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

- Q. Which bank has launched a transaction banking platform for the Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) called NEO for Business?
  - A) Axis Bank
  - B) Yes Bank
  - C) HDFC Bank
  - D) ICICI Bank

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Axis Bank has launched a transaction banking platform for the Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) called NEO for Business.
- ✓ It will cater to the "real, current, and emerging" transaction needs of Indian MSMEs.
- ✓ The NEO for Business platform offers features like digital self on-boarding, bulk payments, GST compliance invoicing, payment gateway integration, end-to-end transaction tracking, auto reconciliation, cash flow reports, and recurring collections, among others
- ✓ India currently has over 65 million MSMEs, which contribute over 30 percent to India's gross domestic product (GDP).
- The MSME Business Banking landscape is evolving rapidly, and there is a need for a comprehensive solution for all their Banking and Beyond Banking requirements.
- NEO by Axis Bank' was launched as a platform for our corporate banking customers, offering a complete suite of digital banking products and services. Within this platform, our newly launched 'NEO for Business' is a one-stop solution for the business requirements of MSMEs.
- ✓ Who can use NEO for Business?
- Existing Axis Bank Current Account customers can use NEO for Business on mobile by downloading a mobile app or through a simple web-based digital registration.
- ✓ It currently caters to sole proprietorship entities and individuals who form a considerable part of MSME addressable pool in the industry. Axis Bank will soon be extending the platform to companies, partnerships, and LLPs.



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### AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023

- > Axis Bank Launched 'NEO For Business' Banking Platform For MSMEs.
- > Axis Bank Introduces 'Infinity Savings Account' with Zero Domestic Transaction Fees.
- > Axis Bank partners with RBI Innovation Hub to launch Kisan Credit cards.
- > Axis Bank Partners with Kiwi to Bolster 'Credit on UPI' on RuPay Credit Cards.
- Axis Bank has launched the 'one-view' feature on its mobile application which enables account management across multiple bank accounts.
- Axis Bank has appointed NS Vishwanathan, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as non-executive chairman.
- > Axis Bank launches Digital Onboarding platform 'Sarathi' for POS Terminals.
- Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation ltd announce strategic partnership under the colending model.
- > Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank Partners with OPEN to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account.
- AXIS BANK
- ➢ Founded : 1993
- > HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- > Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi
- Q. Who has been appointed as the vice-president for Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Market Solutions for three years?
  - A) Bhargav Dasgupta
  - C) Arvind Panagariya

- **B) Jagdish Bhagwati**
- D) Usha Rao-Monari

### Answer : A

✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Bhargav Dasgupta as vice-president for Market Solutions for three years.



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- ✓ This development follows Dasgupta's resignation as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company.
- ✓ Having joined ICICI Lombard in May 2009 as Managing Director and CEO, Dasgupta served the general insurance company for over 14 years.
- ✓ Dasgupta also spearheaded ICICI Lombard's initial public offering, making it India's first listed general insurance company.
- ✓ Initially, Dasgupta had been scheduled to step down from his position at ICICI Lombard in April 2024 after completing a 15-year term.
- Q. Who has become the first woman to stand as an umpire in a men's first-class cricket match in England and Wales?
  - A) Sue Redfern

C) Marizanne Kapp

B) Beth Mooney

D) Laura Wolvaardt

#### Answer : A

- Sue Redfern became the first woman to stand as an umpire in a men's first-class cricket match in England and Wales.
- Redfern, who played 21 times for England from 1995-99, has been appointed for the County Championship fixture between Glamorgan and Derbyshire.
- ✓ Two years ago, she was the first woman to officiate at a home England men's match as the fourth official for the T20 international against Sri Lanka.
- ✓ She was the first woman to umpire a T20 Blast game when Gloucestershire played Middlesex in Bristol this season.
- Redfern was the first woman to be awarded a full-time contract by the England and Wales Cricket Board last year.

### **FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2023**

- Sue Redfern became the first woman to stand as an umpire in a men's first-class cricket match in England and Wales.
- Jaya Varma Sinha has been appointed as the new Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board (Ministry of Railways) w.e.f Sept 01, 2023. She has replaced AK Lahoti.
- > She is the first woman to be appointed to this Apex post of Indian Railways.



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



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- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- > Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- > Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- > Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- > Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- > Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- > Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match.
- > PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.

Q. Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma has recently launched the Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme. What is the purpose of this scheme?

- A) To provide medical assistance for poor families
- B) To provide employment opportunities for unemployed youth
- C) To provide agriculture loans for interest free
- D) To provide scooty for girls

### Answer: B

- Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme is a government initiative launched by the Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- ✓ Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme aims to provide employment opportunities and financial assistance to the unemployed youth of the state.
- ✓ Its primary goal is to connect 2 lakh eligible individuals in two years, with a focus on assisting 1 lakh people in the financial year 2023-2024 and another 1 lakh people in the financial year 2024-2025.
- ✓ The eligibility standards and other restrictions will be made public on September 23, 2023, when the scheme officially launches.
- ✓ The scheme will have an online registration portal launched on September 23, 2023.



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- Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme: Financial assistance for 2 lakh recipients with interest-free loan and training:-
- ✓ Assam Atmanirbhar Yojana aims to provide assistance to 2 lakh individuals in the next two years.
- ✓ In the financial year 2023-2024, 100,000 recipients will receive an amount of Rs 1 lakh, and an additional 100,000 will receive the same amount in the next financial year, depending on their performance

Q. Which of the following will launch a new credit rating agency next year in response to its concerns about what it views as unfair ratings given to countries?

A) Asian GroupC) I2U2 Group

B) European UnionD) African Union

### Answer : D

- The African Union plans to launch a new African credit rating agency next year in response to its concerns about what it views as unfair ratings given to African countries.
- ✓ The agency will generate its own evaluation of lending risks associated with African countries.
- ✓ It will operate within the continent, self-funding its operations, and aims to provide additional context for investors when making decisions about purchasing African bonds or extending private loans to countries.
- The African Union and its member nations' leaders assert that the "big three" ratings agencies Moody's, Fitch, and S&P Global Ratings – do not fairly assess the lending risks associated with African countries. They also allege that these agencies are quicker to downgrade African countries, especially during crises such as the global health crisis.
- ✓ A study by the UN earlier had shown that subjective biases in credit ratings had cost African countries a combined US\$74.5 billion. This was through funding opportunities lost and excess interest paid on public debt.
- ✓ <u>About African Union (AU):</u>
- 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.



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- 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. SIMBEX Exercise is being organized between the Navy of India and which country?
  - A) Singapore B) Sri Lanka
  - C) France

### Answer : A

✓ The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) has commenced, marking another milestone in the strong and enduring partnership between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in South China Sea.

**D)** Russia

- ✓ This annual naval exercise, which began in 1994, stands as a testament to the deep-rooted maritime cooperation between the two nations.
- ✓ Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay and Kavaratti, alongside the submarine INS Sindhukesari, have arrived in Singapore to participate in SIMBEX-2023.
- ✓ The exercise also sees the inclusion of the Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I.
- ✓ The SIMBEX enhances interoperability and mutual understanding between two navies.
- ✓ The Exercise is conducted in two phases.
- ✓ The Harbour Phase includes wide range of professional interactions, cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and sports fixtures. The Sea phase of SIMBEX includes exercises of air- defence, gunnery firing, anti-submarine and other maritime operations.
- ✓ SIMBEX is the longest naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy with any other country.
- Q. International Cricket Council has released the official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup beginning on the 5 October. The music for the anthem has been prepared by \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) Sonu Nigam

B) Udit Narayan

C) Pritam

D) AR Rehman

### Answer : C

- ✓ International Cricket Council has released the official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup beginning on the 5 October.
- ✓ The theme of the anthem is Dil Jashn Bole and it features Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and other popular social media influencers.



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- The music for the anthem has been prepared by Pritam, and the singers are Pritam, Nakash Aziz, Sreerama Chandra, Amit Mishra, Jonita Gandhi, AKASA, and Charan.
- ✓ The video showcases Ranveer Singh dancing in a train compartment on the song Dil Jashan Jashan Bole, and then travelers join him to dance.
- The Cricket World Cup is being held in India after 12 years. It will be played across 10 cities. The opening match on 5th October will be played between England and New Zealand at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium.
- ✓ India will play its first match against Australia in Chennai.
- Q. Who has won a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia?
  - A) Lovlina Borgohain
  - C) Nikhat Zareen

**B)** Antim Panghal

D) Sakshi Malik

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Young Indian wrestler Antim Panghal won a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.
- ✓ Panghal's victory also secured a quota for India in the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- ✓ In the bronze medal match, Panghal defeated two-time European champion Emma Jonna Denise Malmgren by a score of 16-6, India's first medal in the ongoing edition of the World Championships.
- ✓ This achievement added India's total medal tally at the World Championships to 23, which includes one gold, five silver, and 17 bronze medals.
- ✓ Medals in Women's Wrestling 53 kg category:
- ✓ Japan's Fujinami Akari won the gold medal.
- ✓ Vanessa Kaladzinskaya earned a silver medal representing the individual neutral athletes.
- ✓ Ecuador's Lucia Yepez and United World Wrestling's Antim Panghal both won bronze medals.
- $\checkmark$  She is only the sixth Indian woman to win a bronze medal at the World Championship
- Q. In which sport did India win the first gold medal in the Asian Games 2022?

A) swimming

B) Cricket

C) Shooting

D) Table tennis

Answer : C

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- ✓ India has won its first gold medal in the Asian Games 2023.
- ✓ Aishwarya Pratap Singh, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Rudraksh Patil topped the 10m air rifle men's team event.
- ✓ This Indian trio won the gold medal in 10 meter air rifle with a world record score of 1893.7.
- ✓ The 19th edition of the Asian Games is being organized in Hangzhou, China from 23 September. 655 athletes from India are participating in this event.
- Q. Senco Gold & Diamonds has launched India's "first virtual jewellery showroom" on the metaverse. What is the name of this showroom?
  - A) CencoverseB) BencoverseC) SencoverseD) Pencoverse

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Senco Gold & Diamonds has launched India's "first virtual jewellery showroom" on the metaverse, christened 'Sencoverse'.
- ✓ The initiative offers a new and immersive way for customers to shop for jewellery from the comfort of their homes, the company said.
- Metaverse is a virtual-reality space in which users can interact with a computer-generated environment and with each other.
- ✓ The showroom provides 360-degree views of jewellery items in stunning 3D detail, along with interactive features for zooming in on details and learning more about the products.
- ✓ The virtual space features a collection of over 100 jewellery products.
- Q. Which country has become the world's freest economy in 2023, according to a report released by the Canadian think tank Fraser Institute?
  - A) Singapore

B) China

C) Russia

D) Ukraine

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Singapore has dethroned Hong Kong to become the world's freest economy in 2023, according to a report released by Canadian think tank Fraser Institute.
- ✓ Singapore is now the world's freest economy, displacing Hong Kong after 53 years.

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- ✓ For the first time since the Economic Freedom of the World Index started in 1970, Hong Kong slipped to second place from the number one spot and its score is about to drop even further.
- ✓ Switzerland, New Zealand, and the U.S. occupy the third, fourth and fifth positions respectively.

### Q. The 'Free From Food' event held at which place?

A) DubaiB) New YorkC) LondonD) New Delhi

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The 'Free From Food' Dubai event concluded at the Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre
- ✓ Organized by Expo Business Communications in partnership with the UAE Food & Beverage Business Group, this edition of the event left a lasting mark on the Middle East's Healthy, Organic, Vegan, Plant-Based, Functional, and Free-From food sectors.
- ✓ Over the course of two days, the B2B event provided a valuable platform for international food manufacturers, importers, traders, and retailers to connect, share knowledge, and explore opportunities in the thriving Middle Eastern food industry

#### Q. In which of the following countries has the world's oldest wooden structure been found?

C) South Africa

#### Answer : D

- ✓ World's oldest wooden structure discovered in Zambia
- Archaeologists have discovered what is thought to be the world's oldest known wooden structure near the border of Zambia and Tanzania.

D) Zambia

- ✓ Found along a riverbank in Zambia, the simple structure consists of two interlocking logs of a large-fruited willow tree. One log lies on top of the other and is held in place by a notch in its underside.
- ✓ Marks on the wooden structure show that the logs were carved, chopped, and shaped with sharp stone tools. The structure predates modern humans and probably served as a walkway for human ancestors who lived along the Kalambo River nearly half a million years ago.



