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

Q. REC Limited has signed an MoU with which bank for co-financing loans worth ₹55,000 crore for projects in the sectors of power as well as infrastructure and logistics in the next three years?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ REC Limited and Punjab National Bank have signed an MoU to explore funding possibilities in the Power Infrastructure and logistics sectors.
- ✓ The consortium arrangement will co-finance loans worth Rs 55,000 crores over the next three years.
- ✓ REC, which essentially lends to the power sector, has been authorized by the Power Ministry to also lend to the infrastructure sector. Its loan book has exceeded ₹4,54,393 crore.
- ✓ About REC Limited
- ✓ It is an NBFC focusing on Power Sector Financing and Development across India.
- ✓ Established in 1969, REC Limited has completed fifty years in its field of operations
- ✓ REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1969
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ CMD : Vivek Kumar Dewangan.
- ✓ REC Ltd has become the 12th company to attain the Maharatna status.

PNB IN NEWS 2023

- REC limited With Punjab National Bank To Lend Up To ₹55,000 Crore To Power, Infra Projects.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has become the first public sector bank to facilitate effortless credit availability for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) via GST invoices.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced the launch of PNB Metaverse, a virtual branch that offers a unique banking experience.



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- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced the launch of UPI 123PAY, an IVR-based UPI solution. This offering is in line with the Digital Payment Vision 2025, aiming to propel India towards a cashless and cardless society.
- Punjab National Bank, nation's public sector bank and Central Warehousing Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate financing under e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt).
- About Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- It is an Indian public sector bank based in New Delhi and it is the third largest public sector bank in India.
- PNB has a banking subsidiary in the UK as well as branches in Dubai, Kabul, Kowloon and Hong Kong.
- Established - May 1894
- Founder - Dayal Singh Majithia, Lala Lajpat Rai
- Tagline - "The Name You Can Bank Upon"
- MD & CEO - Atul Kumar Goel
- Punjab National Bank Merge – (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

Q. Which of the following has introduced a new provision called 'Special Category' in the FOSCOS portal?

- A) FICCI
- B) NPCI
- C) SIDBI
- D) FSSAI

Answer : D

- ✓ FSSAI introduces 'special category' provision to promote gender equality in food industry.
- ✓ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) introduced a new provision called 'Special Category' in the FOSCOS portal.
- ✓ This provision aims to promote gender equality and equal opportunities for women and transgender entrepreneurs in the food business sector.
- ✓ Under this provision, licensing and registration authorities will give priority to 'special category' applications.



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- ✓ Priority will be maintained in such a way that a one-to-one ratio is maintained between 'Special Category' applications and regular applications, unless there are no pending applications in any category.
- ✓ Persons belonging to 'Special Category' will be identified through Aadhaar/PAN (Permanent Account Number) authentication during the application submission process.
- ✓ About FOSCOS (Food Safety Compliance System):
- ✓ FOSCOS was introduced by FSSAI in 2020 as an upgraded version of the Food Licensing and Registration System (FLRS), which was initially launched in 2012.
- ✓ It serves the purpose of issuing all India FSSAI licenses and registrations.
- ✓ FOSCOS is a cloud-based online platform designed to provide various services to food business operators (FBOs), including licensing, registration and regulatory compliance.

FSSAI IN NEWS 2023

- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) introduced a new provision called 'Special Category' in the FOSCOS portal.
- 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-the-art 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).



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- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute 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

Q. Who has won SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2023?

- A) Peter Sarnak
- B) Ian Stewart
- C) Yunqing Tang
- D) Ruixiang Zhang

Answer : D

- ✓ Ruixiang Zhang, Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley, USA will be awarded with the 2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for his outstanding contributions in mathematics
- ✓ About Sastra Ramanujan Prize:
- ✓ The prize was instituted in the year 2005.
- ✓ It is awarded every year by the SASTRA University on its campus near Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu, on Ramanujan's birth anniversary, December 22.
- ✓ The prize is conferred annually to mathematicians from across the world who is less than 32 years of age, working in an area influenced by the Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- ✓ The age limit is 32 years to commemorate the fact that Ramanujan accomplished a phenomenal body of work in this short span.
- ✓ Cash prize: It carries a citation and an award of \$10,000.
- ✓ Contribution of Ruixiang Zhang
- ✓ He is a young mathematician whose fundamental work spans from analytic number theory, combinatorics, and Euclidean Harmonic Analysis to geometry.
- ✓ Building on his Princeton PhD thesis, Zhang in collaboration with Shaoming Guo proved a multivariable generalisation of the main conjecture in Vinogradov's Mean Value Theorem.



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AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023

- Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has earned an “A+” grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023.
- Surgical oncologist Padma Shri Dr R. Ravi Kannan, Director of the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC) in Assam, received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2023.
- Indore Ranks first in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023, followed by Agra and Thane.
- Wildlife photographer Jack Zhi has been named as the overall winner for the Bird Photographer of the Year 2023, for his image titled “Grab the Bull by the Horns”.
- Actress Waheeda Rehman selected for Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award 2021.
- Odia scientist Swati Nayak selected as the recipient of the Borlaug Field Award 2023.
- RITES Limited awarded with Safety Innovation Award 2023.
- SVAMITVA Yojana of Ministry of Panchayati Raj gets National Award for e-Governance 2023.
- PM Modi becomes the first Indian Prime Minister to receive the Grand Cross of the Order of Honor from Greece.
- NTPC has been honoured with the prestigious Economic Times (ET) HR World Future Skills Awards 2023.
- Indian company Adani Transmission Limited (ATL) has been awarded the 'Golden Peacock Environment Management Award' by the 'Institute of Directors' in the 'Power Transmission Sector.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the highest French award 'Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour' by the President of the Republic of France, Emmanuel Macron.
- Noted film director Shekhar Kapur has been presented with the British National Award for Best Director for 'What's Love Got To Do With It'.
- British writer Michael Rosen honored with Pen Pinter Prize, 2023.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Order of the Nile,' Egypt's highest honor, by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the Olympic Order to Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Salman Rushdie wins German Book Trade 2023 Peace Prize.



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- Arundhati Roy received the 45th European Essay Prize for Lifetime Achievement and the award is presented by the Charles Whelan Foundation.
- Arundhati Roy's book of essays, 'Azadi' (2021), especially the French translation, received acclaim.
- Gita Press, Gorakhpur, will be awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 in recognition of its exceptional contribution to social, economic, and political transformation through non-violent and Gandhian methods.
- NTPC Barauni has achieved a significant milestone by securing the first rank in the Best Industry Category at the 4th National Water Awards.
- Madhya Pradesh received the first prize in the best State category, while the best district award went to Ganjam District in Odisha.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das was named 'Governor of the Year' at the Central Banking Awards in London.
- Five buildings and structures from Telangana have been selected to receive the 'International Green Apple Awards for Beautiful Buildings' in the Urban and Real Estate Sector category.
- Paterson Joseph has been awarded the prestigious RSL Christopher Bland Prize 2023 for his debut novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho'.
- The documentary titled 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' has bagged the special award in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva.
- This documentary has been directed by Vandita Saharia from Rajasthan.
- Suriname awarded President Draupadi Murmu its highest civilian honour, the Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star.
- Goan writer Damodar Maujo has been honoured with the 57th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour.
- Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter".
- The novel was translated into English by Angela Rodel.
- PM Modi was awarded "The Companion of the Order of Fiji" by his Fijian counterpart Sitweni Rabuka.



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- Papua New Guinea conferred its highest civilian honour, Grand Companion of the Order of Loghu (GCL) on PM Modi for his efforts towards unity of the Pacific island nation.
- Maria Stepanova, a Russian author currently living in Berlin, has won the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023.
- Dalai Lama personally received the 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award from members of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation at his residence.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra became the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to receive a gallantry award.
- Innovator Sonam Wangchuk conferred with prestigious Santokba Humanitarian Award.
- Legendary singer Asha Bhosle will be honoured with the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award.
- Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao (CR Rao), an Indian-American statistician won the 2023 International Prize in Statistics.
- Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest award.
- Luis Caffarelli of Argentina has been awarded the 2023 Abel Prize.
- Noted Tamil writer Sivasankari has been conferred with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2022.
- The award is for his book "Surya Vamsam", a memoir published in Tamil in 2019.
- The song 'Naatu Naatu' from the Indian film RRR has won the Oscar in the Best Original Song category at the 95th Oscar Awards.
- Music director MM Keeravani received the award.
- This Telugu song is sung by Kaal Bhairav & Rahul Sipligunj. 'Naatu-naatu' means 'to dance'.
- British architect Sir David Chipperfield has won the 2023 Pritzker Architecture Prize.
- Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize.
- NTPC bags 'ATD Best Awards 2023' for 6th consecutive year.



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Q. Who has launched Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven Grievance Monitoring System, IGMS 2.0 Public Grievance portal and Automated Analysis in TREE Dashboard portal of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, today launched Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven Grievance Monitoring System, IGMS 2.0 Public Grievance portal and Automated Analysis in TREE Dashboard portal of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- ✓ About Intelligent Grievance Monitoring System (IGMS) 2.0:
- ✓ It is a public grievance portal and Automated Analysis in Tree Dashboard portal of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- ✓ It has been implemented by IIT Kanpur.
- ✓ Objectives: The Dashboard provides instant tabular analysis of Grievances Filed & Disposed, State-wise & District-wise Grievances Filed & Ministry-wise data.
- ✓ It will also help the officials identify the root cause of the grievance.
- ✓ This portal will help the DARPG with creation of draft letter for selected scheme/ministry and expedite the grievance redressal process by the concerned ministry/department.
- ✓ It has been enabled with Artificial intelligence (AI) capacity.
- ✓ What is CPGRAMS?
- ✓ Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) is an online platform available to the citizens 24x7 to lodge their grievances to the public authorities on any subject related to service delivery

Q. Sela Tunnel project, which was seen in news, is located in which of the following state/UTs?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir B) Assam
C) Arunachal Pradesh D) Punjab

Answer : C



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- ✓ The BRO officials recently said that nearly 96 percent of the work on the strategically crucial Sela Tunnel is complete, and it is likely to be inaugurated by year-end.
- ✓ About Sela Tunnel Project:
- ✓ Location: It is located in the West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Once completed, the Sela tunnel will be the world's longest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude above 13,000 feet.
- ✓ It will ensure all-weather connectivity between Guwahati in Assam and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ It is being excavated below the Sela Pass on the NH-13 component of the Trans-Arunachal Highway system.
- ✓ It is being built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under Project Vartak and the tunnel's construction commenced on April 1, 2019.
- ✓ Project Details:
- ✓ Tunnel 1: This single-tube tunnel has a length of 980m.
- ✓ Tunnel 2: This bi-lane tunnel has a length of 1555m. It includes one escape tube for emergencies.
- ✓ Roads: Approach to Tunnel 1 is 7100m, the road between the two tunnels is 1340m, and the approach to Tunnel 2 is 340 m long.
- ✓ Key Facts about Sela Pass:
- ✓ It is a high-altitude mountain pass located in the Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Elevation: 4,170 meters above sea level
- ✓ It connects Tawang Valley to the rest of India.
- ✓ Open throughout the year, Sela Pass is managed by the BRO

Q. The term Financial Stability Board (FSB) is associated to which of the following organizations?

- A) G20
- B) ASEAN
- C) BRICS
- D) WTO

Answer : A

- ✓ The Financial Stability Board (FSB) is launching a probe into the buildup of debt outside traditional banks, as it seeks to limit hedge funds' borrowing and boost transparency.
- ✓ About Financial Stability Board (FSB):
- ✓ FSB was established by the G20 in 2009 in the wake of the financial crisis.



