
- ✓ She launched the campaign of the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry through video conferencing from Raj Bhawan in Gandhinagar.
- ✓ The Ayushman Bhav campaign is a comprehensive nationwide healthcare initiative that aims to provide saturation coverage of healthcare services, reaching every village and town in the country.
- ✓ The campaign will be implemented during the Seva Pakhwada (Service Fortnight) from 17th September (Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Birthday) to 2nd October (Gandhi Jayanti).

**Q. Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has represented India at the eighth Eastern Economic Forum in which country?**

- A) Russia  
B) Iran  
C) Japan  
D) Germany

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has represented India at the eighth Eastern Economic Forum in the Russian port city of Vladivostok.
- ✓ The objective of the meeting is to maintain strong ties and foster strategic, trade, and logistical cooperation across various sectors.
- ✓ Sonowal expressed confidence that his visit will catalyze the efforts to develop an alternative trade route between Vladivostok and Chennai.
- ✓ The Eastern Maritime Corridor is aimed at reducing cargo transit times between the two nations.

**Q. Where is the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group meeting being held?**

- A) Varanasi  
B) Jaipur  
C) Patna  
D) Nainital

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The 4th G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting began at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to finalize the 2023 G20 Sustainable Finance Report.
- ✓ The two-day meeting under India's G20 Presidency brings together over 80 delegates from G20 member countries, special invitee countries, and International Organizations.



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- ✓ Selected G20 members and International Organizations presented progress on Focus Areas on market development and approaches to align investments to sustainability goals.
- ✓ SFWG aims to scale up private and public sustainable finance, accelerating the implementation of the Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- ✓ 1st G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting – Guwahati, Assam.
- ✓ 2nd G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting – Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✓ 3rd G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting – Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.

### 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.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.



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- 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. Who has been appointed as the Director (Finance) of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)?**

**A) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar**

**B) Deepak Singh**

**C) Rajesh Gopinathan**

**D) Aman Sehrawat**

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Joshit Ranjan Sikidar has taken over as the Director (Finance) of the state-owned Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).
- ✓ Before this appointment, Sikidar was working as Group General Manager (Finance) and the Company Secretary of RITES Ltd.



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- ✓ Sikidar is a Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary, Cost Accountant and holds an MBA in Finance.
- ✓ The SECI is a miniratna company.
- ✓ Sikidar has also worked with RITES for more than four years, over 16 years in NSPCL — a joint venture of NTPC & SAIL— and more than nine years in SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant.

**Q. The G20 Leaders' Summit held in Delhi culminated in a resounding endorsement of the 'Goa Roadmap' and the 'Travel for LiFE' program. Which ministry plans to foster the implementation of the 'Goa Roadmap' through education and awareness campaigns?**

- A) Ministry of Tourism                      B) Ministry of Finance  
C) Ministry of Education                  D) Ministry of Home affairs

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The G20 Leaders' Summit held in Delhi culminated in a resounding endorsement of the 'Goa Roadmap' and the 'Travel for LiFE' program, propelling India to the forefront of sustainable tourism initiatives.
- ✓ The 'Goa Roadmap,' a flagship initiative of India's G20 Tourism Track, serves as a groundbreaking blueprint for global sustainable tourism.
- ✓ Aligned with the theme of India's G20 Presidency, it underscores the role of tourism in society, the economy, and environmental stewardship.
- ✓ The roadmap addresses five interconnected priorities identified by the G20 Tourism Working Group: Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, Tourism MSMEs, and Destination Management.
- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism plans to foster the implementation of the 'Goa Roadmap' through education and awareness campaigns

**Q. Which of the following countries have recently signed a deal on semiconductor supply chains to expand the capacity of the semiconductor ecosystem?**

- A) United States and Vietnam              B) United States and Japan  
C) Japan and China                          D) Russia and North Korea

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The United States and Vietnam have signed a deal on semiconductor supply chains to expand the capacity of the semiconductor ecosystem in Hanoi, in support of the US industry.