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Q. Along with West Indies, which other country will host ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- A) England
- C) United States

- **B) South Africa**
- D) Australia

#### Answer : C

- ✓ ICC confirms venues of 2024 Men's T20 World Cup to be co-hosted by USA
- ✓ The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 will be co-hosted by the USA and West Indies, with matches taking place in major cities like Dallas, Florida, and New York.
- ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed as many as 10 venues in the West Indies and the USA between June 4 and 30.
- ✓ The West Indies will have 7 venues while the USA will have 3 for the showpiece T20 international tournament.
- ✓ The previous edition of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2022 was hosted by Australia
- Q. Who among the following was not appointed by the Election Commission of India to educate and motivate young voters?

A) Dhamaka Singh	B) Chacha Chaudhary
C) Sabu	D) Pankaj Tripathi

#### Answer : D

- "Chacha Chaudhary aur Chunavi Dangal" comic book has been launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI) & Pran Comics to inspire youth to enroll and participate in the festival of democracy.
- ✓ Chacha Chaudhary, Sabu, Raaka, Dhamaka Singh, Billoo & other comic characters will now create awareness amongst children about elections
- ✓ The characters brought to life by the renowned Cartoonist late Pran Kumar Sharma.
- Q. The government has recently launched an AI chatbot for which scheme, which is the first of its kind to be integrated with a major flagship scheme of the Central Government?
  - A) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
  - B) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi
  - C) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
  - D) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

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#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has launched an AI chatbot the first of its kind to be integrated with a major flagship scheme of the central government for the PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) scheme.
- The AI chatbot was launched by Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, in presence of Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja and Additional Agriculture Secretary Pramod Meherda.
- ✓ The AI Chatbot introduced with the PM-KISAN scheme serves as a comprehensive guide for beneficiaries, offering timely and accurate responses to their inquiries related to the scheme.
- ✓ This marks the first instance of an AI Chatbot integration with a major flagship scheme of the Union Government. Developed and enhanced with the support of EK step Foundation and Bhashini, the Chatbot aims to empower farmers with a user-friendly and accessible platform.
- ✓ Key facts about PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- ✓ It is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India.
- ✓ Objective: The scheme aims to supplement the financial needs of the farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income.
- ✓ Benefits and Eligibility Conditions:
- ✓ Under the scheme an income support of 6,000/- per year in three equal instalments will be provided to all land-holding farmer families.
- ✓ The definition of family for the scheme is husband, wife and minor children.
- State Government and UT administration will identify the farmer families which are eligible for support as per scheme guidelines.
- $\checkmark$  The fund will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- ✓ The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from Gorakhpur. With the launch today, the first instalment of Rs 2,000 will be directly credited to the bank accounts of over one crore farmers..
- ✓ About:
- ✓ Scheme Objective: To provide an assured income support to small and marginal farmers.
- ✓ Salient Features of the scheme:



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- ✓ Under this programme, vulnerable landholding farmer families, having cultivable land upto 2 hectares, will be provided direct income support at the rate of Rs 6,000 per year.
- ✓ This income support will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary farmers, in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000 each.
- ✓ Implementation Period: The programme would be made effective from 1st December 2018 and the first instalment for the period upto 31st March 2019 would be paid during this year itself.
- ✓ Funding: This programme will be funded by Government of India and will entail an annual expenditure of Rs 75,000 crore
- Q. Which company has been awarded two contracts worth Rs 13,888 crore by the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) to install smart meters?
  - A) Reliance Industries
  - B) Adani Group
  - C) NTPC Limited
  - **D) TATA Group**

### Answer: B

- ✓ The Adani Group has been awarded two contracts worth Rs 13,888 crore by the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) to install smart meters.
- ✓ A total of six tenders were awarded by the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL) to install smart meters, of which two have been bagged by the Adani Group.
- ✓ The diversified group has a sizeable presence in the power sector and had recently won a Rs 1,000 crore contract to install smart meters in the area serviced by BEST Undertaking in Mumbai.
- ✓ The two zones awarded to Adani include Bhandup, Kalyan, and Konkan having 63.44 lakh meters, and Baramati and Pune having 52.45 lakh meters, it said.
- ✓ The group's transmission arm Adani Energy Solutions, which was earlier known as Adani Transmission, is active in the smart meter segment.
- ✓ Adani Group will emerge as the largest smart meter supplier in the country, commanding a 30 percent share of the market. It has already won contracts to install such meters in four to five states

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- Q. Which state government has introduced a bill in the assembly that seeks to empower it to "aid and advise" the governor in the appointment of vice-chancellors in two agriculture and horticulture universities in the state?
  - A) Rajasthan

**B)** Bihar

C) Chhattisgarh D) Himachal Pradesh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh government has introduced a bill in the assembly that seeks to empower it to "aid and advise" the governor in the appointment of vice-chancellors in two agriculture and horticulture universities in the state.
- ✓ The proposed legislation The Himachal Pradesh Universities of Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry (Amendment) Bill, 2023 — will be applicable to Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Krishi Vishvavidyalay, Palampur, and Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan.
- ✓ At present, the VCs are appointed by the governor who is also the chancellor of the state-run universities on the recommendation of the selection committee consisting of a nominee of the governor, chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and chairman of the University Grants Commission or his nominee.
- The amendments to sections 23 and 24 of the Act provide that the governor shall appoint the vice chancellor on the "aid and advice" of the government.
- Q. Which state government has launched an Officer Desk System to accelerate secretariat works and ensure prompt and transparent disposal of files?
  - A) Uttar Pradesh B) Madhya Pradesh
  - C) Rajasthan

D) Haryana

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government has launched an Officer Desk System to accelerate secretariat works and ensure prompt and transparent disposal of files.
- The Officer Desk System aims at expeditious file management and curbing corrupt practices while executing government schemes promptly.
- ✓ The Desk Officer System will be formed in each department located at the secretariat.
- ✓ Under the Desk Officer System, an officer is appointed as the nodal body, with wide autonomy in his work.



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- ✓ The desk officer at the central level could be either a section officer or an under-secretary level officer who functions according to the power delegated by the ministries and departments.
- ✓ These powers could be like signing financial sanctions, affirming affidavits in court, handling confidential papers, etc
- Q. Who has recently climbed world's eighth-highest mountain peak?
  - A) Sunil KumarB) Harshvardhan JoshiC) Ratnesh PandeyD) Satyarup Siddhanta

#### Answer : A

- ✓ A 32-year-old Indian banker has successfully scaled Mt Manaslu in Nepal, achieving the feat of being the first Indian climber to summit the world's eighth-highest mountain peak in this season.
- Sunil Kumar, who hails from Haryana, reached the peak of Mt Manaslu which stands at 8,163 metres above sea level along with another Nepalese climber and two mountain guides.
- ✓ Kumar climbed the mountain situated on the northern side of central Nepal in Gorkha district.

Q. The World Pharmacist Day is celebrated annually on which day?

A) 23 September	B) 24 September
C) 25 September	D) 22 September

### Answer : C

- ✓ The World Pharmacist Day is observed on September 25 annually to encourage activities that promote and advocate for the role of the pharmacist in improving health in every corner of the world.
- ✓ 2023.theme : "Pharmacy strengthening health systems".
- The day was designated in 2009 by the FIP Council (International Pharmaceutical Federation or Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique) at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul, Turkey
- Q. The Antyodaya Diwas is observed on which day in India?
  - A) September 25

B) September 24

C) September 23 D) September 22

Answer : A



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- ✓ In India, the Antyodaya Diwas is observed every year on September 25, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- ✓ Antyodaya means "uplifting the poorest of the poor" or "rise of the last person"
- ✓ The day was declared by the Modi Government on September 25, 2014 and officially celebrated since 2015.
- ✓ Through Antyodaya Diwas, the government wants to carry forward the message of Upadhyaya who visualised uplift of the poorest of the poor in the country
- Q. The celebration of Antyodaya Diwas marks the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?
  - A) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya B) Ram Manohar Lohia
  - C) Syama Prasad Mukherjee D) Janeshwar Mishra

#### Answer : A

Q. India's first green hydrogen fuel cell bus was launched in which state/UT?

A) Himachal Pradesh	B) Delhi
C) Jammu and Kashmir	D) Assam

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the first of its kind hydrogen fuel cell bus from India Gate in New Delhi. On this occasion, he said that the government is working in mission mode to bring new generation of green fuel.
- ✓ Indian Oil Chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya said that 13 more buses will be launched in the Delhi-NCR region by the end of the year.

### **INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023**

- Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF) in Hyderabad.
- > India's first-ever sports university to be set up in Manipur.
- > India Launches Its 1st Indigenous e-Tractor Developed By the CMERI.
- Dr Jitendra Singh, had launched the CSIR Prima ET11, the first indigenous e-Tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, a public engineering R&D institution in Durgapur, West Bengal, and a constituent laboratory of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).



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- > Kerala Launches India's First AI School, Pioneering Future-Focused Education.
- Sanchi, a world heritage site located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, is all set to become India's first solar city.
- > Hitachi Payment Services launched India's first UPI-ATM.
- > India's first Vedic-themed park unveiled in Noida.
- Google celebrates India's street food 'pani puri' with an interactive game Doodle, allowing users to help a street vendor fulfill pani puri orders.
- > OPPO India sets up first PPP-model Atal Tinkering Lab in Kerala.
- Kerala gets India's first Construction Innovation Hub.
- Uttar Pradesh government announced that the Buddh international circuit in Greater Noida will host India's first MotoGP racing event.
- India's First 'Sahiwal' Breed Calf Given Birth Through 'Cow Surrogacy' At TTD's Goshala In Tirupati.
- Recently, the PM has inaugurated India's first facility to produce rare earth permanent magnets in Visakhapatnam.
- > India's first online gaming academy launched in Madhya Pradesh.
- > Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- > India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- > India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.
- India's first private hill station Lavasa was sold to Darwin Platform Infrastructure for Rs 1.8 thousand crore after the approval of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- Tech startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone capable of vertical take-off and landing. This drone has been named Skyhawk.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled the country's first droneair traffic management system "Sky UTM".
- > India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Luminous Power Technologies announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.



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- > India's First AC Double Decker Electric Bus Introduced in Mumbai.
- > NCERT Launched India's First National Assessment Regulator "PARAKH".
- PARAKH stands for The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- > Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- Shivangi Singh being the first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter aircraft, is a trailblazer in the Indian Air Force.
- India's first "Water Metro" services will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 25, 2023 in Kochi, Kerala.
- Mana village on India-China border in UK's Chamoli district declared as 'India's first village' by BRO.
- Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity campus in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- City Union Bank (CUB) launched India's first Voice Biometric Authentication banking app for its mobile banking app which uses it to improve security.
- > India's first semi high-speed regional rail services in NCR named 'RAPIDX'.
- > India's first 3D-printed post office is being built in Bengaluru.
- NSE Indices Ltd, a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched India's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index.
- India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) in Gurugram, Haryana.
- > IPL India's first unicorn with a \$1.1 billion valuation.
- > Northern India's first nuclear plant to come up in Haryana's Gorakhpur.
- > MobiKwik becomes India's first app to Support Credit Cards on UPI.
- Q. Who has won the prestigious Norman E. Borlaug Award for 2023?
  - A) Swati Nayak

B) Kajal Chakraborty

C) Cynthia Rosenzweig

D) Mahalingam Govindraj

Answer : A



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- Indian agriculture scientist Swati Nayak won the prestigious Norman E. Borlaug Award for 2023.
- ✓ About Norman E. Borlaug Award:
- ✓ The award recognises exceptional scientists under 40 and someone who works in the field of food and nutrition security and hunger eradication.
- ✓ It is given in memory of the Nobel awardee and Green Revolution's chief architect Dr Norman Borlaug.
- ✓ The award will honour an individual who is working closely and directly "in the field" or at the production or processing level with farmers, animal herders, fishers or others in rural communities in any discipline or enterprise across the entire food production, processing, and distribution chain.
- ✓ The award diploma incorporates the image of Dr. Borlaug at work in the fields of Mexico and a cash prize of \$10.000.
- ✓ It is endowed by the Rockefeller Foundation and will be presented every October in Des Moines, Iowa, by the World Food Prize Foundation.
- ✓ Other Indian recipients: Aditi Mukherji (2012) and Mahalingam Govindaraj (2022).
- ✓ <u>Contributions of Swati Nayak</u>
- ✓ She introduced Sahbhagi Dhan', a drought-tolerant variety rice suitable for hilly uplands, and 'BINA Dhan-11', which is flood-tolerant.
- ✓ BINA-Dhan-11', which contains a submergence-tolerant Sub1 gene identified from an indigenous land race of Odisha.
- ✓ The Sub1 gene has been incorporated into many existing popular high-yielding varieties such as 'Samba Mahsuri', 'Swarna' and 'Ranjit'.
- ✓ There are, likewise, other drought-tolerant varieties, such as 'DRR Dhan 42' and 'DRR Dhan 44'.
- Who will be honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award? Q.
  - A) Rekha
  - C) Waheeda Rehman

**B)** Jaya Bachchan **D)** Dharmendra

### Answer : C

- ✓ Veteran actress Waheeda Rehman will be honored with the country's top honor in the field of cinema, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- ✓ Last year, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was presented to veteran Bollywood actress Asha Parekh.
- The Government of India had announced the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1969.  $\checkmark$
- Dadasaheb Phalke is known as the 'Father of Indian Cinema'.