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- ✓ Mandate: It was created expressly to coordinate at the international level the work of national financial authorities and international standard-setting bodies and to develop and promote the implementation of effective regulatory, supervisory, and other financial sector policies in the interest of financial stability.
- ✓ The FSB brings together national authorities responsible for financial stability (central banks, supervisory authorities, and finance ministries), international organisations, and standard-setting bodies.
- ✓ The FSB operates by monitoring, analyzing, and making recommendations on key aspects of the financial system. It assesses emerging issues that could impact global financial stability.
- ✓ The FSB's decisions are not legally binding on its members.
- ✓ Headquarters: Basel, Switzerland.
- ✓ Members:
- ✓ The FSB consists of 68 member institutions. It comprises several central banks, ministries of finance, and supervisory and regulatory authorities from 25 jurisdictions, as well as 10 international organizations and six Regional Consultative Groups (RCGs).
- ✓ The board includes all G20 major economies.
- ✓ India and FSB: India is an active member of the FSB, having three seats in its Plenary represented by the Secretary (Dept of Economic Affairs), Deputy Governor-RBI, and Chairman-SEBI.
- ✓ INDIAN PRESIDENCY OF G 20
- ✓ India officially assumed the Presidency of G20 on 1 December 2022 from Indonesia.
- ✓ India will hold the G20 Presidency from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, and host the 18th G20 Summit in 2023.
- ✓ The summit meeting of the Head of the States and the leaders of the G20 is scheduled to be held in September 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The theme of India's G20 Presidency—"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth One Family One Future"—is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad.
- ✓ India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant.
- ✓ Group of Twenty (G-20)
- ✓ The G-20 was founded back in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis.
- ✓ As of 2023, there are 21 members in the Group of 20 (G20).



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- ✓ The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 sovereign countries, the European Union (EU), and the African Union (AU). It works to address major issues related to the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation and sustainable development.
- ✓ The Group of Twenty (G-20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States), European Union and
- ✓ The G-20 members represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.
- ✓ India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999.
- ✓ LIST OF G20 SUMMIT
- ✓ 1st G20 Summit 2008 – USA
- ✓ 16th G20 summit 2021 – Italy
- ✓ 17th G20 summit 2022 – Indonesia
- ✓ 18th G20 summit 2023 – India
- ✓ 19th G20 summit 2024 – Brazil
- ✓ 20th G20 Summit 2025 – South Africa

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation Stone for the Akashvani Dahod FM Relay Station Project in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Assam
- C) Odisha
- D) Gujarat

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation Stone for the Akashvani Dahod FM Relay Station Project in Gujarat.
- ✓ The Foundation Stone plaque for the 10 Kilo watt FM Relay Station was unveiled virtually by the Prime Minister along with other projects at an event in Bodeli in the state
- ✓ This station will be set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.00 Crore and is strategically located to cover approximately a 55 km radius area, encompassing approximately 75% of the tribal district of Dahod.



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation Stone for the Akashvani Dahod FM Relay Station Project in Gujarat.
- Gujarat Assembly has passed the Gujarat Local Authorities Law (Amendment) Bill 2023 by a majority vote to raise reservation for Other Backward Class (OBC) communities in local self-government bodies to 27 percent from the current 10 percent.
- 'Gujarat Declaration' outlining the outcome of the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 released.
- In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.
- Gujarat to host 69th edition of Filmfare Awards in 2024.
- London-based company OneWeb and the Gujarat Government's Science and Technology Department have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today for the establishment of a 'Satellite Network Portal Site' in Gujarat.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah organized a virtual ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the country's first cooperative-run Sainik School.
- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the best tourism facilities in the historical lighthouses of Gujarat.
- Under the Sagarmala programme, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is developing a National Maritime Heritage Complex, a world-class facility at Lothal, Gujarat.
- Gujarat government signs MoU with US chip maker firm Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Ahmedabad.
- Indian cabinet has given its approval to Micron Technology's plan to invest \$2.7 billion in setting up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat.
- Urban-20 City Sherpas' meet begins at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term.



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- Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli passed away.
- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year. The state was established on May 1, 1960.
- Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as “Swagat Saptah” in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the “State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology” (SWAGAT) initiative.
- Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in GIFT city.
- Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat’s GIFT City.
- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat.
- International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Q. According to which organization report, the elderly population in India is likely to double by 2050?

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)**
- B) United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA)**
- C) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**
- D) World Economic Forum (WEF)**

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) India, in collaboration with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) has unveiled the India Ageing Report 2023, highlighting the rapidly growing elderly population in India.
- ✓ India's elderly population is growing rapidly, with a decadal growth rate of 41%.
- ✓ By 2050, over 20% of India's population will be elderly.
- ✓ The elderly population in India will surpass the population of children (0 to 15 years old) by 2046.
- ✓ The population of people aged 80+ years is expected to increase by around 279% between 2022 and 2050.
- ✓ Higher Life Expectancy of Women:



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- ✓ Women have a higher life expectancy at ages 60 and 80 compared to men, with variations across states and territories.
- ✓ For instance, in Himachal Pradesh and Kerala, women at 60 years have a life expectancy of 23 and 22 years, respectively, which is four years greater than men at 60 years in these States — as compared to the national average differential of only 1.5 years.
- ✓ Poverty and Well-being:
- ✓ More than 40% of the elderly in India are in the poorest wealth quintile.
- ✓ Poverty among the elderly is a concern, affecting their quality of life and healthcare utilization.
- ✓ A substantial proportion of elderly individuals, especially women, are living without any income, affecting their quality of life and healthcare utilization.
- ✓ Regional Variations:
- ✓ There are significant inter-State variations in the elderly population and their growth rates.
- ✓ Most States in the southern region and select northern States such as Himachal Pradesh and Punjab reported a higher share of the elderly population than the national average in 2021, a gap that is expected to widen by 2036.
- ✓ Sex Ratio of the Elderly Population:
- ✓ The sex ratio among the elderly has been climbing steadily since 1991, with the ratio in the general population stagnating.
- ✓ Between 2011 and 2021, the ratio increased in India as a whole and across all regions, barring the Union Territories and western India.
- ✓ In the northeast and the east, while the sex ratio of the elderly increased, it remained below 1,000 in both years, indicating that men still outnumber the women in these regions even at 60-plus years.
- ✓ However in central India, where the sex ratio went from 973 in 2011 to 1,053 in 2021, implying that the women caught up with and outperformed the men in survival after 60 years over the decade.
- ✓ What is the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)?
- ✓ About:
- ✓ It is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly and works as a sexual and reproductive health agency.
- ✓ The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) establishes its mandate.
- ✓ Establishment:
- ✓ It was established as a trust fund in 1967 and began operations in 1969.



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- ✓ In 1987, it was officially renamed the United Nations Population Fund but the original abbreviation, 'UNFPA' for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities was retained.
- ✓ Objective:
- ✓ UNFPA works directly to tackle Sustainable Development Goals on health (SDG3), education (SDG4) and gender equality (SDG5).

Q. Who has won the gold medal in mixed doubles tennis at the 2023 Asian Games?

- A) Leander Paes and Sania Mirza B) Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale
C) Zhizhen Zhang and Yibing Wu D) Yuki Bhambri and Rutuja Bhosale

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian tennis pair Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale won the gold medal in mixed doubles tennis at the 2023 Asian Games.
- ✓ Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale defeated Yu-Hsiu Hsu and Hao-Ching Chan of Chinese Taipei by 2-6, 6-3, 10-4 to ensure their victory.
- ✓ India had to come from behind after losing the first set 2-6 but they came back and won the next two sets.
- ✓ It was India's second tennis medal at the 2023 Asian Games after Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni had earlier won a silver in men's doubles tennis.
- ✓ India's Mixed Doubles Success:
- ✓ India has won a total of seven medals in the mixed doubles category at the Asian Games, which includes three gold medals.
- ✓ Champions in this category have been Leander Paes and Sania Mirza at Doha 2006, as well as Saketh Myneni and Sania Mirza at Incheon 2014.

Q. India defeated which country to win the gold medal in the men's squash team event at the 2023 Asian Games?

- A) China B) Thailand
C) Pakistan D) Bangladesh

Answer : C

- ✓ India Clinches Gold in Men's Squash Team Event at 2023 Asian Games, Defeating Pakistan 2-1.
- ✓ Abhay Singh led the Indian team to victory in a tough match in the final round.