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- ✓ The newly-signed Memorandum of Cooperation on Semiconductor Supply Chains, Workforce and Ecosystem Development will formalize this bilateral partnership to expand the capacity of the semiconductor ecosystem in Vietnam, in support of US industry.
- ✓ The US government will provide initial seed funding of 2 million US Dollars to launch the initiatives, in conjunction with future support from the Government of Vietnam and the private sector.

**Q. TV Narendran has been reappointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which company?**

- A) Tata Steel
- B) Adani Steel
- C) Reliance Steel
- D) Infosys Technologies

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Tata Steel Limited shareholders have approved the reappointment of TV Narendran as the global Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the next five years.
- ✓ Narendran got 99.47% of the total shareholders' votes in his favor during the meeting to approve the decision to re-appoint him for the next five years.
- ✓ Narendran will also continue holding the positions of Chairman at Tata Steel Europe, the Supervisory Board of Tata Steel Nederland BV, Tata Steel Long Products Limited, and Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited.

**Q. Who has been presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Academia?**

- A) Najma Akhtar
- B) Deepak Shenoy
- C) Shanti Lakra
- D) Neeli Bendapudi

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) Vice Chancellor, Professor Najma Akhtar was presented 'The Lifetime Achievement Award-Academia.
- ✓ The award was presented to her by Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar (Padma Vibhushan) at the Grand Conference and award function titled "Making India Employable" was organized by TeamLease EdTech.
- ✓ Akhtar was selected for the award by a jury panel comprising of educationists and industry experts. She has been awarded for her "great efforts to connect education to employment".



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**Q. Which state government has recently approved nine industrial projects involving a cumulative investment of Rs 1,01,804 crore?**

A) Odisha

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Assam

D) Haryana

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Odisha government has approved nine industrial projects involving a cumulative investment of Rs 1,01,804 crore.
- ✓ The projects are expected to create employment for over 28,000 people.
- ✓ The High-Level Clearance Authority (HLCA) headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the investment projects during its meeting.
- ✓ These projects will be set up in the districts of Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Khurda, Paradeep, Bhadrak, Ganjam, and Koraput districts.
- ✓ The projects include a 5-integrated steel plant by JSW Steel, a pellet plant by Jindal Steel and Power Ltd, a cement grinding unit by Shree Cement Ltd, and others.

### ODISHA IN NEWS 2023

- Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated Utkela Airport owned by the Government of Odisha.
- Recently, Koraput Kalajeera Rice, an aromatic rice of Odisha has got Geographical Indications status.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has distributed land right certificates to the 65,000 poor families living in the slums of five metropolitan cities including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur, and Rourkela.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' for indigenous people of the state to ensure individual and community rights over forest land for eligible beneficiaries.
- India's biggest natural arch formed 184 million years ago discovered in Odisha by Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- Odisha becomes the first state to notify a committee for conservation of seeds preserved by tribal farmers.
- Odisha government launched the 'Mo Ghara' (My Home) housing scheme.
- PM Modi launches railway projects worth over 8,000 crore rupees in Odisha.



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- Odisha government has expanded the jurisdiction of Special Development Councils (SDCs) from nine to 23 districts to improve the lives of 84 lakh tribal people.
- Odisha has its 88th foundation day on 1st April 2023.
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state.
- Aska police station of Odisha's Ganjam district became the country's number one police station.
- Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.
- Gold Deposits Found at Different Location in Three Districts of Odisha , including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slum-free by the end of 2023

**Q. The Reserve Bank of India has issued revised classification, valuation, and operation guidelines for the investment portfolio of banks, which will be effective from 1 April 2024. Under the revised guidelines, which types of banks are excluded from the application of RBI's issues revised norms?**

- A) All Commercial Banks                      B) Cooperative Banks  
C) NBFCs    D) Regional Rural Banks

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has issued revised classification, valuation and operation guidelines for the investment portfolio of commercial banks, which will be effective from April 1, 2024.
- ✓ Banks will have to categorize investments into three categories from the next financial year: available for sale (AFS), held to maturity (HTM), and a new category called 'fair value through profit and loss', or FVTPL.
- ✓ The existing held-for-trading (HFT) category will become a sub-category of the FVTPL.
- ✓ The revised directions include principle-based classification of the investment portfolio, tightening of regulations around transfers to/from held to maturity (HTM) category and sales out of HTM, inclusion of



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non-SLR (statutory liquidity ratio) securities in HTM subject to fulfillment of certain conditions and symmetric recognition of gains and losses.