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- ✓ Although Rehman achieved her film debut in the Telugu film Rojulu Marayi (1955), she received recognition for her work in Hindi films directed by Guru Dutt, which included Pyaasa (1957), Kaagaz Ke Phool (1959), Chaudhvin Ka Chand (1960) and Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam (1962), for which she received her first Filmfare nomination.
- ✓ In 2011, the Government of India honoured Rehman with the Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award of the country.
- ✓ The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest honour in cinema
- ✓ Dadasaheb Phalke is known as the 'Father of Indian Cinema'.
- ✓ He had made India's first full-length feature film Raja Harishchandra in 1913.
- ✓ This award was first given to Devika Rani in the year 1969.
- ✓ Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- ✓ First awarded : 1969
- ✓ Total awarded : 52
- ✓ Prithviraj Kapoor (1971) and actor Vinod Khanna (2017) are the only posthumous recipients.
- ✓ Awarded for : "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema".
- ✓ This award is given annually at the National Films Awards
- The first recipient of Dadasaheb Phalke Award was Devika Rani who received the award in 1969 and also known as "the first lady of Indian cinema"
- ✓ The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs. 10 Lakh.
- ✓ 49th 2017 (65th National Films Awards) Vinod Khanna
- ✓ 50th 2018 (66th National Films Awards) Amitabh Bachchan
- ✓ 51st 2019 (67th National Films Awards) Rajinikanth
- ✓ 52nd 2022( 68th National Films Awards) Asha Parekh
- Q. In which city will the IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup 2023 be organized?
  - A) Panaji

B) Kochi

C) Chennai

D) Hyderabad

#### Answer: B

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) said that the 'IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup 2023' will be organized at the United Sports Center in Kakkanad in Kochi.



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- ✓ This tournament will be held between 26 September and 2 October.
- Teams from Costa Rica, Chile, Poland, Romania, Greece, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea and India will participate in it.

## **KERALA IN NEWS 2023**

- The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) said that the 'IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup 2023' will be organized at the United Sports Center in Kakkanad in Kochi, Kerala.
- Kerala unveils additional books to include portions deleted by NCERT.
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) Secretary Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma launched the 'Graphene-Aurora program' at a function in Maker Village Kochi, Kerala.
- kerala has launched a groundbreaking scheme called 'Shubhayatra'.
- Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- Piramal Finance opened the first all women branch named "Maitreyi" at Thripunithura near Kochi to cater to the unique needs of women customers.
- > Kerala has become the first state in the country to launch its own internet service.
- > Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- Kerala has adopted a water budget, the first of its kind in the country, to deal with the problem of water scarcity in summer.
- > Dharmadam, Kerala becomes first complete library constituency in India.
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project.
- India's first Graphene Innovation center to be set up in Kerala.
- Recently, a group of researchers discovered a butterfly subspecies from the fringes of Akkulam and Vembanad lakes in Kerala.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th April flagged off Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station.
- Kerala declared first State to enable digital banking service.
- > M T Vasudevan Nair was awarded the "Kerala Jyoti", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.



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- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the 2nd G20 Empower meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the theme "Women Empowerment: Win-win for Equality and Economy".
- > Kerala to become first State to use robotics tech extensively for manhole cleaning.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites.

Q. For how many years has the Central Government extended the tenure of RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao?

A) 01 year	B) 02 years

C) 03 years

D) 04 years

### Answer : A

- ✓ The central government has extended the tenure of RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao by one year.
- Rajeshwar Rao's next term will start from October 9 this year. Before this he was the Executive Director of RBI.
- ✓ About Reserve Bank of India
- ✓ It was established on April 1, 1935 as per the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- ✓ Sir Osborne Smith was made the first Governor of RBI.
- The central office of the Reserve Bank was established in Kolkata which was permanently shifted to Mumbai in the year 1937.
- ✓ It was nationalized in 1949 and now theGovernment of India owns the RBI.
- ✓ It has the power to regulate banks under the Banking Regulation Act 1949.
- ✓ It has the power to regulate Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) under the RBI Act 1934.
- ✓ RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 April 1935
- ✓ RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- ✓ 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- ✓ 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh



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- ✓ 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- ✓ RBI Deputy Governor (4)
  - 1. Tavarna Rabi Sankar
  - 2. Michael D Patra
  - 3. M Rajeshwar Rao
  - 4. Swaminathan Janakiraman
- ✓ FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :
  - 1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
  - 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
  - 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
  - 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).
  - 5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- ✓ India has four currency note printing presses.
- ✓ Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- ✓ Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- ✓ Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida
- Q. Who will lead a delegation of Parliament to the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum?
  - A) Shashi TharoorB) Rajnath SinghC) Harivansh Narayan SinghD) Om Birla

#### Answer : C

- Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh will lead a delegation of Parliament to the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Johannesburg from 27-29 September.
- ✓ Its main focus is to use parliamentary diplomacy to enhance BRICS and African partnerships.
- ✓ The first BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held under the chairmanship of Russia in Moscow on 8 June 2015.
- ✓ The 15th BRICS summit hosted by South Africa in Johannesburg, holds significant importance against the backdrop of geopolitical changes and global economic dynamics.
- ✓ The theme for the 15th BRICS Summit is "BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism".



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- ✓ The BRICS group of nations comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. It accounts for more than 40% of the world's population and about 26% of the global economy.
- ✓ About BRICS
- ✓ The full form of BRICS is Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- ✓ Goldman Sachs economist Jim O'Neill coined the term BRIC (without South Africa) in 2001.
- ✓ He claimed that by 2050, the four BRIC economies would dominate the global economy by 2050.
- ✓ South Africa was included in the list in 2010.
- ✓ The presidency of the Forum is rotated annually among the members.
- ✓ BRICS accounts for about 40% of the world's population.
- ✓ It accounts for 30% of the world's GDP (Gross Domestic Product).
- ✓ In the year 2014, during the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, the BRICS leaders signed an agreement to establish a New Development Bank (NDB).
- Q. Which country's women's cricket team won the gold medal in the Asian Games 2023?

A) Sri Lanka	B) Pakistan
C) India	D) China

### Answer : C

- India's women's cricket team has won the gold medal by defeating Sri Lanka in the final of the Asian Games 2023.
- ✓ This is India's second gold in this edition.
- ✓ The Indian team was led by Harmanpreet Kaur.
- ✓ India won the match by defeating Sri Lanka by 19 runs.

Q. How many Vande Bharat trains was recently flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

**B) 08** 

**D) 10** 

- A) 07
- **C) 09**

Answer : C

 Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off nine Vande Bharat trains through video conferencing. With this, the total number of Vande Bharat trains in the country has now become 34.



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- ✓ These 9 trains will boost connectivity in 11 states Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal.
- ✓ The first Vande Bharat train in India was operated in 2019.
- ✓ The new trains that were flagged off by Prime Minister Modi are Udaipur Jaipur Vande Bharat Express, Tirunelveli-Madurai- Chennai Vande Bharat Express, Hyderabad –Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express, Vijayawada – Chennai (via Renigunta) Vande Bharat Express, Patna – Howrah Vande Bharat Express, Kasaragod – Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express, Rourkela – Bhubaneswar – Puri Vande Bharat Express, Ranchi – Howrah Vande Bharat Express and Jamnagar-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express.

### Q. In which city will the G20 University Connect Finale be organized?

- A) Ahmedabad
- C) Jaipur

D) Varanasi

**B)** New Delhi

#### Answer : B

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited the youth to participate in the G20 University Connect Finale on 26th of this month.
- ✓ It will be organized at the prestigious 'Bharat Mandapam' located in New Delhi.
- ✓ Recently, G20 Summit 2023 was organized under the chairmanship of India in 'Bharat Mandapam'.

Q. In which sport did India win the first gold medal in the Asian Games 2022?

- A) swimming
- **B)** Cricket
- **C)** Shooting
- D) Table tennis

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India has won its first gold medal in the Asian Games 2023.
- Aishwarya Pratap Singh, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Rudraksh Patil topped the 10m air rifle men's team event.
- $\checkmark$  This Indian trio won the gold medal in 10 meter air rifle with a world record score of 1893.7.
- ✓ The 19th edition of the Asian Games is being organized in Hangzhou, China from 23 September. 655 athletes from India are participating in this event.



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Q. \_\_\_\_ percent of India's villages have achieved the open defecation free-plus status.

A) 91%	B) 75%
C) 60%	D) 48%

#### Answer : B

- ✓ About 4.4 lakh or 75 per cent of India's villages have achieved the open defecation free-plus status, Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- ✓ An 'ODF Plus' village is one which has sustained its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status along with implementing either solid or liquid waste management systems.
- ✓ Addressing media persons, Shekhawat said over 4.43 lakh villages so far have declared themselves ODF Plus, which is a significant step towards achieving the goals of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin by 2024-25.
- ✓ He added that all villages in 14 states and Union Territories (UT) have achieved ODF Plus Status, of which four have been declared 'ODF Plus Model'.
- ✓ The top performing states and UTs which have 100 per cent ODF Plus villages are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Puducherry, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Tripura.
- ✓ Of these, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, Jammu and Kashmir and Sikkim have have achieved the 'ODF Plus Model' status.
- ✓ Out of the 4,43,964 ODF Plus villages so far, 2,92,497 villages are 'ODF Plus Aspiring' with arrangements for solid waste or liquid waste management systems, 55,549 are 'ODF Plus Rising' with arrangements for both solid and liquid waste management and 96,018 are 'ODF Plus model'.
- ✓ "The achievement of 75% ODF Plus villages is a significant milestone for India, as the country has moved from ODF to ODF Plus in Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin Phase II," Shekhawat said

B) ₹1.18 Trillion

D) ₹1.39 Trillion

Q. PFC and SJVN Tie Uup for \_\_ Investment in RE, Thermal Projects

A) ₹1.02 Trillion

C) ₹1.26 Trillion

Answer : B



Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with state-owned hydro power firm SJVN Ltd, committing to finance the latter's renewable energy and thermal power projects.

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- The deal is valued at Rs 1.18 trillion and aims to set up 12 gigawatt (Gw) of power generation capacity, predominantly from renewable sources such as solar, wind, and pumped hydro, along with a 660 megawatt thermal power project.
- The financial backing from PFC is expected to range between Rs 80,000 crore and Rs 90,000 crore, displaying a significant commitment to these crucial projects. According to a PFC statement, this funding could be augmented to meet the specific needs of the renewable projects, highlighting the flexibility of the partnership.
- ✓ Nand Lal Sharma, chairman and managing director of SJVN, said the agreement would contribute to the company's new mission of reaching 12 Gw capacity by 2026 and a long-term vision of 50 Gw by 2040

#### Which Country became the number 1 ranked team in all three formats i.e. Tests, ODIs and T20Is? Q.

A) India	B) Australia
C) England	D) South Africa

#### Answer: A

- ✓ After their 5-wicket win against Australia India became the number 1 ranked team in all three formats i.e. Tests, ODIs and T20Is.
- ✓ India displaced Pakistan from the top of the ODI rankings while they lead England in the T20I rankings.
- In the longest format, they are in the first place while Australia are right behind them.  $\checkmark$
- FSSAI has recently recognized the Mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use 0. found in Which State?
  - A) Maharashtra
  - C) Uttar Pradesh

- **B)** Karnataka
- **D)** Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently recognized the Mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Aim : To promote its meat as a commercial product can indeed have significant economic and cultural implications for the region.