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- ✓ The match started with Mahesh M losing to Nasir Iqbal in straight games (8-11, 3-11, 2-11).
- ✓ Saurav Ghoshal leveled the match with an impressive 11-5, 11-1, 11-3 win over Muhammad Asim.
- ✓ Abhay Singh won the gold medal with an 11-7, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10 win over Noor Zaman.
- ✓ The women's squash team won the bronze medal at the Hangzhou 2023 Asian Games after losing to Hong Kong, China in the semi-finals.
- ✓ Historical Achievement
- ✓ This is India's second gold medal in squash at the Asian Games, the previous gold medal was won by the men's team in 2014.
- ✓ The Indian men's team had earned the bronze medal at the 2018 Jakarta Games

Q. Which country launched its third military satellite called Nour 3, into orbit?

- A) Iran
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) North Korea
- D) China

Answer : A

- ✓ Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) successfully launched its third military imaging satellite, Nour 3, from Iran's Shahroud Spaceport.
- ✓ The satellite was sent into orbit using a three-stage cassette carrier, which was developed by the IRGC.
- ✓ In Persian, "nour" (or "noor") translates to "light", while "Qased" means "messenger".
- ✓ Nour 3 was placed in low Earth orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 450 km (280 mi) above the Earth's surface.
- ✓ The primary purpose of the Nour-3 satellite is to collect data and images for intelligence purposes by the IRGC.
- ✓ Previous versions of the Nour satellite include:
- ✓ Nour 1 - It was the first military reconnaissance satellite launched by Iran in April 2020. It orbited at an altitude of 425 km (265 mi) above the Earth.
- ✓ Nour 2 - It launched in March 2022, and operated in a low orbit at an altitude of 500 km (310 mi).
- ✓ Other satellites of Iran
- ✓ In August 2022, Iran's high-resolution, remote-sensing Khayyam satellite was launched using Russia's Soyuz-2.1B rocket. The launch took place from the Russian-controlled Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- ✓ About Iran



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- ✓ President - Ibrahim Raisi
- ✓ Capital - Tehran
- ✓ Currency - Iranian Rial

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the International Coffee Day?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ International Coffee Day is celebrated on October 01 every year to celebrate millions of people across the world who do hard work to create and serve the beverage in the consumable form such as farmers, roasters, baristas, and coffee shop owners etc.
- ✓ The first ICD was launched in 2015 by the International Coffee Organization in Milan.
- ✓ Brazil is the largest producer of coffee in the world
- ✓ Karnataka is the largest coffee product in India
- ✓ India is the third-largest producer and exporter of coffee in Asia, and the sixth-largest producer and fifth-largest exporter of coffee in the world

Q. Outside India, Dr. In which country will the largest statue of BR Ambedkar be unveiled?

- A) England B) France
C) Germany D) USA

Answer : D

- ✓ India to unveil largest BR Ambedkar statue in Maryland, USA.
- ✓ India will unveil the largest statue of BR Ambedkar outside India in Maryland, North America.
- ✓ This project is organized by the Ambedkar International Center (AIC).
- ✓ The 19-foot statue, known as the "Statue of Equality", was created by renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar, who also created the statue of Sardar Patel in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ✓ The statue of B.R. Ambedkar, an important figure in the Constitution of India, is located on 13 acres of land in the city of Accokeek, Maryland.
- ✓ Ambedkar was an Indian jurist, politician and social reformer known as the architect of the Indian Constitution.



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STATUE IN NEWS 2023

- Outside India, Dr. The largest statue of BR Ambedkar will be unveiled in the United States. The 19-foot statue of Ambedkar has been named 'Statue of Equality' and will be inaugurated in Maryland, USA.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled the 108-foot-tall 'Statue of Oneness' of Adi Shankaracharya at Omkareshwar.
- President Droupadi Murmu has unveiled a 12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and a 'Gandhi Vatika' at Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat in New Delhi.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- Tamil Nadu CM Stalin inaugurated statue of 'Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108-feet tall bronze 'Statue of Prosperity' of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "Viswas Swaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- The Viswas Swaroopam statue was built by Tat Padam Sansthan.

Q. Who has recently become the elected President of Maldives?

A) Mohammad Solih

B) Mohammad Muizzu

C) Arif Latif

D) Abdullah Yameen

Answer : B



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- ✓ Dr. Mohammed Muizzu wins the Maldives presidential election.
- ✓ Dr. Mohammed Muizzu of the opposition PPM PNC alliance won the presidential election in Maldives with more than 53% of the votes.
- ✓ Ibrahim Mohamed Solih of the ruling MDP received 46% of the vote in the runoff, up from 39% in the first round, but he fell short of the 50% needed to win.
- ✓ The elections saw an improved turnout of 86% in the second round compared to 78% in the first.
- ✓ Maldives is a country in South Asia located in the Indian Ocean.

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2023

- Mohammed Muizzu : Maldives
- Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam : Singapore
- Emmerson Mnangagwa : Zimbabwe
- Edgars Rinkevics : Latvian
- Tayyip Erdogan : Turkey
- Bola Tinubu : Nigeria
- Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu : Bangladesh
- Ram Chandra Paudel : Nepal
- Xi Jinping : China (third term)
- Vo Van Thuong : Vietnam

MALDIVES IN NEWS 2023

- Dr. Mohammed Muizzu wins the Maldives presidential election.
- The Indian surf team won the bronze medal in the Asian Surfing Championship held at Thulisdhoo Island in Maldives.
- 12th edition of the joint military exercise “Ex Ekuverin” between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defense Force has commenced on 11 June 2023 at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- Sixth edition of India-Maldives Exercise ‘Ekatha’ begin in Maldives.
- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh handed over two made-in-India platforms, namely, Fast Patrol Vessel and a Landing Craft Assault ship, to the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF).



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- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hand over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to the Maldives as India's "gift" .
- India Extended USD 40 Million for Bolstering Sports Infrastructure in Maldives.
- India and Maldives held the 4th Defense Cooperation Dialogue (DCD) in Male on March 19, 2023.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to embark on a three-day official visit to Maldives on 30th April.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework.
- The corpus of the SAARC Currency Swap Facility of the RBI is USD 2 Billion.
- About Maldives
- It is also called Maldives Islands, an independent island country in the north-central Indian Ocean.
- Basis of economy - fisheries, tourism
- Industries - handicraft or cottage including the making of coir (coconut-husk fibre) and coir products, fish canning, and boatbuilding.
- Capital - Male
- President - Mohammed Muizzu
- Currency - Rufiyaa

Q. India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Varanasi
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Guwahati

Answer : C

- ✓ India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- ✓ This innovative solar roof cycling track has been named 'Healthway'. It is a three-lane track which is 4.5 meters wide, with a strip of green grass of one meter on either side.
- ✓ This cycling track is 23 km long.
- ✓ A total of 16,000 solar panels have been installed to generate 16 MW electricity.



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INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023

- India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- Uttarakhand launches India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management.
- 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).
- 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.



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- 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 drone-air 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.
- 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.

Q. Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman have been awarded the Physiology Nobel Prize 2023 for which discovery?

- A) For the discovery of insulin vaccine against rabies**
- B) For developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19**
- C) For developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19**
- D) For the discovery concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution**

Answer : C

- ✓ NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE 2023
- ✓ Drew Weissman (USA)
- ✓ Katalin Karikó (Hungarian -American)
- ✓ For their work in mRNA vaccines.



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- ✓ Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman will be awarded the Nobel Prize for their groundbreaking work in messenger RNA (mRNA) technology, which was crucial in the development of COVID-19 vaccines.
- ✓ His contributions led to the rapid development of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, saving millions of lives and reducing the severity of the disease.
- ✓ mRNA Technology Revolution:
- ✓ mRNA vaccines such as those from Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech were approved in December 2020.
- ✓ These vaccines provide genetic instructions to cells, simulating infection and training the immune system.
- ✓ The full form of mRNA is messenger Ribonucleic Acid.
- ✓ Nobel Prize in Medicine
- ✓ First awarded : 1901
- ✓ Reward : 10 million
- ✓ Presented by : Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet.
- ✓ Emil von Behring awarded the first Nobel Prize in Physiology in 1901 for his work on serum therapy.
- ✓ Har Gobind Khorana first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize in Medicine 1968

Q. Who has inaugurated the 'Khadi Mahotsav' organized by Khadi and Village Industries in Mumbai?

A) Anurag Thakur

B) Eknath Shinde

C) Narayan Rane

D) Uddhav Thackeray

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated 'Khadi Mahotsav' in Mumbai.
- ✓ 'Khadi Mahotsav' was organized on 2nd October, showcasing the government's support for Khadi and Village Industries (KVIC).
- ✓ 'Khadi Mahotsav' is a month-long event, which is scheduled to run till 31 October 2023 in Mumbai.
- ✓ It serves as a platform not only to showcase Khadi products but also to promote indigenous goods through 'Vocal for Local' exhibitions.
- ✓ Customers can avail 20 to 25 percent discount on Khadi products during the festival.
- ✓ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body formed in April 1957 by the Government of India, under the Act of Parliament, 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'. It is an apex organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.



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- ✓ KVIC
- ✓ Founded : 1957
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai
- ✓ Chairman : Manoj Kumar

Q. Which state/ UTs government has introduced a 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' to tackle air pollution in the upcoming winter season?

- A) Punjab
- B) Puducherry
- C) Delhi
- D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : C

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has introduced a 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' to tackle air pollution in the upcoming winter season.
- ✓ The 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' includes measures to tackle pollution and improve air quality in Delhi.
- ✓ Steps have been taken in Punjab to diversify crops, promote short-duration paddy varieties and encourage the conversion of stubble into energy or fertilizer.
- ✓ The article highlights the factors that contribute to air pollution in NCR during winter, including low wind speeds, cold temperatures, stubble burning, vehicle emissions and industrial pollutants
- ✓ Analysis last winter showed that Delhi had the highest levels of PM2.5 among 27 NCR towns and cities.
- ✓ PM 10 levels have also reduced from 324 in 2014 to 223, signifying a 30% reduction in pollution levels.

