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Q. Which State/UT Zanskar Festival 2023 started at Padum in Zanskar?

A) Tripura

B) Nagaland

C) Ladakh

D) Jharkhand

Answer: C

- ✓ In Ladakh, the two-day Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2023 will start at 11 am on 13th Oct 2023 at Padum in Zanskar.
- ✓ The 8th edition of Zanskar festival will begin 13th Oct 2023 with participation of cultural troops from all over Ladakh.
- ✓ Exhibition stalls displaying traditional cuisine, attire, lifestyle, ethnicity and unique Zanskar culture.
- ✓ Major attractions of the festival will be cultural presentations from famous cultural troops, Folk Songs and dance.

FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023

Zanskar Festival : Ladakh

➤ Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival: New Delhi

Nuakhai festival : Odisha

Nadi Utsav : Delhi

Karnataka Cultural Festival : Sri Lanka .

Unmesha' – International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh' – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Festival of Libraries 2023: New Delhi.

Chachin Grazing Festival : Arunachal Pradesh

Harela Festival : Uttarakhand

Bonalu Festival : Telangana

Kharchi Puja : Tripura

> Palkhi festival : Maharashtra

> Raja festival : Odisha



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➤ Kheer Bhawani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir

➤ Great Prayer Festival : Ladakh

> Sinthan Snow Festival: Jammu and Kashmir

> Heritage Festival : Goa

➤ Thawe Festival : Bihar

> Bohag Bihu festival : Assam

➤ 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh

> Yaoshang festival : Manipur

> Purple Fest : Goa

Orange Festival : Nagaland

Kala Ghoda Arts Festival: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Losar Festival: Ladakh

23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland

Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur

> Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh

> 26th National Youth Festival 2023: Hubbali, Karnataka

> International Yoga Festival 2023: Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

> Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi

Mongeet Festival : Assam

➤ International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Vigyanika Science Literature Festival: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana

Q. Which city has set to become India's first Wetland City?

A) Udaipur

B) Kochi

C) Hyderabad

D) Bengaluru

Answer: A

✓ Udaipur set to become India's first Wetland City



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- ✓ Udaipur, 'City of Lakes' known for its enchanting surroundings, lakes, forts, palaces, and historical significance, is in a race to earn the prestigious title of India's first-ever wetland city.
- ✓ The city, known for its numerous picturesque lakes, including Lake Pichola, Lake Fateh Sagar, Lake Doodh Talai, Lake Rang Sagar, and Lake Swaroop Sagar, serves as a major tourist attraction.
- ✓ The Rajasthan government is actively working towards obtaining this recognition for Udaipur. The Environment and Forest Department has chosen Udaipur based on the criteria set by the Ramsar Convention for international significance.
- ✓ Currently, there are 42 wetland cities worldwide. In India, both Udaipur and Bhopal are vying for the remarkable distinction of being recognized as India's first wetland city.

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ Udaipur set to become India's first Wetland City.
- 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.



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- ➤ 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.
- Recently, the PM has inaugurated India's first facility to produce rare earth permanent magnets in Visakhapatnam.
- > India's first online gaming academy launched in Madhya Pradesh.
- ➤ Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.
- ➤ India's first private hill station Lavasa was sold to Darwin Platform Infrastructure for Rs 1.8 thousand crore after the approval of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- > Tech startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone capable of vertical take-off and landing. This drone has been named Skyhawk.
- > Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled the country's first droneair traffic management system "Sky UTM".
- India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- > Luminous Power Technologies announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.
- 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. Which state has inaugurated the first building made with 3D printing technology named Amaze-28?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Kerala

C) Karnataka

D) Telangana

Answer: B

✓ Named Amaze-28, Kerala's first building built using 3D printing technology has been inaugurated.



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- ✓ Inaugurated by revenue minister K Rajan. The building with a 380 sq ft one-room summer house is in Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra (Kesnik) campus at PTP Nagar of Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ Designed as a demonstration project, Amaze-28 is a model that was completed in just 28 days. The project was completed by Kera State Nirmiti Kerndra with the support of Tvasta, a Chennai-based construction tech start-up launched by some IIT-Madras alumni.
- ✓ 3D printing is layer-by-layer printing. In 3D printing basically, there are 3 processing. First is data processing, second is material processing and 3rd is robotic printing.
- ✓ In material processing what we do is when you have an object or structure, we convert that into a 3D model. The building was named 'Amaze 28' as it was constructed in a record 28 days.
- Q. Which state has launched 'Rozgar Prayag Portal'?

A) Assam

B) Uttarakhand

C) Bihar

D) Odisha

Answer: B

- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 'Rozgar Prayag Portal' during the Uttarakhand Youth Mahotsay-2023 event held at Dehradun.
- ✓ The government has created this portal with the goal of offering employment opportunities within the state to the youth, all accessible through a single platform.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2023

- > Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 'Rozgar Prayag Portal'.
- ➤ Uttarakhand government has signed a memorandum of understanding worth ₹2,000 crore with global ropeway construction firm Poma Group in London.
- Uttarakhand govt approved state's first service sector policy.
- ➤ Harela Festival 2023 begins in Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- ➤ Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- ➤ India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.



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- Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- > Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.
- Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year.
- Uttarakhand Governor Approved 30% Women's Reservation Bill.
- > PM Modi has inaugurated connectivity projects worth 3,400 crores in Mana village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand recently received the first prize in two categories the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- India's first commercial space observatory will be set up in the Garhwal division of Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal "Samarth".
- Which institution releases the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report? Q.
 - A) International Labour Organisation B) NITI Aayog

 - C) National Statistical Office D) Employee Provident Fund Organisation

Answer: C

- ✓ The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report 2022-2023 was released recently by the National Statistical Office.
- ✓ A decreasing Trend in Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons of age 15 years and above was noted.
- ✓ In rural areas, Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) increased from 50.7% in 2017-18 to 60.8% in 2022-23 while for urban areas it increased from 47.6% to 50.4%.
- ✓ In rural areas, Worker Population Ratio (WPR) increased from 48.1% in 2017-18 to 59.4% in 2022-23 while for urban areas it increased from 43.9% to 47.7%.



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- Q. Which countries partnered to develop the 'Durra gas field'?
 - A) Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

B) Kuwait and China

C) Kuwait and USA

D) Iran and China

Answer: A

- ✓ The Durra gas field is an offshore natural gas field located in the neutral zone between Kuwait, Iran and Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ Kuwait is planning to develop the infrastructure for the Durra gas field, a shared resource with Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ An agreement between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia was signed last year for the development of the Durra gas field, while Iran asserts its own stake in the field.
- Q. 'Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana' is associated with which state?

A) West Bengal

B) Maharashtra

C) Assam

D) Karnataka

Answer: B

- ✓ The Maharashtra government has approved two significant welfare schemes, Lek Ladki Yojana & Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana, aimed at benefiting citizens.
- ✓ These schemes are designed to support families with annual incomes up to Rs one lakh and farmers across the state, and are set to make a substantial impact.
- ✓ <u>Lek Ladki Yojana</u>
- ✓ The Lek Ladki Yojana, also known as the Dear Daughter scheme, is one of the significant initiatives of the government.
- ✓ The program provides financial aid to families with girl children, aiming to ease the financial burden on them and prevent the dropouts of girl children from schools.
- ✓ A sum of Rs 5,000 is given at the time of the girl child's birth, followed by Rs 6,000 when she is admitted to school, Rs 7,000 when she reaches class 7, and Rs 8,000 when she gets admission to college.
- ✓ Upon turning 18 years old, the girl will receive a significant sum of Rs 75,000. In total, each girl child will receive Rs 1.01 lakh, contributing to her future aspirations and endeavors
- ✓ Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana



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- ✓ The Maharashtra government has approved the disbursement of Rs 1,720 crore as the first installment of funds under the Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana.
- ✓ This scheme aims to provide financial relief to the state's farming community. Around 90 lakh farmers will benefit from this program, receiving an annual payment of Rs 6,000.
- ✓ The funds was available from April 2023 to July 2023 and disbursed directly to the farmers' accounts through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
- ✓ This initiative is expected to provide much-needed financial support to the agricultural community in Maharashtra.
- ✓ The government has shown full support for both initiatives, which were set to be implemented from April 1, 2023.
- ✓ These programs reflect the government's commitment to improving the lives of its citizens by promoting education and financial stability.
- ✓ Recently, the Maharashtra government approved the release of the initial installment of Rs 1,720 crore to farmers as part of the Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the state government will provide an additional amount of ₹6,000 along with ₹6,000 provided by the Central Government under PM KISAN scheme.
- Q. ISRO in collaboration with which of the following has organized an exhibition called "Space on Wheels" program in Arunachal Pradesh?

A) Project Nanhi Kali

B) Vyavastha Parivartan

C) Vijnana Bharati

D) Jazba Foundation

Answer: C

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organization in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) is organizing an exhibition called "Space on Wheels" program in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The programme features a mobile exhibition vehicle showcasing models of satellites, launching vehicles, and communication systems.
- ✓ It aims to bring the wonders of space to the doorstep of students and enthusiasts across the region.
- ✓ The primary objective of the "Space on Wheels" program is to provide valuable insights into ISRO's activities and India's space missions to school and college students. It also aims to sensitize the youth about the exciting and rewarding career opportunities in the field of space science



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Q. Who has been appointed as the National President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)?

A) Vivek Murthy

B) Arun Majumdar

C) Pankaj Bohra

D) Neera Tanden

Answer: C

- ✓ Pankaj Bohra, a Chartered Accountant from Ahmedabad has become the first-ever person from Gujarat to assume the role of National President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC).
- ✓ The IACC is a 55-year-old apex chamber of commerce and is engaged in promoting bilateral trade and investments between India and the USA
- ✓ IACC with 14 offices in India and 27 partner organizations in the US
- Q. VJ Kurian has been appointed as the non-executive part-time chairman of which bank recently?

A) South Indian Bank

B) Axis Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) HDFC Bank

Answer: A

- ✓ VJ Kurian has been appointed as the non-executive part-time chairman of the South Indian Bank with effect from November 2 to March 22, 2026.
- ✓ Kurian will succeed Salim Gangadharan, who will be retiring as non-executive part-time chairman of the bank on November 1 after the completion of his term.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as the governing body overseeing the banking sector in India, has given its official approval for VJ Kurian's appointment as the bank's non-executive part-time chairman.
- ✓ South Indian Bank

✓ Founded: 1929

✓ Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala

✓ Chairman : Salim Gangadharan

✓ MD & CEO : PR Seshadri

✓ Tagline: Experience Next Generation Banking.

Q. Who has been appointed as Laureus Ambassador recently?

A) Sachin Tendulkar

B) Neeraj Chopra

C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

D) Rahul Dravid



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Answer: B

- ✓ India's Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic and world javelin champion, was named a Laureus ambassador.
- ✓ The 25-year-old Chopra became the second Indian to be named Laureus ambassador after former cricketer Yuvraj Singh was honoured in 2017.
- ✓ Laureus is a global sports-based charity that works to improve the lives of young people. The organization leverages its Sport for Good initiative, the World Sports Academy, the ambassador programme and the World Sports Awards to harness the inspirational influence of sports as a catalyst for positive change.
- ✓ Cricketers Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar are part of Laureus World Sports Academy, which under the chairmanship of former New Zealand rugby union captain Sean Fitzpatrick, performs the crucial role of voting for the winners of the Laureus Awards.
- ✓ Last year, Neeraj Chopra, who won the Olympic gold medal in 2021 to become the first Indian track and field athlete to win an Olympic medal, was nominated for the Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year award for 2022. However, the award went to British tennis sensation Emma Raducanu.
- ✓ Chopra is only the third Indian after wrestler Vinesh Phogat and cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar to be nominated for a Laureus award.
- Q. Who will be honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India in Goa?

A) Leonardo DiCaprio

B) Tom Cruise

C) Chris Hemsworth

D) Michael Douglas

Answer: D

- ✓ Renowned Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas will be honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India in Goa.
- ✓ Douglas is known for his films like 'Wall Street', 'Fatal Attraction', 'The China Syndrome', 'The American President', 'Basic Instinct', and 'Ant-Man' among others.
- ✓ Douglas will be presented with the award at the International Film Festival of India scheduled to be held in Panjim from November 20-28 this year
- ✓ The 79-year-old actor has won two Academy Awards, five Golden Globe Awards, a Primetime Emmy Award, the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and the AFI Life Achievement Award.



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- Q. Who has won the bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships 2023 held in Spokane, USA?
 - A) Ayush Shetty

B) Navneeth Mankenapalli

C) Abhinav Thakur

D) Unnati Hooda

Answer: A

- ✓ India's Ayush Shetty has won a bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships held in Spokane, USA
- ✓ The 23rd edition of the BWF World Junior Championships was held in Spokane, United States of America (USA).
- ✓ Indonesia's Alvi Farhan won the BWF World Junior Championships gold medal.
- ✓ Ayush Shetty won the bronze medal in the competition, losing to Alvi Farhan.
- ✓ Another semi-finalist, France's Alex Lanier, also won a bronze medal.
- ✓ India has won 11 medals at the BWF World Junior Championships since 1992, including 1 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze medals.
- ✓ Saina Nehwal's gold medal wins in 2008 remains India's best achievement at the BWF World Junior Championships, and she also earned a silver medal in 2006. At the 2022 Championships in Spain, India's Shankar Muthusamy Subramanian won the silver medal.
- Q. The International Olympic Council's (IOC) Executive Board has suspended which country's Olympic Committee (ROC) with immediate effect for "breach of charter" recently?

A) China

B) Ukraine

C) Israel

D) Russia

Answer: D

- ✓ IOC suspends Russian Olympic Committee for 'breach of charter'
- ✓ After nearly 20 months of waging war in Ukraine, Russia was suspended by the International Olympic Council (IOC) for a land grab in sports administration.
- ✓ The International Olympic Committee's executive board imposed the suspension on the Russian Olympic Committee for a breach of the Olympic Charter a book of rules and principles for international sports bodies by incorporating sports councils in four regions in eastern Ukraine.



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- ✓ The suspension does not immediately affect any Russians who are returning to compete in international sports as neutral athletes, including in some qualifying events for next year's Paris Olympics
- Q. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2023?

A) Tree: Sustaining Bird Life

B) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!

C) Light Pollution

D) Water: Sustaining Bird Life

Answer: D

- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October. This year 13 May and 14 October are celebrated as World Migratory Bird Day.
- ✓ It's a day that highlights the importance of migratory birds and their conservation efforts.
- ✓ Theme 2023 Water: Sustaining Bird Life
- ✓ In 1993, the United States initiated the idea of a day dedicated to migratory birds. It was a joint effort by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.
- ✓ Their aim was to encourage bird festivals and educational programs nationwide. Later, in 2016, the first global World Migratory Bird Day was celebrated, thanks to the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).
- Q. World Students' Day is observed every on which day?

A) 13 October

B) 14 October

C) 15 October

D) 12 October

Answer: C

- ✓ World Students' Day is observed every year on October 15 to mark the birth anniversary of former President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
- ✓ In 2010 the United Nations declared 15 October "World Students' Day", due to Kalam's love for students and who himself was a dedicated teacher and identified himself foremost in that role before anything else.
- ✓ 2023 marks 92 birth anniversary of the former president and 'Missile Man' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
- ✓ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India (2002-07).
- ✓ The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education.