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- ✓ It is a captivating and culturally significant bovine species found in Northeast India.
- / Its role in the livelihoods of indigenous communities, ecological balance

### FSSAI IN NEWS 2023

- FSSAI has recently recognized the Mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- > Defence ministry, FSSAI to promote use of millets, healthy eating habits among armed forces.
- Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI, for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the state-of-theart National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station of the Indian Railways has been awarded the 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high quality nutritious food to the passengers.
- The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus'. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh.
- G Kamala Vardhana Rao was appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statue related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- ➢ Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan
- > CEO : G Kamala Vardhana Rao

A) 23 September	B) 24 September
C) 25 September	D) 26 September

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#### Answer : D

- ✓ In 2011, the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) declared to observe World Environmental Health Day on 26 September every year.
- ✓ The Theme for the 2023 World Environmental Health Day: Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day
- ✓ The IFEH was established in 1986 and is based in London, England.
- Q. The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons is held every year on which day?

A) 23 September	B) 24 September
C) 26 September	D) 25 September

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (or Nuclear Abolition Day) is held every year on September 26 since 2014.
- ✓ The day was declared by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in 2013.
- ✓ The aims of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.

Q. Who has recently been appointed as the Country Head of Wholesale Banking by Yes Bank?

- A) Alok Sinha
- **B)** Manish Jain
- C) Ravi Thota
- D) Ajay Puri

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Yes Bank has recently appointed Manish Jain as Country Head of Wholesale Banking with immediate effect.
- ✓ He will replace Ravi Thota on this post.
- ✓ Last week, Yes Bank appointed Pankaj Sharma as Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer.
- ✓ Yes Bank was established in the year 2004. Its headquarters is in Mumbai.



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- Yes Bank has recently appointed Manish Jain as Country Head of Wholesale Banking with immediate effect.
- > Yes Bank partnered with BriskPe to enable seamless cross-border payment.
- > Yes bank partnered with fintech Zaggle for next-gen corporate credit card.
- > YES Bank goes live with UPI interoperability on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).
- Yes Bank Launches All-In-One 'IRIS' Mobile App.
- ➢ Reliance General Insurance becomes first insurer to accept Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee (e₹) in tie-up with YES Bank
- YES Bank announced the unveiling of its new logo, which forms part of its "refreshed brand identity." YES BANK launches new logo, to roll out campaign 'Life Ko Banao Rich'.
- YES Bank has collaborated with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).
- > Cashfree Payments partners with YES Bank to offer Global Collections service for exporters.
- Yes Bank is an Indian bank headquartered in Mumbai, India and was founded by Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapoor in 2004.
- > YES BANK
- ➢ Founded : 2004
- Founder : Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapoor
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Sunil Mehta
- MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- > YES BANK launches new logo, to roll out campaign 'Life Ko Banao Rich'.

Q. Which film has been named as India's official entry for Oscars 2024?

A) Ghadar-2

B) Jawan

C) 2018: Everyone is a Hero

D) The Kashmir Files

Answer : C

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- ✓ The Film Federation of India has nominated the Malayalam film "2018: Everyone is a Hero", based on the Kerala floods, as India's official entry for the Academy Awards (Oscars) in 2024. '2018' is the first Malayalam film to cross the Rs 100 crore mark and the fastest.
- ✓ Now this film will lead India in the Academy Awards.
- ✓ Aamir Khan-led "Lagaan" was the last Indian movie that made it to the final five in 2001.
- ✓ The other two Indian movies to reach the top five are "Mother India" (1958) and "Salaam Bombay" (1989).

### **MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023**

- > 69th NATIONAL FILM AWARDS
- Best Feature Film : Rocketry
- Best actor : Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- Best actress : Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) & Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director : Nikhil Mahajan Godavari
- Best Popular Film : RRR
- Best Hindi Film : Sardar Udham

### > INTERNATIONAL INDIAN FILM ACADEMY AWARDS (IIFA) 2023

- Best Film: Drishyam 2
- Best Director: R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
- > 68TH FILMFARE AWARDS, (also known as HYUNDAI FILMFARE AWARDS 2023)
- Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Actor : Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do
- Best Actress : Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Gangubai Kathiawadi.
- > 95TH ACADEMY AWARDS (OSCARS AWARDS 2023)
- > Best Picture : Everything Everywhere All At Once
- Best Actress : Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- > Best Actor : Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
- > Best Director : Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Original Song : "Naatu Naatu" (RRR)



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> Best Documentary Short Film : 'The Elephant Whisperers' by Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga

#### > 76TH BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS (BAFTAs)

- > Best Film : All Quiet on the Western Front
- Best Actress : Cate Blanchett, (Tar)
- Best Actor : Austin Butler, (Elvis)
- Best Director : Edward Berger, (All Quiet on the Western Front)

#### > DADASAHEB PHALKE INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS - 2023

- Best Film: The Kashmir Files
- Best Actor: Ranbir Kapoor for Brahmastra: Part 1
- Best Actress: Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- > Best Director: R Balki for Chup: Revenge of The Artist
- ➢ Film of The Year : RRR

Q. The world's largest Hindu temple constructed outside India in the modern era will be inaugurated in which city?

A) New York	B) Saint Petersburg
C) London	D) New Jersey

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The world's largest Hindu temple will be inaugurated on October 8 in New Jersey, America.
- The world's largest Hindu temple, BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, will be inaugurated on October 8 in New Jersey, USA.
- ✓ The temple will be the largest in the United States and the second largest globally after Angkor Wat in Cambodia.
- ✓ BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in Robbinsville Township, New Jersey was built with the help of more than 12,500 volunteers from different parts of the US.
- ✓ Construction lasted for 12 years from 2011 to 2023.
- ✓ <u>Temple Dimensions and Design:</u>
- ✓ The New Jersey branch of Akshardham is spread over 183 acres and measures 255 feet x 345 feet x 191 feet.

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- ✓ It was designed according to ancient Hindu scriptures and incorporates elements of Indian culture, including 10,000 statues, sculptures and carvings of Indian musical instruments and dance forms
- Q. Which bank has announced the launch of Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) using UPI on ATMs?
  - A) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- B) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- C) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- D) Capital Small Finance Bank

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (USFB) Limited announced the launch of Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs
- ✓ It is an innovative service, set to revolutionize cash withdrawal experiences.
- ✓ It is dedicated to offering process-centric, technology-driven, and customer-oriented services that lead to a reliable, scalable, and sustainable institution, driving socio-economic change.
- ✓ The Bank is pleased to announce the launch of the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) service, which utilizes UPI (Unified Payments Interface) on its ATM networks.
- ✓ This is In line with the Reserve Bank of India's directive in May 2022, urging all banks to provide Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) options at their ATMs, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank has taken the lead in fulfilling this mandate.
- ✓ The ICCW service empowers bank customers who are active on UPI to conveniently withdraw cash from Utkarsh Small Finance Bank ATMs designated for UPI-ATM – ICCW transactions, all without the need for a physical debit card.

Q. Which of the following has signed an agreement with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector?
A) SEBI
B) RBI

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C) SIDBI

D) NABARD

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an agreement with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector.
- ✓ The MoU aims for collaborations with SIDBI to develop standard protocols to expedite the adoption of digital lending partnerships including alliances between banks and Lending Service Providers (LSPs).



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- ✓ SIDBI will also provide resource support to eligible DLAI member NBFCs and also explore Assignment and Securitization transactions.
- ✓ Under the agreement, SIDBI and DLAI will explore partnerships for its "Prayaas" Scheme for informal enterprises, co-lending, GST Sahay, Express loan, green financing, and other direct credit schemes.
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):
- ✓ Apex regulatory body for micro, small and medium enterprise finance companies in India.
- ✓ Responsible for licensing and regulation in this sector.
- ✓ Jurisdiction:
- ✓ Under the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- ✓ The headquarters is located in Lucknow.
- ✓ Establishment:
- ✓ Established on 2nd April, 1990 by the Government of India.
- ✓ Initially a wholly owned subsidiary of IDBI Bank.
- ✓ Delinked from IDBI Bank on March 27, 2000
- Q. Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has signed an MoU with which bank for the solarization of residential units at Ayodhya and for bio-energy and renewable project financing?

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

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for the solarisation of residential units at Ayodhya and for bio-energy and renewable project financing.
- ✓ The MoU between UPNEDA and SIDBI is expected to help in promoting solar energy. This initiative will encourage innovations for environment-friendly projects.
- ✓ The members of both organizations threw light on the initiatives taken by SIDBI to support the Government of India's project for installing solar rooftop panels in 2500 MSMEs to take care of their captive consumption.

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- ✓ The members of both organizations threw light on the initiatives taken by SIDBI to support the Government of India's project for installing solar rooftop panels in 2500 MSMEs to take care of their captive consumption.
- ✓ The bank has been working to support the electric vehicles sector with the objective of achieving the Government of India's vision for 30% electrification of vehicles by the year 2030, under the EV30@30 mission.
- Q. Who confirmed that it will add Indian government bonds to its benchmark emerging markets bond index from June 2024?
  - A) Asian Development Bank B) New
    - B) New Development Bank
  - C) African Development Bank D) JP Morgan Chase & Company

Answer : D

- ✓ JP Morgan Chase & Co will include Indian government bonds to its emerging markets bond index from June 2024.
- ✓ The move can potentially attract about \$25 billion into the country, as per analyst estimates.
- ✓ India, which will be included in the GBI-EM Global Index suite starting June 28, 2024, is expected to reach the maximum weight of 10 percent in the GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (GBI-EM GD).
- Currently, 23 Indian government bonds with a combined notional value of \$330 billion are index-eligible. Inclusion of the bonds will be staggered over 10 months through March 31, 2025 (i.e., inclusion of 1 percent weight per month).
- Q. Who has been appointed the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Lombard?
  - A) Sanjeev Mantri

**B)** Ramesh Krishnan

C) Harsh Sharma

D) Anand Kumar

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Sanjeev Mantri has been appointed the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Lombard.
- ✓ Mantri, who is currently an Executive Director at ICICI Lombard General Insurance, will take over his new role from December 1, 2023, or the date of IRDAI approval, whichever is later, for a period of five consecutive years.
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- Sanjeev Mantri has been with the ICICI Group for over 20 years, beginning his career with ICICI Bank in 2003.
- ✓ The general insurer's latest move to appoint Mantri as the MD&CEO of the company follows the recent resignation of Bhargav Dasgupta as MD & CEO of the company.
- Meanwhile, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Bhargav Dasgupta as Vice-President of market solutions for 3 years.

**B)** Jorge Martin

D) Giacomo Agostini

- Q. Who has won the first MoTo India Grand Prix 2023 in Noida?
  - A) Marco Bezzecchi
  - C) Luca Marini

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Italy's Marco Bezzecchi wins MotoGP Bharat 2023
- ✓ Marco Bezzecchi won the maiden Indian GP at the Buddh International Circuit in Noida.
- ✓ While, Spain's Jorge Martin and France's Fabio Quartararo finished second and third, respectively.
- ✓ Pole-sitter Bezzecchi lost out on a sprint podium after a collision with teammate Luca Marini, eventually finishing fifth.
- ✓ Bezzecchi, riding for Mooney VR46 Racing Team, had to overcome tight competition from Jorge Martin and the championship leader, Francesco Bagnaia, before taking the victory at the Buddh International Circuit.

Q. Which cricket team has become the first team in ODI Cricket history to hit 3,000 sixes?

A) India	B) England	
C) Pakistan	D) South Africa	

#### Answer : A

- ✓ India becomes first team in ODI Cricket history to hit 3000 sixes
- ✓ Indian cricketers created history and became the first team to hit the 3000 sixes mark (3007) in ODI cricket. No team has hit 3,000 sixes in ODIs so far.
- ✓ West Indies (2953) is the team with most number of sixes in ODIs after India.
- ✓ Pakistan (2566), Australia (2476), New Zealand (2387), England (2032), South Africa (1947), Sri Lanka (1779), Zimbabwe (1303) and Bangladesh (959) are in this list.



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Q. Which company is going to launch earthquake warning service in India?

A) Meta	<b>B)</b> Microsoft
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C) Google

D) SpaceX

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Google is going to launch an earthquake warning service in India that will use sensors in Android smartphones to detect the intensity of earthquakes.
- ✓ Google has launched "Android Earthquake Alert Service" in India in consultation with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the National Center for Seismology (NSC).