Q. Which of the following countries are the part of the AUKUS Grouping?

- A) Australia, India and United Kingdom
- B) India, South Korea and United States
- C) Australia, United Kingdom and United States
- D) India, Russia and United Kingdom

Answer : C

- ✓ As part of the AUKUS initiative with Australia and the US, the UK has given three UK businesses a 4 billion pound (\$4.9 billion) contract to design and build an attack submarine powered by nuclear energy.
- ✓ About AUKUS:



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- ✓ Established in 2021, the AUKUS is intended to be a strategic partnership among Australia, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States to bolster their allied deterrence and defense capabilities in the Indo-Pacific.
- ✓ The trilateral partnership, which builds on their decades-long security cooperation, has two pillars.
- ✓ Pillar I revolves around the acquisition and development of conventionally armed nuclear-powered submarines for the Royal Australian Navy;
- ✓ Pillar II calls for collaboration on advanced capabilities that will involve technology and information sharing;
- ✓ What is the submarine component?
- ✓ It is designed to equip Australia with nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs).
- ✓ In total, Australia will end up with eight of the new nuclear submarines, called SSN-AUKUS.
- ✓ The deal marks the first time the US has shared nuclear propulsion technology with an ally other than the UK.
- ✓ It will significantly enhance Australia's undersea capabilities in the Indo-Pacific

Q. What is the name of the mascot for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023?

- A) Chenchen and Lianlian B) Blaze and Tonk
C) Tazuni and Tonk D) Lianlian and Blaze

Answer : B

- ✓ ICC announces official mascots for Cricket World Cup 2023.
- ✓ The ICC has announced that 'Blaze' and 'Tonk' have been unanimously chosen as the names of the mascot duo.
- ✓ 'Blaze' is a female mascot, bowling at rapid pace, leaving batters in sheer awe. She is adorned with a belt carrying six power cricket orbs, each meticulously prepared for various game-changing tactics.
- ✓ 'Tonk' is a male mascot, with icy-cool composure, making him a batting champion. Tonk has an electromagnetic bat and versatile shot repertoire, lighting up the grandest stage.
- ✓ The Cricket World Cup in India, starts from October 5 with a heavyweight clash between England and New Zealand in Ahmedabad.



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Q. Which state is the host of 'Pitra Paksha Mela' event?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ In Bihar, the world-famous Pitra Paksha Mela began in Gaya, Bihar.
- ✓ The main function was organized at Vishnupad Temple.
- ✓ Lakhs of people from across the country and abroad reach here to offer prayers for departed souls on the banks of Falgu River

MELA IN NEWS 2023

- Pitra Paksha Mela : Gaya, Bihar
- Shravani Mela : Deoghar, Jharkhand
- Divya Kala Mela : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Kheer Bhavani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- SARAS Aajeevika Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- Matua Mela : West Bengal
- Shrimp Mela : Punjab
- Maghi Mela : Punjab
- 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela : Faridabad, Haryana.
- Gangasagar Mela : West Bengal
- Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela : New Delhi

Q. Which institution has organised the 'South-South Knowledge Sharing Series'?

- A) WEF
B) UNICEF
C) UNDP
D) World Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ South-South Knowledge Sharing Series is a virtual conference organized by the World Bank. Its theme is 'Digital Public Infrastructure: The India Story'.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, participated in the virtual conference.



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✓ He highlighted some key elements of India's DPI ecosystem, such as Aadhaar, which facilitates access to government welfare programs, and UPI, a fintech layer that enhances financial inclusion.

Q. Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) support scheme, initially set to expire on September 30, 2023, has been extended till which date?

A) December 31, 2023

B) March 31, 2023

C) June 30, 2024

D) September 30, 2024

Answer : C

✓ Government extends support under Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) till 30th June 2024.

✓ The Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) support which was notified till 30th September 2023 is now being extended till 30th June 2024 at the same rates to the existing export items. This will help our exporting community to negotiate export contracts in the present international environment on better terms. The Scheme is WTO compatible and is being implemented in an end-to-end IT environment.

✓ The RoDTEP Scheme was introduced by the Government as a duty remission scheme on exports and is being implemented from 1st January 2021.

✓ Under the Scheme, a support of Rs. 27,018 crores has been extended for the 27 month period till 31.03.2023. The RoDTEP scheme operates under a budgetary framework and for FY 23-24, a budget of Rs 15,070 crores is available to support 10610 HS lines at the 8 digit level

Q. Which state government has launched a dedicated 'Tourism Policy 2023', and aims to attract ₹20,000-crore investments in 5 years?

A) Gujarat

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Karnataka

D) Bihar

Answer : B

✓ Tamil Nadu government has unveiled its new tourism policy to develop the State into the most attractive experiential destination in Asia.

✓ Over the next five years, the state aims to attract ₹20,000-crore investments and to facilitate the skill development of 3 lakh people. In the next five years, the State expects tourism to contribute at least 12 per



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cent of the State GSDP annually and tourism and supporting industries in the State to employ 25 lakh people.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of South Indian Bank?

- A) J. Packirisamy B) Atanu Kumar Das
C) P R Seshadri D) Hasmukh Adhia

Answer : C

- ✓ South Indian Bank has appointed P R Seshadri as its MD & CEO effective from October 1.
- ✓ He has succeeded Murali Ramakrishnan who served a successful tenure from October 1, 2020, till September 30, 2023.
- ✓ South Indian Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1929
- ✓ Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala
- ✓ Chairman : Salim Gangadharan
- ✓ MD & CEO : PR Seshadri
- ✓ Tagline : Experience Next Generation Banking.

NEWLY BANK MD & CEO IN NEWS 2023

- South Indian Bank has appointed P R Seshadri as its MD & CEO .
- Ashwani Kumar is new MD & CEO of UCO Bank.
- Karnataka Bank Appoints Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma as MD & CEO.
- Rajneesh Karnatak Named As New MD and Chairman Of Bank Of India.
- Debadatta Chand named as new Managing Director of Bank of Baroda.
- Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been elevated as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- K Satyanarayana Raju named as new MD and CEO of Canara Bank.

Q. Who has been appointed as new Director General (DG) of the Border Roads Organization (BRO)?

- A) Raghu Srinivasan B) Ghanshyam Singh
C) Dharmendra Kumar Singh D) Shobha Gupta



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Answer : A

- ✓ Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan took over the role of the 28th Director General (DG) of the Border Roads Organization (BRO) following the retirement of Lieutenant General Rajiv Chaudhary on October 2, 2023.
- ✓ Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- ✓ Formation : 7 May 1960
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ 28th Director General : Raghu Srinivasan

Q. Who is the Chairman of CBDT whose tenure has been extended recently?

- A) Ramesh Sinha B) Anup Sagar
C) Vinod Yadav D) Nitin Gupta

Answer : D

- ✓ Union government has extended the tenure of Nitin Gupta, the incumbent chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), till 30 June 2024.
- ✓ The nine-month extension for Gupta came on the day when he was scheduled to retire and demit office.
- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has raised the tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement of non-government salaried employees from ₹3 lakh to ₹25 lakh.
- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- ✓ Founded : 1860
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Nitin Gupta
- ✓ Minister responsible : Ministry of Finance

Q. When is the International Day of Non-Violence observed?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Every year, 02 October is celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence, to mark the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. This day is referred to as Gandhi Jayanti in India.



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- ✓ On 15 June 2007 the United Nations General Assembly, voted to establish 2 October as the International Day of Non-Violence.
- ✓ The day aims to “spread the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness.
- ✓ The year 2023 marks 154th birth anniversary of the global peace icon who was born on 2 October 1869, in Porbandar in Gujarat.

Q. The International Day of Non-Violence marks the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?

A) Jawaharlal Nehru

B) Vallabhbhai Patel

C) Mahatma Gandhi

D) Subhas Chandra Bose

Answer : C

- ✓ Exam Oriented Facts about Mahatma Gandhi
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi (Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi) is also known as "Bapu" or "Rashtripita" and "The Father of Nation"
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India issued The Gandhi series banknotes by displaying a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi since its introduction in 1996. The series issued in 1996 is of 10 and 500 rupee banknotes
- ✓ Dandi March is also known as the Salt March, Salt Satyagraha and the Dandi Satyagraha was started on 12 Mar 1930 and concluded on 6 Apr 1930.
- ✓ The 'Gandhi-Irwin Pact' was a political agreement between the Lord Irwin and Mahatma Gandhi on 5 March 1931 before the second Round Table Conference in London.
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi had given the slogan of 'Do or die' during the Quit India movement of 1942.
- ✓ Nathuram Vinayak Godse assassinated Gandhi in New Delhi on 30 January 1948.
- ✓ The Story of My Experiments with Truth is an autobiography of Gandhi Ji
- ✓ Father of Mahatma Gandhi was Karamchand Uttamchand Gandhi while his mother's name was Putlibai Gandhi.
- ✓ 9th January we celebrate as a Pravasi Bharatiya Divas or NRI Day because Gandhiji returned to India on this Day from South Africa in 1915.
- ✓ Kasturba Gandhi was known as the wife of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ President of Indian National Congress (INC) - Bengaun, 1924.
- ✓ Political Guru - Gopal Krishna Gokhle.
- ✓ 1st-time Satyagrah - South Africa in 1906.



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- ✓ Rabindra Nath Tagore gave the title of Mahatma to Gandhi and the father of the Nation was given by Subash Chandra Bose.
- ✓ The first Satyagraha movement led by Mahatma Gandhi was the Champaran satyagraha.
- ✓ It was started in the Champaran district of Bihar in 1917.
- ✓ This satyagraha was a revolt against the British indigo policy.
- ✓ Gandhiji arrived in Champaran on the request of Pandit Raj Kumar Shukla, one such oppressed Indigo cultivator.
- ✓ The Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 was the first Satyagraha movement led by Gandhi in India.
- ✓ While Gandhi Ji first conceived satyagraha in 1906 in South Africa.
- ✓ Batak Mian, was a cook who saved the life of Mahatma Gandhi from a murder attempt by food poisoning in 1917.
- ✓ At Pietermaritzburg railway station of South Africa was Mahatma Gandhi evicted from the first-class compartment of the train in 1893 due to racial discrimination.
- ✓ In 1894, Mahatma Gandhi founded the Natal Indian Congress in South Africa.
- ✓ In 1910, Mahatma Gandhi founded Tolstoy farm near Johannesburg

Q. Which organization has recently endorsed capital management reforms, unleashing a substantial \$100 billion fund over the next ten years?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- B) World Bank**
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
- D) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Answer : A

- ✓ ADB Capital Management Reforms Bring \$100 Billion Benefits Over Next Decade to Asia-Pacific.
- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced the approval of capital management reforms that are set to release approximately USD(\$100 billion in fresh funding capacity over the next decades for financing projects in Asia-Pacific region.
- ✓ People in Asia and the Pacific, especially those who are poor and vulnerable, are facing severe challenges due to escalating and interconnected crises. An estimated 155 million people, or 3.9% of the region's population, lived in extreme poverty as per the report in 2022.