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- ✓ Dr. Kalam was born on October 15, 1931. He served as an inspiration to many students to achieve and do something remarkable.
- ✓ On July 2015, he was delivering a lecture at the IIM Shillong, when he collapsed due to cardiac arrest and died at the age of 83.
- ✓ Dr. Kalam is fondly remembered as "People's President", and he was known for his dedication towards promoting education.
- ✓ He was honoured with several recognitions including Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan (1990), Bharat Ratna (1997), and Ramanujan Award.
- ✓ Name: Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam (Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam)
- ✓ Occupation : Engineer, Scientist, Author, Professor, Politician
- ✓ Place of Birth : Dhanushkodi, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India
- ✓ Place of Death : Shillong, Meghalaya
- ✓ Wings of Fire: An Autobiography (1999)
- ✓ In 1981, Dr. Kalam received Padma Bhushan from the Government of India
- ✓ In 1990, Dr. Kalam received Padma Vibhushan from the Government of India
- ✓ n 1997, Dr. Kalam received Bharat Ratna
- ✓ He was known as the Missile Man of India
- ✓ He was the 11th president of India (2002 to 2007)
- ✓ 27 July 2022 marked 7th death anniversary of former President and Bharat Ratna Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
- Q. When is the International Day of Rural Women celebrated?

A) 12 October

B) 14 October

C) 13 October

D) 15 October

Answer: D

- ✓ International Day of Rural Women is observed on October 15 each year.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly established the day on 18 December 2007 and was observed for the first time in 2008.
- ✓ Theme 2023 "Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All."
- ✓ The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall well-being.



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- ✓ In India, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare observes the day as the Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas since 2016, to increase the active participation of women in agriculture.
- ✓ According to a report by UN Women, in 2020, 23.7 billion did not have access to adequate food. This alluded to the fact that around 20% or 3.2 billion people more were pushed towards hunger. Invariably, the groups which faced most of the brunt were rural women and children.
- ✓ October 15 is a significant day to observe the International Day of Rural Women as rebuilding the broken global food system from the bottom up is essential
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Director Of Finance at Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)?

A) Praveen Saxena

B) Bijay Kumar Mohanty

C) V. K. Aatre

D) Abhishek Dev

Answer: B

✓ Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty, a distinguished senior finance professional with an illustrious career spanning over 25 years in the Indian power sector, has taken charge as the Director (Finance) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) effective from 12th October, 2023

IREDA IN NEWS 2023

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted an 'Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC)' status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).
- > IREDA signs MoUs with Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda to co-finance Renewable Energy projects.
- > IREDA and Bank of Maharashtra partner to promote renewable energy adoption in India.
- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a Mini Ratna (Category I) has signed an a MoU with Government, Revenue Target for 2023-24 set at ₹ 4,350.
- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at NBCC Office Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi.
- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- ➤ It was incorporated as a Public Limited Company in the year 1987 as a 'Non-Banking Financial Institution'.



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- ➤ It is a Miniratna (Category 1) type company functioning under the administrative control of 'Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- > Its function is to encourage projects related to new and renewable energy sources and to provide them financial assistance for their development.
- ➤ It has been notified as a 'Public Financial Institution' under section 4'A' of the 'Companies Act, 1956'.
- > Chairman and Managing Director Pradip Kumar Das
- Q. Which sport has been included in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics by the International Olympic Committee?

A) Squash

B) Cricket

C) Baseball

D) All of the above

Answer: D

- ✓ The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee has decided to include the game of cricket in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Cricket was last played in the Olympics in 1900.
- ✓ Along with cricket, the games of baseball, softball, flag football (non-contact American football), squash and lacrosse have also been included in the Olympics to be held in the year 2028
- Q. Which city will host Olympics 2028?

A) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

B) Paris, France

C) Los Angeles, USA

D) London, UK

Answer: C

- ✓ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board has accepted a proposal to include T20I Cricket along with squash, lacrosse, flag football, and baseball/softball in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
- ✓ If included, cricket will be making a comeback to the Olympics after a gap of 128 years. Cricket's only appearance in the event was the 1900 Paris Olympics.
- ✓ SUMMER OLYMPICS GAMES

✓ 2021 : Tokyo, Japan

✓ 2024 : Paris, France

✓ 2028 : Los Angeles, US

✓ 2032 : Brisbane, Australia



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- ✓ 2048 : New Delhi, India
- ✓ WINTER OLYMPICS GAMES
- ✓ 2022 : Beijing, China
- ✓ 2026 : Milan & Cortina, Italy
- ✓ SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPICS
- ✓ 2026 : Dakar, Senegal
- ✓ International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- ✓ Formation: 23 June 1894
- ✓ Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- ✓ Official language : French & English
- ✓ Honorary President : Jacques Rogge
- ✓ President: Thomas Bach (Germany)
- ✓ Director General : Christophe De Kepper
- ✓ INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OLYMPICS GAMES
- ✓ The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece, in 1896
- ✓ Olympic Day was celebrated on 23 June
- ✓ 5 Olympic ring colors represent each continent
- ✓ Blue for Europe, yellow for Asia, black for Africa, green for Oceania, and red for America
- ✓ Abhinav Bindra became the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal.
- ✓ Bindra had achieved the feat during 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 10 metre air rifle shooter
- ✓ India's first individual medal at the Olympics came at the 1952 Games in Helsinki when Khashaba Jadhav won the bronze in freestyle wrestling
- ✓ First Indian woman to win an Olympic medal Weightlifter Karnam Malleswari gave Indian women at the Sydney Games in 2000
- ✓ Saina Nehwal created history by winning Indian badminton's first medal at the Olympics at London
- ✓ Four years later, PV Sindhu and Sakshi Malik won silver and bronze respectively at Rio 2016
- ✓ India first participated at the Olympic Games in 1900
- ✓ India's hockey team is the most successful team ever in the Olympics, having won eight gold medals
- ✓ In 1928, the Indian Hockey team won its first Olympic gold medal
- ✓ Nilima Ghose first Indian woman to participate in the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952



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- ✓ Women competed for the first time at the 1900 Games in Paris
- Q. Who has been elected as the newly elected Prime Minister of New Zealand?

A) Christopher Luxon

B) Henry Clarke

C) Jacinda Ardern

D) Chris Hipkins

Answer: A

- ✓ In the recently held general elections in New Zealand, former businessman and politician Christopher Luxon won a decisive victory and has been elected as the newly elected Prime Minister of the country.
- ✓ Currently Chris Hopkins is the Prime Minister of New Zealand, who will be replaced by Luxon. Christopher Luxon will be the 42nd Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Capital: Wellington
- ✓ Currency : dollar
- ✓ 42nd Prime Minister : Christopher Luxon

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2022 – 23

- Christopher Luxon: 42nd PM of New Zealand
- > Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani : Qatar
- Li Qiang: China
- Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM: Equatorial Guinea
- Anwar Ibrahim: Malaysia
- Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel
- ➤ Rishi Sunak : 57th PM of United Kingdom (UK)
- ➤ Ulf Kristersson : Sweden
- Mohammed bin Salman: Saudi Arabia
- > Ana Brnabic : Serbia
- > James Marape : Papua New Guinea
- Dinesh Gunawardena: Sri Lanka
- > Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem : Kuwait
- > Hamza Abdi Barre : Somalia



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Anthony Albanese : Australia

> Emmanuel Macron : France

> Robert Golob : Slovenia

> Patrick Achi : Ivory Coast

Shehbaz Sharif : Pakistan

➤ Viktor Orban : Hungary

> Robert Abela: Malta

Antonio Costa : Portugal

Mia Mottley : Barbados

> Alikhan Smailov : Kazakhstan

> Petr Fiala : Czech Republic

Jonas Gahr Store : Norway

Fumio Kishida: Japan

Q. In which country did External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently unveil the statue of Rabindranath Tagore?

A) Bangladesh

B) Vietnam

C) Thailand

D) Argentina

Answer: B

- ✓ Recently, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar unveiled the statue of Rabindranath Tagore in Vietnam.
- ✓ The statue was unveiled during the Foreign Minister's four-day visit to Vietnam.
- ✓ He also said that Vietnam had issued a commemorative postage stamp in Tagore's honor in 1982.
- ✓ Vietnam is a South Asian country, its capital is Hanoi.
- ✓ About Rabindranath Tagore
- ✓ Rabindra Nath Tagore received Nobel prize for Literature in 1913 for his book Gitanjali. He was the first Indian to receive the Nobel prize.
- ✓ He is the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- ✓ He was popularly known as Gurudev.
- ✓ Gitanjali and Sadhana are among his important works.



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- ✓ The poet, dramatist, and novelist is also the author of India's National Anthem.
- ✓ In 1901 he founded the famous Santiniketan which later came to be known as Vishwabharati University.
- ✓ India's national anthem"Jana Gana Mana" was written by Rabindranath Tagore.
- ✓ He also created Bangladesh's national anthem, "Amar Shonar Bangla".
- ✓ Shanti Niketan is the school established by Rabindranath Tagore.
- ✓ Rabindranath Tagore first sang Vande Mataram in 1896 at the Calcutta Congress Session.
- ✓ Notable works:
- ✓ Gitanjali.
- ✓ Ghare-Baire.
- ✓ Gora,
- ✓ Gitimalya.
- ✓ Balaka.
- ✓ Sonar Tari.

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- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar unveiled the bust of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore at the International Friendship Park in Bac Ninh province, Vietnam.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiled a statue of medieval-era Ahom army commander, Lachit Borphukan, and a Swahid Smarak at Bir Lachit Borphukan Park in Guwahati.
- ➤ 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.



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

A) Amit Shah

B) Rajnath Singh

C) Anurag Thakur

D) Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer: D

- ✓ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the first medical college of Nagaland. Mandaviya inaugurated 'Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research' (NIMSR) which is affiliated to Nagaland University. Permission has been given to give admission to 100 MBBS students in the academic session 2023-2024.
- ✓ Nagaland is a state in northeastern India bordering Myanmar
- Q. Who has become the first Indian batsman to hit 300 sixes in ODI cricket history?

A) Surya Kumar Yadav

B) Virat Kohli

C) Hardik Pandya

D) Rohit Sharma

Answer: D

✓ Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma has become the first Indian batsman to hit 300 sixes in ODI cricket history.



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- ✓ With this, Rohit Sharma has also become the third batsman in the world to hit 300 sixes in the history of ODI cricket. He achieved this feat during the ODI World Cup 2023 match against Pakistan in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ Former Pakistan batsman Shahid Afridi tops this list with the maximum number of 351 sixes in ODI cricket.
- Q. With whom has Skill India partnered for Retailer Skill Development Programme?

A) Reliance Jio

B) Tata Steel

C) Coca-Cola India

D) Tech Mahindra

Answer: C

- ✓ National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has entered into an agreement with Coca-Cola India under the Retailer Skill Development Program to empower the retailer community in states like Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Sanket Ray, President, Coca-Cola India and Southwest Asia was also present on this occasion.
- ✓ Under this partnership, the aim is to skill retailers in major states of the country in three years
- Q. PMJDY continues to grow, adding _ crore to total balance in H1 of October 4, 2023.

A) ₹20,000 Crore

B) ₹30,000 Crore

C) ₹40,000 Crore

D) ₹50,000 Crore

Answer: B

- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) continues to elicit an enthusiastic response even after crossing the milestone of over 50 crore beneficiaries.
- ✓ The total balance in the basic bank accounts of the Centre's flagship financial inclusion grew by about ₹30,000 crore in the first half of the current financial year to reach ₹2.05 lakh crore as of October 4, 2023, as against ₹1.75 lakh crore in the comparable period of FY23, as per the latest government data.
- ✓ The total number of beneficiaries increased by over 3.5 crore in the last one year, from 47 crore to 50.63 crore
- ✓ Public sector banks operate 40 crore of the total number of accounts with a balance of ₹1.60-lakh crore, while the rest is pooled in by regional rural banks, co-operative banks, and private sector banks
- ✓ If H1 of these years is taken as a parameter, over a crore new accounts have been added between September 2021 and September 2022 as the government implemented some benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana through PMJDY accounts, especially for women.



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Q. The Government has launched Tradeable___to Incentivise Eco-Friendly Actions.

A) Green Credit Program

B) Green Cash Program

C) Green Clean Program

D) Green Clear Program

Answer: A

- ✓ To take ahead the 'LiFE' 'Lifestyle for Environment' movement announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has introduced two pioneering initiatives that indicate the country's pro-active approach to climate change, sustainability and promotion ecoconscious practices.
- ✓ These initiatives, the Green Credit Program (GCP) and the Ecomark Scheme, seek to encourage environmentally friendly practices rooted in tradition and conservation; reflecting the ideas of LiFE concept.
- ✓ Green Credit Program (GCP): Incentivizing Environmental Actions :
- ✓ Green Credit Program (GCP) notified on 13th October, 2023 is an innovative market-based mechanism designed to incentivize voluntary environmental actions across diverse sectors, by various stakeholders like individuals, communities, private sector industries, and companies. The GCP's governance framework is supported by an inter-ministerial Steering Committee and The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) serves as the GCP Administrator, responsible for program implementation, management, monitoring, and operation.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), in the presence of the UN Secretary General António Guterres, at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ About Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment):
- ✓ It was first proposed by the Prime Minister at COP 26, Mission LiFE.
- ✓ It envisioned as an India-led global mass movement that will nudge individual and collective action to protect and preserve the environment.
- ✓ The global movement will showcase sustainable goals and climate actions taken by countries and individuals around the world.
- ✓ It makes the fight against climate change democratic, in which everyone can contribute with their respective capacities.
- ✓ It emboldens the spirit of the P3 model, i.e. Pro Planet People.
- ✓ It functions on the basic principles of 'Lifestyle of the planet, for the planet and by the planet'.



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- ✓ It aims at following a three-pronged strategy for changing people's collective approach towards sustainability.
- Q. Which state has approved setting up an independent Scheduled Tribe Commission in the state on the lines of the Central Government?

A) Gujarat

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Maharashtra

Answer: D

- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde approved to establish an Independent Scheduled Tribes Commission for Maharashtra on the lines of the Central Government.
- ✓ The proposal was approved in the State Tribal Advisory Council meeting held in Mumbai.
- ✓ Along with this, various issues like reorganization of scheduled areas of the state, provision of funds according to population, starting of project office in talukas of tribal districts, and other issues were discussed in the meeting.
- Q. Which state government will give the status of government employees to teachers via test?

A) Chhattisgarh

B) Bihar

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: B

- ✓ Bihar to grant govt employee status to teachers via test
- ✓ Bihar's education department has uploaded the draft of the Bihar School Specialist Teachers Rules 2023.
- ✓ It will pave the way for the absorption of teachers appointed since 2006 through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local bodies (ULBs) as state government employees.
- ✓ The draft rules have clearly laid down the criteria for seniority and promotion of Specialist Teachers. The seniority list for them will be maintained separately subject-wise for primary, middle, secondary and senior secondary at the district level.
- ✓ The basic salary will vary from ₹25,000 to ₹32,000 depending on different grades, besides Dearness Allowance, House Rent Allowance, Medical Allowance and City Transport Allowance, as per the prevailing rates of the State Government.
- ✓ The Head Teacher (Class I to V) and Headmaster for Higher Secondary School shall be appointed by competitive examinations conducted as per relevant respective rules.



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- ✓ The Specialist Teachers shall normally be transferred within the district, but they can also be transferred outside the district on request or on administrative grounds
- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated which edition of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai?

A) 130th

C) 144th

C) 141st

D) 155th

Answer: C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) session at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai.
- ✓ The session serves as a key meeting of the members of the International Olympic Committee.
- ✓ Important decisions regarding the future of Olympic games are made at IOC sessions. India is hosting the IOC session for the second time after a gap of about 40 years.
- ✓ The IOC's 86th session was held in New Delhi in 1983.
- ✓ The 141st IOC Session, being held in India, embodies the nation's dedication to fostering global cooperation, celebrating sporting excellence, and furthering the Olympic ideals of friendship, respect, and excellence.
- ✓ The session has also been attended by the President of the International Olympic Committee Thomas Bach and other members of the IOC along with prominent Indian sports personalities and representatives from various sports federations, including the Indian Olympic Association.
- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth 4200 crore rupees in which state?

