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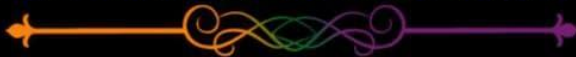


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Q. SBI has received the nod from RBI to buy how many shares of Karur Vysya Bank?

- A) 5.88% B) 9.99%
C) 6.37% D) 4.87%

Answer : B

- ✓ SBI Mutual Fund got permission from the RBI to buy up to a 9.99% share in Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.
- ✓ The approval was given based on SBI Mutual Fund's request to the Reserve Bank of India. The bank mentioned in a filing that the approval will be canceled if SBI MF doesn't acquire a significant share within a year from the date of the letter.
- ✓ SBI Mutual Fund can't own more than 9.99% of the bank's shares altogether. If their ownership goes below 5%, they need approval from the RBI to increase it to 5% for more of the shares.

SBI IN NEWS 2023

- SBI Mutual Fund got permission from the RBI to buy up to a 9.99% share in Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates SBI branch in Sri Lanka.
- State Bank of India ropes in MS Dhoni as brand ambassador
- SBI has launched a 'Mobile Handheld Device' as part of its financial inclusion drive in a bid to improve accessibility and convenience.
- The tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara has been extended till August 2024.
- State Bank of India has introduced a digital facility for Non-Resident Indians to effortlessly open Non-Residential External and Non-Resident Ordinary accounts through its mobile app YONO.
- State Bank of India has launched its 'Nation First Transit Card', a RuPay prepaid instrument under the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) that can be used nationwide.
- State Bank of India has launched a Customer Service Points (CSPs) functionality that allows customers to enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 percent through its third infrastructure bond issuance.
- State Bank of India will set up a new trustee company as its wholly-owned subsidiary for managing the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF).



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- State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru Circle, recently launched 'Project Kuber' to meet the banking needs of its customers.
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, has raised USD 750 million through bonds to fund offshore business growth.
- State Bank of India (SBI) launched a coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian" and the book celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and 200 years of SBI's history.
- SBI to launch new current accounts and savings accounts in FY24 to attract deposits.
- The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "Parivar" (family) account.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced the completion of a \$1 billion syndicated social loan facility.
- The facility of \$1 billion was arranged through MLABs, MUFG bank and Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has partnered with the NGO That's Eco Foundation to donate ₹48 lakh for the plantation of 32,000 tree saplings at Garden City University in Bengaluru.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 3,717 crore through its third Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 bond issuance in the current financial year at coupon rate of 8.25 per cent..
- SBI reintroduces 400 days 'Amrit Kalash' retail term deposit scheme and provides an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its coffee table book named 'The Banker to Every Indian'.
- Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).
- SBI announces completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.
- Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed a memorandum (MoU) of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.
- According to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s report titled "EASE Reforms Index for the first quarter of FY23" the State Bank of India(SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks(PSB).
- SBI on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022.



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- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, approved raising Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds during the financial year 2023 (FY23) including a greenshoe option of Rs 5,000 crore.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us.
- It is one of the largest and oldest banks in India.

Q. Which technology has been introduced by Indian Railways to prevent accidents caused by elephants on railway tracks?

- A) Hathi Kavach
- B) Gajraj Suraksha
- C) Gaj Suraksha
- D) Gajraj Kavach

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Railways has introduced a state-of-the-art technology called 'Gajraj Suraksha' to prevent accidents caused by elephants on railway tracks.
- ✓ It uses AI-based algorithms and a network of sensitive optical fiber cables to detect elephants coming close to railway tracks. Its objective is to save elephants dying in train accidents.



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- ✓ Indian Railways is planning to introduce this technology in West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Assam, Kerala, parts of Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu.

Q. PM JANMAN scheme is related to which field?

- A) Infrastructure B) Child Development
C) Education D) Tribal populations

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Mr Shri Narendra Modi the chairperson of union cabinet has approved pradhan mantri janjati aadivasi nyaya maha abhiyan(PM JANMAN) with the approx outlay of Rs.24,104 crore.
- ✓ This Abhiyan was announced on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas from Khunti.
- ✓ To enhance the socio economic conditions of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) as announced in the budget session 2023-24 , the development mission of Pradhan Mantri PVTG will be launched
- ✓ It will help in enhancing the basic facilities like sanitation, cleanliness,safe drinking water ,health and nutrition, improving education , telecom and read connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities

Q. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts is going to extend till which year?

- A) 2024 B) 2025
C) 2026 D) 2027

Answer : C

- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved to keep the Fast Track Special Courts going from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026. This will cost Rs 1952.23 crore, with Rs 1207.24 crore from the central government and Rs 744.99 crore from the state government. The central government's part will be covered by the Nirbhaya Fund
- ✓ There are some expected results of the FTSC scheme which are given below:
- ✓ Ending of sexual and gender based violence
- ✓ Reduce the case loads
- ✓ Rape and POCSO act's pendency will be reduced
- ✓ Through better facilities and speedy trials victims of sexual crimes will get justice fast.
- ✓ The Central Government will encourage the states to set up these FTSC courts to get speedy disposal of the case



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TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2023

- India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third largest economy in the world by 2027.
- Members of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) collectively have set an “aspirational target” of 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030.
- 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.
- 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.



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- 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. Where is the COP-28 summit being organized?

- A) Riyadh
- B) Nairobi
- C) Sydney
- D) Dubai

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is participating in the COP-28 summit being held in Dubai.
- ✓ In this conference he will address the World Climate Action Summit.
- ✓ COP28 or the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference is being held from 30 November to 12 December 2023 at Expo City, Dubai

Q. In which state is the Hornbill Festival organized every year?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The Hornbill Festival 2023 or the 24th edition of the Hornbill Festival has started at Naga Heritage Village Kisama.
- ✓ The participating countries for this year's edition are the United States of America, Germany and Colombia along with the state of Assam.
- ✓ The Hornbill Festival is an annual festival celebrated from 1 to 10 December in the northeastern Indian state of Nagaland.

FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023

- 24th Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Dhillio festival : Goa
- India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 : Faridabad, Haryana
- Arattu festival : Kerala
- Banni festival : Andhra Pradesh



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- 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
- 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. Where was the India International Trade Fair organized?

- A) New Delhi B) Mumbai
C) Lucknow D) Patna

Answer : A

- ✓ India International Trade Fair (IITF-2023) was organized in New Delhi.
- ✓ Odisha Pavilion has won the Gold Medal for "Excellence in Display" in the State Pavilion category.
- ✓ It started on 14 November with the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

Q. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra?

- A) Ujjain B) Varanasi
C) Deoghar D) Patna

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Center at AIIMS, Deoghar.
- ✓ Jan Aushadhi Kendra is playing an important role in public health services.
- ✓ There are about 182 Jan Aushadhi Centers in Assam alone.
- ✓ The scheme was launched in 2015 by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Q. Which state won the title of Senior Men's National Hockey Championship?

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

Answer : B



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- ✓ Punjab's hockey team won the title of Senior Men's National Hockey Championship by defeating defending champion Haryana.
- ✓ Senior Men's National Hockey Championship was organized in Chennai.
- ✓ Whereas Tamil Nadu team stood third in this tournament.

Q. Recently the cabinet has approved a central sector scheme to provide drones to which group?

A) Tribal Groups

B) NGO

C) SHG

D) Women self help groups

Answer : D

- ✓ To grant drones to women self groups a central center scheme has been approved by the union government with an outlay of Rs.1261 crore.
- ✓ This decision was taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under the meeting of the union cabinet. The plan wants to provide 15,000 chosen groups of women drones from 2023 to 2026.
- ✓ These drones will be used to rent out services to farmers for farming needs, according to an official statement.

Q. Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children is launched by which ministry?

A) Ministry of urban and Housing affairs

B) Ministry of women and child development

C) Ministry of social justice and empowerment

D) Ministry of ayush

Answer : B

- ✓ Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs has launched the Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children at a national outreach programme organized on 28th November, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- ✓ She mentioned that the Divyang protocol will help each district administration in supporting the special education and nutrition needs.
- ✓ They will give Swavlamban Cards to empower divyang children and their families.
- ✓ The progress of the children will be monitored using the Poshan tracker, and this data will aid coordination between ministries like MoHFW, DoSEL, DePwD



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Q. Merriam Webster named which word as the word of 2023?

- A) AI
B) Authentic
C) Chatgpt
D) OpenAi

Answer : B

- ✓ The Word of the Year for 2023, according to Merriam-Webster, is “authentic.” This word is used a lot in what we think, write, aim and judge.
- ✓ In 2023, more people looked up this word than usual. It happened because of discussions about AI, celebrities, identity, and social media.
- ✓ “Authentic” means not false or fake, similar to being real or actual. It can also mean staying true to your own personality and character. Even though being authentic is a good thing, it’s challenging to clearly define.

Q. Andry Rajoelina re-elected as the president of which country?

- A) Australia
B) Cambodia
C) Nigeria
D) Madagascar

Answer : D

- ✓ Madagascar’s current President, Andry Rajoelina, won the presidential election by getting over 50% of the votes, according to initial results from the country’s Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI).
- ✓ Rajoelina received a total of 2,856,090 votes, which is 58.95% of the total votes, as reported by the Xinhua news agency.
- ✓ The CENI announced that because he got more than 50% in the first round, the current president is the winner of the presidential election.

Q. Which financial institute has recently approved a task force to examine the effect of digital personal data protection act in the insurance sector?

- A) SEBI
B) SIDBI
C) NABARD
D) IRDAI

Answer : D

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory Authority of India (Irdai) has set up a group to check how the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, will affect the insurance industry. Randip Singh Japal will be the head of this task force.



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- ✓ The task force including leaders from major insurance companies, has one month to report on the impact of the Act's provisions.
- ✓ The DPDP Act of 2023, also known as the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, is a law enacted by the Indian Parliament. Its purpose is to control how digital personal data is handled, recognizing people's right to keep their info. safe and the need to process data for legal reasons and many more legal issues

Q. When is the World AIDS Day observed?

- A) December 02
- B) December 01
- C) November 29
- D) November 30

Answer : B

- ✓ World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on 1 December every year since 1988.
- ✓ Purpose: to raise awareness of the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) pandemic caused by the spread of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection
- ✓ The theme of World AIDS Day 2023 Let communities lead.

Q. What was the theme of the World AIDS Day 2022?

- A) Communities Make the Difference
- B) Global Solidarity Shared Responsibility
- C) Know your Status
- D) Let communities lead

Answer : D

Q. The Border Security Force (BSF) is observing which anniversary of its Raising Day in 2023?

- A) 75th
- B) 59th
- C) 66th
- D) 51st

Answer : B

- ✓ The Border Security Force (BSF) is observing its 59th Raising Day on 01 December 2023.
- ✓ BSF was formed on December 1, 1965 as a unified central agency after the Indo-Pak and India-China wars for ensuring the security of the borders of India and for matters connected there with.



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- ✓ It is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of the Union of India and stands as the world's largest border guarding force.
- ✓ BSF has been termed as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories.
- ✓ Border Security Force (BSF)
- ✓ Founded : 1965
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Motto : Duty Unto Death
- ✓ Director General : Nitin Agrawal
- ✓ Border Security Force (BSF) is India's border guarding organisation at its borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh. It is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of India, and was raised in the wake of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 for ensuring the security of the borders of India and for related matters

Q. Welcome to Paradise book is written by which personality?

- A) Ravina Tondon B) Twinkle Khanna
C) Chetan bhagat D) Sudha Mutry

Answer : B

- ✓ Twinkle Khanna celebrated the release of her latest book, 'Welcome To Paradise,' in Mumbai on November 28, surrounded by Bollywood friends and family. In this book, the renowned artist explores heartfelt stories of loneliness, heartbreak, and deception, skillfully mixing brightness, darkness, and clever humor.
- ✓ During the launch, Twinkle interacted with readers, autographing copies of her book. Akshay Kumar expressing pride for his wife in a standout Instagram post where he declared himself "Proud, prouder, proudest" while capturing the actor waiting in line for her autograph.