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- ✓ This funding is intended to tackle significant Asian challenges, notably climate change.
- ✓ These reforms were implemented by updating the ADB's Capital Adequacy Framework (CAF).

ADB IN NEWS 2023

- ADB Capital Management Reforms Bring \$100 Billion Benefits Over Next Decade to Asia-Pacific.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced the allocation of US \$ 400 million for welfare work with a special focus on women and girls in Afghanistan.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Fourth Partner Energy Private Limited (Fourth Partner) signed a long-term loan of up to 1.2 billion Indian rupees (about \$14.7 million) .
- ADB Approves USD 40.5 Million Loan to Enhance Childhood Development and Maternal Mental Health in Meghalaya.
- Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$200 million loan as additional financing for the ongoing Rajasthan.
- ADB approves \$295mn loan to improve Transport Connectivity in Bihar.
- ADB gives 130 million dollars to increase horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$141.12 million loan agreement for the development of an industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh.
- Alok Kumar has been appointed as a member of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) High-level Advisory Group on Digital Technology for Development.
- Pakistan is the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced its plans to invest in non-convertible debentures valued at Rs 150 crore in Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL).
- ADB approves \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed loan agreements aggregating to \$1.22 billion.
- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded : 19 December 1966
- HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian?)



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- Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
- Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
- Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).
- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- It is a regional multilateral financial institution focused on countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
- It currently has 68 members – of which 49 are from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 from outside.

Q. Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L’Huillier have been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics. For which experiment have he received this Nobel Prize?

A) for the discovery that black hole formation

B) for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems

C) for using topological concepts in theoretical condensed matter physics

D) for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electro dynamics in matter

Answer : D

- ✓ The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L’Huillier “for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electro dynamics in matter”.
- ✓ Nobel Prize in Physics 2023 has announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science.
- ✓ NOBLE PRIZE IN PHYSICS 2023
- ✓ Pierre Agostini (France)
- ✓ Ferenc Krausz (Hungary)
- ✓ Anne L’Huillier (France)
- ✓ for "experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter".



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✓ Pierre Agostini is a French-American experimental physicist known for the invention of RABBITT (reconstruction of attosecond beating by interference of two-photon transitions) technique for characterization of attosecond light pulses.

✓ Anne L'Huillier is a French physicist, and professor of atomic physics at Lund University in Sweden.

Q. Which cricket legend has been appointed by ICC as the global ambassador of ODI World Cup 2023?

A) Kapil Dev

B) Sachin Tendulkar

C) Brian Lara

D) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer : B

✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed India's legendary former cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as the Global Ambassador for the One Day Cricket World Cup starting in Ahmedabad from October 5.

✓ Tendulkar has participated in the ODI World Cup six times.

✓ Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023. Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan launched the World Cup 2023 campaign 'It takes one day' in his iconic voiceover.

SACHIN TENDULKAR IN NEWS 2023

- Sachin Tendulkar named ICC Global Ambassador for Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.
- Sachin Tendulkar has been designated as a "national icon" by the Election Commission (EC) to encourage greater voter participation in the electoral process.
- A new book titled 'Sachin@50' - Celebrating A Maestro by Boria Majumdar.
- Sachin Tendulkar now 'smile ambassador' for Maharashtra govt under the state's 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan'.
- Savlon India appoints Sachin Tendulkar as world's first 'Hand Ambassador'.
- Master blaster Sachin Tendulkar has turned 50 this year on 24 April and to honour him the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground in Australia has unveiled a set of gates named after him.
- In honor of Sachin Tendulkar's 50th birthday, the West Stand at the renowned Sharjah cricket stadium has been renamed as the 'Sachin Tendulkar Stand.'
- 10 yrs post-retirement, a life-size statue of Sachin Tendulkar at Wankhede stadium Mumbai.
- Sachin Tendulkar is the first sports person who has won the Bharat Ratna award.
- Sachin Tendulkar is also the youngest person to get the Bharat Ratna award.



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Q. With whom will NPCI International Payments Ltd tie up for cross border transactions?

- A) Al Bashar Payments B) Al Etihad Payments
C) Abu Dhabi Bank D) Singapore Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ NPCI International Payments Limited, the international arm of National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI), is going to enter into an agreement with Al Etihad Payments to facilitate cross border transactions.
- ✓ The MoU will be signed for the development of UAE's domestic card service based on India's RuPay debit and credit card stack.
- ✓ This agreement will be signed in the presence of Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

Q. SBI Life Insurance inks bancassurance pact with State Bank of Which State?

- A) Sikkim B) Jharkhand
C) Tamil Nadu D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ SBI Life Insurance Company has signed a bancassurance pact with the State Bank of Sikkim (SBS) at the bank's headquarters in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- ✓ The landmark agreement highlights SBI Life's commitment to make insurance solutions accessible to the residents of Sikkim, through its trusted bancassurance partner.
- ✓ SBI Life Insurance Company
- ✓ Founded : 2001
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai
- ✓ MD & CEO : Amit Jhingran

Q. Which ride-hailing platform has launched the 'Sustainovate Startup Challenge', a dynamic initiative to expedite the adoption of sustainable mobility in India?

- A) Rapido B) Ola
C) Uber D) DoorDash

Answer : C

- ✓ Uber has introduced the 'Uber Sustainovate' Startup Challenge, a dynamic initiative to expedite the adoption of sustainable mobility in India.



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- ✓ In partnership with Startup India and NASSCOM AI, this competition seeks to reward startups with groundbreaking concepts that can accelerate the transition to sustainable transportation within the nation.
- ✓ The competition, in partnership with Startup India and Nasscom AI, is designed to award startups that produce the best workable ideas to help accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility in the country.
- ✓ UBER.
- ✓ Uber Technologies, provides ride-hailing services, food delivery, and freight transport.
- ✓ Founded : 2009
- ✓ Founders : Garrett Camp & Travis Kalanick
- ✓ Headquarters : San Francisco, California, United States
- ✓ Chairman : Ronald Sugar
- ✓ CEO : Dara Khosrowshahi

Q. Which bank has partnered with SahiBandhu to launch a 'doorstep gold loan' facility?

- A) Karnataka Bank B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
C) HDFC Bank D) ICICI Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Karnataka Bank has partnered with SahiBandhu, an aggregator platform for gold loans backed by the Manipal Group, to launch a 'doorstep gold loan' facility named 'KBL-Swarna Bandhu'.
- ✓ The bank will be able to provide gold loan services at the customer's doorstep through this product. Initially, the product will be available to customers in select centres of the bank and will be gradually rolled out to all branches
- ✓ SahiBandhu will act as a corporate business correspondent and a lending service provider.
- ✓ The collaboration with SahiBandhu aligns with extant guidelines on digital lending and will also help in improving the gold loan portfolio of the bank.
- ✓ KARNATAKA BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1924
- ✓ Headquarters : Mangaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairmam : Pradeep Kumar Panja
- ✓ MD & CEO : Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- ✓ Tagline : Your Family Bank Across India



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- ✓ India's Tajinderpal Singh Toor has won gold in men's shot put at the Hangzhou Asian Games. Toor won India its second track and field gold in the event.
- ✓ Toor (2018 Jakarta, 2023 Hangzhou) became the fourth Indian shot putter to defend his Asian Games after Parduman Singh Brar (1954 and 1958), Joginder Singh (1966 and 1970) and Bahadur Singh Chouhan (1978 and 1982).

Q. India's Avinash Sable won the gold medal in which category of men's steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games?

- A) 6000m
- B) 8000m
- C) 4000m
- D) 3000m

Answer : D

- ✓ India's Avinash Sable has won the gold medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games.
- ✓ He took top honours with a timing of 8:19:50s, breaking the Games record along the way.
- ✓ Sable's medal is India's 12th gold at this edition of the Asian Games and the first track and field gold in Hangzhou.
- ✓ Sable, a 2022 Commonwealth Games silver medallist, holds the national record of 8 minutes 11.20 seconds. His season's best time is 8:11.63, placing him in second position among Asians behind Miura Ryuji (SB: 8:09.91) of Japan.

Q. Who has won Singapore's first Asian Games athletics gold medal for almost 50 years in the women's 200m final in Hangzhou?

- A) Yulia Anggraeni
- B) Andriani Andriani
- C) Maria Corazon
- D) Shanti Pereira

Answer : D

- ✓ Shanti Pereira has won Singapore's first Asian Games athletics gold medal for almost 50 years in the women's 200m final in Hangzhou.
- ✓ Shanti's father Clarence Pereira is a descendant of a family based in Pala in Kottayam who migrated to Singapore. Her mother is from Singapore.



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- ✓ Indians have been bringing a rich medal haul in athletics at the Asian Games, but there has not been success in the sprints – the 100m and 200m races.
- ✓ Shanti Pereira, therefore, was a name that stood out on the winners’ list on the giant screen at the end of the 200m final. Earlier, Shanti had won a silver in the 100m final.
- ✓ Swee Lee Chee was the last Singaporean to top an athletics podium, following the women’s 400m in 1974, until Pereira clocked 23:03 to add a gold in 200m to her silver in the 100m.

Q. India’s Parul Chaudhary has won the gold medal in the Asian Games 2023. She is related to which sport?

- A) Wushu B) Golf
C) Steeplechase D) Tennis

Answer : C

- ✓ India’s Parul Chaudhary made history as she became the first woman from her country to win the 5000m race at the Asian Games 2023.
- ✓ This is Chaudhary’s second medal at this Asiad after her silver in the women’s 3000m steeplechase race.
- ✓ Chaudhary clocked a time of 15:14.75 ahead of Ririka’s 15:15.34 and Kazakhstan’s Caroline Chepkoech KipKirui (15:23.12). Chaudhary’s compatriot Ankit finished fifth with a time of 15:33.03

Q. Which State/UT famed Basohli Pashmina gets geographical recognition with GI tag?

- A) Rajasthan B) Manipur
C) Uttarakhand D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ Earlier this year, the famed Basohli painting and Chikri wood from Rajouri district of Jammu division received the GI tag.
- ✓ About Basohli Pashmina:
- ✓ It is a hand-spun product known for extreme softness, fineness and light-weight, has insulating properties and extended life.
- ✓ Pashmina products include shawls for both men and women, mufflers, blankets and basket.