A) Uttrakhand

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Odisha

D) Assam

Answer: A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth 4200 crore rupees at Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The Central Government is continuously working to bring development in the border villages by developing them under the Vibrant Village Scheme.



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- The government took care of people living in remote areas, resulting in 13.5 crore people coming out of poverty in just five years.
- \checkmark In the next five years, 4,000 crore rupees will be spent in the state to prevent natural disasters.
- Q. Battery-swapping solutions provider SUN Mobility has partnered with which company to deploy over 16,000 EVs in the next 12 months?

A) Lordstown Motors

B) Ola Electric

C) Bluwheelz

D) Mahindra Electric

Answer: C

- ✓ Battery-swapping solutions provider SUN Mobility has partnered with electric vehicle fleet operator Bluwheelz to deploy over 16,000 EVs in the next 12 months.
- ✓ Under the partnership, the companies are looking to deploy over 15,000 electric two-wheelers and 1,000 electric three-wheelers in all metropolitan cities through the next 12 months.
- ✓ The deployment in Delhi has already started with almost 500 vehicles on the roads and the operations will start in cities in Bangalore and Hyderabad.
- ✓ CEO of SUN Mobility Anant Badjatya
- ✓ Chairman of Bluwheelz Sanjiv Gupta
- Which university has organized its 6th annual technology conference 'INFINITY 2023' on the theme Q. 'Digital transformation for futuristic businesses: Emerging technologies leading growth and sustainability'?

A) Amity University Noida

B) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi

C) Jawaharlal Nehru University D) Delhi University

Answer: A

- ✓ Amity University Noida campus organized its 6th annual technology conference 'INFINITY 2023' on the theme 'Digital transformation for futuristic businesses: Emerging technologies leading growth and sustainability'.
- ✓ The conference was inaugurated by Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, who interacted with the students during fireside chat and answered their queries



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✓ INFINITY 2023 will showcase academic and corporate viewpoints, research work and various panel discussions. The conference will act as a platform for eminent speakers from industry, academia and government to share their experience and insights which will be of immense benefit for the participants since the distinguished speakers will be sharing their knowledge and experience with the students.

Q. Who has been honoured with the first-ever "Girls Leading Change" award by US First Lady Jill Biden?

A) Gitanjali Rao

B) Greta Thunberg

C) Leah Namugerwa

D) Ridhima Pandey

Answer: A

- ✓ Teenage Indian-American inventor Gitanjali Rao has been honoured by U.S. First Lady Jill Biden, along with 14 other young women leaders, for leading a change and shaping a brighter future in their communities across the nation.
- ✓ The 17-year-old scientist was honoured in the first-ever "Girls Leading Change" celebration at the White House, marking the International Day of the Girl.
- ✓ The 15 young women leaders, selected by the White House Gender Policy Council, were honoured by First Lady Jill to recognize their impact on their communities.
- ✓ These young women are protecting and preserving the earth, writing and sharing stories that change minds, and turning their pain into purpose. Together, they represent the potential of young people across the country.
- Q. Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is associated with which of these sports?

A) Hockey

B) Golf

C) Rowing

D) Cricket

Answer: A

- ✓ The 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 will be held in Johor, Malaysia from October 27 to November 4.
- ✓ The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual under-21 men's field hockey event held in Malaysia.
- ✓ Hockey India has announced the 20-member Indian junior men's hockey team that will participate in the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup. Uttam Singh was appointed captain while Rajinder Singh will serve as his deputy.



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- ✓ The 11th edition of the tournament will feature eight teams instead of the customary six.
- ✓ India has been placed in Pool B along with Malaysia, Pakistan, and New Zealand, while Pool A will consist of Germany, Australia, South Africa, and Great Britain.
- ✓ Hockey related Cup / Trophy
- ✓ Agha Khan Cup
- ✓ Dhyan Chand Trophy
- ✓ Beighton Cup
- ✓ Scindia Gold Cup
- ✓ Sultan Azlan Shah Cup
- Q. When is World Food Day celebrated every year?

A) 14 October

B) 15 October

C) 16 October

D) 17 October

Answer: C

- ✓ World Food Day is celebrated every year on 16 October. Every year the main focus of this day is to advance food security around the world.
- ✓ World Food Day was established in 1945 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations.

The theme of World Food Day for the year 2023 is "Water is life, water is food. "Leave no one behind".

Q. When is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty observed?

A) October 15

B) October 12

C) October 17

D) October 18

Answer : C

- ✓ International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on October 17 to initiate conversation and raise awareness about the issue of poverty which impacts human life all over the world.
- ✓ The day also honors the courage of people who are living in poverty and fighting in their day-to-day life.
- ✓ The theme of International for the Eradication of Poverty in 2022 is 'Dignity for All in Practice'.



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- Q. Which film has won the 'National Film Award' for Best Film?
 - A) 'Pushpa': 'The Rise'

B) 'Rocketry': 'The Nambi Effect'

C) 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'

D) 'Mimi'

Answer: B

- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu presented the 69th National Film Awards. R. 'Rocketry':
- ✓ 'The Nambi Effect' directed by Madhavan was awarded the Best Film Award.
- ✓ Alia Bhatt was given the Best Actress award for 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' and Kriti Sanon was given the Best Actress award for the film 'Mimi'.
- ✓ The award for the best entertainer has been given to the popular film 'R-R-R'.
- Q. Who is the Best Actor Award at the 69th National Film Awards 2023?

A) Prabhas

B) Allu Arjun

C) Vijay Deverakonda

D) Nagarjuna

Answer: B

- ✓ Best Actor Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- ✓ Best Actress Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) and Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- O. Who won the award for Best Direction in the 69th National Film Award?

A) R Madhavan

B) Nikhil Mahajan

C) Sanjay Leela Bhansali

D) Sriram Raghavan

Answer: B

- ✓ Best Direction Nikhil Mahajan Godavari (Marathi)
- Q. Which film won the award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment in the 69th National Film Award?

A) Rocketry

B) Sardar Udham

C) RRR

D) The Kashmir Files

Answer: C

✓ Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment - RRR



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

A) Sardar Udham

B) Rocketry

C) RRR

D) The Kashmir Files

Answer: A

✓ Best Feature Film - Hindi - Sardar Udham

MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARDS IN NEWS 2023

- 69th NATIONAL FILM AWARDS
- Best Feature Film : Rocketry
- Best actor : Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- > Best actress : Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) & Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director : Nikhil Mahajan (Godavari)
- > Best Popular Film: RRR
- Best Hindi Film: Sardar Udham
- ➤ INTERNATIONAL INDIAN FILM ACADEMY AWARDS (IIFA) 2023
- Best Film: Drishyam 2
- ➤ Best Director: R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
- > 68TH FILMFARE AWARDS, (also known as HYUNDAI FILMFARE AWARDS 2023)
- > Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi
- > Best Actor : Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do
- ➤ Best Actress : Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Gangubai Kathiawadi.
- > 95TH ACADEMY AWARDS (OSCARS AWARDS 2023)
- ➤ Best Picture: Everything Everywhere All At Once
- ➤ Best Actress : Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- > Best Actor : Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
- ➤ Best Director : Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- ➤ Best Original Song: "Naatu Naatu" (RRR)



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- ➤ Best Documentary Short Film: 'The Elephant Whisperers' by Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga
- > 76TH BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS (BAFTAs)
- > Best Film : All Quiet on the Western Front
- ➤ Best Actress : Cate Blanchett, (Tar)
- > Best Actor : Austin Butler, (Elvis)
- > Best Director: Edward Berger, (All Quiet on the Western Front)
- DADASAHEB PHALKE INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS 2023
- Best Film: The Kashmir Files
- Best Actor: Ranbir Kapoor for Brahmastra: Part 1
- > Best Actress: Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- > Best Director: R Balki for Chup: Revenge of The Artist
- Film of The Year : RRR
- Q. Which Union Minister has launched the EV-Ready India Dashboard?

A) Anurag Thakur

B) Jyotiraditya Scindia

C) Smriti Irani

D) RK Singh

Answer: D

- ✓ Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh has launched the EV-Ready India dashboard.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Power and New and Renewable Energy, the dashboard is a free digital platform that will provide help in real-time electric vehicle related matters.
- ✓ The dashboard has projected a 45 percent increase in electric vehicles by 2030.
- ✓ It predicts an impressive 45.5% compound annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in electric vehicle sales from 2022 to 2030.
- ✓ The projections indicate a shift from 6,90,550 electric two-wheelers (E2Ws) sold in 2022 to a remarkable 1,39,36,691 E2Ws by 2030.
- Q. In which city is the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 being organized?

A) New Delhi

B) Chennai

C) Mumbai

D) Kolkata



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Answer: C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 through video conferencing.
- ✓ This summit is being organized in Mumbai from 17 to 19 October.
- ✓ On this occasion, PM Modi also inaugurated the long-term blueprint of Blue Economy 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047'.
- ✓ He also laid the foundation stone of Tuna Tekra 'All Weather Deep Draft Terminal' at Deendayal Port Authority.
- Q. With whom has the Defense Ministry signed an agreement for the mid-life upgrade of INS Beas?

A) Goa Shipyard Limited

B) Cochin Shipyard Limited

C) DRDO

D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer: B

- ✓ The Defense Ministry has signed a contract with Kochi-based Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) at a total cost of Rs 313.42 crore. Under this, mid-life upgrade and revitalization of "INS Beas" will be done.
- ✓ <u>INS Beas is the second steam-powered warship:</u>
- ✓ INS Beas will be the first Brahmaputra class warship to be re-powered by diesel instead of steam.
- ✓ INS Beas to be upgraded and join Navy:
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A) Bengaluru

B) Hyderabad

C) New Delhi

D) Ahmedabad

Answer: D

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$181 million loan to build quality infrastructure and services toward improving urban livability and mobility in the peri-urban areas of Ahmedabad city in Gujarat, India.
- ✓ Ahmedabad and surrounding areas are rapidly growing as an industrial center, contributing to Gujarat's economic development.
- ✓ The project will help upgrade basic infrastructure and services and strengthen urban management in these areas to raise the quality of life of its residents and sustain economic growth.
- ✓ The Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project will construct 166 kilometers (km) of water distribution network, 126 km of climate-resilient stormwater drainage, 300 km of sewerage systems, and four sewage treatment plants, providing residents of Ahmedabad's surrounding areas with quality urban infrastructure and services.

ADB IN NEWS 2023

- ADB to Support Improvement of Urban Infrastructure and Services in Peri-urban Areas of Ahmedabad, India.
- ➤ 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.



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- > 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?
- 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.



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Q. Which state Government has launched 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' Campaign?

A) Bihar

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Jharkhand

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: D

- ✓ Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has started a special cleanliness campaign 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' (Clean Festival, Healthy Festival), especially in and around temples.
- ✓ The urban development and energy departments have called for celebrating Navratri, Dussehra, and Diwali festivals as 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' by giving the mantra 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' for maintaining cleanliness in all municipal bodies of the state.
- ✓ The 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' campaign initiated by the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh emphasizes the importance of cleanliness during the festive season.

CAMPAIGN IN NEWS 2023

- Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has launched a special cleanliness campaign, 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' (Clean Festival, Healthy Festival), with a focus on maintaining cleanliness in and around temples during Navratri, Dussehra, and Diwali festivals.
- > 'Meri Mati Mera Desh Abhiyan' is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ➤ Union Minister Anurag Thakur flagged off "Bharat in Paris" campaign.
- Federal Bank launches 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign.
- ➤ Union Minister Hardeep S Puri launched the campaign 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shahar' in New Delhi.
- ➤ RBI Launches '100 Days 100 Pays' Campaign to Settle Unclaimed Deposits.
- ➤ Union Minister Giriraj Singh launched the SAMARTH campaign to promote digital transactions at the Gram Panchayat level.
- A 100-day "Uttar Pradesh Global City" campaign has been launched by the 'Uttar Pradesh Government' ahead of the Global Investors Summit and G-20 Summit.
- ➤ UAE's Sharjah Police launched a traffic campaigncalled "Stay in Your Lane"to tackle road violations...
- ➤ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 on 3rd May at NASC Complex New Delhi.



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- ➤ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav participated in G20 Mega Beach Clean Up campaign at Juhu Beach in Mumbai.
- ➤ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav on 4 February launched the 'Save Wetlands Campaign'.
- ➤ Union Minister for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh, who is also the vice president of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), on 17 December announced the launching of "One Week, One Lab" countrywide campaign from January 6, 2023.
- Meta Launches #DigitalSuraksha campaign in partnership with MeitY for the G20 campaign.
- Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.
- > Bandhan Bank launched the 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign along with the bank's brand ambassador Sourav Ganguly.
- ➤ WhatsApp launches 'Stay Safe' campaign to educate on online safety.
- ➤ The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi.
- Q. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in which city?

A) Ahmedabad

B) Gandhinagar

C) Hyderabad

D) New Delhi

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 15th Oct 2023.
- ✓ Shri Amit Shah wished all the countrymen a happy Navratri festival. He said that he had come to Samau during the last Navratri and performed Bhoomi Pujan of Shaheed Memorial and 15th Oct 2023, on the first day of Navratri, this Shaheed Memorial has been inaugurated
- Q. Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has begun the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from which city?

A) Bengaluru

B) Chennai

C) Kochi

D) Hyderabad

Answer: B



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- ✓ Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has begun the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Sagar Parikrama is one of the ambitious projects of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This programme was launched with the goal of understanding the needs and the challenges of fishermen.
- ✓ It was a great expectation to travel onboard the Indian Coast Guard ship Sujay. The ship will first land at Krishnapattinam where there will be a fish food festival. Later, the Minister will proceed to Nellore.
- ✓ The Government will provide new equipment to the fishermen to know if they are trespassing into international waters. He said that the project would be coordinated with ISRO
- ✓ Sagar Parikrama Phase III, a program by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and National Fisheries Development Board, was started on 19th Feb 2023 from Surat, Gujarat.
- ✓ The main objectives of the program are to disseminate information about various fisheries related schemes and programs, promoting responsible fisheries with a focus on sustainable balance, and protection of marine ecosystems.
- ✓ The Phase-I of the program started in March 2022 from Mandvi and ended on 6th March 2022 at Porbandar, Gujarat.
- ✓ Kisan Credit Card (KCC) cards were distributed to fishers and fish farmers.
- ✓ What is Sagar Parikrama?
- ✓ About:
- ✓ It is a navigation journey to be conducted in all coastal states/UTs through a pre-decided sea route to demonstrate solidarity with all fisherfolk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders.
- ✓ India is the second major producer of fish through aquaculture in the world.
- ✓ India is the 4th largest exporter of fish in the world as it contributes 7.7% to the global fish production.
- ✓ Also, India ranks 1st in inland capture fish production and 3rd in overall fish production in the world
- Q. Who has won the U-20 World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy?

A) Raunak Sadhwani

B) Nihal Sarin

C) Arjun Erigaisi

D) Aryan Chopra

Answer: A

✓ Raunak Sadhwani won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship



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- ✓ 17-year-old Raunak Sadhwani has won the U-20 World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy.
- ✓ Raunak scored 8.5 over 11 rounds to win the Championship ahead of Arseniy Nesterov of Russia, who scored 8.
- ✓ Raunak became a grandmaster at the age of 13. He is the ninth youngest player in history and the fourth youngest Indian to be awarded the title.
- ✓ Raunak Maharashtra's youngest and Nagpur's only Grandmaster (GM) helped world no. 1 Magnus Carlsen lift his maiden European title.