#### Q. Who won the 5th gold medal for India in the 19th Asian Games?

- A) Saurabh Chaudhary B) Sift Kaur Samra
- C) Manu Bhakar D) Ashi Chowksi

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Shooter Sift Kaur Samra won India's 5th gold medal in the 19th Asian Games.
- ✓ Sift Kaur won this medal for India in the 50 meter rifle event.
- ✓ Whereas India's Ashi Choksi won the bronze medal by finishing third in the same event.
- ✓ Earlier, the women's team of Manu Bhaker, Isha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan had won gold in the 25 meter pistol event.
- Q. Which player made the record of fastest half-century in T20I cricket?
  - A) Surya Kumar Yadav B) Ishan Kishan
  - C) Deependra Singh Airi D) Harry Brook

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee has broken Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record of the fastest half-century in T20 cricket, made in the 2007 T20 World Cup against England.
- ✓ Deependra remained unbeaten after scoring 52 runs on 10 balls.
- ✓ Deependra made this record in the match played against Nepal and Mongolia in the Asian Games.
- ✓ Whereas Nepali batsman Kushal Malla broke the record of fastest century in T20I by scoring unbeaten 137 runs in 34 balls.
- ✓ Highest team score in T20I cricket

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- ✓ Nepal 314/4 vs Mongolia (2023)
- ✓ Afghanistan 278/3 vs Ireland (2019)
- ✓ Czech Republic 278/4 vs Turkey (2019)
- ✓ Australia 263/3 vs Sri Lanka (2016)
- ✓ Sri Lanka 260/6 vs Kenya (2007)
- ✓ Fastest fifty by a batter in T20I cricket
- ✓ Dipendra Singh Airee (Nepal) 9 balls vs Mongolia in 2023 Asian Games
- ✓ Yuvraj Singh (India) 12 balls vs England in 2007 ICC T20 World Cup
- ✓ Fastest hundred by a batter in T20I cricket
- ✓ Kushal Mall (Nepal) 34 balls vs Mongolia in 2023 Asian Games
- ✓ Rohit Sharma (India) 35 balls
- Q. When is World Tourism Day celebrated every year?

A) 26 September	B) 27 September
C) 28 September	D) 29 September

### Answer : B

- ✓ The World Tourism Day is observed worldwide on September 27 since 1980.
- ✓ This date was chosen by the United Nations World Tourism Organization as on that day in 1970, the Statutes of the UNWTO were adopted.
- ✓ In 2023 the theme of WTD is "Tourism and Green Investments".
- ✓ The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide.
- ✓ World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- ✓ Founded : 1975
- ✓ Headquarters : Madrid, Spain
- ✓ Secretary-General : Zurab Pololikashvili
- ✓ Members : 159
- ✓ Don't confuse
- ✓ National Tourism Day : 25 January
- ✓ World Tourism Day : 27 September



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Q.	What is the theme of the 2023 World Tourism Day?	
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- A) Tourism and Rural Development B) Tourism and the Digital Transformation
- C) Tourism and Green Investments
- D) Sustainable Tourism a Tool for Development

#### Answer : C

Q. The Union Ministry of Environment has declared Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve as the 7th Tiger Reserve of which state?

- A) Karnataka B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Uttarakhand D) Himachal Pradesh

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change declared Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve as the 7th Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The primary objective is to ensure better conservation efforts for the wildlife of the area.
- ✓ There are now a total of 55 designated tiger reserves in India.
- ✓ Earlier the 54th Tiger Reserve was Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.
- Madhya Pradesh was already home to six tiger reserves: Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Satpura, Pench, Panna and Sanjay-Dubri.
- ✓ <u>Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve:</u>
- ✓ Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve was established as per the conditions laid down by the Central Government while approving the Ken-Betwa River Linking Project.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh was entrusted with the task of merging Nauradehi and Durgavati wildlife sanctuaries to create this sanctuary.
- ✓ In June 2023, the combined area spanning Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts was officially notified as the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve.
- ✓ The reserve covers approximately 2,339 square kilometers, comprising 1,414 square kilometers of core area and 925.12 square kilometers of the buffer zone.
- ✓ <u>Tiger Population in India</u>
- ✓ India is home to a significant portion, approximately 75%, of the global wild tiger population.
- ✓ Russia is second only to India in terms of the second-largest population of wild tigers.
- ✓ <u>Tiger population in states</u>
- $\checkmark$  Madhya Pradesh leads with the largest population of tigers in India with 785 tigers.



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- ✓ Karnataka and Uttarakhand stand second with 563 and 560 tigers respectively.
- ✓ Maharashtra also plays an important role with 444 tigers.
- ✓ <u>Tiger population in the reserve</u>
- ✓ Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve has the highest tiger population with 260 tigers.
- ✓ Other notable reserves include Bandipur (150), Nagarhole (141), Bandhavgarh (135), Dudhwa (135), Mudumalai (114), Kanha (105), Kaziranga (104), Sunderbans (100), Tadoba (97), Sathyamangalam. (85), and screw (77).
- ✓ Largest and smallest tiger reserves in India
- ✓ Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh is the largest tiger reserve in terms of area.
- ✓ Bor Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra holds the title of the smallest tiger reserve in terms of area.

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

- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh and 55th in India.
- India got its 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approving a proposal
- A seven-month-old female tiger cub was found dead under suspicious circumstances at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
- Bihar government to constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for suggesting measures for the reintroduction of rhino conservation scheme in 'Valmiki Tiger Reserve' in West Champaran district.
- India's Tiger Population Reaches 3,925 with 6.1% Annual Growth Rate, Holds 75% of Global Wild Tiger Population.
- A photo of an elephant taken at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Tamil Nadu has emerged as the winner of the Siena Drone Photo Awards 2023.
- According to the latest tiger census data released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the number of tigers in India is set to reach 3,167 in 2022.
- > Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka completed 50 years as a Project Tiger Reserve 1 April 2023.
- Tiger Safari in Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) in Rajasthan's Bundi district is expected to be open in July.



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- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana..
- Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav informed that Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan has been notified as the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India.
- The new butterfly park at Anamalai Tiger Reserve emphasises the need to conserve indigenous species.
- It was earlier known as Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park and as Anamalai Wildlife Sanctuary.
- It is located in Tamilnadu.
- Project Tiger is a tiger conservation programme launched on April 1,1973 by the Government of India during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's tenure.
- > Madhya Pradesh has the most number of tiger reserves with six in total.
- > The national animal of India is the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger. Its scientific name is Panthera.

Q. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of \_\_\_ based "The Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited.

A) Mumbai	B) Chennai
C) Hyderabad	D) Bengaluru

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of Mumbai-based "The Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited.
- ✓ The bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full; and public interest would be adversely affected if the bank is allowed to carry on its banking business any further.
- ✓ On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of ₹5 lakh from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) subject to the provisions of DICGC Act, 1961.
- ✓ As per the data submitted by the bank, 96.09 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from DICGC.



✓ As on July 24, 2023, DICGC has already paid ₹230.16 crore of the total insured deposits under the provisions of Section 18A of the DICGC Act, 1961 based on the willingness received from the concerned depositors of the bank, according to the central bank.

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#### **RBI CANCELED LICENSE IN NEWS 2023**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of Mumbai-based "The Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the license of United India Co-operative Bank, a bank in Uttar Pradesh.
- > RBI Cancels Certificate of Registration of 7 NBFCs and Surrender Permits of 14 NBFCs.
- > RBI Cancels Registration of Four NBFCs, 11 Surrender Certificates.
- RBI Grants Non-Banking Institution License to Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank in Dharwad, Karnataka, Cancels Banking Permit.
- Equitas Holdings Ltd, a prominent non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India, has voluntarily surrendered its NBFC licence to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- RBI cancelled the registration of Pune-based Kudos Finance and Investments and Mumbai-based Credit Gate for regulatory lapses in lending practices.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) due to insufficient capital and earning potential revoked the licence of Madhya Pradesh's Garha Co-operative Bank, Guna.

Q.	<b>RBI</b> has imposed monetary penalties on how many banks for rule violations?
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A) 3	B) 4
<b>C)</b> 2	D) 5

#### Answer : A

- The RBI has imposed monetary penalties on three banks, State Bank of India, Indian Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank, and Fedbank Financial Services for rule violations.
- ✓ The central bank imposed Rs 1.30 crore on SBI, Rs 1.62 crore penalty on IB, Rs 1 crore on Punjab & Sind Bank, and Rs 8.80 lakh on Fedbank Financial Services.
- ✓ RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.30 Crore on SBI for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Loans and Advances Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Guidelines on Management of Intra-Group Transactions and Exposures'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in



# RBI conferred under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Sections 46(4)(i) and 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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- ✓ RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.00 crore on Punjab & Sind Bank for non-compliance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act) read with directions issued by RBI on 'The Depositor Education and Awareness Fund Scheme, 2014-Section 26A of Banking Regulation Act, 1949-Operational Guidelines'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Sections 46(4)(i) and 51(1) of the BR Act.
- RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.62 crore on Indian Bank for non-compliance with certain  $\checkmark$ directions issued by RBI on 'Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions', 'Reserve Bank of India [Know Your Customer (KYC)] Directions, 2016' and 'Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI conferred under the provisions of Section 47 A (1) (c) read with Sections 46 (4) (i) and 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

### **RBI IMPOSED PENALTY IN NEWS 2023**

- RBI has imposed monetary penalties on three banks, State Bank of India, Indian Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank, and Fedbank Financial Services for rule violations.
- ▶ RBI has imposed late submission fees amounting to ₹2,000 crore on four major public sector undertakings namely, ONGC Videsh Ltd, Indian Oil Corp. Ltd, GAIL (India) Ltd, and Oil India Ltd for failing to promptly report their overseas investments.
- > RBI has imposed penalties on Standard Chartered Bank, four credit bureaus, and seven cooperative banks for various violations. Standard Chartered Bank was fined ₹30 lakh for non-compliance with KYC directions.
- RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.5 crore on Jammu & Kashmir Bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by the RBI.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.20 crore on Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for violating various rules and regulations.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.73 crore on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC Bank) for violating the Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006.



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- RBI Imposes Rs 84.50 Lakh Penalty on Central Bank of India for Non-Compliance with Fraud Reporting Norms.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied penalties of Rs 44 lakhs on four cooperative banks for violating various norms.
- Baran Nagrik Sahkari Bank.
- Janata Sahakari Bank, Pune.
- > Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank.
- > Apex Co-operative Bank, Chennai.
- Reserve Bank of India imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers from Tamil Nadubased Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank as part of several restrictions slapped on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)?

- A) Banmali Agarwal B) Deep Kalra
- C) Bhavish Aggarwal

D) Karsanbhai Patel

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Tata Sons has appointed Banmali Agarwal as the new chairman of the group's aerospace and defense solutions unit Tata Advanced Systems (TASL).
- ✓ He has been appointed in place of Vijay Singh, who has retired.
- ✓ He is also a senior advisor to Tata Sons and chairman of Tata Electronics.
- ✓ Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons, is the strategic aerospace and defense arm of the Tata Group.
- Q. Who has been appointed by Japanese apparel retailer Uniqlo as its first brand ambassador in India?
  - A) Katrina Kaif

B) Deepika Padukone

C) Alia Bhatt

D) Priyanka Chopra

- Answer : A
- ✓ Japanese apparel retailer Uniqlo has appointed Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif as its first brand ambassador in India.



# This collaboration is part of Uniqlo's strategy to expand its presence in the Indian market and promote its Fall- Winter 2023 campaign.

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✓ Kaif joins the ranks of tennis star Roger Federer, who was appointed as Uniqlo's global brand ambassador in 2018

#### LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023

- Katrina Kaif : Uniqlo
- Hrithik Roshan : lubricants brand Mobilil
- 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
- > Shraddha Kapoor: Asics India Private Limited
- > Rashmika Mandanna : Printer company Epson India
- > Smriti Mandhana : Wrangler
- Hrithik Roshan : Zebronics TV
- Sachin Tendulkar : Smile Ambassador
- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network
- > Sourav Ganguly : Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- > Alia Bhatt : Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- > Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023



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- 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)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Prasoon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus

Q. Which state government has banned 'Hookah bars' in the state?

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Haryana

D) Rajasthan

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Haryana government has announced that all hookah bars in the state will be shut.
- ✓ The ban includes serving hookah to customers in hotels, restaurants, bars, and commercial establishments across the state.
- ✓ However, this will not apply to traditional hookahs used in rural areas.
- ✓ He announced during a state-level 'Cyclothon', organized as part of a drug de-addiction campaign in Karnal
- Q. The first Global Turmeric conference has been organized in which city?
  - A) Chennai B) Hyderabad
  - C) Mumbai

#### Answer : C

 Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde has inaugurated the first Global Turmeric conference in Mumbai.