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- ✓ Pashmina refers to a fine variant of spun cashmere (the animal-hair fibre), that is derived from the downy undercoat of the Changthangi.
- ✓ It is obtained from a breed of mountain goats (*Capra hircus*) found on the Changthang Plateau in Tibet and parts of Ladakh.
- ✓ A traditional producer of pashmina wool in the Ladakh region are a people known as the Changpa (nomadic people inhabit the Changthang plateau of Tibet).

GI TAG IN NEWS 2023

- Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Tamil Nadu's Salem Sago gets GI tag.
- Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- Chokuwa rice of Assam recently earned a GI (Geographical Indication) tag for its exquisiteness.
- The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Mushkbudji rice, which was granted the GI tag along with eight other products from Jammu and Kashmir.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- Geographical Indications Registry, in June 2023, accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the Kari Ishad mango predominantly grown in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada in Karnataka .
- Mircha rice variety from West Champaran district of Bihar has recently been granted the GI tag.
- The products included are Tandur red gram of Telangana, gamocha of Assam, Alibag white onion of Maharashtra, and Raktsey Karpo apricot of Ladakh among others.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- Ladakh wood carvings, also known as 'Ladakh Shingskos', have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.



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

Q. The 11th edition of the military exercise 'SAMPRITI' is being held between the armies of which countries?

- A) India-Sri Lanka
- B) India-Myanmar
- C) India-Bangladesh
- D) India-Nepal



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Answer : C

- ✓ India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of exercise SAMPRITI on 03rd October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya.
- ✓ About Exercise SAMPRITI:
- ✓ It is an annual joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ It was started in Jorhat, Assam in 2009, the exercise has witnessed ten successful editions till 2022.
- ✓ This exercise, alternatingly organised by both countries, signifies strong bilateral defence cooperation initiatives.
- ✓ SAMPRITI-XI, scheduled for 14 days, will engage approximately 350 personnel from both sides.

Q. Mounji G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov have jointly won Nobel Prize 2023 in which category?

- A) Chemistry B) Literature
C) Physics D) Medicine

Answer : A

- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Mounji G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov for discovery of quantum dots, now used in LEDs
- ✓ NOBLE PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY 2023
- ✓ Mounji G. Bawendi (France)
- ✓ Louis E. Brus (USA)
- ✓ Alexei I. Ekimov (Russia)
- ✓ for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots
- ✓ Noble Prize in Chemistry
- ✓ First awarded : 1901
- ✓ Reward : 10 million
- ✓ Presented By : Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- ✓ First Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded in 1901 to Jacobus Henricus van 't Hoff, "for his discovery of the laws of chemical dynamics and osmotic pressure in solutions"
- ✓ Indian Venkatraman Ramakrishnan Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009 "for studies of the structure and function of the ribosome."



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- ✓ Frederick Sanger is the only Nobel Laureate who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry twice, in 1958 and 1980

Q. Who issued the "Review of Maritime Transport-2023" report?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ According to the Review of Maritime Transport 2023 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in 2023, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping were 20 percent higher than in the last 10 years.
- ✓ Key highlights of the review:
- ✓ Overall, the shipping industry contributes to over 80 percent of the world's trade volume and nearly three percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Containerised trade, which had declined by 3.7 per cent in 2022, is expected to grow by 1.2 per cent in 2023 and grow further by three per cent between 2024-2028.
- ✓ Oil and gas trade volumes showed robust growth in 2022, while tanker freight rates saw a strong revival driven by geopolitical events.
- ✓ About the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):
- ✓ It is the UN's leading institution dealing with trade and development.
- ✓ It is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1964.
- ✓ It supports developing countries to access the benefits of a globalised economy more fairly and effectively.
- ✓ Headquarter: Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ Reports published by the UNCTAD
- ✓ Trade and Development Report
- ✓ World Investment Report
- ✓ The Least Developed Countries Report

Q. Sanwariya seth temple is situated in which state?

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



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Answer : A

- ✓ The Prime Minister recently offered prayers at the Sanwariya Seth Temple in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan.
- ✓ About Sanwariya Seth Temple:
- ✓ It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, specifically to his beloved child form known as “Sanwariya Seth” or “Shyam Seth.
- ✓ Location: It is located in the village of Mandaphia in the Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan.
- ✓ It was built in 1840 A.D.
- ✓ Architecture:
- ✓ The temple follows the traditional architecture of Rajasthan, known for its intricate carvings, domes, and vibrant colors.
- ✓ The main structure of the temple is built using white marble.
- ✓ In the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, a black stone idol of Lord Krishna is installed.

RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023

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



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

Q. India and which country has sign social security agreement for professionals?

- A) Australia B) Argentina
C) Russia D) Maldives

Answer : B

- ✓ India and Argentina have signed a significant Social Security Agreement (SSA) aimed at protecting the rights of professionals and workers from both countries regarding social security contributions.

Q. Which team won the Irani trophy 2023?

- A) Mumbai B) India Blue
C) Rest of India D) Saurashtra

Answer : C

- ✓ Rest of India won the 2023 Irani Cup by defeating Saurashtra by 175 runs. This was Rest of India's 30th Irani Cup title
- ✓ The match took place at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, Gujarat from 1 October to 3 October 2023.
- ✓ The Irani Cup marks the beginning of the Indian domestic cricket season.



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- ✓ It shows the match between the Ranji Trophy champions and the Rest of India team.
- ✓ Hanuma Vihari led Rest of India, while Jaydev Unadkat captained Saurashtra.
- ✓ Brief Score:
- ✓ Rest of India: 308 (1st innings) and 160 (2nd innings)
- ✓ Saurashtra: 214 (1st innings) and 79 (2nd innings)
- ✓ Irani Cup:
- ✓ It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- ✓ This is a four-day cricket match.
- ✓ The tournament was started in the 1969–70 season in honor of the late BCCI treasurer Zal Irani.

Q. Who has been inaugurated the Indian Pavilion at the International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC 2023)?

A) Draupadi Murmu

B) Narendra Modi

C) Piyush Goyal

D) Hardeep S Puri

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the Indian Pavilion at the International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC 2023).
- ✓ The Indian pavilion is one of the 30 country pavilions at the event.
- ✓ Minister Puri also participated in bilateral discussions with industry leaders, including the interim CEO of British Petroleum and other key personalities.
- ✓ ADIPEC 2023
- ✓ The Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC 2023) opened on October 2, 2023 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
- ✓ ADIPEC will involve more than 160,000 people from 164 countries.
- ✓ The event will run until October 5 and focuses on the theme "Decarbonizing. Fast. Together".
- ✓ ADIPEC's goal is to bring together the global energy industry to advance decarbonization efforts in today's energy systems and collaborate on the energy future.
- ✓ ADIPEC 2023 is strategically timed as it takes place ahead of the hosting of COP28 in the UAE, emphasizing the program's role in aligning the energy industry with low-carbon, high-growth energy solutions.
- ✓ ADIPEC 2023 features more than 2,200 global companies across 16 exhibition halls



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- ✓ World Teachers' Day aims to focus on appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.
- ✓ In 2023, World Teachers' Day celebrations will focus on the theme "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage"

Q. India and Japan launch ___ Fund for Environment Projects.

- A) \$600 Million B) \$700 Million
C) \$800 Million D) \$900 Million

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund has entered into a collaboration with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to unveil a \$600 million India-Japan Fund.
- ✓ About National Investment and Infrastructure Fund:
- ✓ It is an investor-owned fund manager, anchored by the Government of India (GoI) in collaboration with leading global and domestic institutional investors.
- ✓ It is India's first-ever sovereign wealth fund (SWF) which was set up in the year 2015.
- ✓ It is an institution for enhancing infrastructure financing by investing in greenfield (new), brownfield (existing) and stalled projects.
- ✓ The primary goal of setting up NIIF was to optimise the economic impact largely through investing in infrastructure-related projects.
- ✓ Types of NIIF Funds
- ✓ Master Fund: This fund primarily invests in infra-related projects such as roads, ports, airports, and power. Also, the master fund invests in well-established enterprises that are into a long-term agreement and are operating in a regulated environment with a good history.
- ✓ Fund of Funds: It looks to invest in funds managed by the renowned fund managers having an excellent track record. The fund of funds invests as anchor investors, and this enables the fund managers to accumulate more funds from the institutional investors
- ✓ Strategic Fund: This fund is registered as an Alternative Fund II under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in India. Strategic funds invest primarily in equity and equity- linked instruments.
- ✓ The funds are registered as Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).



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Q. The world's highest railway bridge is located in which Indian state/UT?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Chenab Bridge, the world's highest steel arch rail bridge situated in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi town, is set to be developed as a tourist spot.
- ✓ About Chenab Bridge:
- ✓ Location: It is located between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ✓ The 1.3-km-long bridge is located 359 metres above the Chenab riverbed.
- ✓ It is the highest single-arch railway bridge in the world.
- ✓ It is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project.
- ✓ The bridge has been designed with a life span of 120 years.
- ✓ Key Facts about Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project:
- ✓ The USBRL Project involves the construction of a railway line from Udhampur to Baramulla, joining the Kashmir valley with the Indian Railways network.
- ✓ Aim: To connect Kashmir to the rest of the country and give a push to development in the valley.
- ✓ Total Length: 272 km
- ✓ The project was declared a “National Project” in 2002.
- ✓ The project includes the Indian Railway's first cable-stayed, bridge which is being constructed on Anji Khad.
- ✓ It is the world's highest railway bridge and is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project (USBRL).
- ✓ This bridge is 1,315-metre long and is the highest railway bridge in the world being 359 metres above the river bed level.

Q. Jon Fosse, the winner of 2023 Nobel Prize in literature, is an author from which country?

- A) Sweden
- B) Norway
- C) France
- D) Hungry

Answer : B

- ✓ The 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to the Norwegian playwright and author Jon Fosse for "his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable".



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- ✓ He is the fourth Norwegian recipient of the prize.
- ✓ NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE 2023
- ✓ Jon Fosse (Norway)
- ✓ for his “innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable”
- ✓ Nobel Prize in Literature
- ✓ First awarded :1901
- ✓ Reward : 10 million
- ✓ Presented By : Swedish Academy
- ✓ First Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded in 1901 to Sully Prudhomme of France
- ✓ First Indian Rabindranath Tagore won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913 for his collection "Gitanjali".
- ✓ He is the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Q. Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra has won the Gold Medal at the Asian Games 2023 with a throw ____.