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2023

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



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- ➤ Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.
- Q. Who has launched the trailer of enthralling animated series 'Bharat Hain Hum' in New Delhi?

A) Draupadi Murmu

B) Narendra Modi

C) Amit Shah

D) Anurag Thakur

Answer: D

- ✓ Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has launched the trailer of enthralling animated series 'Bharat Hain Hum' in New Delhi.
- ✓ While addressing the launch of the 'Krish, Trish and Baltiboy Bharat Hain Hum' series, Anurag Thakur said, "After independence, schools taught about some selective people but there were a lot of people who had a major role in our freedom struggle like Birsa Munda, Rani Abbakka and others, students are unaware of them. From where should people know what has happened in the country? There are many names, like (Rani Abbakka)."
- Q. Which edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 has been inaugurated by actress Varsha Usgaonkar in Mumbai, Maharashtra?
 - A) 18th
 - B) 16th
 - C) 13th
 - D) 15th

Answer: B

- ✓ The 16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 was inaugurated by actress Varsha Usgaonkar in Mumbai.
- ✓ This is the first time that Mumbai is hosting such an expo that will see participation from firms dealing in horticulture development, Darjeeling orchid plants, bonsai, ornamental flowers, green roof systems, nursery products, soil substitutes, etc.
- ✓ To add value a 'Global Conference on Urban Green Living Concepts' has also been planned for the Landscape, Golf Courses, and Sports Infrastructure industry



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- Q. Which state's CM has launched the Rabi Campaign-2023 in the state?
 - A) Bihar

B) Jharkhand

C) Haryana

D) Punjab

Answer: A

- ✓ Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has launched the Rabi Campaign-2023 and flagged off the campaign chariots to all the districts of the state by showing a green flag.
- ✓ This campaign has been launched for the success of Rabi-2023.
- ✓ Farmers will be informed about the schemes run by the Agriculture Department related to the Rabi season.
- ✓ CM Nitish Kumar also released a book pertaining to the Rabi Campaign-2023
- Q. In which state Women's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2023 will be organized from 27 October to 5 November?
 - A) Jharkhand
 - B) Uttar Pradesh
 - C) Madhya Pradesh
 - D) Maharashtra

Answer: A

- ✓ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, and President of International Hockey Federation Dato Tayyab Ikram have unveiled the trophy and event mascot 'Juhi' for the hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 at the Project Bhawan in Dhurva, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- ✓ The mascot, named 'Juhi' is inspired by the popular elephant at Betla National Park.
- ✓ Six countries— India, Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia and Thailand will participate in the championship to be held in Ranchi from October 27 to November 5.
- ✓ Six countries— India, Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia and Thailand will participate in the championship to be held in Ranchi from October 27 to November 5.
- ✓ The state is mainly known for its mineral reserves such as coal, uranium and others. There is also a pool of sportspersons here. When we started honing the skills of sportspersons, we found it more powerful than minerals.



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- Q. The Indian Army has won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023 International Military Exercise in which country?
 - A) United States

B) United Kingdom

C) Japan

D) Russia

Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian Army has won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023 International Military Exercise in Wales, UK.
- ✓ A team from 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army at the prestigious Cambrian Patrol Exercise in Wales, UK, the Army said.
- ✓ The Indian Army team participated in the event and competed against a total of 111 teams, which included 38 international teams representing special forces and prestigious regiments from around the world.
- Q. Which state has bagged the third prize in operationalizing telemanas- using tele technology for mental health and counselling on the National Mental Health Day?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Kerala

Answer: C

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has bagged the third prize in operationalising telemanas- using tele technology for mental health and counselling on the National Mental Health Day.
- ✓ The award was given by ministry of health and family welfare, Government of India. Mission director, National Health Mission Uttar Pradesh, Dr Pinky Joval received the award.
- ✓ The UP team will strive to do even better and be the top state in this area in the coming year.
- ✓ An urgent need was felt for a digital mental health network in the state to provide tele-mental health care services to the masses, with the objective to provide 24X7 mental health care services even in the remote parts of the country.
- ✓ Due to the side effects of the Covid pandemic, mental health problems have increased among children and adolescents and today's society is facing conditions like mental disorders and depression due to continuous use of mobile phones.
- ✓ Therefore, under Telemanas services, free mental health services are being provided to all individuals through toll free number 14416 or 1800-89-14416



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- Q. Which country's cricketer Alastair Cook has recently announced his retirement from international cricket?
 - A) Australia

B) South Africa

C) England

D) New Zealand

Answer: C

- ✓ Former England captain Alastair Cook, his country's record test run scorer, announced his retirement from professional cricket.
- ✓ The 38-year-old left-handed opener, who retired from international cricket in 2018, played his entire county career with Essex.
- ✓ Cook was England test captain from 2012 to 2017 and also captain for 69 one day internationals from 2010-14.
- ✓ He scored 766 runs in seven innings during the 2010-11 Ashes tour to help England to their first series win in Australia for 24 years.
- Q. Padma Shri awardee Dahyabhai Shastri passed away recently. Who was he?
 - A) Sanskrit Scholar
 - B) Malayalam Scholar
 - C) Kanad Scholar
 - D) Hindi Scholar

Answer: A

- ✓ Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri, an Indian scholar of Sanskrit and the founder of Brahmarshi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Nadiad, passed away.
- ✓ He is also a former president of the Gujarat state unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad.
- ✓ He was actively working towards the expansion and education of Sanskrit language throughout.
- ✓ The Government of India awarded him the fourth highest civilian honour of the Padma Shri, in 2016, for his contributions to Literature and education.
- ✓ Born in Vasai Dabhla, a small village in Mehsana district of Gujarat and did his studies in Sanskrit in Ahmedabad and Varanasi, Shastri chairs the Veda Centre, Pardi.



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Q. Which bank has launched 'iFinance' to get a consolidated view of their savings and current accounts in one place?

A) HDFC Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) Axis Bank

Answer: C

- ✓ ICICI Bank introduces 'iFinance, a One-Stop Solution
- ✓ ICICI Bank has launched 'iFinance', which will enable customers, both retail and sole proprietors, to get a consolidated view of their savings and current accounts in one place.
- ✓ 'iFinance' provides a single-view dashboard of all accounts. Users can check account balances, get valuable insights on spending patterns, download statements and more.
- ✓ The dashboard offers significant convenience to users and assists them to exercise better control over expenses and monitor their finances in a seamless manner.
- ✓ This facility, which ICICI Bank introduced by utilizing the Account Aggregator ecosystem, is available to customers of other banks on the bank's digital platforms, including the iMobile Pay app, Retail Internet Banking (RIB), Corporate Internet Banking (CIB), and InstaBIZ, the bank's mobile app for businesses.

ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2023

- > ICICI Bank Introduces 'iFinance,' A One-Stop Solution for Multi-Bank Account Access.
- > IIT Kanpur has signed an MoU with private lender ICICI Bank to support the startup ecosystem in the institute.
- ➤ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken strict measures against two prominent banking institutions, Kotak Mahindra Bank penalty of Rs 3.95 crore and ICICI Bank penalty of Rs 12.19 crore, by imposing significant penalties.
- ➤ RBI approves reappointment of Sandeep Bakshi as ICICI Bank MD & CEO for three more years till October 2026.
- ➤ ICICI Bank gets RBI nod to make I-Process Services as wholly-owned subsidiary.
- ➤ ICICI Bank offers Ecosystem Banking for Indian Startups.
- > ICICI Bank and BNP Paribas have signed an initial pact to cater to the banking requirements of European corporates operating in India and Indian companies in the European Union.
- ➤ Zomato Partners with ICICI Bank to Launch Zomato UPI, Streamlining Payments for Users



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HQ: Mumbai, MaharashtraMD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi

Tagline: Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka.

Q. By how many rupees has the Central Government increased the minimum support price of wheat for the 2024-25 season?

A) Rs 150

B) Rs 300

C) Rs 400

D) Rs 500

Answer: A

- ✓ The central government has increased the minimum support price (MSP) of wheat by Rs 150 to Rs 2,275 per quintal for the 2024-25 marketing season.
- ✓ This is the biggest increase in the minimum support price of wheat since 2014.
- ✓ This decision was taken in the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Modi.
- ✓ Besides, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for five other rabi crops -- gram, barley, lentil (masur), rapeseed-mustard seed and safflower -- have been hiked
- ✓ Among rabi pulses, the MSP of gram has been increased by Rs 105 to Rs 5,440 per quintal for 2024-25 as against Rs 5,335 per quintal in 2023-24 while that of lentil (masur) has been hiked by Rs 425 to Rs 6,425 per quintal from Rs 6,000 per quintal.
- ✓ In order to promote oilseeds cultivation, the government increased rapeseed-mustard seed MSP by Rs 200 to Rs 5,650 per quintal for 2024-25 marketing season, from Rs 5,450 per quintal in 2023-24 season.
- ✓ The MSP of safflower has been increased by Rs 150 to Rs 5,800 per quintal for 2024-25 from Rs 5,650 per quintal
- Q. India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before which year?

A) 2030

B) 2040

C) 2050

D) 2070

Answer: C



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- ✓ India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before 2050
- ✓ India wants to push developed nations to become carbon negative rather than carbon neutral by 2050, arguing that would allow emerging market economies more time to use fossil fuels for development needs.
- ✓ India, which is resisting calls to commit to a deadline for phasing out its own use of coal and other fossil fuels, is set to make its proposal at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai later this year.
- ✓ The rich countries should become net negative emitters before 2050 to enable the world to achieve the target of global net-zero by that year while allowing developing nations to use the available natural resources for growth.
- ✓ Developed countries including the United States, Britain, Canada, and Japan are targeting net zero by 2050. China has committed to net zero by 2060 while India has committed to reaching that goal by 2070.
- ✓ India has committed to operating half of its installed power capacity with non-fossil sources and cutting the ratio of greenhouse emissions to gross domestic product to 45% of its 2005 level by 2030.
- ✓ COP28 is scheduled to take place between Nov 30 and Dec 12.

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- India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before 2050.
- ➤ This 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023' event will help the country to achieve its commitment of becoming a global drone hub by 2030.
- ➤ Vaccine manufacturer Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) expects to commercially launch its dengue fever vaccine by early 2026.
- ➤ Group Chief Economic Advisor at the State Bank of India (SBI), Soumya Kanti Ghoshon has reiterated that India is likely to become the third-largest economy by 2027.
- The Ministry of Coal has set a target to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by FY 2030.
- According to the report of Goldman Sachs Research, by the year 2075, India will become the second largest economy in the world after China leaving behind not only Japan and Germany but also America.
- ➤ UNEP suggests measures to reduce 80% of world's plastic pollution by 2040.
- ➤ India aims to become one trillion dollar tourism economy by 2047.
- ➤ The government announced a plan to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next five years to achieve its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030.



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- > India has set targets for half of its installed electricity capacity to be from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and for the country to attain net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- ➤ 2023 foreign trade policy has the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.
- ➤ India to get 9% of Electricity from Nuclear Sources by 2047.
- ➤ India sets target to become 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030
- Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.
- India to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030.
- India has set a target to replace the use of diesel by renewable energy in the agriculture sector by 2024.
- ➤ Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- ➤ India targets ₹25,000-cr worth defence exports by 2024.
- Reserve Bank of India's 2023 monetary policy objective is to hold inflation within the mandated tolerance band and guide it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024.
- Q. Which of the following has introduced the world's first AI-integrated crypto wallet?

A) Wasper.ai

B) Casper.ai

C) Lasper.ai

D) Rasper.ai

Answer: D

- ✓ Rasper.ai Unveils World's First Al Wallet
- ✓ Rasper.ai, a pioneering force in the cryptocurrency industry, is thrilled to introduce the world's first AI-integrated crypto wallet, the Rasper Wallet, accompanied by an exclusive RASP token presale.
- ✓ This extraordinary launch signifies a monumental leap forward in the domains of digital finance and blockchain technology.
- ✓ The Rasper AI Wallet is an unparalleled fusion of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain technology, redefining the very essence of a cryptocurrency wallet.
- ✓ It emerges as a next-generation platform meticulously designed to provide a plethora of exclusive intelligent features, all while empowering users with absolute control over their digital assets.
- ✓ Why Choose the Rasper Wallet?



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- ✓ As demonstrated above, the Rasper Wallet sets an unprecedented standard in the world of crypto wallets by offering a multitude of exclusive intelligent features, all while guaranteeing that users retain uncompromised control over their assets.
- ✓ It introduces a groundbreaking self-custody security model, AI-driven analytics and insights, multi-layered security protocols, an always-on AI chat assistant, biometric authentication, and comprehensive support for diverse cryptocurrencies.
- Q. RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on which bank for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances Statutory and Other Restrictions'?
 - A) Union Bank of India
 - B) Indian Overseas Bank
 - C) Karur Vyasya Bank
 - D) Karnataka Bank

Answer: A

- ✓ The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances Statutory and Other Restrictions.
- ✓ Examination of the financials for FY21 revealed that the bank sanctioned a term loan to a corporation in lieu of or to substitute budgetary resources envisaged for certain projects, and without undertaking due diligence on the viability of the projects.
- ✓ It also fined RBL Bank for an amount of ₹64 lakh for violation of norms on regulatory approval for the acquisition of shares or voting rights in private sector banks.
- ✓ The lender failed to obtain the annual declaration in Form B from one of its major shareholders, within one month of the close of FY18, FY19, and FY20.
- ✓ It also did not furnish certificates to RBI regarding continuance of the 'fit and proper' status of one of its major shareholders, by the end of September, for all three years.
- ✓ Pune-based Bajaj Finance has also been levied a penalty of ₹8.50 lakh for breach of regulatory norms on the extent of not reporting and delay in reporting of certain frauds to RBI.



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Q. Who has been presented the Dalip Singh Saund Award for political leadership in recognition of his "exemplary commitment to advancing the interests of Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in Congress"?

A) Raja Krishnamoorthi

B) Neera Tanden

C) Dr Vivek Murthy

D) Vanita Gupta

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has been presented with the Dalip Singh Saund Award for political leadership in recognition of his "exemplary commitment to advancing the interests of Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in Congress.
- ✓ The 'Political Leadership Award' was presented to Krishnamoorthi by Asian American Unity Coalition (AAUC) at an event recently. Saund was the first Sikh, Indian-American to be elected to the Congress.
- ✓ The AAUC, which is a coalition that encompasses dozens of nonprofit organizations and lifetime members, embodies the rich tapestry of Asian-American and Native Hawaiian-Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities, including Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Polynesian Americans, among others
- Q. Daniel Noboa has become the youngest President of which country?
 - A) Ecuador
 - B) Mexico
 - C) Canada
 - D) Guatemala

Answer: A

- ✓ Daniel Noboa has become Ecuador's youngest-ever president after winning the runoff elections.
- ✓ Noboa received 52.29% of the total votes, against rival Luisa Gonzalez's 47.71%.
- ✓ Ms González accepted her defeat at the polls and pledged her support for the new President.
- ✓ Noboa is the son of banana tycoon, Alvaro, who himself unsuccessfully stood for elections multiple times. Noboa has pledged to attract foreign investment and develop Ecuador's business sector
- ✓ Ecuador
- ✓ Capital: Quito
- ✓ Currency : United States dollarb (USD)
- ✓ President : Daniel Noboa



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Daniel Noboa	Ecuador
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

Q. A two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' involving all maritime security agencies has been conducted by the Indian Navy in which state?