FAMOUS BOOKS AND AUTHORS IN NEWS 2023

- Welcome To Paradise : Twinkle Khanna
- Breaking the Mould : Raghuram Rajan
- Career and Family: Women's Century-Long Journey toward Equity : Claudia Goldin
- The Reverse Swing: Colonialism to Cooperation' : Ashok Tandon.
- "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success" : Vivek Agnihotri
- People's G20 : Apurva Chandra



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- Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow : Vinod Mankara
- "Finance Ministers of India: From Independence to the Emergency (1947-1977)" : A.K. Bhattacharya
- Master Residential Real Estate : Ashwinder R Singh.
- The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life : Ruskin Bond
- Ringside Vijay Darda
- Guts Amidst Bloodbath: The Anshuman Gaekwad Narrative Aditya Bhushan
- "The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces" :Feroze Varun Gandhi.
- Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise" : Amitabh Kant .
- Milk and Honey : Rupi Kaur .
- Collective Spirit, Concrete Action : Shashi Shekhar Vempati.
- "Reflections" : Narayanan Vaghul (former chairman of ICICI Bank)
- Jaidip Mukerjea : Autobiography titled "Crosscourt".
- 'Sachin@50'- Celebrating A Maestro : Boria Majumdar.
- "The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation" : Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash.
- "Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampradaiykta" : Piyush Babele.
- "Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire" : Nandini Das.
- "War & Women" : Dr MA Hasan.
- 'Why can't Elephants be Red?' : Vani Tripathi Tikoo.
- Phoolange : Lekhnath Chhetri.
- Pyre : Perumal Murugan.
- Ghulam Nabi Azad's Autobiography 'Azaad' .
- "A Matter of the Heart: Education in India" : Anurag Behar.
- Snakes in the Ganga: Breaking India 2.0 : Shri Rajiv Malhotra and Vijaya Viswanathan.
- "Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform" : Rachna Biswat Rawat.
- Ambedkar a Life : Shashi Tharoor.
- "The World: A Family History of Humanity," : Simon Sebag Montefiore.
- "Revolutionaries In India's Freedom Struggle:" : Sanjeev Sanyal.
- "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" : Ashwin Fernandes.
- "The Light We Carry Overcoming In Uncertain



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- Times” : Michelle Obama.
- Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian
- History : Vikram Sampath.
- Freedom at Midnight, "City of Joy" : Dominique Lapierre.
- Forks in the Road My Days at RBI and Beyond : Chakravarthi Rangarajan.
- ‘The World: A Family History’ : Simon Sebag.
- Winning the Inner Battle : Shane Watson.
- Nuclearization of Asia : Rene Naba.
- From dependence to Self-Reliance : Bimal Jalan.
- The Philosophy of Modern Song : Bob Dylan
- India’s Struggle for Independence – Gandhian Era : P. Jyothimani.
- “As Good as My Word” : KM Chandrasekhar..
- ‘Victory City’ : Salman Rushdie
- “The Poverty of Political Economics” : Meghnad Desai

Q. Mahe, Malvan and Mangrol are the names of which products recently launched?

- A) Anti Submarine Warships B) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
C) Submarines D) Intercontinental Missiles

Answer : A

- ✓ Mahe, Malvan and Mangrol, the first three ships of Shallow Water Craft (CSL) project were launched recently.
- ✓ The contract for building eight ASW SWC ships was signed between the Ministry of Defence and Cochin Shipyard Limited in 2019. The Mahe class of ships will be equipped with indigenously developed, state-of-the-art underwater sensors, and are envisaged to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters as well as Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO) and Mine Laying Operations

Q. Ministry of Defence signed contract with which organisation for Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount and other equipment for around 3000 crores?

- A) DRDO B) BHEL
C) L&T D) BEL



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Answer : B

- ✓ The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for procurement of 16 Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) along with associated equipment/accessories for Indian Navy under Buy (Indian) category at a total cost of ₹2956.89 Cr.
- ✓ The upgraded SRGM, which will be manufactured by BHEL is a medium caliber anti-missile/anti-aircraft point defence weapon system which provides a sustained rate of fire and high accuracy.

BHEL IN NEWS 2023

- Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for procurement of 16 Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) along with associated equipment/accessories for Indian Navy under Buy (Indian) category at a total cost of ₹2956.89 Cr.
- Koppu Sadashiv Murthy has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL).
- BHEL has appointed Bani Verma as Director (Industrial Systems and Products) of the company.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) said that Tajinder Gupta has taken charge as Director (Power).
- BHEL develops India's first catalyst set to curb NOx emissions in power plants
- State-owned engineering firm Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has successfully manufactured the first set of indigenous SCR Catalysts for limiting NOx emissions from thermal power plants.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has signed an MoU with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd. for "potential collaboration opportunities in Green Hydrogen and derivatives in the Hydrogen Value Chain.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has signed MoUs with Coal India Limited (CIL) and NLC India Limited (NLCIL) for setting up Coal Gasification based plants.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL):
- It is a major Central Public Sector Enterprise in India.
- It has the distinction of being the largest manufacturer of power generation equipment under government ownership.
- BHEL works as a part of the Government of India and comes under the purview of the Ministry of Heavy Industry.



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- Establishment - 1956
- Headquarters - New Delhi
- CMD : Koppu Sadashiv Murthy

Q. Which state clinched the title of 13th Senior National men's hockey championship?

- A) Punjab
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Rajasthan
D) Kerala

Answer : A

- ✓ Punjab defeated the defending champions Haryana in a penalty shootout to clinch the title in the Senior Men's National Hockey Championship in Chennai.
- ✓ Punjab skipper and India player Harmanpreet Singh scored for Punjab. Earlier, Tamil Nadu overwhelmed Karnataka 5-3 in penalty shootout to take the bronze medal

Q. Which state collaborated with Meta to raise awareness among students and educators about online safety and digital citizenship?

- A) Odisha
B) Karnataka
C) Kerala
D) Jharkhand

Answer : B

- ✓ Karnataka government on signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with tech firm Meta to launch two initiatives aimed at raising awareness among students and educators about online safety and digital citizenship.
- ✓ The state government plans to train 1 lakh teachers and 10 lakh students in digital safety and AR/VR skills by 2025 through this partnership with Meta.

KARNATAKA IN NEWS 2023

- Karnataka govt, Foxconn sign Letter of Intent with Rs 5000 cr investment.
- Siddaramaiah was sworn in as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka for his second term .
- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 Karnataka, overall, is the most "innovative" State, followed by Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank .



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- World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water.
- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya .
- The Karnataka Government will build the country's first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program began in Karnataka.
- Karnataka bags National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana, implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- Karnataka Bank awarded 'Prathista Puraskar for achieving highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy 'The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.
- About Karnataka State
- Formation - 1 November 1956
- Capital- Bengaluru
- Chief minister : Siddaramaiah
- Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Legislative Assembly seats- 224
- Lok Sabha seats- 28
- Jog Falls (Garsoppa) located in Karnataka is the highest waterfall in India which is on Sharavathi River.
- Yakshagana is the main folk dance of Karnataka.

Q. Which automobile manufacturer has launched a registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) in India?

A) Tata Motors

B) Mahindra Group

C) Maruti Suzuki

D) Hyundai Motors



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Answer : A

- ✓ Leading automobile manufacturer Tata Motors has launched a registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) in Punjab, which will be the company's fourth such unit.
- ✓ Named 'Re.Wi.Re – Recycle with Respect', the facility uses environmentally friendly processes and has the capacity to disassemble 12,000 end-of-life vehicles safely and sustainably, each year. It is equipped to scrap both passenger and commercial vehicles, regardless of their brand.

Q. What is the target year of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, set by the United Nations?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The UNAIDS agency said in its annual World AIDS Day Report that community-led responses are unrecognised, under-resourced and in some places under attack.
- ✓ The UN first set out in 2015 the target of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.
- ✓ There are 39 million people around the world living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Of them, 20.8 million are in eastern and southern Africa and 6.5 million are in Asia and the Pacific.

Q. Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam' festival is associated with which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Tourism in association with Ministry of Culture, Sangeet Natak Academy and State Government of Andhra Pradesh successfully organised the prequel event of Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam.
- ✓ It is a first of its kind festival to celebrate the rich heritage of classical music and promote lesser-known tourist attractions. The main event is to be organized in December 2023 in Vijayawada.
- ✓ The event will also feature spectacular display and sale of regional cuisine, local handicrafts and handlooms

Q. Hambantota port, which was seen in the news, is in which country?

- A) Israel B) Ukraine
C) Sri Lanka D) Afghanistan



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Answer : C

- ✓ The Sri Lankan cabinet has given clearance to allow China's energy major Sinopec to establish a new \$4.5 billion petroleum refinery plant at the strategic Hambantota port in the island nation.
- ✓ The upcoming plant of Sinopec, which entered the Sri Lankan market in July this year, would be the largest foreign direct investment with \$4.5 billion for Sri Lanka.

Q. Jal Itihas Utsav is organized by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- B) Ministry of urban and Housing affairs
- C) Ministry of women and child development
- D) Ministry of finance

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Jal Shakti will host 'Jal Itihas Utsav' on December 1st at Shamsi Talab, Jahaz Mahal in Mehrauli, Delhi.
- ✓ The main aim is to make people more aware of protecting water heritage sites, instill a sense of ownership and encourage tourism and restoration of these historical structures.
- ✓ The Jal Shakti Ministry said that Lt. Governor of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena and Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat are expected to be present at the event

Q. High level virtual interaction MAHASAGAR is launched by which?

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Indian Army
- C) CRPF
- D) Indian Coast Guard

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Navy reached an important achievement by hosting the first MAHASAGAR, Maritime Heads for Active Security And Growth for All in the Region, a virtual meeting to enhance safety and development in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- ✓ Leaders from navies and maritime agencies of important coastal regions participated, promoting a joint maritime strategy to tackle shared challenges.



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✓ On its one-year anniversary, the Indian Navy's initiative MAHASAGAR, stands as a significant achievement in encouraging virtual meetings among Maritime Heads for the security and growth of everyone in the region.

Q. NLC India Limited, a government company under the Ministry of Coal, signed a MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) and Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF) in which field?

- A) Women empowerment B) Semiconductor
C) New technologies D) Youth employment

Answer : D

✓ NLC India Limited, a government company under the Ministry of Coal, signed a MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) and Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF) in Chennai.

✓ This collaboration aims to provide job-oriented skill development training to 540 young individuals from families affected by NLC India Limited's projects in Neyveli.

✓ The company plans to invest Rs 1.12 lakh per candidate in this free residential training program. It will help them to acquire technical skills and secure job opportunities in leading companies

Q. V R Lalithambika who received a top French award called the Légion d'honneur was used to lead which institute?

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

Answer : C

✓ V R Lalithambika, who used to lead the Human Spaceflight Program at ISRO, received a top French award called the Légion d'honneur.

✓ She got this honor because of her important work in strengthening space collaboration between France and India. The Ambassador of France to India, Thierry Mathou, gave her the award on behalf of the French government.

✓ This award was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, and it is the most important award given by the French Republic to civilians. People receive it for outstanding service to France, no matter where they're from.



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Q. Armed force medical college of which city received the President's colour?

- A) Delhi
B) Mumbai
C) Chennai
D) Pune

Answer : D

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu will give the highest honor, the President's Colour, to the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) in Pune .
- ✓ She'll also virtually open the Armed Forces Centre for Computational Medicine 'Prajna'.
- ✓ The President's Colour is a significant recognition for any military unit, and this event is part of AFMC's celebration of its 75th year of outstanding service to the nation.
- ✓ AFMC is a top-notch institution in the Armed Forces Medical Services and one of the country's leading medical colleges

Q. Which country becomes the first country in South Asia to register same sex marriage?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Nepal has witnessed its initial same-sex marriage, as a trans-woman and a gay man legally tied the knot in the Lamjung district.
- ✓ Nepal has officially documented its first same-sex marriage, and this comes five months after the Supreme Court legalized it.
- ✓ According to PTI, a 35-year-old trans-woman named Maya Gurung and a 27-year-old gay man, Surendra Pandey, got legally married in Dordi Rural Municipality in the Lamjung district of Western Nepal. This was confirmed by Sanjib Gurung, the president of Blue Diamond Society.

Q. Raas Mahotsav or Raas Leela festival is celebrated in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
B) Assam
C) West Bengal
D) Gujarat

Answer : B

- ✓ The annual Raas Mahotsav or Raas Leela has started in Assam's Majuli, the world's largest inhabited river island.



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- ✓ Majuli is the core of Assamese Neo-Vaishnavism. The river island over the river Brahmaputra has dozens of Vaishnavite monasteries, locally called Satras.
- ✓ Locals perform Bhaona, a traditional form of drama where artists play various mythological characters.
- ✓ Bhaona was started in the fifteenth or sixteenth century by a social-religious reformer and a figure of importance in the cultural and religious history of Assam, Srimanta Sankardeva.

Q. 'AstroSat' is a space telescope launched by which country?

- A) USA
B) Russia
C) India
D) China

Answer : C

- ✓ India's AstroSat space telescope has crossed a major milestone by detecting 600th Gamma-Ray Burst (GRB).
- ✓ The Gamma Ray Bursts represent either the death of a massive or merger of neutron stars.
- ✓ AstroSat was launched in the year 2015 by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ✓ It was designed to last for five years.
However, it has exceeded its lifespan and is still functioning fine making important observations.