- A) 88.58 meters
- B) 86.88 meters
- C) 89.88 meters
- D) 88.88 meters

Answer : D

- ✓ India celebrated a remarkable 1-2 finish in the Men’s Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023, held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Park Main Stadium in the People’s Republic of China.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal, while Kishore Kumar Jena clinched the silver, showcasing their exceptional talent on the grand continental stage.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra, the reigning champion, delivered an outstanding performance by achieving a season’s best throw of 88.88 meters.
- ✓ This remarkable feat not only secured the gold medal for him but also marked his second consecutive gold at the Asian Games, following his victory in Jakarta 2018.
- ✓ The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.



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NEERAJ CHOPRA IN NEWS 2023

- Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, won a gold medal in the Asian Games with a massive throw of 88.88m.
- Neeraj Chopra finishes second in Eugene Diamond League with a throw of 83.80m, failing to defend his title. Jakub Vadlejch becomes champion.
- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary with a throw of 88.17 meters.
- Neeraj Chopra, will lead the country's challenge at the World Athletics Championships from August 19 to 27, 2023 in Budapest.
- India observes 3rd 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 07, 2023.
- Neeraj Chopra wins second straight Diamond League title in Lausanne, Switzerland with 87.66m throw.
- Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra has secured victory with 88.67 m throw at Doha Diamond League 2023.
- Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw.
- Neeraj Chopra is on top with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) accepted Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train in Kuortane, Finland.
- The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.
- Neeraj Chopra presently holds the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army.
- Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana

Q. Who has been reappointed as CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

A) Amit Chadha

B) Kapil Agarwal

C) Rahul Mammen

D) Amit Agrawal

Answer : D

- ✓ Centre extends Amit Agrawal's tenure as CEO of UIDAI for one year
- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension of Amit Agrawal's tenure as the CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).



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- ✓ The extension is for a period of one year starting 2 November 2023 up to 2 November 2024 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ About Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
- ✓ Establishment and Authorization:
- ✓ Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a government department established on 12 July 2016.
- ✓ It works under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ✓ UIDAI is a statutory authority created under the Aadhaar Act 2016.
- ✓ Objectives and Functions:
- ✓ UIDAI provides a 12 digit unique identification number called "Aadhaar" to all Indian residents.
- ✓ Aadhaar serves as a universal identity for residents across the country.
- ✓ UIDAI links the Aadhaar number with basic demographic and biometric information of residents.
- ✓ This information includes a photograph, ten fingerprints and two iris scans.
- ✓ The data is stored in a secure, centralized database managed by the UIDAI

Q. Who is the Chairman of State Bank of India whose tenure has been extended till August 2024?

- A) Rajeev Saini B) Vinod Kala
C) Alakh Kumar D) Dinesh Khara

Answer : D

- ✓ The tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara has been extended till August 2024.
- ✓ Khara was made the Chairman of SBI on October 7, 2020 for a period of three years.
- ✓ State Bank of India is a public sector bank.

SBI IN NEWS 2023

- The tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara has been extended till August 2024.
- State Bank of India has introduced a digital facility for Non-Resident Indians to effortlessly open Non-Residential External and Non-Resident Ordinary accounts through its mobile app YONO.
- State Bank of India has launched its 'Nation First Transit Card', a RuPay prepaid instrument under the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) that can be used nationwide.
- State Bank of India has launched a Customer Service Points (CSPs) functionality that allows customers to enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card.



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- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 percent through its third infrastructure bond issuance.
- State Bank of India will set up a new trustee company as its wholly-owned subsidiary for managing the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF).
- State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru Circle, recently launched 'Project Kuber' to meet the banking needs of its customers.
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, has raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian" and the book celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and 200 years of SBI's history.
- SBI to launch new current accounts and savings accounts in FY24 to attract deposits.
- The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "Parivar" (family) account.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced the completion of a \$1 billion syndicated social loan facility.
- The facility of \$1 billion was arranged through MLABs, MUFG bank and Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has partnered with the NGO That's Eco Foundation to donate ₹48 lakh for the plantation of 32,000 tree saplings at Garden City University in Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 3,717 crore through its third Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 bond issuance in the current financial year at coupon rate of 8.25 per cent..
- SBI reintroduces 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term deposit scheme and provides an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.



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- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us.
- It is one of the largest and oldest banks in India.

Q. Indian players Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Pravin Ojas Deotale have won gold in the Mixed Team event at the Asian Games 2023. Jyothi and Pravin are related to which sport?

- A) Badminton B) Wushu
C) Tennis D) Archery

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian players Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Pravin Ojas Deotale have won gold in the Compound Archery Mixed Team event in the Asian Games 2023.



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- ✓ Jyothi-Pravin defeated the South Korean pair in a close encounter by one point 159-158. This is the first gold for Archery in the ongoing Asian Games.
- ✓ In addition, Indian race walkers Manju Rani and Ram Baboo also won the bronze medal in the 35km race walk mixed team event.

Q. Which organisation flight-tested the 'Very-Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile'?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The Indian defence establishment recently initiated a tender for the procurement of 30 units of the indigenous Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) missile system.
- ✓ About Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) missile system:
- ✓ It is a Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) specially designed to counter low-altitude aerial threats over short distances.
- ✓ These are short-range, lightweight, and portable surface-to-air missiles that can be fired by individuals or small groups.
- ✓ It has been designed and developed indigenously by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad, in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian industry partners.
- ✓ The use of VSHORAD missiles in India is primarily by the Indian Army.
- ✓ The missile and its launcher were designed by the DRDO to be portable, which enables their quick deployment over difficult terrain.

Q. Under which initiative Indian Navy signed an agreement with Sagar Defence for armed autonomous boat swarms?

- A) SPRINT initiative
- B) Strategic Defense Initiative
- C) Self-Reliant India initiative
- D) Software Technology initiative

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Navy has recently given accordance of necessity (AON) approval for 12 autonomous weaponised boat swarms, which have been developed by Pune-based Sagar Defence Engineering.
- ✓ Why in News?



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- ✓ Sagar Defence Engineering Private Limited has emerged as the winner of the iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) DISC-7 program, particularly under the SPRINT framework.
- ✓ The agreement between the Indian Navy and the organisation marks the 50th contract awarded under the SPRINT program.
- ✓ About Autonomous Weaponised Boat Swarms:
- ✓ These swarms are strategically designed for naval tactics, employing a coordinated deployment of numerous small unmanned boats to overwhelm an adversary's naval defenses.
- ✓ They are equipped with a variety of weapons and sensors that are capable of remote or autonomous operation.
- ✓ What is the SPRINT Initiative?
- ✓ It is an initiative to promote the development of niche defence technologies by domestic companies.
- ✓ The Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO), in conjunction with the Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO), aims to induct at least 75 new indigenous technologies/products into the Indian Navy as a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.
- ✓ This collaborative project is named SPRINT - Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence), NIIO and TDAC (Technology Development Acceleration Cell).
- ✓ It was launched by the Prime Minister in July, 2022.
- ✓ Key Facts about iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence):
- ✓ It is the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), launched in April 2018.
- ✓ Aim: To achieve self-reliance and foster innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace by engaging Industries including MSMEs, start-ups, individual innovators, R&D institutes, and academia.
- ✓ iDEX has partnered with leading incubators in the country to provide handholding, technical support, and guidance to the winners of iDEX challenges.
- ✓ iDEX will be funded and managed by a 'Defence Innovation Organization (DIO)' which has been formed as a 'not for profit company' as per Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013 by the two founder members, i.e. Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) - HAL & BEL.

Q. Ministry of Tourism has inaugurated PATA Travel Mart 2023 in Which City?

A) Bengaluru

B) Mumbai

C) New Delhi

D) Ahmedabad



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Answer : C

- ✓ Ministry of Tourism organised inaugural ceremony for the PATA Travel Mart 2023 in New Delhi on 4th Oct 2023.
- ✓ The 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023 is being organised at the magnificent International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC), Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) was established in 1951 and is headquartered in Bangkok

Q. Who has been appointed as Global CEO PayU?

- A) Anirban Mukherjee B) Alex Chriss
C) Amrish Rau D) John Caplan

Answer : A

- ✓ PayU India's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Anirban Mukherjee has been promoted to the role of global CEO of PayU .

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center for Divyangjan in which city?

- A) Bhopal B) Lucknow
C) Hyderabad D) Bengaluru

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center for Divyangjan, named after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ This initiative aims to provide equal opportunities in sports, enhance talent, and encourage participation in various sports disciplines.
- ✓ Divyangjan from all over the country can practice and train in the Atal Bihari Training Center for Divyang Sports.

Q. Who has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the year 2023?

- A) Dalai Lama B) Nargis Mohammadi
C) Sunita Krishnan D) Arundhati Roy

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Nobel Peace Prize 2023 has been awarded to Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi.
- ✓ The 2023 peace prize laureate, who is still in prison, has been recognised for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.
- ✓ She is the 19th woman to win the Nobel peace Prize.
- ✓ The award is presented by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

🏆 NOBLE PRIZE IN PEACE 2023

◇ Narges Mohammadi (Iran)

◆ “for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all”

● Noble Prize in Peace

◇ First awarded : 1901

◇ Reward : 10 million

◇ Presented By : Norwegian

- ✓ Nobel Committee

❖ Most awards : International Committee of the Red Cross (3 times)

❖ In 2014, aged just 17, Malala Yousafzai from Pakistan became the Youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner

❖ Mother Teresa was the first woman with close Indian ties to get the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize

● Indian peace Noble prize winner

◇ Mother Teresa : Nobel Peace Prize (1979)

◇ Kailash Satyarthi : Nobel Peace Prize (2014)

Q. Reserve Bank of India has maintained the repo rate at what percentage?

A) 6.75 Percent

B) 6.50 Percent

C) 6.25 Percent

D) 6.00 Percent

Answer : B

- ✓ RBI keeps Repo Rate unchanged at 6.50% in Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meet on October 06, 2023.