A) Kerala

B) Maharashtra

C) Gujarat

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: D

- ✓ Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach held in Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ A two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' involving all maritime security agencies was conducted by the Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry.
- ✓ About 2,500 personnel from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, State and the union territory administration, Marine Police, fisheries, customs, intelligence agencies, lighthouses, ports, and forest were engaged in the exercise.



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- ✓ The exercise aimed to assess the efficacy and robustness of the coastal security mechanism while dealing with an "asymmetric threat" emanating from the sea.
- ✓ The exercise witnessed close coordination and synergy among all coastal security stakeholders and the lessons learned from the exercise would be incorporated to strengthen the coastal security architecture.
- O. Which Union Minister launched IndiaSkills 2023-24 in New Delhi?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) Dharmendra Pradhan

D) Rajnath Singh

Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan launched IndiaSkills 2023-24 in New Delhi, and also honored the winners of World Skills 2022.
- ✓ India has secured 11th position in the global competition.
- ✓ The World Skills Competition is the world's largest skills competition, which is held every two years.
- ✓ It is organized by WorldSkills International, which has 86 member countries
- Q. What percentage increase in dearness allowance for central government employees has been approved by the Union Cabinet?

A) 4 Percent

B) 5 Percent

C) 6 Percent

D) 7 Percent

Answer: A

- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a four percent increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees and dearness relief for pensioners.
- ✓ With this 4 per cent hike, the DA and DR will be increased from 42 per cent to 46 per cent.
- ✓ Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said that it will be implemented from July 1 this year.
- ✓ This decision will benefit 48.67 lakh central government employees and 67.95 lakh pensioners.
- Q. Who launched the activity-based web portal 'Apna Chandrayaan' on Mission Chandrayaan-3?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Dharmendra Pradhan

C) S. Somnath

D) S Jaishankar

Answer: B



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- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan launched the web portal 'Apna Chandrayaan' in New Delhi.
- ✓ In which a quiz with activity-based material is available for school students on Mission Chandrayaan-3. It has been developed by NCERT.
- ✓ Apart from this, the Union Minister also released 10 special modules on Chandrayaan-3.
- Q. On what theme will 'Ayurveda Day' be organized this year?

A) 'Ayurveda for One Health'

B) 'Ayurveda for Health'

C) 'Health and Ayurveda'

D) 'One Health One Ayurveda'

Answer: B

- ✓ This year 'Ayurveda Day' will be organized in 100 countries across the world.
- ✓ This year this day will be celebrated on the theme of 'Ayurveda for One Health'.
- ✓ To make this day a success, the Ministry of AYUSH will cooperate with all the ministries of the country.
- ✓ Ayurveda Day, also known as National Ayurveda Day, is observed every year in India and worldwide on the occasion of the birthday of Dhanvantari, the Hindu god of medicine. The Puranas mentioned him as the god of Ayurveda.
- Q. Who launched the fourth agriculture road map (2023-2028) in Bihar?

A) Draupadi Murmu

B) Nitish Kumar

C) Amit Shah

D) Rajnath Singh

Answer: A

- ✓ The fourth agriculture road map (2023-2028) has been launched in Bihar by President Draupadi Murmu.
- ✓ On this occasion, the President said that agriculture is an important part of the folk culture of Bihar. This is the basis of Bihar's economy.
- ✓ Bihar government has been implementing agriculture road map since 2008.
- ✓ Presently the Chief Minister of Bihar is Nitish Kumar.
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu will launch Bihar's fourth agriculture road map, a five-year plan worth Rs1.62 lakh crore.
- ✓ she will be the chief guest at the convocation of Central University of South Bihar in Gaya. She will also visit Mahabodhi Temple at Bodh Gaya.



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Q. Government to Sell _ Equity Stake In Housing and Urban Development Corp. Ltd (Hudco) via an offer for sale (OFS)

A) 5%

B) 7%

C) 10%

D) 16%

Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian government has announced its plans to divest 7% equity in Housing and Urban Development Corp. Ltd (Hudco) via an offer for sale (OFS) scheduled for 18 October 19 October 2023. This strategic move is expected to generate approximately ₹1,100 crore in revenue.
- ✓ OFS Details :
- ✓ Investor Participation : The offer for sale will commence on October 18 for non-retail investors, with retail investors being able to bid on the following day.
- ✓ Green Shoe Option : The government intends to divest 7% equity, including a green shoe option of 3.5%.
- ✓ Floor Price: The floor price for the offer is set at ₹79 per share, which is 12% lower than the closing price of ₹89 on the BSE as of the previous.
- ✓ Number of Shares : Approximately 140 million shares will be put up for sale, with a total value of around ₹1,106 crore.
- ✓ Retail Discount: Notably, there will be no retail discount offered for the OFS, as confirmed by Hudco in a filing with the BSE.
- ✓ Compliance with SEBI Norms :
- ✓ One of the primary reasons for the OFS is to ensure compliance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) minimum public shareholding norms. Currently, the government holds an 81.8% stake in Hudco. By divesting 7% of its shares, the government's ownership will decrease to 74.8%, which is below the maximum permissible limit of 75%.
- ✓ Utilization of Proceeds :
- ✓ The revenue generated from this stake sale will be channeled to the government's treasury, contributing to its goal of raising ₹51,000 crore from disinvestment in the fiscal year 2024.
- ✓ As of October 17, the government had already raised ₹6,950 crore from disinvestment activities. This amount primarily resulted from selling a 3% stake in Coal India Ltd, a 5.36% stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd, and a 4.92% share sale in SJVN Ltd.



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Q. India to Invest __ in Infrastructure by 2030.

A) ₹143 Lakh Crore

B) ₹175 Lakh Crore

C) ₹191 Lakh Crore

D) ₹210 Lakh Crore

Answer: A

- ✓ India is gearing up for a substantial infrastructure spending spree, with a plan to invest nearly ₹143 lakh crore between fiscal years 2024 and 2030.
- ✓ This represents more than double the ₹67 lakh crore spent on infrastructure over the past seven financial years starting from 2017.
- ✓ The rating agency CRISIL shared this information in its Infrastructure Yearbook 2023, underlining the significance of this ambitious undertaking.
- ✓ Economic Growth and Income Projections :
- ✓ CRISIL Ltd.'s Managing Director and CEO, Amish Mehta, expects India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at an average rate of 6.7% through fiscal year 2031, positioning India as the fastest-expanding large economy. He predicts a significant increase in per capita income, rising from \$2,500 to \$4,500 by fiscal year 2031, effectively transitioning India into a middle-income country. This growth trajectory will be driven by extensive infrastructure development with a strong focus on sustainability.
- ✓ Electric Vehicle Revolution: CRISIL predicts a substantial shift towards electric vehicles, with the share of EVs in India's overall automobile sales projected to reach 30% by 2030. Two-wheeler EV sales are expected to outpace other segments up to 2028, while demand for EV buses will be driven by state transport undertakings. Factors such as favorable total cost of ownership and total cost of acquisition, along with increased model availability for two- and three-wheelers, are expected to support EV adoption in the coming years.
- ✓ **Renewable Energy Surge :** CRISIL also anticipates a significant expansion of renewable energy capacity, estimated to grow fourfold between fiscal years 2023 and 2030. Solar energy will account for half of the incremental non-fossil generation. To further enhance sustainability, the adoption of emerging technologies like 'floatovoltaics' (floating solar), offshore wind technology, and green hydrogen will be pivotal
- ✓ **Green Hydrogen Potential :** The hydrogen sector is set to attract substantial investments, estimated at ₹1.5 lakh crore between fiscal years 2024 and 2030. Mandates for green hydrogen use and incentive schemes will play a crucial role here, as the production cost of green hydrogen is double that of fossil-based hydrogen.



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Q. According to government data, the Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 per cent to what per cent in 2023?

A) 36%

B) 37%

C) 38%

D) 41%

Answer: B

- ✓ The Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to 37 per cent this year.
- ✓ This was revealed in the data released by the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry in its Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2022-23.
- ✓ The significant jump is due to the Government's policy initiatives aimed at the long-term socio-economic and political development of women.
- ✓ According to the data shared by the Women and Child Development Ministry, the female labour force participation rate increased from 23.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 24.5 per cent in 2018-19; 30 per cent in 2019-20 to 32.5 per cent in 2020-21 and 32.8 per cent in 2021-22 to 37 per cent in 2022-23.
- Q. On the auspicious occasion of Navrati, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a new Garba song titled "Maadi". This song is sung by _

A) Divya Kumar

B) Arijit Singh

C) Udit Narayan

D) Asha Bhosle

Answer: A

- ✓ On the auspicious occasion of Navrati, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a new Garba song titled "Maadi".
- ✓ The song, penned by PM Modi, is sung by Divya Kumar and is composed by the Meet Bros.
- ✓ The song is four minutes and 40 seconds long and is sung in Gujarati. The video shows people dressed in colourful attire heading to various garba venues to swing to the beats while some are also seen with dandiya.
- Q. Which of the following women police station has become the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate?

A) Rohini Mahila Thana

B) Ghaziabad Mahila Thana

C) Bhopal Mahila Thana

D) Jaipur Mahila Thana



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Answer: C

- ✓ Bhopal's Mahila Thana became country's first to get ISO certification
- ✓ The Mahila thana (women police station) of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.
- ✓ Bhopal Mahila Thana has been pulling out all the stops to curb women-related crimes. The Mahila thana has improved a lot on its part in registering grievances of the complainants, comforting them, and probing cases.
- ✓ The ISO certification is a testament to the station's commitment to improving its services and facilities, ensuring quality, safety, and efficiency.
- Q. Recently, Shri Shaktikanta Das has earned an "A+" grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023. Total how many governors have earned this A+ grade in 2023?

A) 2

B) 3

C) 4

D) 5

Answer: B

- ✓ Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has earned an "A+" grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023.
- ✓ The Bank Governors who earned an "A+" grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023 are:
- ✓ Shri Shaktikanta Das, India (Reserve Bank of India)
- ✓ Thomas J. Jordan, Switzerland (Swiss National Bank)
- ✓ Nguyen Thi Hong, Vietnam (State Bank of Vietnam)
- ✓ The Central Banker Report Cards is published annually by Global Finance since 1994 and it grades the central bank governors of 101 key countries. Grades are based on a scale from A to F for success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability and interest rate management.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has been honoured with the 'Governor of the Year 2023 Award' by the international publication Central Banking.
- ✓ Shaktikanta Das has become the second governor to get this award after Raghuram Rajan, who was awarded back in 2015.



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- ✓ Shaktikanta Das is serving as the current & 25th governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He was earlier a member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission and India's Sherpa to the G20.
- ✓ With the second term of three years, Das will head the RBI till December, 2024
- Q. Sivasankari, who received the 'Saraswati Samman 2022', is a famous author of which language?

A) Malayalam

B) Tamil

C) Telugu

D) Kannada

Answer: B

- ✓ Recently, Tamil writer Sivasankari was presented with the 'Saraswati Samman' 2022 for her book of memoirs Surya Vamsam.
- ✓ About Saraswati Samman Award:
- ✓ It is given annually for outstanding literary works in 22 Indian languages in the last 10 years.
- ✓ It is among the highest recognitions in the field of Indian literature.
- ✓ The selection follows a rigorous three-tier process leading up to a final decision by Chayan Parishad
- ✓ It was instituted by the K. Birla Foundation. (the Vyas Sammanand the Bihari Puraskar are other literary awards instituted by the foundation.)
- ✓ It carries a citation, a plaque and prize money of 15 lakh rupees.
- ✓ Her 2019 memoir, Surya Vamsam, unfolds in two volumes -- the first is the metamorphosis from a child to a young writer, and the second is the life and times of an acclaimed author spreading her wings.
- Q. Which state has approved the formation of 'Special Tiger Protection Force' for tiger reserves?

A) Assam

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Arunachal Pradesh

D) Gujarat

Answer: C

- ✓ The state government of Arunachal Pradesh has approved the formation of Special Tiger Protection Force for the protection of tigers in the state.
- ✓ This force will be deployed in Namdapha, Pakke and Kamlang Tiger Reserve.
- ✓ About Special Tiger Protection Force
- ✓ As per the 2022 national tiger census, Arunachal Pradesh has recorded a total of nine tigers in its three reserves, which is a decline of 20 tigers from the previous census conducted in 2018.



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- ✓ The government has announced the creation of a specialized force called STPF, dedicated to the protection of tigers and their habitats, prevention of smuggling of wildlife articles, safeguarding of government assets in the reserves, and scientific management of forests.
- ✓ Population of Tigers
- ✓ According to government data, tigers in India have increased from 2,967 in 2018 to 3,682 in 2022, an annual rise of 6 percent.
- ✓ According to recent data, Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers in India, with 785 of them recorded in the last four years, which is an increase of 50 percent. Karnataka has the second-highest number of tigers with 563, followed by Uttarakhand with 560 and Maharashtra with 444. Additionally, the number of tigers in Rajasthan has significantly increased from 32 in 2006 to 88 in 2022.
- ✓ Project Tiger
- ✓ In order to promote the conservation of tigers, the Government of India launched "Project Tiger" on April 1, 1973.
- ✓ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was established under the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972.
- ✓ The Uttarakhand government formed a Special Tiger Force (STF) for Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) in 2013.
- ✓ Telangana established a Save Tiger Protection Force.
- ✓ The latest and 55th Tiger Reserve in India is Veerangana Durgawati Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh.

TIGER RESERVE IN NEWS 2023

- Arunachal Pradesh approves constitution of Special Tiger Protection Force for three Tiger Reserves.
- ➤ Bihar's second tiger reserve to come up in Kaimur sanctuary
- After the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district, Bihar is set to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary) by the end of the year.
- > Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh and 55th in India.
- India got its 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approving a proposal
- A seven-month-old female tiger cub was found dead under suspicious circumstances at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.



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- ➤ Bihar government to constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for suggesting measures for the reintroduction of rhino conservation scheme in 'Valmiki Tiger Reserve' in West Champaran district.
- ➤ India's Tiger Population Reaches 3,925 with 6.1% Annual Growth Rate, Holds 75% of Global Wild Tiger Population.
- A photo of an elephant taken at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Tamil Nadu has emerged as the winner of the Siena Drone Photo Awards 2023.
- According to the latest tiger census data released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the number of tigers in India is set to reach 3,167 in 2022.
- ➤ Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka completed 50 years as a Project Tiger Reserve 1 April 2023.
- > Tiger Safari in Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) in Rajasthan's Bundi district is expected to be open in July.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana..
- ➤ Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav informed that Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan has been notified as the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India.
- > The new butterfly park at Anamalai Tiger Reserve emphasises the need to conserve indigenous species.
- > It was earlier known as Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park and as Anamalai Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ➤ It is located in Tamilnadu.
- ➤ Project Tiger is a tiger conservation programme launched on April 1,1973 by the Government of India during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's tenure.
- Madhya Pradesh has the most number of tiger reserves with six in total.
- ➤ The national animal of India is the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger. Its scientific name is Panthera.
- Q. Who has been elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF)?