Q. Scheme for providing Drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) belongs to which category of scheme?

- A) Central Sector Scheme
B) Core Scheme
C) Centrally Sponsored scheme
D) State scheme

Answer : A

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved Central Sector Scheme for providing Drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crore for the period from 2024-25 to 2025-26.
- ✓ The scheme aims to provide drones to 15,000 selected Women SHGs during the period 2023-24 to 2025-2026 for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose. the scheme seeks to empower women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and bringing new technologies through drone services in agriculture sector.

Q. Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs) Scheme was launched in which year?

- A) 2013
B) 2017
C) 2019
D) 2020

Answer : C



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- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs) as, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2026 with financial implication of Rs. 1952.23 crore (Rs. 1207.24 crore as Central Share and Rs. 744.99 crore as State share).
- ✓ The Central Share is to be funded from Nirbhaya Fund. The Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs) Scheme was launched on 02.10.2019

Q. Which institution launched the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) ILO
- C) NSSO
- D) DPIIT

Answer : C

- ✓ National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) launched Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Quarterly Bulletin for July – September 2023
- ✓ As per the report, the unemployment rate in urban areas of the country decreased from 7.2% in July–September 2022 to 6.6% in July–September 2023.

Q. The National Pollution Control Day is marked every year on which day in India?

- A) 30th November
- B) 1st December
- C) 2nd December
- D) 29th November

Answer : C

- ✓ In India, the National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on December 2 to commemorate the life of people lost in the unfortunate incident of Bhopal Gas Tragedy that occurred in the year 1984 on the night of 2–3 December.
- ✓ The year 2023 marks the 39th anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
- ✓ Through this day, awareness is created about the rising pollution of air, water, and soil, as well as shifts the attention of people with regards to the pollution control acts.
- ✓ Bhopal disaster or Bhopal gas tragedy was a chemical accident on the night of 2–3 December 1984 at the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India.
- ✓ Considered the world's worst industrial disaster, over 500,000 people in the small towns around the plant were exposed to the highly toxic gas methyl isocyanate (MIC).
- ✓ Estimates vary on the death toll, with the official number of immediate deaths being 2,259



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Q. Who is the chairman of the 11-member task force constituted by IRDAI to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023?

- A) Rajesh Khullar
B) Randip Singh Jagpal
C) Narendra Modi
D) Shaktikanta Das

Answer : B

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted an 11-member taskforce under the chairmanship of Randip Singh Jagpal, Executive Director (Non-Life) at IRDAI, to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023 on the sector.
- ✓ The task force is expected to submit the report within a period of 1 month from the issuance of the order.
- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice aimed to provide a comprehensive framework for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognizes both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process such data for lawful purposes and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- IRDAI has constituted an 11-member taskforce under the chairmanship of Randip Singh Jagpal, Executive Director (Non-Life) at IRDAI, to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023 on the sector.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a committee of 12 members to simplify insurance policy wording. The committee, which will be headed by L Viswanathan.
- Government has constituted an eight member high level committee to examine One Nation, One Election. Former President Ram Nath Kovind has been appointed as Chairman of the committee.
- Government of India has constituted an expert panel headed by former Law Secretary TK Vishwanathan to propose reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act and reduce the burden on the courts.
- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has established an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Rajesh Gopal, secretary general of Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as its chairman.
- Government of India has constituted a Peace Committee in Manipur under the Chairpersonship of Governor, Manipur Anusuiya Uikey.



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- IRDAI has recently constituted a five-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance; Headed By : Pratima Murthy.
- Razorpay forms 4-member advisory board to strengthen corporate governance; Head-former RBI deputy governor NS Vishwanathan.
- Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee forms panel to suggest changes to National Pension Scheme (NPS); Headed By- Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has set up a 14-member committee to look into stalled real estate projects; Headed By – Amitabh Kant.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'. Chaired By - Bhuvnesh Kumar.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has formed an expert committee to create a roadmap to encourage Indian startups/fintech domiciled abroad to relocate to the GIFT City in Gujarat. Chaired By - G. Padmanabhan.
- A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) will now be made by a high-power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.
- The five-judge Constitution Bench was headed by Justice K M Joseph.
- Supreme Court has formed a six-member expert committee to examine Hindenburg Research firm's report on the Adani Group and probe the stock price crash in Adani stocks. Headed By - AM Sapre.
- Government of India (GoI) constituted a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to analyse the need for a separate law for competition in the digital market and to draft a digital competition act within three months. Headed By - Manoj Govil.
- The Shipping Ministry has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for operationalization of Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. Headed By- Sanjay K. Mehta.

Q. What is the financial value approved for the Loss and Damage Fund during COP 28?

- A) \$100 million
- B) \$250 million
- C) \$375 million
- D) \$475 million

Answer : D

- ✓ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or COP28 held in UAE



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- ✓ In this event, UAE operationalised Loss and Damage Fund for developing nations, which was set up during COP 27 at Sharm el Shaik, Egypt.
- ✓ This fund, which is given by the developing economies to the nations recovering from climate disasters such as extreme weather events.
- ✓ It will also be used to deal with other climate-related emergencies such as sea-level rise, migration, and displacement.
- ✓ The countries, which are pledged to give this fund as follows,
- ✓ (Loss and Damage Fund – \$ 475 million)
- ✓ European Union – \$ 275 million
- ✓ UAE – \$ 100 million
- ✓ Germany – \$ 100 million
- ✓ UK – \$ 75 million
- ✓ US – \$ 17.5 million
- ✓ Japan – \$ 10 million.
- ✓ About Loss and Damage Fund:
- ✓ It was first announced during COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ It is a global financial package to ensure the rescue and rehabilitation of countries facing the cascading effects of climate change.
- ✓ The term refers to the compensation that rich nations, whose industrial growth has resulted in global warming and driven the planet into a climate crisis, must pay to poor nations, whose carbon footprint is low but are facing the brunt of rising sea levels, floods, crippling droughts, and intense cyclones, among others.
- ✓ The changing climate has impacted lives, livelihoods, biodiversity, cultural traditions, and identities.
- ✓ Loss and damage is often categorised as either economic or non-economic.
- ✓ The World Bank will oversee the loss and damage fund in the beginning, with the source of funds being rich nations such as the US, the UK, and the EU, as well as some developing countries

Q. Which organization is at the center of the cooperation between RBI and Bank of England?

- A) International Monetary Fund (IMF) B) Financial Stability Board (FSB)
C) World Trade Organization (WTO) D) Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL)

Answer : D



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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation and exchange of information in relation to the Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL).
- ✓ About Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL):
- ✓ It was set up in April 2001 to provide guaranteed clearing and settlement functions for transactions in money, G-Secs, foreign exchange, and derivative markets.
- ✓ CCIL also provides non-guaranteed settlement for Rupee interest rate derivatives and cross-currency transactions through the CLS Bank.
- ✓ Promoters: State Bank of India, IDBI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Ltd, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- ✓ The company was incorporated with an authorised equity share capital of Rs. 50 crores.
- ✓ CCIL's adherence to the stringent principles governing its operations as a Financial Market Infrastructure (FMI) has resulted in its recognition as a Qualified Central Counterparty (QCCP) by the Reserve Bank of India in 2014.
- ✓ It has also set up a Trade Repository to enable financial institutions to report their transactions in Over-the-Counter (OTC) derivatives.
- ✓ Through its fully owned subsidiary, Clearcorp Dealing Systems Limited (CDSL), CCIL has introduced various platforms for the electronic execution of deals in various market segments.
- ✓ Further, CDSL has developed, implemented, and manages the NDS-OM, the RBI-owned anonymous electronic trading system for dealing in G-Secs and also for reporting OTC deals, as well as the NDS-CALL platform, which facilitates electronic dealing in the Call, Notice & Term Money market.
- ✓ CCIL is also the trade repository for all OTC transactions in the Forex, Interest Rate and Credit derivative transactions.
- ✓ What is CLS?
- ✓ Continuous Linked Settlement (CLS) is an initiative by a consortium of the world's largest foreign exchange clearing banks to eliminate the settlement risk in foreign exchange transactions.
- ✓ The CLS system is run by CLS Bank International, which is solely dedicated to settling foreign exchange trades.
- ✓ The CLS Bank was established in 2002 and is owned by the world's largest banks. It is based in New York, with its main operations in London.



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Q. With reference to 'Kalbeliya dance', consider the following statements

1. It is a folk dance from Madhya Pradesh performed by the tribe of the same name

2. This dance has been included in UNESCO's representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Select the correct statement(s)

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, during the Rajasthan International Folk Festival, artists performed the Kalbeliya dance.
- ✓ About Kalbeliya Dance:
 - ✓ It is a folk dance from Rajasthan.
 - ✓ It is well known by other names like 'Sapera Dance' or 'Snake Charmer Dance'.
 - ✓ It is particularly performed by a Rajasthani tribe called 'Kalbelia'.
 - ✓ This dance has become so well-known throughout the world that this dance and its songs have been included in UNESCO's representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity since 2010.
 - ✓ In Kalbelia dance, males play various traditional instruments and females perform the dance.
 - ✓ It is one of the most sensuous dances among all Rajasthani dances.
 - ✓ In this dance form, the main performers are female dancers who dance and swirl, replicating the movements of a serpent.
 - ✓ The dancers wear brightly coloured skirts, blouses, and heavy jewellery.
 - ✓ Instruments: The male musicians typically play the dhol (a drum), the pungli (a snake charmer's pipe), and the khanjari (a tambourine).

RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023

- Recently, during the Rajasthan International Folk Festival, artists performed the Kalbeliya dance.
- Rajasthan government has launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub to boost employment opportunities in the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple projects worth ₹5,000 crore in Rajasthan and asserted that they will lead to further development of the state.



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- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced the formation of three new districts in the state — Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchman City. Rajasthan will now have 53 districts.
- Rajasthan government has issued an order to conduct a caste survey in the state. It will become the second state in India to carry out such a survey, after Bihar.
- Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited, a Navratna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSE) under the Ministry of Coal, has emerged victorious in securing an 810 MW Solar PV project capacity from Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam Limited (RRVUNL).
- Prime Minister recently offered prayers at the Sanwariya Seth Temple in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan.
- NABARD has sanctioned Rs 1,974.07 crore to the Rajasthan government under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for 2023-24.
- Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender.
- For the first time in India, the Rajasthan government introduced the Rajasthan Platform Based Gig Workers Bill, 2023.
- Rajasthan Assembly passed a bill to provide minimum guaranteed income to all adult citizens as part of a welfare package for the state.
- Rajasthan government is set to take stringent measures against recruitment exam paper leaks by introducing a bill in the upcoming assembly session.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 5600 crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan government has sanctioned Rs 13.48 crore to promote religious tourism at Nagaur, Jaisalmer, and Alwar regions of the state.
- PM Modi Launches Projects Worth Rs 5,500 Crore In Rajasthan, Including 114 Km Long Six-Lane Udaipur-Shamlaji Section Of NH-48.
- Lithium reserves have been discovered in Rajasthan's Degana following the recent discovery in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan virtually on Abu Road in the Sirohi district of Rajasthan.



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Q. Which film received the Special Jury or Silver Peacock Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India?

- A) Featherweight B) Kantara
C) Sarpatta Parambarai D) A Thursday

Answer : B

- ✓ The Special Jury or Silver Peacock Award was given to the Kannada film 'Kantara', directed by Rishab Shetty at the 54th International Film Festival of India.
- ✓ Abbas Amiri directed 'Endless Borders' which bagged the Best Film or the Golden Peacock Award, while the Best Director award went to Stephan Komandarev for the film 'Blaga's Lessons'.

Q. Which country reached an agreement with India and the Paris Club group of creditors on a debt treatment plan?

- A) Afghanistan B) Israel
C) Sri Lanka D) Syria

Answer : C

- ✓ Sri Lanka has reached an agreement in principle with India and the Paris Club group of creditors including Japan, on a debt treatment plan.
- ✓ It will help the crisis-hit island nation tap the next tranche of the International Monetary Fund's nearly-\$3 billion recovery package

SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2023

- Sri Lanka has reached an agreement in principle with India and the Paris Club group of creditors including Japan, on a debt treatment plan.
- The 9th edition of the India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" is being organized in Pune
- India and Sri Lanka conclude 12th round of talks on Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka has recently announced visa-free access for Indian passport holders.
- Ministry of Transport and Highways of Sri Lanka has signed a contract with India's IRCON International Limited for the design, testing and commissioning of signaling systems with Sri Lanka Railways.