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- ✓ The RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced the Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) decision on October 06, 2023, to keep the key policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 6.50 percent.
- ✓ This is the fourth time in a row that the MPC decided to maintain the status quo on the repo rate.
- ✓ Consequently the various rates are as under:
- ✓ Policy Repo Rate : 6.50%
- ✓ Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)= 6.25%
- ✓ Marginal Standing Facility Rate : 6.75%
- ✓ Bank Rate : 6.75%
- ✓ Fixed Reverse Repo Rate : 3.35%
- ✓ CRR : 4.50%
- ✓ SLR : 18.00%
- ✓ RBI has retained the real GDP growth forecast at 6.5% for FY24 and 6.6% for FY25.
- ✓ Next Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting scheduled for Dec 6-8, 2023.
- ✓ MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE (MPC)
- ✓ The Monetary Policy Committee is a statutory and institutionalized framework under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for maintaining price stability, while keeping in mind the objective of growth.
- ✓ An RBI-appointed committee led by the then deputy governor Urjit Patel in 2014 recommended the establishment of the Monetary Policy Committee.
- ✓ The Governor of RBI is ex-officio Chairman of the committee.
- ✓ The committee comprises six members (including the Chairman) - three officials of the RBI and three external members nominated by the Government of India.
- ✓ The MPC determines the policy interest rate (repo rate) required to achieve the inflation target (4%).
- ✓ Six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) .
- ✓ 3 (RBI) + 3 (Govt of India) = 6
- ✓ Three members from RBI Side are Rajiv Ranjan, Debabrata Patra and Shri Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ Three members from Govt of India Side : Ashima Goyal, Jayanth R Varma and Shashanka Bhide
- ✓ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has been constituted by the Central Government under Section 45ZB of RBI Act, 1934.
- ✓ Meetings of Monetary Policy Committee



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- ✓ To achieve the objective of Monetary Policy, the MPC conducts meetings. As per the RBI Act, 1934, RBI has to conduct at least four meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee in a year.
- ✓ Presently, the Monetary Policy Committee meeting is conducted once in every 2 months i.e. 6 times in a year.
- ✓ The quorum for the meeting of this Monetary Policy Committee shall be four Members.
- ✓ Minutes of MPC meet : The Reserve Bank of India shall publish, on the fourteenth day after every meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee the minutes of the meeting.

Q. Yak Churpi of which state has recently been given GI tag?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh B) Assam
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Odisha

Answer : A

- ✓ In a significant milestone for the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, the unique and culturally significant yak milk product, 'Yak Churpi,' has been granted the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ About Yak churpi:
- ✓ It is a dairy product made from the milk of the indigenous Arunachali yak breed.
- ✓ It is reared by tribal yak pastoralists known as Brokpas who migrate along with their yaks to higher reaches (at an altitude of 10,000 ft and higher) during summers and descent to mid-altitude mountainous regions during winters.
- ✓ These remarkable yaks are primarily found in the West Kameng and Tawang districts of the state.
- ✓ Churpi is a naturally fermented dairy product and rich in protein content.
- ✓ Arunachali yaks are also the only registered yak breed in India.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS 2023

- 'Yak Churpi' of Arunachal Pradesh, a naturally fermented dairy product crafted from the milk of yaks, has earned the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) status.
- FSSAI has recently recognized the Mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Chachin Grazing Festival celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh.



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- The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh launched an app named 'Arunpol App' of Arunachal Pradesh Police..
- Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have signed an agreement for the settlement of an inter-state boundary dispute between the two States.
- A tripartite committee recommended that some areas be transferred from Assam to Arunachal..
- Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on 10 April launched the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' at Kibithu, a border village in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh.
- A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu, inaugurated the newly renovated Shar Nyima Tsho Sum Namyig Lhakhang (Gonpa) at Gyangkhar, his native village in Tawang district.
- February 20, 2023, Arunachal Pradesh is celebrating its 37th Statehood Day.
- A bipartisan resolution was passed by the US, formally recognizing the McMahon Line as the international boundary between China and India's Arunachal Pradesh.
- The trailer of 'Love in 90s', the first film made in Tagin language of Arunachal Pradesh.

Q. Fintech firm Slice is being merged with which bank?

- A) North East Small Finance Bank B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
C) Jana Small Finance Bank D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Bengaluru's Fintech startup Slice to merge with North East Small Finance Bank.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has approved the merger of Bengaluru-based fintech credit and payments startup Slice and Guwahati-based North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB).
- ✓ Once the merger is completed, Slice will become an Small Finance Bank (SFB).
- ✓ This will be the first instance in the fintech and banking space where a fintech firm will become a bank.

Q. Indian Army to conduct first ever "East Tech 2023" in which city?

- A) Hyderabad B) Ahmedabad
C) Guwahati D) Lucknow



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Q. Who has been selected for the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2023?

A) Jhumpa Lahiri

B) Anita Desai

C) Meena Kandasamy

D) C. S. Lakshmi

Answer : D

- ✓ Veteran Tamil writer C. S. Lakshmi (Ambai) has been selected for the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2023.
- ✓ Her fiction is published under her pseudonym Ambai.
- ✓ The award recognises and salutes sustained and outstanding contribution to writing and literature in India.
- ✓ Past recipients include Anita Desai, Mark Tully, Amitav Gosh, Ruskin Bond and Girish Karnad.
- ✓ The 14th edition of Tata Literature Live! The Mumbai Litfest will be held from 27 to 29 October 2023.
- ✓ Ambai is also a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2021 for her novel Sivappu Kazhuthudan Oru Pachai Paravai (A Red-Necked Green Bird).

Q. Government of India has announced the establishment of the National Turmeric Board with focus on enhancing Turmeric exports to US\$ 1 Billion by which year?

A) 2025

B) 2030

C) 2035

D) 2040

Answer : B

- ✓ Centre notifies establishment of National Turmeric Board with focus on enhancing Turmeric exports to US\$ 1 Billion by 2030.
- ✓ The Government of India has announced the establishment of the National Turmeric Board on October 04, 2023.
- ✓ The National Turmeric Board will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country.
- ✓ It must be remembered that India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world.
- ✓ With the constitution of the Board it is expected that turmeric exports will reach USD 1 Billion by 2030.
- ✓ National Turmeric Board Members
- ✓ The Board shall have a Chairperson to be appointed by the Central Government.
- ✓ Members from the Ministry of AYUSH, Departments of Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Commerce & Industry of the Union Government



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- ✓ Senior State Government representatives from three states (on rotation basis)
- ✓ Select national/state institutions involved in research, representatives of turmeric farmers and exporters
- ✓ Secretary to be appointed by the Department of Commerce..
- ✓ India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world.
- ✓ The largest producing states of Turmeric are Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

Q. The World Space Week (WSW) is being observed every year between_____

- A) 28 September-05 Oct B) 24-30 September
C) 1-7 October D) 4-10 October

Answer : A

- ✓ The World Space Week (WSW) is observed every year from October 4 to 10.
- ✓ This day aims to celebrate science and technology, and their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition.
- ✓ WSW was declared by the United Nations General Assembly on December 6, 1999.
- ✓ The 2023 theme is 'Space and Entrepreneurship'.
- ✓ The dates commemorate the launch of the first artificial satellite, Sputnik I, on 4 October 1957.
- ✓ It is also the date which marked the entry into force of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies on 10 October 1967.

Q. Which country has been elected as the Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development?

- A) India B) China
C) Australia D) Malaysia

Answer : A

- ✓ India has been elected as the President of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for the third time.
- ✓ Earlier, India was selected for 2018-2021 and 2021-2023. AIBD was established in 1977.
- ✓ It is a specialized regional inter-governmental organization.
- ✓ This organization currently has 92 member organizations from 44 countries



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Q. Chungthang Dam, also known as the Chungthang Hydroelectric Project, is a dam and hydroelectric power station located in which state?

A) Assam

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Sikkim

D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ A major disaster took place in Sikkim recently, when the Chungthang Hydro-Dam was washed away by flooding of the Teesta River.
- ✓ About Chungthang Dam:
- ✓ Chungthang Dam, also known as the Chungthang Hydroelectric Project, is a dam and hydroelectric power station located in Chungthang, a town in Sikkim.
- ✓ It is an integral part of the 1200 MW mega Teesta Stage III Hydro Electric Project, a major source of electricity for Sikkim and West Bengal.
- ✓ It is a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project, which was commissioned in 2017.
- ✓ The dam had a gross height of 817 metres and a net head of 778 metres, which was used for power generation.
- ✓ About Teesta Stage III Hydro Electric Project:
- ✓ It is a 1,200 MW hydro power project.
- ✓ It is located on the Teesta river/basin in Sikkim.
- ✓ It is a run-of-river project.
- ✓ Key Facts about Teesta River:
- ✓ It is a trans-Himalayan river flowing through the Indian states of Sikkim and West Bengal and, Rangpur in Bangladesh.
- ✓ It is a tributary of Brahmaputra River.

Q. Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary , which was seen in the news recently, is situated in which state?

A) Tripura

B) Assam

C) Odisha

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ The Wildlife Division of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department is all set to prepare an inventory of land use and other activities adjacent to the Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary for declaring it an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ).



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- ✓ About Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary:
- ✓ Location: It is a significant wetland sanctuary located in the West Godavari and Krishna districts of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ It was established in November 1999, under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.
- ✓ The sanctuary protects part of the Kolleru Lake wetland, which gained Ramsar Convention for International importance in 2002.
- ✓ Key Facts about Kolleru Lake:
- ✓ It is the largest freshwater lake in India.
- ✓ It is located in Andhra Pradesh between the Krishna and Godavari deltas and covers an area of 308 km².
- ✓ The lake serves as a natural flood-balancing reservoir for these two rivers.
- ✓ The lake was notified as a wildlife sanctuary in November 1999 under India's Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and designated a wetland of international importance in November 2002 under the international Ramsar Convention.

Q. Which day of the year is celebrated as the World Cotton Day (WCD) by WHO?

- A) 7 October
- B) 6 October
- C) 5 October
- D) 4 October

Answer : A

- ✓ The WHO-recognised World Cotton Day (WCD) is observed on 7th October since 2019 to celebrate the international cotton industry and its contribution to communities and the global economy..
- ✓ The day was inaugurated by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva on October 7, 2019.
- ✓ WCD Day was initiated by the Group of Cotton-4 countries namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali to the reflect the importance of cotton as a global commodity.
- ✓ The largest cotton producing countries are China and India, followed by the United States of America and Brazil.
- ✓ India is the world's second-largest producer of cotton.
- ✓ Gujarat is the largest producer of cotton in India.



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