A) Varsha Joshi

B) RS Sodhi

C) Meenesh Shah

D) S. K. Kanawjia

Answer: C



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- ✓ Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), was elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF.
- ✓ He is the Member Secretary of the Indian National Committee and also a member of the Standing Committee on Dairy Policy and Economics.
- ✓ Dr Shah mentioned that a representative from India, a country that contributes over 23 percent of the global milk production, is on the Board of IDF, which will ensure a more inclusive and better global dairying ecosystem.
- ✓ The success story of the Indian dairy industry, accounting for about 23% of global milk, producing around 210 million tonnes annually, and empowering more than 8 crore dairy farmers, will be showcased at the IDF WDS 2022.
- ✓ India is the world's largest milk producer.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is the highest milk producing state in India.
- ✓ International Dairy Federation (IDF)

✓ Founded: 1903

✓ Headquarteres : Brussels, Belgium

Q. Which Indian cricketer has been appointed by sports brand Puma as its brand ambassador?

A) Mohammed Shami

B) Virat Kohli

C) Rohit Sharma

D) Shubham Gill

Answer: A

- ✓ Sports brand Puma has roped in Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami as its brand ambassador.
- ✓ Shami joins Puma's roster, which includes top names from the world of sports, including batting icon Virat Kohli, sprinter Usain Bolt, footballers Neymar Jr and Sunil Chhetri, boxer MC Mary Kom, cricketers Harmanpreet Kaur and Harleen Deol, and para-shooter Avani Lekhara

LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023	
Mohammed Shami	Puma
Sachin Tendulkar	ICC as the global ambassador of ODI World Cup 2023
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	JioMart
Katrina Kaif	Uniqlo
Hrithik Roshan	lubricants brand Mobilil
Anushka Sharma	W
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Swaraj Tractors



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Iga Świątek	Infosys
Rafael Nadal	Infosys
Rahul Dravid	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
Shah Rukh Khan	ICC World Cup 2023
Shraddha Kapoor	Asics India Private Limited
Rashmika Mandanna	Printer company Epson India
Smriti Mandhana	Wrangler
Hrithik Roshan	Zebronics TV
Sachin Tendulkar	Smile Ambassador
Sania Mirza	Sony Sports Network
Sourav Ganguly	Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
Virat Kohli	Duroflex
Alia Bhatt	Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
Ayushman Khurana	Wakefit
Rishabh Pant	Star Sports
Rohit Sharma	JioCinema
Virat Kohli	HSBC India
Ranveer Singh	Star Sports Network
Shreya Ghodawat	India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar	Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
Sachin Tendulkar	World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
Ranveer Singh	Pepsi
Ayushmann Khurrana	UNICEF India child rights
Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh	Hyundai Motor India Ltd
Thakur	
Vir Das	Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
Harmanpreet Kaur	Puma
Nikhat Zareen	National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
Saurav Ganguly	Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
Anushka Sharma	Puma
Deepika Padukone	Pottery Barn
Virat Kohli	Smart watch Noise
Prasoon Joshi	Uttarakhand State
Lionel Messi	Byjus

Q. Which city hosted the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in 2023?

A) New Delhi

B) Dhaka

C) Jakarta

D) Colombo

Answer: A



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- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in New Delhi.
- ✓ The two-day summit was preceded by a Parliamentary Forum on Mission LiFE. Apart from the G20 countries, 10 other countries were invited to the conference.
- ✓ The theme of the 9th P20 Summit was 'Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'.
- Q. Which country inaugurated the 82-km 'Padma Bridge Rail Link Project'?

A) Nepal

B) India

C) Bangladesh

D) Sri Lanka

Answer: C

- ✓ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated the 82-km Padma Bridge Rail Link, the country's largest infrastructure project built under China's Belt and Road Initiative.
- ✓ The project is estimated to cost Taka 39,246.80 crore, with the Exim Bank of China providing a loan of Taka 21,036.70 crore.

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- ➤ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the 82-km Padma Bridge Rail Link, the country's largest infrastructure project built under China's Belt and Road Initiative.
- ➤ India and Bangladesh signed 3 MoUs including one on cooperation in Digital Payment mechanisms.
- ➤ India and Bangladesh have started bilateral trade in rupees.
- ➤ The 6th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) is taking place in Dhaka, Bangladesh from May 12-13, 2023.
- India and Bangladesh have recently jointly launched the '50 Start-up Exchange Programme' to promote collaboration and exchange between the start-up ecosystems of the two countries.
- Mohammad Shahabuddin elected President of Bangladesh.
- ➤ He will be the 22nd President of Bangladesh.
- ➤ Bangladesh will be connected to North-East by 2024.
- ➤ The 21st meeting of the Bangladesh–India Joint Steering Committee (BIJSC) on the power sector was held on 4th May at Khulna, Bangladesh.
- > a new border-haat was inaugurated between India and Bangladesh at Bholaganj under Companyganj Upazila of Sylhet.



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- ➤ The High Commission of India opened its 16th Visa application center in Kushtia town of Southwestern Bangladesh.
- > Bangladesh Power Development Board received 450 MW of electricity from Adani Power.
- Power is supplied from Adani's power plant in Godda, Jharkhand.
- India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline to be jointly inaugurated by PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina.
- ▶ Bangladesh, India, and Japan are set to hold a connectivity event in Tripura, India on April 11-12.
- ➤ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first submarine base of Bangladesh 'BNS Sheikh Hasina' at Pekua in Cox's Bazar.
- > NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- > People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Capital: Dhaka
- Currency: Taka
- > Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina Wazed
- President: Mohammad Shahabuddin
- Q. Which space organization has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche' on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche'?

A) ISRO

B) NASA

C) JAXA

D) ROSCOSMOS

Answer: B

- ✓ NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche' on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche."
- ✓ It is the largest of the several metal-rich asteroids known in our solar system and is believed by scientists to be the remnant core of an ancient protoplanet, offering clues about Earth's formation.
- ✓ This asteroid orbit the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. The primary goal of the Psyche mission is to explore the iron core, a previously unexplored aspect of the planet
- ✓ The Psyche probe, folded inside the cargo bay of a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket, blasted off under partly cloudy skies from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on a planned journey 2.2 billion miles



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(3.5 billion km) through space. The spacecraft, roughly the size of a small van, is due to reach the asteroid in August 2029.

- ✓ Asteroid Psyche measures roughly 173 miles (279 km) across at its widest point and resides on the outer fringes of the main asteroid belt between the planets Mars and Jupiter.
- ✓ Upon reaching Psyche, the probe is set to circle it in a series of gradually descending orbits, ending up a mere 40 miles (64 km) from the asteroid's surface, before finishing the mission in November 2031.
- ✓ NASA in 2021 launched a spacecraft named Lucy on a 12-year expedition to study the Trojan asteroids, two large clusters of space rocks orbiting the sun ahead of and behind the path of Jupiter.
- Q. The UK government has collaborated with which Indian state for its 'Smart district' project?

A) Kerala

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Gujarat

D) Odisha

Answer: B

- ✓ The U.K. and Tamil Nadu collaborate on a smart technology project for sustainable water, waste, and resource management.
- ✓ The UK-backed 'Smart district' project aims to address global sustainability challenges by deploying sensors across the district, gathering real-time data on water and waste management, and environmental quality in the state.

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023

- > The second spaceport of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will come up in about two years at Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ The U.K. and Tamil Nadu collaborate on a smart technology project for sustainable water, waste, and resource management.
- ➤ Recently, Udangudi 'Panangkarupatti' (palm jaggery/ gur) from Tamil Nadu has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- > Tamil Nadu government has unveiled its new tourism policy to develop the State into the most attractive experiential destination in Asia.
- > Tamil Nadu's Salem Sago gets GI tag.



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

A) Kerala

B)Tamil Nadu

C) Andhra Pradesh

D) Karnataka

Answer: B

- ✓ The second spaceport of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will come up in about two years at Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ It will be dedicated exclusively for Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs) developed by the private sector



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- Q. Who will inaugurate India's first regional rail RapidX?
 - A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) Rajnath Singh

D) Anurag Thakur

Answer: A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first regional rail, RapidX, from Sahibabad, Uttar Pradesh on October 20.
- ✓ In the first phase, it will be operated for 17 kilometers which includes a total of five stations Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai and Duhai Depot.
- ✓ These trains will run at a speed of 160 kilometers per hour at an interval of 15 minutes and the RapidX train has six coaches.
- Q. In which city is the National Handicraft Exhibition 'Gandhi Weavers Fair' being organized?

A) Mumbai

B) New Delhi

C) Lucknow

D) Kolkata

Answer: D

- ✓ Under the initiative of the Union Textiles Ministry, the National Handicraft Exhibition- Gandhi Bunkar Mela started in Kolkata.
- ✓ Its main objective is to increase the marketing of Khadi clothes across the country and to generate people's interest in Khadi products. This fair will be organized till October.
- Q. Which initiative has been launched by the Punjab government to make the state completely drug free?

A) 'ASHA Initiative'

B) 'Umeed Initiative'

C) 'Hope Initiative'

D) 'Sankalp Initiative'

Answer: C

- ✓ Punjab government has started the mission 'Hope Initiative' to make the state completely drug free.
- ✓ At present, efforts are going on at different levels in Punjab to make the state completely drug free.
- ✓ 'Hope Initiative' has been started from Amritsar city.



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Q. In which state did PM Narendra Modi launch 511 'Pramod Mahajan Rural Skill Development Centres'?

A) Bihar

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Rajasthan

Answer: B

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Rural Skill Development Centers in Maharashtra.
- ✓ These centers are being established in 34 rural districts of Maharashtra.
- ✓ Under this, about 100 youth will be trained in at least two professional courses at each centre.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Odisha?

A) Kalraj Mishra

B) RK Sinha

C) Raghuvar Das

D) Ashok Khemka

Answer: C

- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu has appointed former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das as the new Governor of Odisha.
- ✓ With this, Indra Sena Reddy Nallu has been appointed as the new Governor of Tripura.
- ✓ Raghubar Das was the Chief Minister of Jharkhand from 2014 to 2019.
- ✓ Whereas Indra Sena is the leader of BJP from Telangana.
- Q. India has organized 2 Plus 2 Foreign and Defense Dialogue with which country in New Delhi?

A) United States

B) United Kingdom

C) Israel

D) Ukraine

Answer: B

- ✓ India-UK 2 plus 2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue was held in New Delhi.
- ✓ The two sides discussed possibilities to boost collaboration, particularly in areas of trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, culture and strengthening people connections.
- ✓ The 2 plus 2 dialogue is a mechanism to discuss and review all aspects of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



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- ✓ According to the External Affairs Ministry, both countries expressed satisfaction with the regular high-level political exchanges and interactions which have provided guidance and momentum to India-UK multifaceted ties.
- ✓ They expressed happiness on the progress made in diverse areas of India-UK Roadmap 2030 including political exchanges, economic cooperation, defence and security, people-to-people ties, as well as regional and multilateral cooperation
- Q. Who among the following has addressed the 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023 in New Delhi?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Nitin Gadkari

C) Piyush Goyal

D) Amit Shah

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has addressed the 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ STEM Summit pertains to integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in the education sector that results in developing curiosity, inquisitiveness, critical thinking, problem-solving capacities, imagination, questioning and exploration skills among learners.
- ✓ The Minister added that knowledge and innovation are the two important aspects to make India the third-largest economy in the world. He remarked that India is the fastest growing economy and it is the Prime Minister's dream to make the country a five trillion-dollar economy.
- ✓ The Government is taking a lot of steps to make India self-dependent in the energy sector. He said, 36 plants are currently operational in producing Biofuels, which will help to reduce the import bill of crude oil and other petroleum products
- Q. MeitY has recently inaugurated the Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab in which city?

A) Gorakhpur

B) Kolkata

C) Patna

D) Lucknow

Answer: A

✓ MeitY inaugurated Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab in Gorakhpur



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- ✓ Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) S Krishnan (IAS) has inaugurated Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab in NIELIT Gorakhpur during the 26th All India Director's Meet of NIELIT.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art RPA lab has been built under the Future Skill PRIME Project funded by MeitY with an objective to upskill/reskill manpower in the emerging technology of RPA.
- ✓ This is the First-of-its-kind lab in Uttar Pradesh under the Future Skill PRIME Project, which has been established to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia.
- Q. Ashutosh Sharma broke former India batter Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record for the fastest fifty by an Indian in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. Ashutosh Sharma plays for which team in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy?

A) Railways

B) Saurashtra

C) Himachal Pradesh

D) Services

Answer: A

- ✓ Railways' middle-order batter, Ashutosh Sharma broke former India batter Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record for the fastest fifty by an Indian.
- ✓ Ashutosh smashed his half-century in 11 balls in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament, in a Group C clash against Arunachal Pradesh in Ranchi.
- ✓ Ashutosh made his T20 debut way back in 2018 for Madhya Pradesh and last played the format in 2019. He has featured in just one 50-over game, for MP also in 2019, and is yet to make his first-class debut.
- ✓ Yuvraj had held the record for the fastest fifty in T20 cricket overall for 16 years before it was broken just last month by Dipendra Singh Airee from Nepal against Mongolia in the Asian Games in Hangzhou
- Q. World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years on which day?

A) 18 October

B) 20 October

C) 19 October

D) 21 October

Answer: B

✓ World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years on October 20.



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- ✓ To acknowledge the significance of statistics in our lives. Be it law, healthcare, finance, science, education, and spending habits, statistics make us aware of facts and reveal important information in the language of numbers.
- ✓ In India, recognizing the notable contributions made by Professor (late) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics and economic planning, the Government of India has designated 29th June every year, coinciding with his birth anniversary, as "Statistics Day".
- Q. Operation Chakra-II is being run by which central agency?

A) ED

B) CBI

C) DGCA

D) IB

Answer: B

- ✓ Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the investigation of an alleged scam involving a Chinese national targeting Indian citizens.
- ✓ The scam involved investments, loans, and job opportunities, with deposits being siphoned off through shell companies.
- ✓ The CBI has identified 137 shell companies used to launder the money, and a Bengaluru-based payout merchant is under scrutiny for their role in the scam.
- ✓ The CBI conducted searches in Bengaluru, Cochin, and Gurugram, which yielded substantial evidence.
- ✓ The agency has also registered another case based on information from the Singapore police, involving cyber fraud targeting Singapore citizens.
- ✓ The CBI conducted it jointly with national and international agencies and private sector players

IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2023

- POPERATION CHAKRA 2
- ➤ Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the investigation of an alleged scam involving a Chinese national targeting Indian citizens. The scam involved investments, loans, and job opportunities, with deposits being siphoned off through shell companies.
- OPERATION AJAY.
- India has launched 'Operation Ajay' to facilitate the return from Israel of those Indians who wish to come back home.



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OPERATION IRON SWORD

- > Israel has named the ongoing fight against Hamas as Operation Iron Sword. Hamas is a Palestinian militant group that controls some areas of the Gaza Strip.
- ➢ OPERATION SAJAG
- > Indian Coast Guard conducted 'Operation Sajag,' a comprehensive drill along the west coast, aimed at enhancing coastal security.
- OPERATION BROADER SWORD.
- ➤ India and the USA, jointly conducted an 'Operation Broader Sword' to stop the illegal shipment of drugs through the International Mail System.
- OPERATION KARUNA
- > India launched "Operation Karuna" to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by Cyclone Mocha.
- OPERATION KAVERI
- India launches Operation Kaveri to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Sudan
- OPERATION DOST
- > Due to the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, India has launched a campaign named 'Operation Dost' to help the affected people.
- OPERATION GARUDA
- > Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network.
- OPERATION YATRI SURAKSHA
- > To give assurance of the safety to the passengers, the Indian railways with the coordination of Railway Protection Force has launched a pan India drive under the code name Operation Yatri Suraksha.
- ➤ OPERATION "NARCOS"
- ➤ Railway Protection Force (RPF) recently recovered narcotic products worth Rs 7.40 crore under "Operation Narcos".
- OPERATION SANKALP
- Indian Navy's stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed for Op-Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf.
- OPERATION SATARK



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- ➤ Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started "Operation Satark" taking action against illicit liquor, fake currency circulation, etc.
- > OPERATION GANGA
- > India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine
- Q. What name has been given to India's first regional rapid rail?