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- Sri Lanka hosted the Karnataka Cultural Festival on August 27, 2023.
- FIFA has lifted its ban on the Sri Lankan Football Federation with immediate effect.
- India gives Lanka Rs 450 mn in aid for unique digital identity project.
- World Bank approves \$700 million for crisis-hit Sri Lanka.
- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India's first international cruise vessel - MV Empress, from Chennai to Sri Lanka.
- Bharti Airtel has announced its plan to merge its Sri Lanka operations with Dialog Axiata, the largest telecom provider in Sri Lanka.
- The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka assent to Adani Green's \$442 Million Wind Power Project.
- India will support Sri Lanka's debt restructuring plan as the island nation looks to trim its huge public expenditure to win approval for a crucial bailout from the International Monetary Fund.
- India has supplied 50 buses to Sri Lanka on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence.
- Indian High Commission signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to establish a Hindi Chair.
- India & Sri Lanka inaugurate exhibition 'Geoffrey Bawa' in New Delhi.
- Reliance Retail Ventures Limited announced a strategic partnership with Sri Lanka-headquartered Maliban Biscuit Manufactories Limited.
- SRI LANKA
- Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)
- Colombo (executive and judicial)
- Currency : Rupee
- President : Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Prime Minister : Dinesh Gunawardena
- Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- Parliament : parliamentua (225 seats)
- National day : 4 February 1948



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Q. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary' recently seen in news is situated in

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Delhi
- D) Gujarat

Answer : C

- ✓ The Delhi High Court recently indicated it may stay an event proposed by the forest department inside the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ✓ Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary covering 32.71 km² area on the Southern Delhi Ridge of Aravalli hill range on Delhi-Haryana border lies in Southern Delhi as well as northern parts of Faridabad and Gurugram districts of Haryana state. It is also part of the Sariska-Delhi Wildlife Corridor, which runs from the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan to Delhi Ridge.

Q. A23a, sometimes seen in the news, is related to which of the following?

- A) A short-course Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT) regimen, endorsed by the WHO
- B) A large icebergs drifting away beyond Antarctic waters
- C) A celestial object discovered using Himalayan Chandra Telescope.
- D) A deepest point newly found in the Anarctic Ocean

Answer : B

- ✓ The British Antarctic Survey recently found that one of the world's largest icebergs is drifting beyond Antarctic waters after being grounded for more than three decades
- ✓ A23a is one of the world's largest icebergs is drifting beyond Antarctic waters, after being grounded for more than 3 decades.
- ✓ The iceberg split from the Antarctic's Filchner Ice Shelf in 1986 and it became stuck to the ocean floor and had remained for many years in the Weddell Sea.
- ✓ The iceberg is about three times the size of New York City and more than twice the size of Greater London, measuring around 4,000 square kilometres.
- ✓ The iceberg has been drifting for the past year and now appears to be picking up speed and moving past the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, helped by wind and ocean currents



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Q. What was Marty Krofft's contribution to the entertainment industry?

- A) Bestselling Novels B) Hit Songs
C) Award-Winning Films D) Classic Children's Series

Answer : D

- ✓ Marty Krofft, co-producer of classic children's series such as 'HR Pufnstuf' and 'Land of the Lost,' died in California.
- ✓ Krofft and his brother (Harry Krofft) created series such as 'The Bugaloos,' 'Lidsville' 'Sigmund and the Sea Monsters,' 'Pryor's Place,' 'Far Out Space Nuts,' 'The Lost Saucer,' 'The Krofft Supershow,' 'Wonderbug,' 'Electra Woman and Dyna Girl,' 'Dr Shrinker,' and 'Bigfoot & Wildboy.'
- ✓ At the 2003 Saturn Awards, the Krofft brothers received the Lifetime Career Award for creating some of the most memorable imaginative television episodes.
- ✓ The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences honoured them with the Lifetime Achievement Emmy Award in 2018.
- ✓ Krofft most recently won the Julie Award at the 2023 Dragon Con in Atlanta
- ✓ Ranking

Q. What is the total value of transactions processed on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform?

- A) Rs 17.16 lakh crore B) Rs 17.40 lakh crore
C) Rs 16.80 lakh crore D) Rs 18.00 lakh crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Transactions worth Rs 17.40 lakh crore were processed on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform, setting a new record from the previous high of Rs 17.16 lakh crore in October.
- ✓ The value of transactions was 1.4% higher on month and 46% on year, as per data by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ Volumes dip slightly to 1,124 crore from 1,141 crore in the previous month.
- ✓ In FY23, the UPI platform processed 8,376 crore transactions aggregating Rs 139 lakh crore, compared with 4,597 crore transactions worth Rs 84 lakh crore in FY22.
- ✓ UPI transactions are expected to breach 100 crore transactions per day by FY27, as per a report by PwC India, which projects UPI to dominate the retail digital payments landscape, accounting for 90 per cent of total transaction volumes over the next five years



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Q. During which month and year did India's foreign exchange reserves reach an all-time high of \$645 billion?

A) November 2023

B) October 2021

C) December 2022

D) September 2020

Answer : B

- ✓ India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves increased \$2.538 billion to \$597.935 billion for the week ended November 24.
- ✓ In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had jumped \$5.077 billion to \$595.397 billion.
- ✓ Gold reserves were up \$296 million to \$46.338 billion during the week.
- ✓ The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up \$87 million to \$18.218 billion.
- ✓ India's reserve position with the IMF rose \$14 million to \$4.848 billion in the reporting week.
- ✓ In October 2021, the country's foreign exchange kitty had reached an all-time high of \$645 billion.
- ✓ Foreign Exchange Reserve:
- ✓ Foreign exchange reserves (also called forex reserves or FX reserves) are cash and other reserve assets such as gold held by a central bank or other monetary authority that are primarily available to balance payments of the country, influence the foreign exchange rate of its currency, and to maintain confidence in financial markets.
- ✓ Foreign exchange reserves are also known as reserve assets and include foreign banknotes, foreign bank deposits, foreign treasury bills, and short and long-term foreign government securities, as well as gold reserves, special drawing rights (SDRs), and International Monetary Fund (IMF) reserve positions

Q. Which organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on vaccine Research and Development (R&D) and infectious diseases?

A) Bharat Biotech and Oxford University

B) Bharat Biotech and Harvard University

C) Bharat Biotech and Sydney University

D) Bharat Biotech and MIT

Answer : C

- ✓ Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL), the developer of India's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin, has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Sydney Infectious



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Diseases Institute (Sydney ID) to collaborate on advancing vaccine research initiatives, strengthening academic-industry partnerships and augmenting global efforts to combat infectious diseases.

- ✓ Bharat Biotech made vaccines that met over 60% of the world's demand and supplied over 2.4 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines.
- ✓ Bharat Biotech has over 145 global patents, a portfolio of over 19 vaccines and four biotherapeutics.
- ✓ Bharat Biotech founder & executive chairman Dr Krishna Ella.

Q. Who has been appointed as the president of the Rural Marketing Association of India (RMAI) for the term 2023-2025?

A) Puneet Vidyarthi

B) Biswabaran Chakrabarti

C) Rajesh Agarwal

D) Neha Sharma

Answer : A

- ✓ Rural Marketing Association of India (RMAI), the premier body of rural marketers in India appointed Puneet Vidyarthi as its president for 2023-2025, taking over from Biswabaran Chakrabarti.
- ✓ Since its inception in the year 2005, RMAI has been helping marketers plan and implement their rural marketing activities across the country.
- ✓ With 12.2% of the world's population, rural India represents the single largest potential market and accounts for 53% of FMCGs and 59% of durables sales in India.
- ✓ RMAI has about 150 members including associations with Tata Steel, ITC, HDFC, Kotak Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Pidilite and HeroMoto Corp.

Q. Who has recently been honored with the title of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French government?

A) Thierry Mathou

B) Arshia Sattar

C) Indian ambassador to France

D) A French literature scholar

Answer : B

- ✓ Author-translator Arshia Sattar has been conferred with the honour of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres) by the French government.
- ✓ Thierry Mathou, the ambassador of France to India, presented the award to the Bengaluru-based scholar of Indian literature and mythology, Arshia Sattar at the Consulate General of France in Bengaluru.
- ✓ It is the recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of literature as a translator and a writer.



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- ✓ She translated Ramayana, the Mahabharata, and the tales from Kathasaritsagara.
- ✓ She has written several books for children, including The Mahabharata for Children, which was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Prize for Children's Literature in 2022.
- ✓ She was involved with a nine-piece podcast series 'The River Has No Fear of Memories'. The podcast commemorated the life and works of renowned playwright and actor Girish Karnad.
- ✓ Sattar co-founded the literary residency, Sangam House, in 2008, along with David William Gibson, to create a supportive space for writers in regional languages.

Q. What type of organization is Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)?

- A) Maharatna CPSU B) Navaratna CPSU
C) Private multinational company D) Non-governmental organization (NGO)

Answer : A

- ✓ Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, has been conferred the prestigious SKOCH Gold Award 2023.
- ✓ The award was received by Power Grid's Executive Director B. Anantha Sarma and Chief General Manager (Corporate Planning) Abhinav Verma.
- ✓ The award was given for the Pugalur Thrissur 2000 MW Voltage Source Converter HVDC System.
- ✓ It is part of the Raigarh-Pugalur-Thrissur 6000 MW HVDC system and enables the transfer of 2000 MW to Kerala through the HVDC station at Thrissur.

Q. What is the approved amount for the recovery and reconstruction plan for Joshimath?

- A) Rs 500 crore B) Rs 1,000 crore
C) Rs 1,250 crore D) Rs 1,658 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ A high-level committee headed by Union home minister Amit Shah, has approved the recovery and reconstruction (R&R) plan of Rs 1,658 crore for Joshimath, which was affected by landslide and ground subsidence.
- ✓ Joshimath is located in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Rs 1079.96 crore of central assistance will be provided from recovery and reconstruction the window of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).



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- ✓ The state government will provide Rs 126.41 crore from its State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) towards relief assistance and will provide Rs 451.80 crore from its state budget, including land acquisition cost for resettlement of Rs 91.82 crore.

Q. Which bank has announced a collaboration with NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML) to strengthen e-procurement and e-auction systems?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Federal Bank
- D) ICICI Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Federal Bank has announced a collaboration with NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML) to strengthen the integration of its e-procurement and e-auction systems.
- ✓ NeML, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), holds a commanding market share in transparent price discovery across more than 90 commodities.
- ✓ Farmers can list crop details on the NeML platform, and the government will subsequently purchase the produce at the approved minimum support price (MSP).
- ✓ The integration of Federal Bank's Host-to-Host solution with NeML's e-procurement platform will ensure a seamless and efficient payment processing system.
- ✓ This tie up will aid fair price discovery for commodities, beat cartelization.

Q. Who has been awarded the UN refugee agency's prestigious Nansen Award for championing the right to education?

- A) Amina Ahmed
- B) Abdullahi Mire
- C) Fatima Hassan
- D) Ahmed Ali

Answer : B

- ✓ Somali refugee Abdullahi Mire named the winner of the UN refugee agency's prestigious Nansen Award.
- ✓ Abdullahi Mire was hailed for championing the right to education by putting 1, 00,000 books in the hands of children in Kenya's crowded Dadaab refugee camps.
- ✓ Dadaab, a sprawling complex of three camps that were initially built in the 1990s to host some 90,000 refugees, but which today are home to around 3,70,000, according to UN figures.
- ✓ He not only completed his primary and secondary education in the camp but managed to go on to complete a degree in journalism and public relations



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Q. Lalithambika, who received Top French honours, is the former director of_:

- A) DRDO B) ISRO
C) BARC D) CVC

Answer : A

- ✓ French ambassador to India honoured Lalithambika, former director, Directorate of the Human Spaceflight Programme of ISRO with Legion d'Honneur.
- ✓ Lalithambika has worked extensively on various ISRO rockets, especially PSLV.
- ✓ Lalithambika is the second ISRO scientist after former ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar to be awarded the Legion d'Honneur of France for promoting Indo-French space cooperation.

Q. Which State government has launched 'Mission Daksh' To Aid 25 Lakh Academically Weak Students?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Bihar government launched its ambitious scheme to minimise school dropout.
- ✓ The scheme, called Mission Daksh (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill) aims at offering special Hindi, Mathematics and English classes to weak students of classes 3-8 across the state.
- ✓ A teacher will teach only five students, who cannot read and write Hindi and English fluently and are not good at basic Mathematics.
- ✓ District-Wise Monitoring for 'Mission Daksh' :
- ✓ To ensure the effective implementation of 'Mission Daksh,' district-wise monitoring committees, led by district magistrates, will oversee the program's progress.
- ✓ The committees will play a pivotal role in daily supervision starting from December 1, 2023.
- ✓ 'Mission Daksh' focuses on addressing the individual needs of these students to enhance their academic performance.