D) Bengaluru



✓ Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), traders, processors, exporters, researchers and other stakeholders of turmeric ecosystem will come together to discuss various issues related to the crop.

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- ✓ The conference is being organized by NICR, an arm of the NCDEX Group company in collaboration with Tefla's.
- $\checkmark$  The conference is expected to be an important event, concentrating on various aspects of the turmeric industry, such as production, marketing, and international trade.
- ✓ It will investigate new developments in agricultural practices, present an overview of the Turmeric Export industry, and investigate global quality standards
- Q. Which insurance company has been recognized as a 'Great Place To Work' Certified in India from September 2023 to September 2024 period?
  - A) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance **B)** Bharti AXA General Insurance
  - C) Royal Sundaram General Insurance D) SBI General Insurance

#### Answer : D

- ✓ SBI General Insurance, one of India's leading general insurers, has been recognized as a Great Place To Work Certified in India from September 2023 to September 2024 period.
- ✓ The Company was certified after a comprehensive evaluation and assessment process. Great Place To Work is the global authority on workplace culture.
- ✓ It reflects the brand's values and belief that a happy workforce leads to more creativity, ensures customer satisfaction, and drives business success.
- ✓ Since 1992, they have surveyed more than 100 million employees worldwide and used those deep insights to define what makes a great workplace: trust.
- $\checkmark$  The Institute serves businesses, non-profits, and government agencies in more than 60 countries and has conducted pioneering research on the characteristics of great workplaces for over three decades.
- ✓ The Great Place to Work Certification serves as a confirmation of SBI General's s commitment to supporting its workforce and delivering top-notch service to its customers.
- Q. Who has been reappointed as the advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
  - A) P.K. Mishra

**B)** Rajiv Gauba

C) Pradip Kumar Tripathi

D) Amit Khare

Answer : D

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- ✓ Former bureaucrat Amit Khare has been given extension as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approve d the extension in Khare's tenure beyond 12 October 2023, for a period co-terminus with the term of Prime Minister.
- ✓ He was appointed to the post for two years in October 2021. Khare, a 1985-batch (retired) Indian Administrative Service IAS officer of the Jharkhand cadre, had superannuated on 30th September 2021.
- $\checkmark$  He also served as the higher education secretary.
- Q. Which of the following AIIMS bagged first prize for creation of ABHA ID tokens?
  - A) AIIMS Delhi B) AIIMS Gorakhpur
  - C) AIIMS Guwahati D) AIIMS Nagpur

#### Answer : A

- ✓ AIIMS New Delhi bags first prize for creation of ABHA ID tokens
- ✓ The Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission (ABDM) celebrated its second anniversary with the institution of the Arogya Manthan platform.
- ✓ The National Health Authority honoured AIIMS, New Delhi with an award for "Top facility" in generating the highest number of ABHA Scan and Share tokens.
- ✓ AIIMS New Delhi has contributed significantly to the cause of ABDM by generating 6 lakh scan and share tokens till date. This makes AIIMS the forerunner in scan and share generation all over India.
- ✓ This award was presented by MOS for Health, SP Singh Baghel to M Srinivas at the inaugural ceremony of Arogya Manthan 2023 organized by the NHA.

Q. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has organized the 'India Smart Cities Conclave 2023' in which city?

- A) Indore
- C) Lucknow

- **B)** Bhopal
- D) Ahmedabad

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has organized the 'India Smart Cities Conclave 2023' in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- The conclave aims to showcase the excellent work done under the Smart Cities Mission and shape the future of urban transformation in India.



The event brought together all 100 smart cities that are leading urban innovation and changing the city development process.

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- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu honored the winners of the India Smart Cities Awards Competition (ISAC) 2022, which has been organized by the ministry since 2018
- Which state has received three national awards for its outstanding execution of the Ayushman Bharat Q. scheme under the 'big states' category?
  - A) Bihar

- **B)** Chhattisgarh
- C) Madhya Pradesh **D)** Rajasthan

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Chhattisgarh state has received three national awards for its outstanding execution of the Ayushman Bharat scheme under the 'big states' category, achieving 100 percent utilization of allocated funds and ensuring 90 percent of families possess an Ayushman card.
- ✓ Chhattisgarh has introduced several innovative schemes to enhance access to high-quality healthcare services in the past five years and the initiatives gained national acclaim.
- ✓ One such initiative is the Mukhyamantri Haat Bazar Clinic Yojana, which extends free healthcare services to residents in remote forest areas of the state. This scheme has benefited over 1.4 crore people by providing free medicines, health check-ups, and treatment.
- ✓ Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) equipped with teams of doctors regularly visit 1814 Haat Bazar across the state to attend to the health needs of rural villagers, ensuring that essential medical care reaches those who need it most.
- ✓ The Dai-Didi clinic initiative, exclusively for women and adolescent girls, offers free health check-ups and treatments, boasting an all-female medical team to eliminate any apprehensions.
- ✓ Chhattisgarh stands alone in offering up to Rs 25 lakh in support for severe illness treatment under Mukhyamantri Vishesh SwasthyaSahayata Yojana
- Which of the following airlines has entered into a codeshare agreement with AIX Connect? Q.
  - A) IndiGo

**B)** SpiceJet

C) Akasha

D) Air India

Answer : D

✓ Air India has entered into a codeshare agreement with AIX Connect (formerly known as Air Asia India).



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- ✓ A codeshare agreement allows one airline to sell seats on a flight operated by another airline, with each airline using its own flight number.
- Through this agreement, Air India will add its code to over 100 flights a day operated by AIX Connect on 21 routes. More routes under the codeshare agreement will be added progressively.
- ✓ The scope of the agreement between the two airlines enables guests to receive their boarding passes at the first point of departure for all the travel sectors on a single ticket and have their baggage checked in through to their final destinations.

#### Q. Indus App Store has been launched by which company?

A) PhonePe	B) Google Pay
C) Paytm	D) BHIM

#### Answer : A

- Bengaluru-based digital payments company PhonePe has launched its own app store platform to attract Android developers in India.
- ✓ The Indus Appstore Developer Platform offers free registration and upload of apps for the first year, no platform fee, and no commission on in-app purchases, possibly making it a more appealing option than Google's Play Store.
- ✓ The app store also supports many features that are relevant to the local market, such as third-party payment providers, 12 Indian languages, and a phone number-based login system.
- Indus Appstore hopes to provide app developers a credible alternative to the Google Play store one that is more localized and offers better app discovery and consumer engagement.

#### Q. The World Rabies Day is observed every year on which day?

- A) 27 September
- C) 26 September

- B) 28 September
- D) 25 September

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The World Rabies Day is celebrated annually on September 28 to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease and take efforts to control rabies.
- ✓ The theme for the 17th WRD in 2023 is All for One, One Health for All.

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- ✓ The day also marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur', who developed the first rabies vaccine
- Q. What is the theme of the World Rabies Day 2023?
  - A) End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate B) Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate
  - C) Rabies: Share the message. Save a life D) All for One, One Health for All

#### Answer : D

Q. When is the International Day for the Universal Access to Information observed globally?

A) 26 SeptemberB) 28 September

C) 25 September D) 27 September

#### Answer: B

- The International Day for the Universal Access to Information (commonly known as Access to Information Day) is held on 28 September ever year.
- ✓ Universal access to information means that everyone has the right to seek, receive and impart information for healthy and inclusive knowledge societies..
- ✓ Initially the day was designated by the UNESCO in November 2015 and was first held on 28 September 2016.
- ✓ It was later proclaimed on 15 October 2019 at the 74th UN General Assembly.
- Q. The World Rabies Day is commemorated on the death anniversary of which scientist?
  - A) Marie Curie B) Alexander Fleming
  - C) Louis Pasteur D) Isaac Newton

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The day also marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur', who developed the first rabies vaccine.
- Q. Where is the fourth edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival being organized?
  - A) New Delhi B) Mumbai

C) Kolkata D) Hyderabad

Answer : A

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The fourth edition of the Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is being organized in New Delhi.

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- ✓ A total of 34 artists from three countries Colombia, Ecuador and Chile are participating in this two-day festival.
- The objective of this event is to showcase the rich cultural heritage of Latin America.

#### **FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023**

- Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival : New Delhi
- Nuakhai festival : Odisha  $\triangleright$
- Nadi Utsay : Delhi
- Karnataka Cultural Festival : Sri Lanka .
- Unmesha' International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh' Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Festival of Libraries 2023 : New Delhi .
- Chachin Grazing Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- ➢ Harela Festival : Uttarakhand
- Bonalu Festival : Telangana
- Kharchi Puja : Tripura
- Palkhi festival : Maharashtra
- Raja festival : Odisha
- Kheer Bhawani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- Great Prayer Festival : Ladakh
- Sinthan Snow Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- Heritage Festival : Goa
- > Thawe Festival : Bihar
- Bohag Bihu festival : Assam
- > 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- Yaoshang festival : Manipur
- Purple Fest : Goa
- Orange Festival : Nagaland

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- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Losar Festival : Ladakh
- > 23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur
- > Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh
- > 26th National Youth Festival 2023 : Hubbali, Karnataka
- International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi
- Mongeet Festival : Assam
- International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- > Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana

Q. Who will launch 'Sankalp Saptah' program for aspirational blocks in New Delhi?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) Rajnath Singh

D) Anurag Thakur

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a week-long program called "Sankalp Saptah" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi on 30 September 2023.
- ✓ The objective of the Sankalp Saptah is to effectively implement the Aspirational Block Programme, which aims to improve governance at the block level and enhance the quality of life of the citizens.
- ✓ About three thousand panchayat and block level representatives and officials from across the country will participate in this program to be held at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital.
- Additionally, around two lakh people including block and panchayat level officials and farmers will join the program virtually.
- Sankalp Saptaah will be celebrated in all 500 aspirational blocks of 329 districts of the country from 3rd to 9th October.
- During this week each day will focus on a specific development theme on which all the Aspirational Blocks will work
- $\checkmark$  The topics for the first six days are as follows:

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- 1. Sampoorna Swasthya (Comprehensive Health)
- 2. Suposhit Pariwaar (Well-nourished Family)
- 3.Swachhta (Cleanliness)
- 4.Krishi (Agriculture)
- 5. Shiksha (Education)
- 6. Samridhi Diwas (Prosperity Day)
- The final day of the week will be dedicated to celebrating the work done throughout the week, known as Sankalp Saptaah - Samavesh Samaroh".

#### Q. Recently MS Swaminathan has passed away, he was a famous person in which field?

A) Space	B) Medical
C) Journalism	D) Agriculture

#### Answer : D

Q. Who is the father of Green Revolution in India?

A) Dr. William Gadd	B) M. S. Swaminathan
C) Verghese Kurien	D) Hiralal Choudhary

#### Answer : B

- MS Swaminathan, famous agricultural scientist and father of 'Green Revolution' in India, passed away at the age of 98 in Chennai.
- M. S. Swaminathan's agricultural journey began in 1949 when he began researching crop genetics, which included important crops like potato, wheat, rice, and jute.
- ✓ Swaminathan played an important role in developing high yielding varieties of paddy.
- ✓ MS Swaminathan was born on August 7, 1925 in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Green Revolution:
- During a critical period in India's history, Swaminathan collaborated with scientist Norman Borlaug and others to develop high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice.
- ✓ This collaboration marked the beginning of the 'Green Revolution', a transformative initiative aimed at significantly increasing crop productivity through the use of chemical-biological technology.
- ✓ Honors and Awards for Outstanding Contribution:
- ✓ Swaminathan received several prestigious awards, including the first World Food Prize in 1987 for introducing high-yielding wheat and rice varieties into India.



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- ✓ He established the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai.
- ✓ He was also awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1971 and the Albert Einstein World Science Award in 1986
- ✓ Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1961.
- ✓ Padma Shri in 1967.
- ✓ Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1971.
- ✓ Padma Bhushan in 1972.
- ✓ World Food Prize in 1987.
- ✓ Padma Vibhushan in 1989
- ✓ Typical Careers in Administration:
- ✓ Swaminathan served as the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- ✓ He also headed the International Rice Research Institute.
- ✓ In 1979, he became Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture.
- ✓ Global Environmental Leadership:
- In 1988, Swaminathan became President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, highlighting his dedication to environmental protection.
- ✓ His influence extended globally, contributing to various international agricultural and environmental initiatives.
- ✓ Time magazine recognized him as one of the 20 most influential Asians of the 20th century
- ✓ He founded the M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation and was appointed the director-general of the Indian Council Of Agriculture Research (ICAR) from 1972-79.
- ✓ Book "The Quest for a World Without Hunger" was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on MS Swaminathan.
- ✓ The Green Revolution in India was first introduced in Punjab.
- ✓ MS Swaminathan served as a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from 2007 to 2013.
- $\checkmark$  Norman Borlaug is known as the Father of the Green Revolution in the world.
- Q. 'GST Sahay' invoice financing loans platform will be launched by?