A) Vande Bharat

B) Bharat Darshan

C) Namo Bharat

D) Indian Rapid Rail

Answer: C

- ✓ PM Modi Inaugurates 'Namo Bharat', India's 1st Regional Rapid Train Service.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the train connecting Sahibabad and Duhai Depot stations in Uttar Pradesh, marking the launch of Regional Rapid Train Service (RRTS) in India.
- ✓ Namo Bharat' is a transformational" regional development initiative, which is designed to provide highspeed trains for intercity commuting
- ✓ PM Modi also took a ride in the train and interacted with some schoolchildren. "In the first phase of the RRTS, Namo Bharat trains will link several parts of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan,"
- ✓ He said the full 82-km stretch between Delhi and Meerut will be complete within the next 1-1.5 years.
- ✓ The name of the rail service was changed from RapidX to NaMo Bharat
- ✓ The Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor is being developed at a cost of more than Rs 30,000 crore and will connect Delhi to Meerut with a travel time of less than an hour through urban centres of Ghaziabad, Muradnagar and Modinagar, the PMO
- Q. Who has recently been awarded the Golden Peacock Award in Disaster Management?

A) NTPC

B) BHEL

C) REC Limited

D) SAIL

Answer: C

- ✓ REC Ltd gets Golden Peacock Award for Disaster Management
- ✓ REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Power, has been awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock Award conferred by the Institute of Directors (IoD) for its exceptional performance in disaster management
- ✓ The Golden Peacock Awards were established in 1991 by the Institute of Directors.



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✓ REC Limited is a non-banking financial institution, it was established in 1969.

REC LTD IN NEWS 2023

- > REC Ltd gets Golden Peacock Award for Disaster Management.
- > REC Limited, the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise launched a SUGAM REC mobile application.
- > 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 Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India organized 'Bijli Utsav' in Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam
- REC Ltd has become the 12th company to attain the Maharatna status
- > REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- > Founded: 1969
- > Headquarters : New Delhi
- > CMD : Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- > REC was formerly known as Rural Electrification Corporation Limited.
- > REC Limited is an NBFC focused on financing and development of the power sector across India.
- > REC Limited has also recently started services in the financing infrastructure and logistics sector.
- > REC funding lights every fourth bulb in India. REC is a 'Maharatna' company under the Ministry of Power.
- Q. Which city to host second edition of E-Prix In 2024?

A) Bengaluru

B) Hyderabad

C) Chennai

D) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer: B

✓ The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and Formula E have officially confirmed the return of the Hyderabad EPrix for a second edition. This highly anticipated event is scheduled to take place on February 10, 2024.



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- ✓ Hyderabad Secures a Slot in the Tenth Season of Formula E : Despite concerns about the future of the Hyderabad EPrix, fans and motorsport enthusiasts can now breathe a sigh of relief as the FIA and Formula E have included Hyderabad in the final calendar for the tenth season of the Formula E championship. This season will consist of 16 rounds, promising a thrilling competition for fans worldwide.
- ✓ A New Indian Driver on the Grid: One of the most exciting aspects of the 2024 Hyderabad EPrix is the debut of an Indian driver, Jehan Daruvala. Daruvala will be making his mark in the all-electric single-seater championship, driving for Maserati MSG Racing and representing the Indian team Mahindra Racing
- ✓ The Hyderabad EPrix for its second edition in 2024 is a significant milestone for the world of motorsport and for India. With the inclusion of a talented Indian driver, Jehan Daruvala, and Formula E's commitment to India.
- ✓ Hyderabad To Become First Indian City To Host Formula E.
- ✓ Jean-Éric Vergne of France won the Greenko Hyderabad E-Prix 2023 championship.

HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2023

- ▶ Hyderabad is set to host the Formula E race for a second edition in February 2024.
- India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- ➤ Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF) in Hyderabad.
- ➤ Hyderabad will host India's first International Athletic Union's Ageas.
- ➤ Lloyds Banking Group, one of the UK's largest financial services organisations, said on 21st June 2023 that it is setting up a technology centre in Hyderabad.
- Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Union Ministry of AYUSH organized a mega 'Yoga Festival' at NCC Parade Ground, Hyderabad.
- > Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently unveiled a 125-feet tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad.
- ➤ Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023.
- ➤ The G20 Second Digital Economy Working Group meeting began on April 17 in Hyderabad.
- > 'Grand start-up Conclave' on Animal Husbandry and Diary in Hyderabad.
- ➤ The two-day 'Food Conclave-2023' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.



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- World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad to set up its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.
- > The seasoned Jean Eric Vergne of DS Penske automobiles won an action-packed Formula E Prix in Hyderabad.
- ➤ Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar officially inaugurated the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory located in Hyderabad.
- > two-day inception meeting of the Startup-20, the new engagement group of G-20 initiated by India, has begun in Hyderabad.
- ➤ Hyderabad host Street Circuit Car Racing before the India's first Formula E grand Prix to be held in February 2023.

Q. Who has appointed as Governor of Tripura?

A) Banwarilal Purohit

B) Mangubhai C. Patel

C) Indra Sena Reddy Nallu

D) C. P. Radhakrishnan

Answer: C

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Indra Sena Reddy Nallu as Governor of Tripura.
- ✓ Senior BJP leader and former MLA, Nallu Indra sena Reddy has been appointed as the Governor of Tripura.
- ✓ Indra Sena Reddy Nallu is a national secretary of the BJP and has thrice served as an MLA in Andhra Pradesh.
- Q. Tata Motors to Invest __ to Acquire 27% Stake In 'Freight Tiger'.

A) ₹100 Crore

B) ₹150 Crore

C) ₹200 Crore

D) ₹250 Crore

Answer: B

- ✓ Tata Motors committed to invest ₹150 crore in 'Freight Tiger' to acquire a 27% stake, with the aim of advancing efficiency within the truck and freight ecosystem in India.
- ✓ Tata Motors, a prominent name in the Indian automotive sector, announced a significant move that would reshape the country's logistics landscape. The company revealed its plan to acquire a 27% stake in Freight



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Tiger, a software-as-a-service (SaaS) platform specializing in end-to-end logistics solutions. This strategic partnership represents a crucial step in advancing efficiency within the truck and freight ecosystem in India.

- ✓ The Deal: Tata Motors Invests in Freight Tiger: Tata Motors committed to a substantial investment of ₹150 crore in Freight Tiger, securing a 27% stake in the (Software as a service) SaaS platform. However, Tata Motors also holds the option to further invest ₹100 crore over the next two years, depending on the prevailing market value.
- Q. Which company has signed three pacts with the IT Ministry in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence, and quantum computing?

A) IBM

B) Google

C) Microsoft

D) Amazon

Answer: A

- ✓ US multinational technology giant IBM has inked three pacts with IT Ministry in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence and quantum computing.
- ✓ The three MoUs signed were in the areas of semiconductors, Al and quantum computing.
- ✓ As a part of the partnership, IBM would be a knowledge partner of the India Semiconductor Mission and establish a semiconductor research centre in the country.
- ✓ The semiconductor research centre will also work on skilling Indian students and professionals by providing them access to research facilities
- Q. Amul's which campaign has been launched at Time Square?

A) Amul Doodh Pita Hai India

B) Aage Aage Badhta Hai India

C) Milk is for baby

D) Be More Milk

Answer: D

- ✓ Amul said its 'Be More Milk' campaign had made a big splash at New York's Time Square, the world-famous intersection that sports massive digital screens.
- ✓ The campaign displayed the 'Be More Milk' message in a colourful and animated billboard that grabbed the attention of passersby and lit up the iconic intersection in a unique way.
- ✓ Famously known as the melting pot of cultures from all over the world, this setting played a special role in the launch this campaign, internationally.



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- ✓ Amul's latest campaign Be More Milk creatively depicts milk in a new, and young avatar, while encouraging the youth around the world to be honest, pure, refreshing, natural, authentic, comforting and urges them to blend in with different cultures in a positive way.
- ✓ Amul will be the Official Sponsor of the Indian Contingent for the XIX Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8 2023
- ✓ Amul is an acronym (Anand Milk Union Limited) of the Indian cooperative society named Gujarat Milk Marketing Federation based in Anand, Gujarat
- ✓ Amul

✓ Founded: 1946

✓ Founder: Tribhuvandas Patel
 ✓ Headquarters: Anand, Gujarat
 ✓ managing director: Jayen Mehta

Q. Which state government will organize Sri Anna Mahotsav in the state capital from October 27 to 29 to promote the use of millet?

A) Haryana

B) Rajasthan

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Bihar

Answer: C

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government will organize Sri Anna Mahotsav in the state capital from October 27 to 29 to promote the use of millet.
- ✓ Farmers doing good work for the production of millets would be felicitated on the occasion.
- ✓ Fifty progressive farmers from each division will take part in the event which is aimed at creating awareness among people and farmers with regard to the cultivation and consumption of millets in the state.
- ✓ Around 40 stalls of food made from millets will also be put up during the three-day Sri Anna Mahotsav.
- ✓ Millets and India
- ✓ According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), India is the largest producer of millet in the world.
- ✓ The total production of millets in India in 2020-21 was 17.96 million tonnes which was nearly 41% of the world production.
- ✓ Rajasthan was the largest millet producing state in India.



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- ✓ Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Uttarakhand being the top 10 states in terms of millet production.
- ✓ In India, millet is primarily a kharif crop, requiring less water and agricultural inputs.
- ✓ India declared 2018 as the National Year for Millets to promote millets for nutrition security.

MILLET IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government will organize Sri Anna Mahotsav in the state capital from October 27 to 29 to promote the use of millet.
- ➤ India and Kenya will co-host a two-day 'India-Africa International Millet Conference' on 30 31 August 2023.
- ➤ India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in New Delhi on 18th March, 2023.
- ➤ United Nations agency Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) hosted an opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.
- ➤ The 4th International Trade Fair of Millets and Organics Products began on 20 January 2023 at Tripuravasini, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The year 2023 is being observed all over the world as the International Year of the millets.
- > The Government of India aims to make the International Year of the millets a 'People's Movement' and position India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'.
- India is the largest producer of millets in the world.
- ➤ According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation, global millet production in 2020 was 30.464 million metric tonnes (MMT), of which India accounted for 12.49 MMT or 41 per cent of the total millet production.
- India is the largest producer of millets in the world followed by Niger and China and the second largest exporter of these grains.
- ➤ The Government of India has set a target of production of 205 lakh tonnes of Nutri Cereals in the country by 2022-23.



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- > To promote the export of millets, a one-day 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' conclave was organised by the government on 5th December in New Delhi.
- Assam government launches millet mission to double the income of state farmers.
- > Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced to observe the first Thursday of the Margasira month of the Hindu calendar on November 10 as 'Mandia Day' or 'Millet Day' in the state.
- Q. What is the rank of India in Global Pension Index 2023?

A) 45th

B) 55th

C) 38th

D) 65th

Answer: A

- ✓ Global Pension Index 2023: India ranked 45; Topped by Netherland
- ✓ The 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI) has been published, and it shows that the Netherlands' retirement income system has once again secured the first position.
- ✓ Iceland and Denmark have claimed the second and third positions in the ranking, respectively.
- ✓ The Netherlands had the highest overall index value (85.0), closely followed by Iceland (83.5) and Denmark (81.3). Argentina had the lowest index value (42.3).
- ✓ India had an overall index value of 45.9 from 44.5 in 2022, ranking 45 out of the 47 retirement income systems analyzed primarily due to improvements in adequacy and sustainability sub-indices, according to the 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI).
- ✓ This year, the Global Pension Index compares 47 retirement income systems across the globe and covers 64 percent of the world's population.
- ✓ The 2023 Global Pension Index includes three new retirement income systems: Botswana, Croatia, and Kazakhstan.
- Q. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹12.19 crore on which bank for contravention of norms related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks?

A) HDFC Bank

B) ICICI Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) Axis Bank

Answer: B



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- ✓ RBI imposed penalty on ICICI Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank for violation of norms
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty or ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.
- ✓ The penalty on private sector lender ICICI Bank has been imposed for contravention of norms related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select Fls'.
- ✓ The penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has been imposed for contravention of directions related to "Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks", "Recovery Agents engaged by Banks", "Customer Service in Banks", and "Loans and Advances Statutory and Other Restrictions".

RBI IMPOSED PENALTY IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty or ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.
- ➤ RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances Statutory and Other Restrictions.
- > RBI has imposed monetary penalties on three banks, State Bank of India, Indian Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank, and Fedbank Financial Services for rule violations.
- ➤ RBI has imposed late submission fees amounting to ₹2,000 crore on four major public sector undertakings namely, ONGC Videsh Ltd, Indian Oil Corp. Ltd, GAIL (India) Ltd, and Oil India Ltd for failing to promptly report their overseas investments.
- ➤ RBI has imposed penalties on Standard Chartered Bank, four credit bureaus, and seven cooperative banks for various violations. Standard Chartered Bank was fined ₹30 lakh for non-compliance with KYC directions.
- ➤ RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.5 crore on Jammu & Kashmir Bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by the RBI.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.20 crore on Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for violating various rules and regulations.



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- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.73 crore on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC Bank) for violating the Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006.
- ➤ RBI Imposes Rs 84.50 Lakh Penalty on Central Bank of India for Non-Compliance with Fraud Reporting Norms.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied penalties of Rs 44 lakhs on four cooperative banks for violating various norms.
- Baran Nagrik Sahkari Bank.
- Janata Sahakari Bank, Pune.
- Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank.
- > Apex Co-operative Bank, Chennai.
- Reserve Bank of India imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers from Tamil Nadu-based Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank as part of several restrictions slapped on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)?
 - A) Sanjay Kulshreshtha
 - B) Dilip Singh
 - C) Abhishek Sharma
 - D) Abhinav Gupta

Answer: A

- ✓ Sanjay Kulshreshtha has been appointed the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Housing And Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO).
- ✓ Kulshreshtha has been serving as the Executive Director at REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), and will soon be joining his new post as the CMD of HUDCO.
- ✓ This posting has given HUDCO a full-time CMD for the first time since 2019.
- ✓ HUDCO is a government-owned company in India established in 1970 under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.



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- Q. With whom did Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launch the Vistadome train services in Kashmir?
 - A) Jitendra Singh

B) Ashwini Vaishnav

C) Anurag Thakur

D) RK Singh

Answer: B

- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav launched the much-awaited Vistadome train services in Kashmir.
- ✓ The Lieutenant Governor flagged off the first Vistadome coach train from Srinagar station to Banihal.
- ✓ Union ministers and chief ministers of Assam and Tripura attended the ceremony through video conferencing
- Q. Who has become the fastest batsman to score 26,000 runs in international cricket?

A) Rohit Sharma

B) Virat Kohli

C) Steve Smith

D) David Warner

Answer: B

- ✓ Veteran cricketer from India Virat Kohli has become the fastest batsman to score 26,000 runs in international cricket.
- ✓ He has left behind the great cricketer Sachin Tendulkar in this matter.
- ✓ He achieved this feat in a match played against Bangladesh in the World Cup 2023. Kohli also scored the 48th century of his ODI career in this match.
- Q. Which country has successfully conducted the flight test of the 'Ababeel Weapon System' to further strengthen its deterrence?

A) Israel

B) North Korea

C) Ukraine

D) Pakistan

Answer: D

- ✓ Pakistan has successfully conducted the flight test of the 'Ababeel Weapon System' to further strengthen its deterrence.
- ✓ The latest test of the ballistic missile system was aimed at "re-validating various design, technical parameters, and performance evaluation of different sub-systems.



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- The missile system is aimed at strengthening deterrence and enhancing strategic stability in the region through the operationalization of Full Spectrum Deterrence in the overall construct of Credible Minimum Deterrence.
- The Ababeel missile has a length of 21.5 meters and a diameter of 1.7 meters and is designed to carry both conventional and nuclear warheads.
- Q. Dhordo has been bestowed with the title 'Best Tourism Village' by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Dhordo is located in which state?