Q. When is the Navy Day observed in India?

- A) 1 December B) 2 December
C) 3 December D) 4 December



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Answer : D

- ✓ In India, December 4 is observed as the National Navy Day every year, to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country.
- ✓ The Theme of 2023 Navy Day is “Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain”.
- ✓ Why is Indian Navy Day observed?
- ✓ The day is marked in recognition of the launch of Operation Trident during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.
- ✓ During Operation Trident, on December 4 in 1971, the Indian Navy sank four Pakistani vessels and also killed over 500 Pakistani Navy personnel, meanwhile, the Indian side suffered no losses
- ✓ The Maratha Emperor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhosle of the 17th century is considered as “Father of the Indian Navy”.
- ✓ The Indian Navy is the marine branch of the Indian Armed Forces and is led by the President of India as Commander-in-Chief
- ✓ INDIAN NAVY
- ✓ Father of Indian Navy : Shivaji
- ✓ Motto(s) : Sham No Varunah (May the Lord of Water be auspicious unto us)
- ✓ First Chief : Admiral Sir William Edward Parry
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ First Indian Chief of the Naval Staff : Katari
- ✓ 25th Chief of the Naval Staff : R Hari Kumar

Q. Who is known as the Father of the Indian Navy?

- A) Kanhoji Angre
- B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhosle
- C) John Talbot Savignac Hall
- D) Sardarilal Mathradas Nanda

Answer : B

- ✓ The Maratha Emperor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhosle of the 17th century is considered as “Father of the Indian Navy”.



Q. Where has the DeepTech Startup Promotion Campaign named Samridhi Conclave been started?

- A) IIT Delhi B) IIT Ropar
C) IIT Kharagpur D) IIT Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh inaugurated the DeepTech Startup Promotion Campaign to promote innovation in agriculture and water technology.
- ✓ This deeptech startup promotion named 'Samridhi Conclave' has been started at IIT Ropar.
- ✓ It was organized by Technology and Innovation Center iHub AwaDH.

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- SAMRIDHI conclave, a deeptech startup acceleration drive launched at IIT Ropar.
- The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting was held at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- IIT Kanpur and Airbus to collaborate to boost aerospace talent base in India.
- IIT Kanpur has signed an MoU with private lender ICICI Bank to support the startup ecosystem in the institute.
- IIT Guwahati have developed pharmaceutical and food products from tea factory waste.
- IIT Jodhpur scientists develop 'CODE' device for good air quality.
- IIT Madras-incubated space tech startup GalaxEye Space on 29 August 2023 launched their drone-based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) system, Ahead of their planned satellite launch in 2024.
- IIT Bombay has received a donation of \$18.6 million from an alumnus towards the establishment of a Green Energy and Sustainability Research Hub.
- IIT Guwahati has signed MoU with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.
- IIT Guwahati researchers develop AI-based model for knee X-ray.
- Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani donated ₹315 crores to IIT Bombay.
- IIT-Madras generates hydrogen from seawater using solar energy.
- India, Israel to jointly develop Center of Water Technology at IIT Madras.
- IIT Madras researchers partner for development of materials and micro-device processing techniques.



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- IIT Kanpur's C3iHub, a cybersecurity Technology Innovation Hub, has launched a Cybersecurity Skilling Programme .
- IIT Madras to set up its first international campus in Tanzania.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras will be provided a grant of Rs 242 crore over a period of five years to carry out research on Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD).
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and 47th globally in engineering and technology by the QS World University Rankings for 2023.
- IIT Indore, in partnership with NASA-Caltech and the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, has designed an inexpensive camera setup.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed a three-dimensional (3D) paper-based portable device that can detect adulteration in milk within 30 seconds.
- IIT Kanpur to Host Youth20 Consultation under G20 Presidency of India.
- IIT Bombay's SHUNYA secures second place in 'Solar Decathlon' Build Challenge in US.
- Students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore won an award of AED (Emirates Dirham) 1 million along with a gold medal at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- IIT Indore Students Awarded with Global Best M-GOV Awards by Egyptian President.
- Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has entered into a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited.
- DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- IIT Madras-incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system called BharOS.
- IIT Madras Centre of Excellence working with DRDO on Advanced Defence Technologies including Combat Vehicle Technologies.
- IIT Madras researchers develop machine learning tool to detect tumour in brain, spinal cord.
- ISRO plans to develop astronaut training module with IIT Madras.
- IIT-Bombay and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) join hands to develop touchless biometric system.
- IIT delhi has been ranked among the top 50 engineering institutions in the QS World University Rankings by Subject .
- An IIT Madras incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system 'Bharos' that can benefit India's 100 crore mobile phone users.



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Q. The INTERPOL General Assembly started its 91st meeting in which country?

- A) India B) Sri Lanka
C) UAE D) Austria

Answer : D

- ✓ The INTERPOL General Assembly started its 91st meeting in Vienna a hundred years after the organization began in the capital of Austria.
- ✓ Karl Nehammer, who is the Federal Chancellor of Austria, officially opened the conference.
- ✓ This year, over 1,000 police and law enforcement leaders from more than 160 countries have come together to talk about making international police cooperation stronger.
- ✓ They aim to address the increasing transnational crime happening worldwide.
- ✓ The General Assembly is the governing body of INTERPOL, making decisions on what the organization will do and how it will spend money in the next year. It will talk about stopping environmental crimes, preventing child sexual abuse, and catching people involved in financial crimes, with detailed reports on each.
- ✓ AUSTRIA
- ✓ Capital : Vienna
- ✓ Currency : Euro
- ✓ President : Alexander Van der Bellen
- ✓ International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
- ✓ Headquarters : Lyon, France
- ✓ President : Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi (UAE)
- ✓ Secretary General : Jurgen Stock (Germany)
- ✓ Total Member : 195
- ✓ Main function of INTERPOL Red Notice - To seek the location and arrest of wanted persons wanted for prosecution or to serve a sentence

Q. Where was the world's first portable hospital inaugurated?

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

Answer : D



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- ✓ The world's first portable hospital indigenously built 'Arogya Maitri cube' was inaugurated in Gurugram, Haryana.
- ✓ It can be installed at the emergency site within an hour. It can be used in any emergency area or disaster affected area.
- ✓ It has the capacity to treat up to 200 patients.

Q. SEBI, the market regulator, has extended the deadline for linking the SEBI Complaint Redressal (SCORES) platform with the online dispute resolution platform till when?

- A) 31st December 2023 B) 1st April 2024
C) 1st January 2024 D) 31st September 2024

Answer : B

- ✓ SEBI, the market regulator, has extended the deadline for linking the SEBI Complaint Redressal (SCORES) platform with the online dispute resolution platform. Initially set for December 4, the new deadline is now April 1, 2024.
- ✓ In a notice dated September 20, 2023, SEBI stated that market entities should request SCORES authentication and Application Programming Interface (API) integration by December 4, the original deadline, to comply with the circular.
- ✓ The deadline for applying for SCORES authentication has now been extended to April 1, 2024.
- ✓ SEBI is like the regulator of India's stock markets. It's similar to the SEC in the U.S. Their main job is to make sure investors are safe and help the stock market grow. They also handle anything related to the securities market.

Q. Which Indian city is going to get India's largest circular railway?

- A) Kolkata B) Delhi
C) Mumbai D) Bengaluru

Answer : D

- ✓ A new circular railway expanding 287 kilometers around Bengaluru and connecting major nearby towns, is set to become India's largest network, as mentioned by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- ✓ The goal of this project is to reduce traffic congestion and enhance connectivity in the region.



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- ✓ The government has allocated Rs 7 crore for alignment study of this circular railway, aiming to improve local train services alleviating congestion on existing rail networks, and complement the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project and Namma Metro initiatives.

BENGALURU IN NEWS 2023

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



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- The first meeting of the G-20 Energy Transition Working Group under the chairmanship of India will be held in Bengaluru from 5 to 7 February

Q. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted the panel of Vice-Chairmen with how many members?

- A) 5
B) 6
C) 7
D) 8

Answer : D

- ✓ Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted the eight-member panel of Deputy Speakers with the presence of 50 percent women MPs.
- ✓ The eight-member panel now has four women members, including Congress MP Phulo Devi Netam, and Bharatiya Janata Party MPs Phangnon Konyak, Darshana Singh and Sonal Mansingh.
- ✓ In the absence of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, the Deputy Chairman is eligible to preside over the House

Q. India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organization, where is its headquarters?

- A) Sydney
B) Dubai
C) London
D) Mumbai

Answer : C

- ✓ India has once again been elected to the International Maritime Organization with the highest number of votes. This biennial term of India is for 2024-25.
- ✓ India comes in the category of 10 nations with 'most interest in international maritime trade'.
- ✓ The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that regulates shipping, its headquarters is in London.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education?

- A) Ayushi Sinha
B) Kanchan Devi
C) Raghav Singh
D) Ajay Saxena

Answer : B



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- ✓ Kanchan Devi, a 1991-batch Indian Forest Service officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education (ICFRE).
- ✓ Kanchan Devi has become the first woman officer to hold this post. Indian Council of Forestry Research Education is functioning under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Telangana State?

- A) Alok Sinha
- B) Vijay Singh
- C) Abhay Saxena
- D) Ravi Gupta

Answer : C

- ✓ Telangana State Government has issued orders to post Anti-Corruption Bureau Director General Ravi Gupta as Director General of Police and Chief of Police Force with full additional charge with immediate effect.
- ✓ On the instructions of the Election Commission of India, the state government had suspended Anjani Kumar.

Q. Union Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal has inaugurated the Sahitya Akademi Book Fair in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Bhopal
- D) Lucknow

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal has inaugurated the Sahitya Akademi Book Fair in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Sahitya Akademi Book Fair will continue till 9th of this month and feature a host of cultural programs and rendezvous with prominent writers.
- ✓ The Minister said that books played an important role in nation-building and the constitution makers were all voracious readers. He added that the decision to put equality before liberty as a fundamental right in the constitution was due to a greater understanding of the society achieved from reading various constitutions and important books



Q. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with Water.org for helps people get access to safe water and sanitation through affordable financing, such as small loans?

- A) ESAF Small Finance Bank B) Equitas Small Finance Bank
C) ESAF Small Finance Bank D) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has partnered with Water.org, a global non-profit organisation that helps people get access to safe water and sanitation through affordable financing, such as small loans.
- ✓ Under the partnership, Water.org will assist Ujjivan SFB in identifying areas that require financing for clean water and hygienic sanitation.
- ✓ Water.org will provide technical assistance, market assessment, development of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material, monitoring and evaluation support.
- ✓ To support the cause, Ujjivan SFB will be offering loans to existing as well as new customers starting from Rs 6,000 up to Rs 1,00,000 to enable them to construct and/or renovate water and sanitation facilities.

Q. Who was honoured by Sharon Stone at the Red Sea International Film Festival in Jeddah?

- A) Akshay Kumar B) Ranveer Singh
C) Rajinikanth D) Allu Arjun

Answer : B

- ✓ Ranveer Singh was honoured by Sharon Stone at the Red Sea International Film Festival. The festival was held in Jeddah.
- ✓ Ranveer received the honour for his contributions towards cinema.
- ✓ Alongside him, actor Diane Kruger and actor-writer Abdullah Al-Sadhan will be honoured as well.

Q. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is all set to launch its first XPoSat mission. What is the full form of the XPoSat mission?

- A) X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite B) X-Ray Polymer Satellite
C) X-Ray Polygraphy Satellite D) X-Ray Polarization Satellite

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to launch its first X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat); the mission aims to explore the polarization of powerful X-ray sources.



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- ✓ The primary payload Polarimeter Instrument in X-rays (POLIX) developed by Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru (RRI).
- ✓ According to ISRO, while space-based X-Ray astronomy has been established in India, focusing predominantly on imaging, time-domain studies, and spectroscopy, the upcoming XPOsat mission marks a major value addition.
- ✓ This research, supplementing traditional time and frequency domain studies, introduces a novel dimension to X-Ray astronomy, generating anticipation and excitement within the scientific community.
- ✓ The XPOsat spacecraft is designated for observation from Low Earth Orbit (non-sun synchronous orbit of ~650 km altitude, low inclination of approximately six degree), carrying two scientific payloads. With these two payloads, the XPOsat mission is capable of simultaneous studies of temporal, spectral, and polarization features of the bright X-Ray sources
- ✓ The mission objectives include measurement of X-Ray polarization in the energy band of 8-30 keV emanated from X-Ray sources, long-term spectral and temporal studies of cosmic X-Ray sources in the energy band of 0.8-15 keV.

Q. Which edition of Global Ayurveda Festival is going to be held in Thiruvananthapuram?

- A) 4th
- B) 3rd
- C) 2nd
- D) 5th

Answer : D

- ✓ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will inaugurate the 5th Global Ayurveda Festival in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. This event, taking place from December 1 to 5 ,2023, focuses on the theme 'Emerging Challenges in Healthcare and a Resurgent Ayurveda'.
- ✓ GAF 2023, the biggest Ayurveda meeting ever, will bring together practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders from around the world to discuss the influence of Ayurveda in healthcare.
- ✓ Representatives from more than 70 countries will attend the event.They will highlight the increasing acknowledgment of Ayurveda's importance in dealing with worldwide health issues.