A) SEBI

B) SIDBI

C) NITI Aayog

D) State Bank of India

Answer : B

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- ✓ With an aim to enhance the economic and financial sustainability of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is going to launch an app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform 'GST Sahay'. Used to be.
- ✓ This was announced by SIDBI Chief General Manager Rahul Priyadarshi during a customer outreach program.
- Q. With whom has India launched a 'Joint Capacity-Building Initiative'?

A) World Bank	<b>B) ASEAN</b>
C) United Nations	D) SAARC

#### Answer : C

- ✓ India and the United Nations jointly launched the "India-United Nations Capacity Building Initiative".
- ✓ The India-UN Capacity Building Initiative aims to share India's development expertise with countries in the Global South.
- ✓ The initiative was officially announced during the "India-UN for the Global South Delivering for Development" event held in New York on September 23, 2023.
- India's Foreign Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, and eminent personalities Dennis Francis, President of the 78th General Assembly, attended the event.
- ✓ This initiative builds on India's established bilateral cooperation in development and capacity building with partner countries.
- ✓ India's United Nations Development Partnership Fund has launched 75 development projects in 61 countries in the last six years, highlighting India's commitment to international development.
- ✓ <u>Strategic Partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation:</u>
- Under this initiative, a strategic partnership has been formed between the UN India team and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- ✓ The partnership aims to utilize India's technical and economic cooperation platform to share India's development experiences and best practices with a global audience.
- ✓ A Joint Declaration of Intent has been exchanged to formalize this cooperation.
- ✓ India's G20 Presidency aligns with goals:
- ✓ The "India-UN Capacity Building Initiative" aligns with the goals of India's G20 Presidency, including the G20 Action Plan.

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- These objectives include accelerating progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), promoting technological transformation, and establishing digital public infrastructure, among other key priorities.
- ✓ UNITED NATIONS (UN)
- ✓ Founded : 24 October 1945
- ✓ Headquarteres : New York, US
- ✓ Official languages : Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- ✓ Membership : 193 member states & 2 observer states
- ✓ 1st Secretary General : Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)
- ✓ 7th Secretary General : Kofi Annan (Ghana)
- ✓ 8th Secretary General : Ban Ki-moon (South Korea)
- ✓ 9th Secretary-General : António Guterres (Portugal)
- ✓ Deputy Secretary-General : Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)
- ✓ United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year.
- Q. What is India's rank in Global Innovation Index 2023?
  - A) 40th
  - C) 81st

B) 51stD) 82nd

#### Answer : A

- $\checkmark$  India has retained its 40th position among 132 economies in the Global Innovation Index 2023 .
- ✓ The ranking reflects India's continued progress in the GII, improving from 81st in 2015 to 40th in 2023.
- ✓ For the 13th year in a row, Switzerland is the most innovative economy in 2023 followed by Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore
- ✓ India's improved GII ranking can be attributed to factors such as its rich knowledge capital, vibrant startup ecosystem and notable contributions from both public and private research organizations.
- Various government departments including the Department of Science and Technology, Biotechnology,
   Space and Atomic Energy have played an important role in enhancing the national innovation ecosystem.
- ✓ Initiatives like Atal Innovation Mission have been helpful in expanding this ecosystem.
- ✓ Efforts of NITI Aayog:



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- ✓ NITI Aayog has been actively involved in promoting policy-driven innovation in areas such as electric vehicles, biotechnology, nanotechnology, space technology and alternative energy sources.
- $\checkmark$  It has also worked to promote innovation at the state and district level.
- ✓ NITI Aayog has continuously monitored and evaluated India's global rankings, including the GII.
- ✓ Importance of GII:
- ✓ The Global Innovation Index (GII) serves as a valuable tool for governments around the world to assess the impact of innovation on social and economic changes in their respective countries.
- ✓ Over time, the GII has become an essential policy tool for governments, helping them assess their current position in terms of innovation.
- ✓ Collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):
- ✓ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has been supportive of India's journey towards becoming an innovation-driven economy.
- ✓ In 2023, NITI Aayog, in partnership with CII and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), is hosting the Virtual India Launch of GII 2023 on 29 September
- Q. Which Govt Signs MoU With Ropeway Construction Firm Poma Group In London?

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

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Uttarakhand government has signed a memorandum of understanding worth ₹2,000 crore with global ropeway construction firm Poma Group in London.
- ✓ The Poma Group has worked in Uttarakhand, having been associated with the Auli ropeway in Chamoli district of the state.

### **UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2023**

- > Uttarakhand government has signed a memorandum of understanding worth ₹2,000 crore with global ropeway construction firm Poma Group in London.
- > 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.



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- 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".

Q. Which City Leads in Green Office Space as India Witnesses a 36% Increase Since 2019?

- A) Chennai
- C) Bengaluru

- B) Lucknow
- D) Ahmedabad

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Bengaluru claims the top spot for green office spaces in India, according to the CBRE-CII report 'Indian Real Estate: Taking Giant Strides - 2023 Mid-Year Outlook.' Over the last three and a half year.
- ✓ Green-Certified Office Space Growth :



Y The report highlights a remarkable 36% growth in green-certified office space across six major Indian cities over the past three and a half years. In 2019, the total green-certified office stock stood at 251 million square feet, but it has now surged to an impressive 342 million square feet.

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### **BENGALURU IN NEWS 2023**

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



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Q. PM Attends 20th Anniversary Celebration Of Vibrant \_\_ Global Summit Event

A) Gujarat

B) Punjab

C) Uttarakhand

D) Uttar Pradesh

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, graced the occasion commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit. This prestigious event took place at Science City in Ahmedabad, a city that has witnessed the remarkable transformation of Vibrant Gujarat over the past two decades.
- ✓ The Evolution of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit: A 20-Year Journey
- The inception of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit occurred two decades ago, precisely on September 28, 2003, under the forward-thinking guidance of the former Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi. As years passed, it evolved into an internationally recognized event, establishing itself as one of India's foremost business summits.
- ✓ Vibrant Gujarat emerged as a means to uplift the state's spirits and engage with the world. It showcased Gujarat's decision-making prowess and the nation's potential in various sectors. The summit also presented opportunities, talent, and India's cultural richness on a global stage.
- Prime Minister Modi concluded by stating that the next 20 years are crucial, as India aspires to become a developed and self-reliant nation by its centenary of independence in 2047. He expressed hope that Vibrant Gujarat would continue to move in this direction

Q. In which district will the second tiger reserve of Bihar state be established?

A) Gaya	B) West Champaran
C) Kaimur	D) East Champaran

#### Answer : C

- ✓ After the Valmiki Tiger Reserve in West Champaran district, Bihar is going to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary) by the end of the year or early 2024.
- ✓ At present the total number of tigers in the state is 54. National Tiger Reserve Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given its approval for this.
- ✓ Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary is the largest wildlife sanctuary of Bihar spread across Kaimur and Rohtas districts. It was established in 1979.



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Q. In which shooting event did the Indian team win the gold medal in the Asian Games 2023?

- A) 50 meter air rifle B) 10 meter air pistol
- C) 25 meter air pistol D) None of these

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The men's team of Swapnil Kusale, Aishwari Tomar, Akhil Sheoran won the gold medal for India in the 50 meter rifle 3P event.
- ✓ The women's team of Isha, Divya and Palak won the silver medal in the 10 meter air pistol event.
- ✓ Asian Games 2023 India has won 7 gold medals so far. With this, India has come fourth in the medal tally.
- Q. Who has become the first Indian to reach the quarter-finals of the women's singles table tennis competition at the Asian Games?
  - A) Mouma Das

B) Neha AgarwalD) Manika Batra

C) Aditi Sinha

**C)** Federal Bank

### Answer : D

- ✓ India's table tennis star player Manika Batra has become the first Indian to reach the quarter-finals of the women's singles table tennis competition at the Asian Games.
- ✓ In the 19th Asian Games being held in China, Manika Batra defeated Thailand's player in the quarter-final match. Now she will play against China's Wang Yidi to make it to the semi-finals and ensure a medal.
- Q. Reserve Bank of India has given approval to International Finance Corporation to acquire stake in which bank?
  - A) State Bank of IndiaB) Yes Bank
    - D) Union Bank of India

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved International Finance Corporation (IFC) to acquire 9.7 percent stake in Federal Bank.
- ✓ Federal Bank Limited is an Indian private sector bank headquartered in Kochi, Kerala.
- Q. In which city is the 'Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav' program being organized?

A) Varanasi	B) Patna
C) Ahmedabad	D) Lucknow

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#### Answer : D

'Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav', a 75-day program to celebrate Indian languages, is being organized in Lucknow,  $\checkmark$ the capital of Uttar Pradesh. Padmashree award winners and representatives of various Indian languages are participating in the program. The festival will continue from today till 11th December which is also the birth anniversary of famous Tamil poet Subramaniam Bharathi and is also celebrated as 'Indian Language Day'. 0. Which Indian won the silver medal in the women's Wushu 60 kg category at the Asian Games 2023? A) Aanchal Singh **B)** Manu Bhakar C) Roshimina Devi D) Aakriti Sinha Answer : C ✓ India's Roshibina Devi Naorem won a silver medal in the women's 60 kg category in Wushu at the Asian Games in Hangzhou ✓ Naorem Roshibina Devi won a silver medal in the women's Wushu final (60 kg category), India's first silver medal in Wushu. ✓ PV Sindhu, ranked 17th globally, won the badminton match against Mongolia's Mygmartseren Ganbaatar with a score of 21-2, 21-3. Who Elected Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI) Board? Q. A) Radhika Roy **B)** Ravi Prakash C) Devashish Sarkar D) K.N. Shanth Kumar

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian journalism, K.N. Shanth Kumar, a seasoned media professional, has been elected as the Chairman of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors for a one-year term.
- ✓ About Press Trust of India (PTI) :
- ✓ Press Trust of India, founded just two weeks after India gained independence in 1947, holds the distinction of being the country's largest and oldest private news agency. It was established by a consortium of newspapers, which continue to be its owners. Notably, the shareholders do not receive any portion of the company's profits; instead, these funds are reinvested to support the ongoing development and modernization of the news agency.

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Q. How Many Villages Won Gold for Best Rural Tourism Project 2023?

A) 5	B) 7
<b>C) 10</b>	<b>D</b> ) 13

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Five villages in the country won the 'Gold' award by the Union Government in the category of Best Rural Tourism Projects.
- ✓ They are Dawar in Kashmir, Sarmoli in Uttarakhand, Reiek in Mizoram, Kanthalloor village in Kerala, and Mandla in MP.
- Q. Which port becomes First Indian Port to Handle Green Ammonia Import?

A) Paradip Port Authority	B) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust

C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port D) Vizhinjam International Seaport

#### Answer : C

- ✓ V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority , Tamil Nadu successfully handled 3x20 ISO Green Ammonia Containers, weighing 37.4 tons of Green Ammonia, from Damietta Port, Egypt, for M/s. Tuticorin Alkali Chemical and Fertilizers Ltd (TFL).
- ✓ .Conventionally, Grey Ammonia is utilized for soda ash production. As a Go Green initiative, TFL has imported Green ammonia to produce Green soda Ash, on a trial basis. Further, TFL is planned to import 2000 MT this year (2023) subject to the availability of Green Ammonia.

#### Q. Which Company has Appointed Gokul Subramaniam as its India President?

	A) IBM	B) Capgemini
	C) Cognizant	D) Intel
A	nswer : D	
$\checkmark$	Intel has announced Gokul Subr	amaniam as Intel India President
Q.	India Slips Four Spots To	Position In 2023 World Talent Ranking
Q.	India Slips Four Spots To	Position In 2023 World Talent Ranking B) 56th
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- ✓ India has slipped four spots to 56th position, compared to its 52nd position in 2022, in the 2023 World Talent Ranking, according to the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) release.
- ✓ In the IMD World Talent Ranking 2023, Switzerland ranked on top, while Luxembourg was in second place, followed by Iceland, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

#### Q. Which of these day is observed on 29 September?

- A) World Heart Day B) World Liver Day
- C) World Cancer Day D) World Tuberculosis Day

#### Answer : A

- ✓ World Heart Day is celebrated on 29 September annually to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues.
- ✓ The day was created by the World Heart Federation, to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke.
- ✓ The theme for World Heart Day 2023 is "Use Heart, Know Heart,"
- Q. Which Indian armed force conducted the 'Operation Sajag' drill?
  - A) Indian Army
  - C) Indian Air Force

- **B) Indian Navy**
- D) Indian Coast Guard

#### Answer : D

- The Indian Coast Guard conducted 'Operation Sajag,' a comprehensive drill along the west coast, aimed at enhancing coastal security.
- ✓ 'Operation Sajag' is conducted monthly to assess the effectiveness of coastal security measures and identify areas for improvement.
- ✓ It is focused on revalidating the coastal security mechanism while raising awareness among fishermen at sea.