A) Gujarat

B) Kerala

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Haryana

Answer: A

- ✓ Gujarat's Dhordo awarded UNWTO's Best Tourism Village 2023
- ✓ Dhordo, a village located in the Kutch district of Gujarat, known for its annual Rann Utsav has been bestowed with the title 'Best Tourism Village' by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- ✓ A total of 26 villages around the globe have earned the accolades this year for "nurturing rural areas and preserving landscapes, cultural diversity, local values, and culinary traditions."
- ✓ The list includes villages in Austria, Portugal, Turkiye, Hungary, Indonesia, Egypt, and China. Dhordo is the only village selected from India.
- ✓ Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO recognizes outstanding rural tourism destinations with accredited cultural and natural assets, a commitment to preserving community-based values, and a clear commitment to innovation and sustainability across economic, social, and environmental dimensions.
- ✓ Launched in 2021, the Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO initiative is part of the UNWTO Tourism for Rural Development Programme.
- ✓ The villages were named during the UNWTO General Assembly, taking place this week in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

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✓ World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

✓ Founded: 1975

Headquarters: Madrid, Spain

✓ Secretary-General : Zurab Pololikashvili (Georgia)



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ Dhordo, a village located in the Kutch district of Gujarat, known for its annual Rann Utsav has been bestowed with the title 'Best Tourism Village' by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- > 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 percen.
- ➤ '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.



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- ➤ India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- > BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term.
- Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- ➤ Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli passed away.
- Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year. The state was established on May 1, 1960.
- ➤ Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as "Swagat Saptah" in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the "State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology" (SWAGAT) initiative.
- ➤ Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in GIFT city.
- > Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- ➤ The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat.
- ➤ International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Q. 'APAAR' Account Registry, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

A) Capital Market

B) Automobile

C) Cryptocurrency

D) Academics

Answer: D

- ✓ The Union Education Ministry has introduced the concept of 'One Nation, One Student ID,' referred to as APAAR ID, in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ✓ The APAAR ID, which stands for 'Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry,' is a digital identification system for students in India.
- ✓ The APAAR ID is an education ecosystem registry system known as 'EduLocker' for students across all states in India.
- ✓ It will digitally store academic qualifications, credit scores, certificates, and other academic data for students from pre-primary to higher education.



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- ✓ To enrol in the APAAR ID system, students must obtain their parent's consent, and the states have been directed to initiate this process.
- ✓ The unique 12-digit APAAR ID will be used for admissions and other academic activities, making it convenient for students.
- ✓ Both new and existing users can register or log in using their mobile number, Aadhar Card, or ID and password.
- ✓ This initiative aims to create a unified educational system, enhance security, and make academic data easily accessible for students
- Q. 'Guidance' is the nodal agency for investment promotion of which state?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Karnataka

C) Maharashtra

D) Kerala

Answer: A

- ✓ 'Guidance', the nodal agency for investment promotion of Tamil Nadu, has received the United Nations Promotion Award 2023.
- ✓ It was awarded for Excellence in Scaling Up Energy Transition Investments at the 8th World Investment Forum held at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ 'Guidance', the nodal agency for investment promotion of Tamil Nadu, has received the United Nations Promotion Award 2023.
- Project Nilgiri Tahr' launched in Tamil Nadu.
- The second spaceport of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will come up in about two years at Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
- > The U.K. and Tamil Nadu collaborate on a smart technology project for sustainable water, waste, and resource management.
- > Recently, Udangudi 'Panangkarupatti' (palm jaggery/ gur) from Tamil Nadu has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- > Tamil Nadu government has unveiled its new tourism policy to develop the State into the most attractive experiential destination in Asia.
- Tamil Nadu's Salem Sago gets GI tag.



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- ➤ Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- ➤ The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district Tamil Nadu was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ➤ Taiwanese firm Foxconn Technology Group, a key supplier to Apple Inc., signed a letter of Intent with the Tamil Nadu government to invest ₹1,600 crore to establish a manufacturing facility in Kancheepuram district.
- > Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- > Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- > Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation.
- Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister "Udhayanidhi Stalin" has unveiled the trophy and the 'Bomman' mascot for the prestigious Asian Champions Trophy 2023 hockey tournament to be held in Chennai.
- Muthamizh Selvi, first Tamil Nadu woman to scale Mt Everest.
- > Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..
- Tamil Nadu becomes first state to launch its own Climate Change Mission.
- Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- In a first of its kind initiative in India, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project'.
- Q. Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', which was recently unveiled, is associated with which field?
 - A) Coal Industry

B) Maritime Industry

C) Electronics Manufacturing

D) Artificial Intelligence

Answer: B

✓ Shri Goyal praised the efforts undertaken by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in enhancing the EXIM trade capacity of India by which it has achieved more 450 billion dollars of trade in 2022-23.



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- ✓ PM Modi also launched Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 a roadmap for maritime sector development for the next 25 years, the Amrit Kaal to make India Atmanirbhar by 2047. PM Narendra Modi shared his vision of unlocking investment of ₹80 lakh crores for the development of maritime sector during this period.
- ✓ This long-term plan for India's maritime blue economy highlights strategic efforts to improve port infrastructure, encourage sustainability, and foster global cooperation.
- ✓ In news, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), as part of its Vision Insurance for all' by 2047, has allotted states and union territories to every insurer to increase insurance penetration in India.
- ✓ Insurance for All by 2047 aims that every citizen has an appropriate life, health and property insurance cover and every enterprise is supported by appropriate insurance solutions.
- Q. Which of the following has bagged a prestigious UN Award 2023 for its contribution to sustainability reporting?
 - A) All India Federation of Tax Practitioners
 - B) Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
 - C) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
 - D) Indian School of Business

Answer: C

- ✓ The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has bagged a prestigious UN Award 2023 for its contribution to sustainability reporting.
- ✓ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) honored ICAI during the 8th World Investment Forum for its contributions to sustainability reporting.
- ✓ The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's (ICAI) sustainability initiatives received the highest score amongst 70 initiatives received from around the world.
- ✓ UNCTAD was announced as the winner of the sixth edition of ISAR Honours during the 8th World Investment Forum in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- ✓ Established: 1949
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi.



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Q. Which edition of the Dehradun Literature Festival will organize in Dehradun from the 27th to 29th of October?

A) 4th

B) 6th

C) 5th

D) 8th

Answer: C

- ✓ The 5th edition of the Dehradun Literature Festival (DDLF) was announced during a press conference. The festival is to witness confluence of Literature, Culture and cinema.
- ✓ The literary extravagance is all set to be hosted from the 27th to 29th of October at two venues in the city Doon International School (Riverside Campus) and Hyatt Regency Dehradun Resort & Spa in Dehradun.
- ✓ Back in time, when literature festivals had started all over the country, Dehradun still did not have its own literary platform to bind the whole community.
- ✓ The highlight of this year's DDLF will be the association with the recognized Agatha Christie Festival, which has recently concluded in the United Kingdom.
- ✓ The festival will be sending a representative, Dr. Mark Aldridge (author and Agatha Christie expert), to DDLF, marking its first presence at any literary gathering in India.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2023

- > The 5th edition of the Dehradun Literature Festival (DDLF) was announced during a press conference.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 'Rozgar Prayag Portal'.
- ➤ Uttarakhand government has signed a memorandum of understanding worth ₹2,000 crore with global ropeway construction firm Poma Group in London.
- Uttarakhand govt approved state's first service sector policy.
- ➤ Harela Festival 2023 begins in Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- > Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- > India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.



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- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- ➤ Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- > Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- ➤ Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.
- ➤ Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year.
- Uttarakhand Governor Approved 30% Women's Reservation Bill.
- ➤ PM Modi has inaugurated connectivity projects worth 3,400 crores in Mana village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand recently received the first prize in two categories the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism from the Union tourism ministry.
- ➤ India's first commercial space observatory will be set up in the Garhwal division of Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- ➤ Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal "Samarth".
- Q. Which Company has launched the DigiKavach Program to Fight Online Financial Frauds in India?

A) Google

B) Meta

C) Amazon

D) Microsoft

Answer: A

- ✓ Google has launched its DigiKavach initiative, a cutting-edge early threat detection and warning system designed to spot and analyze emerging financial fraud patterns before they can cause widespread damage.
- ✓ <u>Objectives of DigiKavach Program :</u>
- ✓ The first critical step in the battle against financial fraud is to comprehend the strategies and tactics employed by scammers.
- ✓ DigiKavach's dedicated teams are working relentlessly to unravel the intricate web of deception woven by fraudsters.



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Q. Which country is the host of 'Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023' International Military Exercise?

A) Russia

B) United Kingdom

C) Germany

D) France

Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian Army achieved a significant milestone by securing a gold medal at the 2023 Cambrian Patrol Competition, an international military exercise held in Wales, United Kingdom.
- ✓ A team from the 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army in this prestigious event.
- ✓ The competition involved 111 teams, completing a challenging 60 km course in less than 48 hours.
- Q. The Middle Corridor, which was seen in the news, initiates in which country?

A) China

B) Pakistan

C) Turkey

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer: C

- ✓ The 'Middle Corridor,' officially known as the Trans-Caspian East-West-Middle Corridor Initiative, initiates in Turkey and extends through the Caucasus region, including Georgia and Azerbaijan.
- ✓ It then crosses the Caspian Sea, traverses Central Asia, and reaches China. China has initiated discussions with countries in the region to explore potential alignment between the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Turkey's Middle Corridor Initiative
- Q. Which institution released the 'High Cost of Cheap Water' Report'?

A) WWF

B) UNEP

C) NITI Aayog

D) WAPCOS

Answer: A

- ✓ On the occasion of World Food Day, which falls on October 16th, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) unveiled a report titled "The High Cost of Cheap Water."
- ✓ The recently published report warns that a growing global water crisis poses a threat to economic value, food security, and sustainability, with an estimated \$58 trillion at risk
- ✓ World Wide Fund for Nature History
- ✓ Founded on 29th April 1961.



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- ✓ Its precursor organisation was the Conservation Foundation.
- ✓ Its original name was World Wildlife Fund.
- ✓ WWF Headquarters Gland, Switzerland
- Q. Saint-Belec slab, is a 4,000-year-old slab, was discovered in which country?

A) Greece

B) France

C) Peru

D) Australia

Answer: B

- ✓ Saint-Bélec slab was found as a lining aside ancient burial mound in Brittany, on the west coast of France in 1900.
- ✓ A new analysis of the slab, suggests that it could mark the location of forgotten Bronze Age sites dating back to between 2,150 and 1,600 BC.
- Q. Which edition of the India-France Military Sub Committee (MSC) meeting was held at Air Force Station, New Delhi?
 - A) 20th
 - B) 21st
 - C) 24th
 - D) 27th

Answer: B

- ✓ The 21st edition of the India-France Military Sub Committee (MSC) meeting was held at Air Force Station, New Delhi.
- ✓ The both sides discussed ties focused on new initiatives under the ambit of existing bilateral defence cooperation mechanisms and strengthening ongoing defence engagements.
- ✓ The meeting was co-chaired from the Indian side by Air Vice Marshal Ashish Vohra, Assistant Chief of Integrated Staff, (Military Cooperation) at HQ IDS and Major General Eric Peltier, General Officer, International Military Relations of the Joint Staff from the French side.
- ✓ India-France MSC is a forum established to progress defence cooperation between both nations through regular talks at strategic and operational levels between HQ, Integrated Defence Staff and the Joint Staff HQ of French Armed Forces



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- Q. Which state government has launched an exclusive project for the conservation of 'Nilgiri Tahr' in the state?
 - A) Kerala

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Telangana

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B

- ✓ 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' launched in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Ten months after the announcement, the Tamil Nadu government has launched an exclusive project for the conservation of Nilgiri Tahr, the state animal that once inhabited a large portion of the biodiversity-rich Western Ghats.
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin unveiled a plaque and distributed books to school students to create awareness about Nilgiri Tahr, which has found rich mention in Tamil Sangam literature such as Chilapathikaram and Civaka Chintamani, and depicted in the Late Mesolithic (10,000-4,000 BC) paintings.
- ✓ The scheme, which will be implemented at a cost of Rs 25.14 crore, will have nine components including bi-annual synchronized surveys across the divisions, tranquilization, collaring, and monitoring of Tahr individuals, re-introduction and monitoring of Nilgiri Tahr, Shola Grassland restoration pilot in Upper Bhavani, and eco-tourism programmes.
- ✓ The project also aims to restore the original habitat of Nilgiri Tahr and will attempt to re-introduce the species in some of those areas where Nilgiri Tahr originally lived.
- ✓ It is classified as a critically endangered species in the IUCN red list of threatened species and is protected under schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972.
- ✓ Historically, Nilgiri Tahr was known to inhabit a large portion of the Western Ghats but today it remains restricted to a few scattered habitat patches in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- Q. Which UTs has recently launched the "Whole of Government" approach?

A) Ladakh

B) Jammu and Kashmir

C) Puducherry

D) Delhi

Answer: B

- ✓ J&K adopts "Whole of Government" approach in governance
- ✓ Dr Jitendra Singh has addressed the 6th Capacity Building Program for Officers of J&K Administrative Services organized by National Centre for Good Governance in New Delhi.



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- ✓ The Minister asked the officers to identify the schemes having commonality and adopt an integrated approach of execution of schemes for better efficiency and result, benefitting the common man.
- ✓ Noting that there is a change in the demography of central and state civil services due to the advent of technology even in the rural and remote areas and the democratization of resources.
- ✓ The toppers in the central civil services are increasingly from states such as Punjab, Haryana, and Jammu and Kashmir, owing to these twin factors.
- Q. Which state government has launched a doubt clearance bot (app) for government school students to offer a comprehensive educational experience?
 - A) Andhra Pradesh
 - B) Kerala
 - C) Tamil Nadu
 - D) Telangana

Answer: A

- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh School Education Department has launched a doubt clearance bot (app) for government school students to offer a comprehensive educational experience.
- ✓ It is Developed by ConveGenius, the bot is meant to clarify doubts beyond school hours in the disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, English, and TOEFL preparation.
- ✓ The doubt clearance bot application will be installed on all the tablets (tabs) supplied to teachers and students and interactive flat panels.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)?
 - A) Sanjay Kumar Jain
 - B) Neha Sharma
 - C) Dheeraj Singh
 - D) Amresh Dixit

Answer: A

✓ Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer Sanjay Kumar Jain has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).



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- Q. Manohar Singh Gill passed away recently. Who was he?
 - A) Former Chairman of Planning Commission
 - B) Former Supreme Court Judge
 - C) Former Chief Election Commissioner
 - D) Former RBI's Governor

Answer: C

- ✓ Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India and Congress leader Manohar Singh Gill died at the age of 86.
- ✓ As a valued colleague in the UPA Govt and earlier as a civil servant, his contributions to the development of the nation in varied fields like sports, electoral processes, and agriculture was long-lasting
- ✓ Dr. M.S. Gill was the 11th Chief Election Commissioner of India
- ✓ Later, he entered the Rajya Sabha as a Congress member and was made the union sports minister in 2008.
- ✓ Gill was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the year 2000 for his exceptional and distinguished services as a civil servant
- Q. Which Company has been appointed 'Ipsita Dasgupta' as Senior Vice President & MD for India?

A) HP

B) Dell

C) Apple

D) Lenovo

Answer: A

- ✓ Hewlett-Packard (HP) has announced a significant leadership change with the appointment of "Ipsita Dasgupta" as the Senior Vice President & Managing Director for its India market.
- ✓ Ms. Dasgupta's role will encompass overseeing all facets of HP's strategy and profitability in the India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka regions.



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