Q. The UN Peacekeeping Ministerial meeting is scheduled to be held in which country?

- A) India
- B) Norway
- C) Austria
- D) Ghana



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Answer : D

- ✓ Minister of state for Defense Ministry, Ajay Bhatt is going to visit Accra, Ghana on December 5-6, 2023, for an official visit. He will be there for a United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting.
- ✓ The UN Peacekeeping Ministerial meeting plans to talk about the problems UN peacekeepers are dealing with.
- ✓ India consistently leads by sending the most troops and equipment to these missions.
- ✓ Further the Defense Minister will have one-on-one talks with other Ministers, discussing defense collaboration to enhance partnerships.
- ✓ He will also connect with the Indian community in Accra during his visit

Q. The United Arab Emirates announced its commitment to contribute \$30 billion to a new fund focused on addressing climate issues. The name of this fund is?

- A) Alterra fund B) Climate Action fund
C) ESG fund D) All in one fund

Answer : B

- ✓ The United Arab Emirates announced its commitment to contribute \$30 billion to a new fund focused on addressing climate issues.
- ✓ This fund, called Alterra, has influential partners like BlackRock, Brookfield, and TPG joining in as initial supporters.
- ✓ Alterra aims to attract \$250 billion in investments by 2030. Its main focus is to enhance access to funding, particularly for developing nations in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania, collectively known as the Global South.

Q. Sign language video KYC service is launched by which financial entity?

- A) HDFC B) Paytm Payments Bank
C) Axis bank D) Amazon Pay

Answer : D

- ✓ Amazon Pay, a fintech company, introduced a video-based service for Know Your Customer (KYC) using sign language, specially designed for customers with unique needs.



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- ✓ This service facilitates communication in sign language between the company's employees and customers facing hearing or speech challenges.
- ✓ The aim is to simplify the KYC process for those who rely on sign language and to make digital payments more accessible
- ✓ Amazon Pay has trained over 120 employees for this video KYC service and created interactive modules, aligning with their commitment to customer satisfaction and financial inclusion.

Q. Henry Kissinger , a diplomat, passed away at the age of 100. He belonged to which country?

- A) Australia
B) USA
C) Netherlands
D) Mozambique

Answer : B

- ✓ Henry Kissinger, a U.S. diplomat during the Cold War, passed away at the age of 100.
- ✓ He played an important role in improving relations with China, making arms control agreements with the Soviet Union, and concluding the Vietnam War. However he faced criticism for his stance on human rights.
- ✓ Kissinger was very influential in the 1970s during the Cold War. He worked as a national security adviser and secretary of state under President Richard Nixon.
- ✓ Even after Nixon resigned in 1974 due to the Watergate scandal, Kissinger continued as a key diplomat under the next president, Gerald Ford.
- ✓ He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973

Q. When is the World Soil Day observed?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ World Soil Day is celebrated every year on December 5 to raise awareness of the importance of soil quality for human well-being, food security and ecosystems
- ✓ The theme of World Soil Day 2023 is “Soil and water: a source of life”
- ✓ The day was first considered by the International Union of Soil Sciences in 2002.
- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) officially endorsed the day in June 2013 while the UN General Assembly declared 5 December as the World Soil Day in December 2013.



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Q. What is the theme of the World Soil Day 2023?

- A) Keep soil alive, Protect soil biodiversity
- B) Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future
- C) Be the Solution to Soil Pollution
- D) Soil and water: a source of life

Answer : D

Q. Who is the title sponsor of 'Patna Pirates' team of Pro Kabaddi League?

- A) Dream 11
- B) Steel Authority of India
- C) Bihar Government
- D) Vivo

Answer : C

- ✓ Bihar Government will be the title sponsor of "Patna Pirates" team of Pro Kabaddi League.
- ✓ Patna Pirates players will play wearing jerseys with 'Anandmay Bihar' written on them.
- ✓ Bihar is becoming a sponsor of any sport for the first time.
- ✓ Sandeep Kumar of Patna has been selected for the first time in the team of Patna Pirates from Bihar in Pro Kabaddi League.

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2023

- Bihar government will sponsor 'Patna Pirates' team of Pro Kabaddi League.
- Paytm becomes official sponsor for 37th National Games .
- MotoGP Bharat has roped in IndianOil as the title sponsor for the event scheduled to take place at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida.
- ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 to be sponsored by Mahindra on Disney Star.
- Amul has been named as the official sponsor of the Indian contingent for the 19th Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China.
- The 28th edition of BWF World Badminton Championships 2023, sponsored by TotalEnergies, was held at Royal Arena, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) has a brand tie-up with Mastercard for the upcoming Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 to be held in India between 5 October and 19 November 2023.



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- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) signed a three-year sponsorship deal with fantasy sports gaming platform Dream 11.
- BCCI ropes in Adidas as new kit sponsor of Indian cricket team.
- Mastercard has reportedly taken over from BharatPe as the global sponsor of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Tata Group bags Title sponsorship rights for the Women's Premier League to 2027.
- Adani Sportsline is principal sponsor of Indian Olympic Association Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and the Paris Olympic Games 2024.
- Kewal Kiran Clothing (KKCL) replaces MPL as Indian cricket team's official sponsor.
- Adidas will sponsor the India cricket team kit as part of a Rs 350 billion deal.
- BCCI to become an official partner of the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) for the 2023 season.
- Sony Sports signs Hyundai Ioniq 5, Samsonite as sponsors for Australian Open 2023.
- Odisha extends Indian Hockey team sponsorship till 2033.
- For the second year in a row, the State Bank of India (SBI) has extended its sponsorship for Khleo India Youth Games (KIYG) in Madhya Pradesh and remained as KIYG's Principal sponsor for KIYG 2022 edition.

Q. The first survey ship (large) 'Sandhyak' was handed over to the Indian Navy, who built it?

- A) Cochin Shipyard Limited B) Tebma Shipyard Limited
C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

Answer : D

- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) delivered INS Sandhayak to the Indian Navy on the occasion of Navy Day
- ✓ About INS Sandhayak:
- ✓ It is the largest survey vessel ever built in India.
- ✓ It is fully designed and built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE),
- ✓ It is the first in the series of four Survey Vessels (Large), or SVLs, being built by GRSE.
- ✓ It is the reincarnation of another ship by that name. The previous warship, also a survey vessel, was commissioned into the Navy in 1981 and decommissioned in 2021.
- ✓ The new INS Sandhayak and the remaining ships in the series are far more advanced than their predecessors.



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- ✓ Features:
- ✓ It is a 110-metre-long ship propelled by two marine diesel engines combined with fixed-pitch propellers.
- ✓ It is fitted with bow and stern thrusters to help the ships manoeuvre at low speeds during surveys.

Q. Which company has acquired ICC cricket rights for Australia till 2027?

- A) Amazon
B) Jio
C) Tata Group
D) Dream11

Answer : A

- ✓ Amazon acquires ICC cricket rights for Australia till 2027
- ✓ E-commerce giant Amazon's streaming service Prime Video has signed a four-year deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC) to provide exclusive live broadcast rights in Australia for ICC cricket, which will be available on Prime Video Australia.
- ✓ The partnership will see Prime Video Australia exclusively stream all men's and women's events, including the Men's and Women's Cricket World Cups, T20 World Cups, Champions Trophy, U19s, and the World Test Championship Final.
- ✓ The deal includes streaming rights in Australia for 448 live games from 2024 to 2027.

Q. Which of the following has won the National Award for Empowering Individuals with disabilities?

- A) Amazon India
B) Flipkart
C) Myntra
D) Tata Neu

Answer : A

- ✓ Amazon won National Award for empowering individual with disabilities
- ✓ Amazon India received the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for fostering an inclusive environment for individuals with disabilities awarded by Gol.
- ✓ The award underscores their commitment to diversity and inclusion, making significant strides in empowering persons with disabilities.
- ✓ Amazon India's focus on inclusivity includes diverse workplace representation

Q. Who has become the first Indian woman to bag the Qatar WISE Prize 2023?

- A) Safeena Husain
B) M Rezaul Karin
C) Lutfuzzaman Babar
D) Salahuddin Ahmed

Answer : B



- ✓ India's Safeena Husain honoured with Qatar WISE Prize 2023
- ✓ Safeena Hussain, founder of 'Educate Girls,' has become the first Indian woman to bag the WISE Prize worth 5 lakh USD for mobilizing 14 lakh out-of-school girls in Indian villages to get back to mainstream education.
- ✓ The prize, awarded by the Qatar Foundation at the 11th Edition of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Summit earlier this week in Doha, is one of the most prestigious awards in education.
- ✓ Safeena said, Sixteen years back, when 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' was unheard of, I had decided to set up Educate Girls, an NGO to bring out-of-school girls back to mainstream education. Even in the 21st century, there are villages in India where goats are considered assets but girls are considered liability.
- ✓ The WISE prize was established in 2009 by the Qatar Foundation

Q. Which of the following has bagged the "ISSA Vision Zero 2023" Award at the 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health in Sydney, Australia?

- A) BIS
B) ESIC
C) FCI
D) FSSAI

Answer : B

- ✓ The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has bagged the "ISSA Vision Zero 2023" Award at the 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in Sydney, Australia
- ✓ "Vision Zero" is a transformational approach for the prevention of accidents at workplaces integrating the three dimensions of safety, health, and well-being at all levels of work.
- ✓ ESIC had great success in outreach in the field of safety and health at workplaces by aligning the prevention strategy besides post-accidental mechanism for medical care and cash benefits to the workers and their dependents.
- ✓ The award also underlines the improvements that have been made in the service delivery of the ESI Corporation as well as increase in its administrative and operational efficiency using IT-enabled initiatives

Q. Which insurance company has launched a special scheme, named Jeevan Utsav?

- A) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
B) Life Insurance Corporation Of India
C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
D) Bharti AXA General Insurance

Answer : B

- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a special scheme, named Jeevan Utsav.



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- ✓ LIC's Jeevan Utsav is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, whole life insurance plan based on the selected Premium Paying Term (Regular Income to Flexi Income), 10% of the Sum Assured is paid back annually after the specified years.
- ✓ The fact that this plan offers life insurance coverage for the duration of the policyholder's life is a plus point.
- ✓ This plan is available for age starting from 90 days to 65 years. It gives guaranteed lifelong income and lifelong risk cover

LIC IN NEWS 2023

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a special scheme, named Jeevan Utsav.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India has tied up with Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd in its effort to increase the penetration of life insurance through the Bancassurance channel in Mumbai.
- SatPal Bhanu has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- Siddhartha Mohanty appointed as Chairman of LIC Until June 2024.
- LIC Raises Stake in Tech Mahindra to 8.88% Through Open Market Transactions.
- Ratnakar Patnaik appointed as new Chief Investment Officer of LIC.
- Tablesh Pandey and M. Jagannath have been appointed as the managing directors of the Life Insurance Company (LIC).
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched LIC Jeevan Azad Plan.
- The minimum basic sum assured under LIC Jeevan Azad Plan is Rs 2 lakh and the maximum basic sum assured is Rs 5 lakh. The policy can be taken for term of 15 to 20 years.
- LIC to divest 60.72% share in IDBI Bank.
- LIC presently has four managing directors
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- Founded : 1956
- Headquarters : Mumbai
- Chairman : Siddhartha Mohanty
- It is India's largest life insurance company and also the country's largest investment company.
- Authorised Capital of LIC - Rs 25,000 Crore.
- At Rs 21,000 crore, LIC is India's largest IPO.



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Q. Which word has been chosen by the Oxford University Press as its word of the year for 2023?

- A) Peace
B) Rizz
C) Artificial Intelligence
D) Situationship

Answer : B

- ✓ The word “Rizz” chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year 2023
- ✓ Often associated with celebrities and other famous figures, “rizz” has been chosen by the Oxford University Press as its word of the year.
- ✓ It’s a term Gen Z has mainly embraced, and it beat out words such as “prompt,” “situationship” and “Swiftie” that were considered by Oxford University Press, which publishes the Oxford English Dictionary.
- ✓ While Merriam-Webster’s word of the year was “authentic,” rizz was also under consideration. Collins Dictionary selected “artificial intelligence” as their word of the year in November
- ✓ Under Oxford’s definition, it’s a noun that means style, charm, attractiveness or the ability to attract a romantic or sexual partner. Oxford said rizz was a shortened form of the word charisma
- ✓ The word ‘rizz’ can also be used as a verb, often in the phrase ‘rizz up’, which means ‘to attract, seduce, or chat up (a person)

Q. What is the rank of India in the World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023?

- A) 45
B) 49
C) 65
D) 86

Answer : B

- ✓ World Digital Competitiveness Ranking: India ranked 49th; topped by US
- ✓ The International Institute for Management Development (IMD) unveiled its 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking (WDCR) revealing India’s position at 49th among 64 economies.
- ✓ According to IMD’s study, India has made significant in terms of cybersecurity knowledge but lacks on fronts like technology and future readiness.
- ✓ This ranking shed light on crucial elements contributing to a nation’s digital prowess, a quality gaining paramount importance as technology continues to reshape societies globally.
- ✓ According to IMD, the United States has reclaimed the top spot in this year’s ranking, solidifying its position as a “digital nation” that actively integrates digital technologies, including AI, across governmental, corporate, and individual domains.