- ✓ The revised Directions shall apply to all commercial banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) from the financial year commencing on April 1, 2024.

**Q. Which state government has initiated a special Gift Deed Scheme?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ UP Govt launches Gift Deed scheme to reduce property related Issues
- ✓ In a bid to foster harmony and alleviate property-related family disputes, the Yogi government initiated a special Gift Deed Scheme which has benefited over 43,574 people from 5 August 2023, to 12 September 2023.
- ✓ The public got a benefit of Rs 1807.31 crore under this scheme
- ✓ Under the new scheme, the stamp duty for such transactions has been reduced to Rs 5,000.
- ✓ Under the new policy, in Uttar Pradesh, on donation of immovable property to certain family members such as son, daughter, father, mother, husband, wife, daughter-in-law, real brother (or, in case real brother deceased, his wife), real sister, and son-in-law, a maximum stamp duty has been fixed at Rs 5,000.

**Q. Which company has partnered with Dassault Systems as part of the Living Heart Project?**

- A) TCS
- B) Infosys
- C) Wipro
- D) Reliance Industries

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. has partnered with Dassault Systems as part of the Living Heart Project.
- ✓ This initiative brings together a network of cardiovascular experts, medical professionals, and regulatory bodies, including the US FDA, to develop and validate highly realistic digital simulations of the human heart.



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- ✓ The Living Heart Project aims to revolutionize medical solutions, including the utilization of heart simulations as digital evidence for the approval of new cardiovascular devices.

### TCS IN NEWS 2023

- BSNL has placed an order worth ₹15,000 crore to tech firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to further expand the 4G network in India. .
- No TCS on LRS transactions upto Rs 7 lakh via international debit, credit cards from July 1, 2023.
- When the scheme was introduced in the year 2004, that time this limit was of USD 25,000.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI.
- K Krithivasan Appointed CEO Designate of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- Telefónica Germany Selects TCS as Transformation Partner to Build Future-Ready Operations Support.
- Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys grew their brand value to retain their positions as the second and third most valuable IT services brands, according to the 'IT Services 25' list prepared by UK-based consultancy Brand Finance for the year 2023.
- Accenture retained the top slot for the fifth year straight, with a brand valued at \$39.8 billion.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been named to FORTUNE® magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,821 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey..
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Founded : 1968
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- MD & CEO : Kriti Krithivasan



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**Q. Which state government has approved the formulation of a policy offering land and subsidies to investors to give a push to sectors such as healthcare, traditional medicine, education, films, and media in the state?**

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Uttarakhand

C) Rajasthan

D) Chhattisgarh

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Uttarakhand govt approved state's first service sector policy
- ✓ The Uttarakhand government has approved the formulation of a policy offering land and subsidies to investors to give a push to sectors such as healthcare, traditional medicine, education, films, and media in the state.
- ✓ The state cabinet in its meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama approved the promulgation of Uttarakhand Service Sector Policy-2023 offering land and capital subsidy to investors.
- ✓ The promulgation of the policy will give a boost to the service sectors such as healthcare, wellness, traditional medicine, education, film, media, sports, and skill education facilities like never before and its economy (barring tourism) will grow by USD 27 billion by 2030.

### UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2023

- Uttarakhand govt approved state's first service sector policy.
- Harela Festival 2023 begins in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.



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- 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. Which state has clinched the title of champions in the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023 after defeating Karnataka?**

- A) Haryana
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Punjab

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Maharashtra clinched the title of champions in the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023 by securing a convincing victory over Karnataka.
- ✓ It was organized by The Indian Rugby Football Union (Rugby India), the governing body for rugby in India.
- ✓ It was conducted in association with the Wheelchair Rugby Federation of India and Mitsubishi
- ✓ This National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023 marked a major milestone for Wheelchair Rugby in India.

### MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Maharashtra clinched the title of champions in the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023 by securing a convincing victory over Karnataka.



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







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- ✓ Patna Municipal Corporation starts a Cash for Waste scheme.
- ✓ Working on the theme of waste to wealth, the Patna Municipal Corporation has started a Cash for Waste scheme for common people at the recently established Material Recovery Facility (MRF).
- ✓ People are being paid for their dry waste under a prescribed price list for each item.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art facility has a capacity of processing 2 tonne of dry garbage and 1.5 tonne of wet waste per day. It has been named Pink MRF as it is run by women workers.
- ✓ The MRF has been set up by Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) with the help of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, German institution GIZ, and other organizations.

**Q. The Fourth G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) Meeting has begun in which city?**

- A) Pune**
- B) Mumbai**
- C) Hyderabad**
- D) Chennai**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Fourth G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) Meeting began in Mumbai.
- ✓ The Symposium saw panel discussions involving international experts around two key themes “Energizing MSMEs for Higher Economic Growth through Digital Public Infrastructure” and “Credit Guarantees and SME ecosystems”.
- ✓ The World Bank also presented the G20 Policy Recommendations for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains through Digital Public Infrastructure developed under G20 India Presidency which were recently endorsed by the G20 Leaders in the G20 Summit held in New Delhi.
- ✓ 1st G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Working Group Meeting – Kolkata, West Bengal (10 – 11 January 2023)
- ✓ 2nd G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Working Group Meeting – Hyderabad, Telangana (6 – 7 March 2023)
- ✓ 3rd G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Working Group Meeting – Gandhinagar, Gujarat (17 - 18 July 2023)



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**Q. Governor of Maharashtra, Ramesh Bais inaugurated the which edition of the World Trade Expo, which is India's biggest business platform for aiding global trade linkages, especially for MSMEs?**

- A) 4th                                      B) 5th  
C) 6th                                      D) 8th

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Ramesh Bais inaugurated the 4th edition of the World Trade Expo, which is India's biggest business platform for aiding global trade linkages, especially for MSMEs.
- ✓ The event is organized jointly by the World Trade Center Mumbai and All India Association of Industries (AIAI) with a view to highlight technology as a key driver of trade and tourism.
- ✓ It is an effective platform for MSMEs to explore new global markets and identify opportunities in trade, tourism and technology exchange.
- ✓ World Trade Expo will be a promising platform to showcase trade and investment opportunities in the participating countries to local MSMEs, start-ups and other stakeholders through Country Presentations, Knowledge Sessions and Exhibits.

**Q. Which of the following has organized the "Vaishali Festival of Democracy" at Bihar's Nalanda University exhibiting India's rich democratic traditions?**

- A) Finance Ministry                      B) Indian Council for Cultural Relations  
C) Election Commission of India      D) NITI Aayog

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has organized the "Vaishali Festival of Democracy" at Bihar's Nalanda University exhibiting India's rich democratic traditions.
- ✓ The festival – the 'Vaishali Festival of Democracy', will be held on Friday (September 15), which is also the International Day of Democracy.
- ✓ The ICCR chose the university as the venue due to its great significance for Bihar, the democratic ethos of the country, and the presence of an international audience.
- ✓ Vaishali in Bihar is the place where the roots of democracy are traced.

**Q. India has won SAFF U-16 Championship 2023 after defeating which country in Thimphu, Bhutan?**

- A) Bhutan                                      B) Bangladesh  
C) Nepal                                        D) Pakistan





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- ✓ In India, Hindi Divas or Hindi Day is an annual day celebrated on 14 September, to celebrate the popularity of Hindi as an official language of the country.
- ✓ Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because it was on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.
- ✓ The language was adopted under the Article 343 of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ World Hindi Day is celebrated on January 10 since 2006 to promote the language at the global stage.





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