### **IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2023**

OPERATION SAJAG

Indian Coast Guard conducted 'Operation Sajag,' a comprehensive drill along the west coast, aimed at enhancing coastal security.

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OPERATION BROADER SWORD. India and the USA, jointly conducted an 'Operation Broader Sword' to stop the illegal shipment of drugs through the International Mail System. OPERATION KARUNA India launched "Operation Karuna" to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by Cyclone Mocha. > OPERATION KAVERI India launches Operation Kaveri to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Sudan OPERATION DOST Due to the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, India has launched a campaign named 'Operation Dost' to help the affected people. OPERATION GARUDA Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network. OPERATION YATRI SURAKSHA To give assurance of the safety to the passengers, the Indian railways with the coordination of Railway Protection Force has launched a pan India drive under the code name Operation Yatri Suraksha. > OPERATION "NARCOS" Railway Protection Force (RPF) recently recovered narcotic products worth Rs 7.40 crore under "Operation Narcos". OPERATION SANKALP Indian Navy's stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed for Op-Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf. OPERATION SATARK Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started "Operation Satark" taking action against illicit liquor, fake currency circulation, etc. ➢ OPERATION GANGA India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine

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Q. The Chausath Yogini temple, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

A) Gujarat B) Bihar

C) Rajasthan

D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Designed by British architects Lutyens and Baker, the old Parliament building served as the Imperial Legislative Council during British rule and later as the Constituent Assembly and Parliament of India.
- ✓ The Chausath Yogini temple in Mitaoli, Madhya Pradesh, is believed to have inspired the old Indian Parliament's circular, pillared structure. Built in the 14th century, this temple is dedicated to 64 powerful yoginis and features unique architectural elements, including a hypaethral design with no roof.

#### MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh and 55th in India.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has organized the 'India Smart Cities Conclave 2023' in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- > 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.



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- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Ladli Bahna Yojana'.
- > Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth.
- ➢ Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, a recognition that protects and acknowledges the work of tribal artists.
- > Madhya Pradesh government launched Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme.
- Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- Madhya Pradesh Government on 5 March launched Ladli Bahna scheme under which each woman will be given one thousand rupees per month..
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on March 4 to make Tehsil Mauganj of Rewa district the 53rd district of the state.

Q. Which country's space agency launched the 'Osiris-Rex spacecraft'?

A) USA	B) Japan
C) China	D) UAE

#### Answer : A

- Osiris-Rex spacecraft, a NASA mission, successfully delivered dust samples from the asteroid Bennu and is set to make its return to Earth.
- ✓ It was launched by NASA in 2016.
- ✓ Scientists will analyse the asteroid sample to investigate the origins of life on Earth.
- ✓ The OSIRIS-REx, now renamed OSIRIS-APEX (OSIRIS-Apophis Explorer), will study Apophis when the asteroid comes close to the Earth in 2029.
- Q. Which country hosts the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus Expert Working Group (EWG) on Counter Terrorism Field Training Exercise (FTX) 2023?

A) India

B) Russia

C) Japan

Answer : B

D) Singapore

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- ✓ The ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus Expert Working Group (EWG) on Counter Terrorism Field Training Exercise (FTX) 2023 is set to be hosted by Russia.
- India will be represented by Indian Army Contingent consisting of 32 personnel from a Battalion affiliated to the Rajputana Rifles

Q. Which state approved 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme?

A) Assam	B) Odisha
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C) Bihar D) Uttarakhand

#### Answer : B

- Odisha Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has granted approval for the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme.
- It is aimed at establishing a sustainable, affordable, and safe transportation network for passengers and goods across the state. This initiative seeks to create a seamless public transport network from the Gram Panchayat (GP) level to the state capital.

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

- Odisha Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has granted approval for the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme.
- 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.



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- > PM Modi launches railway projects worth over 8,000 crore rupees in Odisha.
- Odisha government has expanded the jurisdiction of Special Development Councils (SDCs) from nine to 23 districts to improve the lives of 84 lakh tribal people.
- > Odisha has its 88th foundation day on 1st April 2023.
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state.
- > Aska police station of Odisha's Ganjam district became the country's number one police station.
- Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.
- Gold Deposits Found at Different Location in Three Districts of Odisha , including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slumfree by the end of 2023

# Q. Which institution released the report titled 'Embracing a One Health Framework to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance'?

A) World Bank	B) OECD
C) FAO	D) WEF

#### Answer: B

- Development (OECD) has focussed on the health and economic consequences of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
- ✓ Titled "Embracing a One Health Framework to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance," the report provides fresh evidence of the global impact of AMR and offers recommendations to combat it.
- ✓ The report reveals that the consumption of antibiotics in humans has been increasing, especially in G20 countries.
- ✓ About Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- ✓ It is an international organisation of 38 countries committed to democracy and the market economy.
- ✓ OECD members are typically democratic countries that support free-market economies.



The OECD was established on Dec. 14, 1960, by 18 European nations, plus the United States and Canada.

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- ✓ Headquarters: Paris, France.
- ✓ Goal: The stated goal of the OECD is to shape policies that foster prosperity, equality, opportunity and wellbeing for all.
- ✓ The OECD publishes economic reports, statistical databases, analyses, and forecasts on the outlook for economic growth worldwide.
- $\checkmark$  The organization also seeks to eliminate bribery and other financial crime worldwide.
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- ✓ The OECD maintains a so-called "black list" of nations that are considered uncooperative tax havens.
- ✓ India is one of the many non-member economies with which the OECD has working relationships in addition to its member countries
- Which institution released the 'International Tourism Highlights' report? Q.

A) World Bank	B) UNWTO
C) WEF	D) IMF

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has released a report highlighting the severe economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global tourism industry.
- ✓ According to the report titled "International Tourism Highlights, 2023 Edition The Impact of COVID-19 on Tourism (2020–2022)," international tourism lost \$2.6 trillion in export revenues, exceeding its earnings in 2019 by one and a half times.

#### Q. e-UNNAT is the Service Delivery Portal of which state/UT?

A) New Delhi

**B)** Jammu and Kashmir

C) Odisha

**D)** Kerala

#### Answer : B

✓ Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) has released the sixth edition of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) - Way forward Monthly Report for States/UTs.

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✓ It provides a detailed overview of status of e-service delivery across States/UTs. Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala and Odisha provide 100% of their services through their Unified Service Delivery Portals namely e-UNNAT (1028), e-Sevanam (911) and Odisha One (404), respectively.

#### Q. Which state has organised India's First Lighthouse Festival?

A) Kerala	B) Goa
C) Maharashtra	D) Gujarat

#### Answer: B

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the maiden edition of 'Bharatiya Prakash Sthamb Utsav' or Indian Lighthouse Festival at the historic Fort Aguada in Panjim, Goa.
- ✓ This festival is part of a vision to transform 75 lighthouses across India into thriving tourist hubs.

#### GOA IN NEWS 2023

- > Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches Griha Adhar scheme to empower Goan homemakers.
- > 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. Which countries are fighting for Nagorno-Karabakh region?
  - A) Israel- PalestineB) Japan- ChinaC) AssurationD) India Sai London
  - C) Armenia- Azerbaijan D) India- Sri Lanka

#### Answer : C

- The Nagorno-Karabakh territory lies in the mountainous South Caucasus region between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.
- Azerbaijan and Armenia fought a war over this region in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and it has been the trigger for further violence.
- ✓ In 2020, thousands of people were reported killed. Recently Azerbaijan launched a military operation against the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region
- Q. What is the new award instituted to honour scientists in India?
  - A) PM Vigyan Puraskar B) Rashtriya
    - B) Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar
  - C) Bharat Vigyan Puraskar
- D) DeenDayal Vigyan Puraskar

Answer : B



The Indian government has announced the establishment of Rashtriya Vigyan Puruskar, a series of awards to honor scientists in India.

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These awards will be presented under four categories, including Vigyan Ratna for lifetime achievement, Vigyan Shri for distinguished contributions, Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar to encourage young scientists, and Vigyan Team for recognizing teams of scientists. The awards will commence in 2024 and will cover 13 domains, ranging from Physics to Environmental Science.

Q. Which city hosted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit in September 2023?

- A) New Delhi
- C) Paris

B) New York

- Answer: B
- ✓ Leaders from around the world gathered at the UN-hosted High-level Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit in New York and endorsed a resolute political declaration.

**D)** Nairobi

This declaration outlines their shared commitment to creating a sustainable and inclusive world by 2030.
 Leaders reiterated the importance of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and called for swift action to implement the UN Secretary-General's proposal for an SDG stimulus

#### Q. Which state has launched India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management?

- A) Kerala B) Uttarakhand
- C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Uttarakhand launches India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management.
- ✓ Dehradun Cantt Board in Uttarakhand launched the first three polythene waste banks in the country.
- ✓ These polythene waste banks are strategically placed, two of which are in Garhi and one in Premnagar.
- ✓ The inauguration of Garhi Kuda Bank was presided over by State Urban Development Minister Premchand Aggarwal.
- ✓ The primary objective of these garbage banks is twofold: waste management and income generation.
- ✓ Various polythene waste items including bags, chips wrappers, packing bags, plastic cutters and bread wrappers will be collected.
- ✓ Contributors will be compensated at the rate of Rs 3 per kg for the polythene waste brought by them.
- ✓ The collected polythene waste will be processed to make decorative items like tiles, boards and utensils.



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Q. Which country recently unveiled its first domestically built submarine "Haikun"?

- A) Taiwan
- C) Iran

B) North Korea

**D)** Kuwait

- Answer : A
- ✓ Taiwan unveils first domestic submarine 'Haikun'.
- ✓ It aims to enhance its defense capabilities amid the constant threat of a possible Chinese attack.
- ✓ Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen presided over the launch ceremony in Kaohsiung.
- ✓ Taiwan, officially the Republic of China, is a democratic island nation that China considers a rebel province.
- ✓ The enduring dispute over Taiwan's status has been a long-term source of regional tension, with China stressing its intention to reunify Taiwan with the mainland, even by force if necessary.
- ✓ Importance of Taiwan's domestically built submarine
- ✓ The \$1.54 billion Haikun submarine is a diesel-electric powered ship that marks a substantial advance in Taiwan's defense capabilities.
- ✓ Taiwan aims to establish a fleet of 10 submarines, including two older Dutch-built submarines, all equipped with missiles.
- ✓ The purpose of this fleet expansion is to deter possible Chinese encirclement, invasion attempts, or naval blockade and act as a buffer until support from American and Japanese forces could be received

#### Q. What is the name of India's indigenously built Light Combat Helicopter?

A) Nag	B) Trishul
C) Prachand	D) Agni

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to place orders for 156 'Made-in-India' Prachand attack helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- ✓ About Prachand attack helicopters:
- ✓ It is an indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH).
- ✓ It is developed by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
- ✓ The multi-role attack helicopter has been customized as per the requirements of the Indian armed forces to operate both in desert terrains and high-altitude sectors.



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- It is the only attack helicopter in the world that can land and take off at an altitude of 5,000 metres (16,400 ft).
- ✓ The weapon complement includes a 20mm nose gun in the front, capable of firing 800 rounds per minute from a range of up to 2 km
- Q. International Translation Day is observed on which date in September?
  - A) 27 SeptemberB) 28 September
  - C) 29 September D) 30 September

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Every year, the International Translation Day is marked on 30 September.
- ✓ The International Federation of Translators (FIT) organise the day ever since it was set up in 1953.
- ✓ The day aims to celebrate the work of language translation professionals which facilitates dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to development and strengthening world peace and security.
- ✓ 2023 theme: "Translation unveils the many faces of humanity"
- ✓ The day also marks the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators.
- ✓ The first official celebration of ITD was held in 1991.





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