- ✓ The Netherlands secured the second position, advancing four places, while Singapore, leading in the technology factor, secured the third spot.
- ✓ Denmark, the previous overall leader, slipped to fourth place due to declines in future readiness and technology factors.
- ✓ Switzerland, excelling in the knowledge factor, maintained its top position, completing the top five.

Q. Union Minister R.K. Singh has inaugurated the National Conference on “Energy Transition in India – Road Travelled and Opportunities Ahead” in which city?

- A) Lucknow B) Bhuvneshwar
C) Gandhinagar D) Patna

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy R.K. Singh has inaugurated a two-day National Conference on “Energy Transition in India – Road Travelled and Opportunities Ahead” in Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Organized as a part of the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, the event is being attended by more than 250 Indian and foreign representatives of power and renewable energy sector.
- ✓ The two-day conference was focused on scaling up renewable energy, generation and consumption by considering challenges related to grid integration, financing tools and developing supporting infrastructure.
- ✓ The main objective of this conference is to move forward with an ambitious vision of promoting clean energy and facilitating the energy transition.
- ✓ India is committed to reducing the emission intensity of its GDP by 45 percent by 2030 compare to 2005 level. 80 percent of the carbon emission burden lies with developed countries, which account only one-third of the world’s population.

Q. Consider the following statements with respect to ‘Voice over 5G (Vo5G)’

- 1. It brings substantially higher bandwidth and latency compared to 4G LTE**
- 2. It utilizes more advanced audio codecs that provide superior clarity and fidelity**
- 3. This standard allows voice calls over 5G networks instead of the current standard that uses 4G**

How many of the statement(s) given above are correct

- A) Only one B) Only two
C) All three D) None

Answer : B



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- ✓ Reports indicate Reliance Jio, India's largest mobile carrier, has been testing Voice over New Radio (VoNR) behind the scenes.
- ✓ About Voice over 5G:
- ✓ It is also known as Voice over New Radio (VoNR).
- ✓ This standard allows voice calls over 5G networks instead of the current standard that uses 4G.
- ✓ In simple terms, Vo5G takes all the improvements of 5G – speed, capacity, responsiveness – and applies them squarely to voice.
- ✓ It aims to have all that infrastructure and interoperability ready well in advance.
- ✓ To use Vo5G, you need three things: a phone that supports Vo5G, a carrier that offers Vo5G, and a 5G signal in your area
- ✓ How is VoNR better than VoLTE?
- ✓ VoNR brings clear advances over VoLTE with 5G's substantially higher bandwidth and lower latency compared to 4G LTE.
- ✓ Enhanced call quality: It utilizes more advanced audio codecs that provide superior clarity and fidelity based on 5G's increased data capacity.
- ✓ Faster connection times: It promises faster call connection times, ensuring a seamless and prompt user experience.
- ✓ Improved reliability: Vo5G aims to eliminate the notorious call drop issues, particularly during transitions between 5G and 4G.
- ✓ Lower packet loss contributes to better reliability, minimising the occurrence of voice cutouts during calls.
- ✓ Statement 1 Incorrect
- ✓ Statement 2 Correct
- ✓ Statement 3 Correct

Q. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) 2.0'

- 1. It is a collaborative effort involving countries and industry-leading companies focused on industry transition and knowledge sharing**
- 2. It was recently launched by India and United States of America recently**

Select the correct statement(s)



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A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, India and Sweden launched Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) 2.0 during the COP28 World Climate Action Summit, hosted in Dubai.
- ✓ About Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) 2.0:
- ✓ Since its inception in 2019, LeadIT has grown into a collaborative effort involving 18 countries and 20 industry-leading companies.
- ✓ The LeadIT initiative, initially centered around pivotal sectors such as iron, steel, cement, and aluminum, focused on industry transition and knowledge sharing.
- ✓ LeadIT has played a pivotal role in accelerating the adoption of low-carbon technologies, aligning with global environmental goals.
- ✓ Three core areas of LeadIT 2.0:
- ✓ Inclusive and Just Industry Transition: Ensuring that industry transitions are not only efficient but also equitable, promoting fairness and inclusivity in the process.
- ✓ Low Carbon Technology Development and Transfer: Placing renewed emphasis on the development and seamless transfer of low-carbon technologies, crucial for achieving sustainable practices across industries.
- ✓ Emerging Economy Technology Transfer: Facilitating the expedited transfer of innovative solutions to emerging economies, assisting in their transition to more sustainable practices.
- ✓ It serves as a platform for public-private collaboration, fostering sector-specific and cross-sectoral learning, especially concerning innovation opportunities and new technologies

Q. With reference to 'International Maritime Organization', consider the following statements

- 1. It is the global standard-setting authority for the safety, security and environmental performance of international shipping**
- 2. Funding for the organization comes from contributions by Member States and voluntary donations**
- 3. The Assembly is the highest Governing Body of the IMO**

How many of the statement(s) given above are correct

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None



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Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, India was re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council with the highest tally at elections held at its Assembly in London for the 2024-25 biennium.
- ✓ About International Maritime Organisation:
- ✓ It is a specialized agency of the United Nations which is responsible for measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent pollution from ships.
- ✓ It is the global standard-setting authority for the safety, security and environmental performance of international shipping.
- ✓ Its main role is to create a regulatory framework for the shipping industry that is fair and effective, universally adopted and universally implemented.
- ✓ Formation: It was established as the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) in 1948, became a specialized agency of the United Nations in 1959 and was renamed International Maritime Organization in 1982.
- ✓ Structure of the organisation:
- ✓ Assembly: It is the highest Governing Body of the IMO. It consists of all Member States, and it meets once every two years in regular sessions. The Assembly is responsible for approving the work program, voting the budget and electing the Council.
- ✓ Funding: Funding for the organization comes from contributions by Member States, as well as voluntary donations and commercial activities.
- ✓ Members: It currently has 175 Member States.
- ✓ Headquarters: London.

Q. Recently, at COP-28, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced a new fund called “ALTERRA” for climate investments and transforming emerging markets and developing economies. In this context, if a small solar power company in India wants to expand its operations, then in which one of the following ways could ALTERRA potentially support the company?

- A) It will provide direct funding for the expansion of the project.
- B) It will invest in a larger solar energy company that operates in India.
- C) It will offer technical expertise and facilitate access to finance.
- D) It will help in purchasing carbon credits generated by the solar power plant.

Answer : C



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- ✓ At COP-28, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced a new USD 30 billion fund called ALTÉRRRA for climate investments and transforming emerging markets and developing economies
- ✓ UAE President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai, announced the creation of a \$30 billion climate fund named ALTÉRRRA.
- ✓ The fund aims to attract \$250 billion in investment by the end of the decade, with \$25 billion allocated to climate strategies and \$5 billion to incentivize investment in the Global South.
- ✓ The fund seeks to steer private markets towards climate investments, especially in emerging markets and developing economies.
- ✓ The term “Alterra” typically refers to a Latin word that is often used in various contexts to signify alteration, transformation, or variation.
- ✓ The fund’s investments will be guided by four key pillars:
 - ✓ 1) Energy Transition
 - ✓ 2) Industrial Decarbonization
 - ✓ 3) Sustainable Living
 - ✓ 4) Climate Technologies Top of Form

Q. With reference to the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report 2023, consider the following statements:

- 1. As per the report, total annual ground water extraction for the entire country has increased.**
- 2. The report provides that there has been an increase in stage of groundwater extraction level.**
- 3. The report acknowledges the positive impact of initiatives like Atal Bhujal Yojana and Jal Shakti Abhiyan in improving groundwater resource management.**

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| A) 1 and 2 only | B) 2 and 3 only |
| C) 1 and 3 only | D) 1, 2 and 3 |

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of Jal Shakti has released the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report for the entire country for the year 2023
- ✓ What is Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report?



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- ✓ 1. Aim– To determine the prevailing status of groundwater resources and the impact of ongoing groundwater management practices.
- ✓ 2. Conducted jointly by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and States/UTs.
- ✓ 3. Previously carried out in 1980, 1995, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2020 and 2022
- ✓ What are the Highlights of Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report 2023?
 - ✓ 1. Increase in ground water recharge: Total annual ground water recharge is 449.08 billion cubic meters (BCM), marking an increase of 11.48 BCM compared to 2022.
 - ✓ 2. Increase in annual ground water extraction: Total annual ground water extraction for the entire country is 241.34 BCM.
 - ✓ 3. Decrease in stage of groundwater extraction level: Currently stands at 59.23%.
- ✓ Note- Stage of groundwater extraction is a measure of annual ground water extraction for all uses (irrigation, industrial and domestic uses) over annual extractable ground water resource
- ✓ 4. Out of total 6553 assessment units–
 - ✓ – 736 units (11.23%) have been categorized as ‘Over-exploited’ (where the annual ground water extraction is more than annual extractable ground water resource), witnessing a decline.
 - ✓ – 4793 units categorized as ‘Safe’
- ✓ What are the initiatives taken by government to improve ground water resources?
 - ✓ **1. Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal):** Its a Rs. 6000 crore Central Sector Scheme, undertaken with World Bank assistance, for ensuring sustainable management of ground water resources.
 - ✓ **2. Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA):** Launched in 2019, it aims to promote water conservation and water resource management in 256 water stressed districts in the country through targeted interventions

Q. With reference to Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), consider the following statements:

- 1. The partnership is engaged in providing financial support and carrying out research and development activities in the field of artificial intelligence.**
- 2. India is one of the members of GPAI.**
- 3. The GPAI's principles and guidelines are being used by governments and organizations around the world to develop their own AI policies.**

How many of the statements given above are correct?



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A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer : B

- ✓ India will take over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI from France on November 21.
- ✓ About Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI):
- ✓ GPAI is an international initiative to support responsible and human-centric development and the use of Artificial Intelligence.
- ✓ It aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on AI-related priorities.
- ✓ Members: The GPAI is a congregation of 25 member countries, including the US, UK, European Union, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, South Korea, and Singapore.
- ✓ India joined the GPAI in 2020 as a founding member.
- ✓ Its Secretariat is hosted at the OECD.
- ✓ India occupying the chair also signifies how the world today perceives it as a Trusted Technology partner and one that has always advocated for the ethical use of technology for transforming citizens' lives.
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence: Artificial Intelligence is expected to add 967 billion US dollars to the Indian economy by 2035.
- ✓ It is also expected to add 450 to 500 billion US dollars to India's GDP by 2025 accounting for 10 per cent of the country's 5 trillion dollar GDP target.

Q. In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveil the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj?

A) Goa

B) Rajasthan

C) Maharashtra

D) Haryana

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort located in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra.
- ✓ He also participated in the event organized on Navy Day 2023.
- ✓ To showcase the history of the Indian Navy, an exhibition was also organized on the occasion of Navy Day where several models of contemporary ships of Shivaji Maharaj were made.



STATUE IN NEWS 2023

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



Q. Who has become the first woman medical officer of the Indian Army to be deployed in Siachen?

- A) Geetika Kaul
- B) Aarti Sinha
- C) Ananya Thakur
- D) Ayushi Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Captain Geetika Kaul of Snow Leopard Brigade has created history by becoming the first woman medical officer of the Indian Army to be deployed in Siachen, the world's highest battlefield.
- ✓ Earlier he had successfully completed induction training at the prestigious Siachen Battle School.

Q. Who has recently become the third woman Grandmaster of India?

- A) Vantika Aggarwal
- B) Padmini Raut
- C) Vaishali Rameshbabu
- D) Harika Dronavalli

Answer : C

- ✓ Vaishali Rameshbabu has become the 84th Grandmaster of India, she achieved this feat by achieving 2500 rating points during the 2023 IV Allobregate Open.
- ✓ Vaishali has now become India's third woman Grandmaster after Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli. Vaishali and her younger brother R. Praggnanand's pair is the first sister-brother pair to become Grandmasters

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2023

- Vaishali Rameshbabu has become the 84th Grandmaster of India.
- 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.



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- 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 .
- Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.

Q. Consider the following with respect to 'UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD)'

1. It is one of the principle organs of the United Nations.

2. Its primary purpose is to advance social development, formulate policies to address global social issues.

3. Members are elected by ECOSOC based on equitable geographical distribution.

Select the correct statement(s)

A) 1 and 2 only

B) 2 and 3 only

C) 1 and 3 only

D) All the above

Answer : B

- ✓ India's permanent representative Ruchira Kamboj to the UN recently chaired an insightful member-state briefing in preparation for the 62nd UN Commission for Social Development.
- ✓ About the UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD):
- ✓ CSocD, formerly known as the Social Commission, is a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.
- ✓ It has been in existence since the very inception of the United Nations, advising ECOSOC and governments on a wide range of social policy issues and from the social perspective of development.



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- ✓ Purpose:
- ✓ Its primary purpose is to advance social development and formulate policies and recommendations to address global social issues.
- ✓ It focuses on topics such as poverty eradication, social inclusion, and the promotion of equitable and sustainable development.
- ✓ Since the 1995 World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, the CSocD has been the key UN body in charge of the follow-up and implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action.
- ✓ Membership:
- ✓ Originally 18, membership has been increased several times, most recently in 1996, and now stands at 46.
- ✓ Members are elected by ECOSOC based on equitable geographical distribution for four-year terms.
- ✓ Meetings:
- ✓ The CSocD meets every year at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, typically in February.
- ✓ During its meetings, member states, international organisations, and civil society representatives come together to discuss and address various social development issues.
- ✓ Key Facts about the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):
- ✓ It is one of the six principal organs of the UN, which was established by the UN Charter (1945).
- ✓ It is responsible for the direction and coordination of the economic, social, humanitarian, and cultural activities carried out by the UN.
- ✓ Decisions are taken by a simple majority vote. The presidency of ECOSOC changes annually.
- ✓ Members:
- ✓ It has 54 members, which are elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly.
- ✓ Four of the five permanent members of the Security Council have been continuously re-elected.
- ✓ This is because they provide funding for most of ECOSOC's budget, which is the largest of any UN subsidiary body
- ✓ Ruchira Kamboj chairs briefing ahead of 62nd UN Commission for Social Development

Q. With reference to 'The Global Green Credit Initiative' consider the following statements

- 1. It focuses on incentivizing voluntary environmental actions with a primary focus on water conservation and afforestation.**
- 2. It was launched by India's Prime Minister at COP28.**



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Select the **CORRECT** statement(s)

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ India co-hosts with UAE the Global Green Credit Initiative at COP-28.
- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified the draft 'Green Credit Programme (GCP)' implementation rules for 2023.
- ✓ It was first announced in the 2023-24 Union Budget with a view to leverage a competitive market-based approach and incentivize voluntary environmental actions of various stakeholders.
- ✓ What is the Green Credit Programme?
- ✓ About:
- ✓ The 'Green Credit' means a singular unit of an incentive provided for a specified activity, delivering a positive impact on the environment.
- ✓ The Green Credit Programme as a mechanism that complements the domestic Carbon Market.
- ✓ While the domestic carbon market focuses solely on CO₂ Emission reductions, the Green Credit System aims to meet other environmental obligations as well, incentivizing sustainable actions by companies, individuals, and local bodies.
- ✓ The green credits will be tradable and those earning it will be able to put these credits up for sale on a proposed domestic market platform.
- ✓ Administration:
- ✓ The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) shall be the administrator of the programme which will develop guidelines, processes and procedures for implementation of the programme.
- ✓ The Green Credit Programme will also encourage private sector industries and companies as well as other entities to meet their existing obligations, stemming from other legal frameworks, by taking actions which are able to converge with activities relevant for generating or buying green credits.
- ✓ Experts are concerned that the market-based mechanism of green credits may lead to Greenwashing.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi together with President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of UAE, co-hosted the High-level event on 'Green Credits Programme' at COP-28, on 1 December 2023 in Dubai.



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- ✓ A small population of Bactrian camels exists in the Nubra Valley of Ladakh.

Q. 'Buxa Tiger Reserve' which was recently in news is located in

- A) Chattisgarh
- B) West Bengal
- C) Assam
- D) Odisha

Answer : B

- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken Suo-motu cognisance of a report on the mowing down of three elephants by a goods train at Buxa Tiger Reserve.
- ✓ About Buxa Tiger Reserve (BTR):
- ✓ Location: It lies in the Alipurduar sub-division of the Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal.
- ✓ Its northern boundary runs along the international border with Bhutan.
- ✓ The Sinchula hill range lies all along the northern side of BTR, and the eastern boundary touches that of Assam State.
- ✓ It got its name from Buxa Fort, which is located on the Sinchula Range at an altitude of 867 metres.
- ✓ The fragile "Terai Ecosystem" constitutes a part of this reserve.
- ✓ It serves as an international corridor for elephant migration between India and Bhutan.
- ✓ Two rivers, namely the River Raidak and the River Jayanti, flow through the forest of Buxa.
- ✓ Vegetation: The forests of the reserve can be broadly classified as the 'Moist Tropical Forest' of Champion and Seth's (1968) recent classification.
- ✓ Flora: Some of the important species are Sal, Champa, Gamar, Simul, and Chikrasi.
- ✓ Fauna: The main species include the Tiger, elephant, leopard cat, gaur, wild boar, sambar, hog deer, Chinese pangolin, etc.

Q. With reference to 'Purchasing Managers' Index' consider the following statements

1. It is an indicator of business activity both in the manufacturing and services sectors.
2. A PMI number greater than 50 indicates expansion in business activity a number less than 50 shows contraction.
3. It is released by Ministry of Commerce



How many statement(s) given above are correct

- A) Only one
B) Only two
C) All three
D) None

Answer : B

- ✓ India's manufacturing sector continued to perform better with S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 56 in November against 55.5 in October.
- ✓ About the Purchasing Managers' Index:
 - ✓ It is an indicator of business activity – both in the manufacturing and services sectors.
 - ✓ It is a survey-based measure that asks the respondents about changes in their perception of some key business variables from the month before.
 - ✓ It is calculated separately for the manufacturing and services sectors and then a composite index is constructed.
 - ✓ The index helps in determining whether the market conditions, as seen by purchasing managers, is expanding, contracting or staying the same.
 - ✓ There are two types of PMI — Manufacturing PMI and Services PMI.
 - ✓ How is the manufacturing PMI derived?
 - ✓ It is derived by sending fact-based questions to a large number of companies in the concerned sector.
 - ✓ The questions are related to 5 key variables. The variables with their weights in the index are — new orders (30%), output (25%), employment (20%), suppliers' delivery times (15%) and stock of items purchased (10%).
 - ✓ The surveys are conducted on a monthly basis.
 - ✓ A PMI number greater than 50 indicates expansion in business activity.
 - ✓ A number less than 50 shows contraction. The rate of expansion is also judged by the difference from the mid-point (50) and also by previous month's data.
 - ✓ PMI data for India is released by S&P Global - a global major in financial information and analytics.
 - ✓ Earlier PMI data in India was released by IHS Markit before its merger with S&P.
 - ✓ The Manufacturing PMI measures the performance of India's manufacturing sector and is derived after a survey of approx. 500 manufacturing companies.



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Q. Who inaugurated the museum in the basement of the Platinum Jubilee Memorial Building in the West Bengal Assembly?

- A) Narendra Modi
B) C. V. Anand Bose
C) Mamata Banerjee
D) Sourav Ganguly

Answer : C

- ✓ West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated a museum in the basement of the Platinum Jubilee Memorial Building in the West Bengal Assembly.
- ✓ This museum depicts the history of the Legislative Assembly, the functioning of the Legislative Council in pre-independence days and the transfer of power from the British.
- ✓ This museum is spread over 2000 square feet

Q. Where was the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023 held?

- A) Armenia
B) Turkiye
C) China
D) India

Answer : A

- ✓ India won three gold, five silver and one bronze medal on the last day of the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023 in Yerevan, Armenia.
- ✓ Akansha won the gold medal in the 70 kg weight category, Pari won the gold medal in the 48 kg weight category, while Nisha won the gold medal in the 52 kg weight category.
- ✓ India had the maximum number of 12 finalists, but only three of them became world champions.

Q. In which country will the Men's Volleyball Club World Championship 2023 be organized?

- A) India
B) Singapore
C) France
D) UK

Answer : A

- ✓ Men's Volleyball Club World Championship 2023 will be held at the Koramangala Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru (India).
- ✓ This is the first time that this prestigious tournament will be organized in India.
- ✓ Top six teams are participating in this tournament.
- ✓ The Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) is the international governing body for all forms of volleyball.



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- ✓ Its headquarters is located in Lausanne, Switzerland

Q. Which Mahaparinirvan day of Bharat Ratna Dr. BR Ambedkar was celebrated?

- A) 85th
- B) 68th
- C) 87th
- D) 88th

Answer : B

- ✓ The nation is paying tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar on his 68th Mahaparinirvan Day.
- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu paid floral tributes to Babasaheb Ambedkar in the Parliament complex in New Delhi.
- ✓ He was born on April 14, 1891 in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ He was the chairman of the drafting committee of the Constituent Assembly and is also known as the father of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ In the year 1947, Dr. Ambedkar became the Law Minister in the first cabinet of independent India.
- ✓ BR Ambedkar, the father of the Indian Constitution, was born on April 14, 1891
- ✓ Dr. Ambedkar attended all the three Round Table Conferences (1930-32) held in London.
- ✓ In 1936, Babasaheb Ambedkar founded the Independent Labour Party.
- ✓ In 1990, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar was bestowed with Bharat Ratna.
- ✓ Dr. Ambedkar is known as the Father (chief architect) of the Indian Constitution

Q. Who has taken charge as the Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India?

- A) Jitesh John
- B) Ajay Kapoor
- C) Anand Kishore Mathur
- D) Arvind Sinha

Answer : A

- ✓ Jitesh John, a 2001 batch Indian Economic Service officer, has taken charge as the Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- ✓ In October this year, Sandeep Garg was made a full-time member of IBBI.
- ✓ IBBI is a major body enforcing the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- ✓ About Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):
- ✓ It was established on 1st October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.



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- ✓ It is responsible for the implementation of the IBC. The IBC amends and consolidates the laws relating to insolvency resolution of individuals, partnership firms and corporate persons in a time-bound manner.
- ✓ Functions:
- ✓ The IBBI regulates professionals as well as processes.
- ✓ It has regulatory oversight over the insolvency professional agencies, insolvency professional entities, insolvency professionals and information utilities
- ✓ It collects and maintains records relating to insolvency and bankruptcy cases and disseminate information relating to such cases.
- ✓ Constitution: The Board consists of the following members who are appointed by the Central Government,
- ✓ A Chairperson.
- ✓ Three members from among the officers of the Central Government equivalent or not below the rank of a Joint Secretary. Out of the three members, each will represent the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Law, ex -officio.
- ✓ One member nominated by the RBI (Reserve Bank of India), ex-officio.
- ✓ Five other members nominated by the Central Government, out of which at least three should be whole-time members.
- ✓ The term of office of the Chairperson and members (other than ex-officio members) is five years or until they attain sixty-five years, whichever is earlier, and they are eligible for re-appointment.

Q. Which Indian-origin novelist was honored with Singapore's highest art honour?

A) Alka Singh

B) Meera Chand

C) Asha Lata

D) Preeti Desai

Answer : B

- ✓ Singapore-based Indian-origin writer Meera Chand, 81, was honored with the Cultural Medallion, the country's most prestigious art honour, for her artistic excellence and her contribution to enriching the country's art and culture landscape.
- ✓ President Tharman Shanmugaratnam presented the award to Chand along with fellow novelist Suchen Christine Lim and Malay dance legend Osman Abdul Hamid.



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Q. Which Union Minister launched a nationwide public awareness campaign on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)?

- A) Anurag Thakur B) Piyush Goyal
C) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya D) RK Sinha

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched a nationwide public awareness campaign on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) awareness program run by NBEMS. This is the first CPR awareness program in the country, which has been conducted at the national level.

Q. When is the Armed Force Flag Day celebrated in India?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ In India, the Armed Forces Flag Day (also known as the Flag Day of India) is observed annually on December 7 since 1949 as an honour to the soldiers, sailors and airmen of India who fought on the borders to keep the country safe.
- ✓ The three branches of the Armed Forces of India , namely, the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy are remembered on this day.
- ✓ The 'Armed forces Flag Day Fund' (AFFDF) has been constituted by the Government of India for the welfare and rehabilitation of the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) community.

Q. International Civil Aviation Day is observed on which day every year?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated every year on December 7 to recognize the importance of aviation to the social and economic development of the world.
- ✓ The Day was established in 1994 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) [Headquarter-Montreal, Canada].
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the day in 1996.



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- ✓ The ICAO Council has selected the special collective 5 year theme for 2019-2023: “Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development”.





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