



# Best 300+ MCQs

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## Current Affairs PDF

**1. Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 31st Meeting of the Northern Zonal Council held in which city?**

**केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने किस शहर में आयोजित उत्तरी क्षेत्रीय परिषद की 31वीं बैठक की अध्यक्षता की है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Amritsar / अमृतसर
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 31st Meeting of Northern Zonal Council held in Amritsar.

Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh, Lt. Governors of Delhi, Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh, Administrator of Chandigarh, Senior Ministers from member States, Union Home Secretary, Secretary, Inter-State Council Secretariat, Chief Secretaries from the member States in the Northern Zone and other senior officers from the States and UTs and Central Ministries & Departments participated in the meeting.

The Council discussed over a total 28 issues.

Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized all the member states to pay special attention to issues like the cooperative movement in the country, the dropout rate of school children, and malnutrition, terming them as a collective priority.

Not even a single child should remain malnourished in the country, it is the responsibility of all of us to reduce the school dropout rate, and giving impetus to the cooperative movement will help in taking more than 60 crore people of the country towards prosperity.

**Amit Shah in News**

- Amit Shah launches "Amrit Kalash Yatra" under 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh' campaign in New Delhi.
- Amit Shah chairs 26th meeting of Western Zonal Council in Gandhinagar
- Amit Shah plants 4 crore tree at CRPF Group Center in Greater Noida
- Amit Shah inaugurates development works worth Rs 1052 cr in Gujarat
- Amit Shah lays foundation stone for IFFCO Nano Urea Plant

**2. South-South Knowledge Sharing Series Conference Organized by which of the following?**  
**दक्षिण-दक्षिण ज्ञान साझाकरण श्रृंखला सम्मेलन निम्नलिखित में से किसके द्वारा आयोजित किया गया है?**

- (a) International Monetary Fund / अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
- (b) Asian Development Bank / एशियाई विकास बैंक
- (c) New Development Bank / न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक
- (d) African Development Bank / अफ्रीकी विकास बैंक
- (e) World Bank / विश्व बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Union MoS attends "South-South Knowledge Sharing Series" by World Bank  
Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar participated in a virtual conference organized by the World Bank known as the "South-South Knowledge Sharing Series."

This event centered around India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and its potential to serve as an inspiring model for African nations, especially in light of the African Union's recent inclusion in the G20 during India's presidency of the summit this year.

The conference's theme was "Digital Public Infrastructure: The India Story" and representatives from the African Union highlighted the significant opportunities DPIs could offer to countries whose citizens are not yet connected to the internet.

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

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस राज्य में आकाशवाणी दाहोद एफएम रिले स्टेशन परियोजना की आधारशिला रखी है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** PM Modi lays foundation stone of FM relay station at Dahod

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation Stone for the Akashvani Dahod FM Relay Station Project in Gujarat.

The Foundation Stone plaque for the 10 Kilo watt FM Relay Station was unveiled virtually by the Prime Minister along with other projects at an event in Bodeli in the state

This station will be set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.00 Crore and is strategically located to cover approximately a 55 km radius area, encompassing approximately 75% of the tribal district of Dahod.

Moreover, this transmitter will also partially cover the neighbouring tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh, including Alirajpur and Jhabua.

With the launch of the Dahod station, over 25 lakh residents of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh will gain access to high-quality FM broadcasts. This development not only enriches the cultural and informational tapestry of the region but also facilitates better communication and connectivity for the communities it serves.

**About Gujarat**

- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat

**4. Which state's assembly passed four bills, including the land acquisition and resettlement one that will enable the government to exempt strategic and development projects from social impact assessment?**

किस राज्य की विधानसभा ने भूमि अधिग्रहण और पुनर्वास सहित चार विधेयक पारित किए जो सरकार को रणनीतिक और विकास परियोजनाओं को सामाजिक प्रभाव मूल्यांकन से छूट देने में सक्षम बनाएंगे?

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Odisha assembly passes land acquisition bill

The Odisha assembly passed four bills, including the land acquisition and resettlement one that will enable the government to exempt strategic and development projects from social impact assessments.

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Odisha Amendment) Bill, 2023, was first introduced in the assembly in March but withdrawn a month later following severe criticism.

The land acquisition bill enables the government to exempt 'strategic and development projects' from social impact assessments and special provisions for safeguarding food security.

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLAR&R) Act, 2013 is a central legislation. It came into force with effect from January 1, 2014.

**About Odisha**

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Ganeshi Lal

**5. Which state has achieved 100 percent Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus coverage under the flagship Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) programme recently?**

हाल ही में किस राज्य ने प्रमुख स्वच्छ भारत मिशन (ग्रामीण) कार्यक्रम के तहत 100 प्रतिशत खुले में शौच मुक्त (ओडीएफ) प्लस कवरेज हासिल किया है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Uttar Pradesh Achieves 100% ODF Plus Coverage

Uttar Pradesh has achieved 100 percent Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus coverage under the flagship Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) programme.

Henceforth, all the almost 96,000 villages in Uttar Pradesh have been declared ODF Plus.

An ODF Plus village is one which has sustained its Open Defecation Free status along with implementing either solid or liquid waste management systems.

As of the current date, around 4.4 lakh (around 75 percent) villages across the country have declared themselves ODF Plus, which is a significant step towards achieving the SBM-G Phase-II goals by 2024-25.

Uttar Pradesh picked up momentum in the current financial year because on 1 January 2023, only 15,088 villages in the state had been declared ODF Plus.

So far, 11 states have been declared 100 percent ODF Plus status, out of which UP is the largest.

Over a short period of just nine months, the state mobilized the efforts for achieving ODF Plus in a mission mode.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

**6. Consider the following statements about the Global Innovation Index 2023-**

**(i) India at 40th position in the Global Innovation Index.**

**(ii) It is released by the World Economic Forum.**

**(iii) In 2023, it is the 12th edition of the index.**

**(iv) Switzerland topped the index.**

**Find the INCORRECT statements.**

(a) Only i & ii

(b) Only ii & iii

(c) Only iii & iv

(d) All are correct

(e) All are incorrect

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Global Innovation Index 2023: India at 40th; topped by India has retained its 40th rank out of 132 economies in the Global Innovation Index 2023 rankings published by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The 16th edition of the index, which ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities, was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), an agency of the United Nations.

For the 13th year in a row, Switzerland is the most innovative economy in 2023 followed by Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Singapore.

Denmark (9th) and the Republic of Korea (10th) remain in the top 10. France (11th) gets closer, improving one rank this year, while Japan remains strong as the 13th most innovative economy. Israel re-enters the top 15, reaching 14th place.

China ranks 12th this year, dropping one rank relative to 2022. Apart from China, there are only four other middle-income economies among the top 40 economies, namely, Malaysia (36th), Bulgaria (38th), Türkiye (39th) and India (40th).

India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index (GII), from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 40 in 2023.

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

**किस संगठन की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत में बुजुर्गों की आबादी 2050 तक दोगुनी होने की संभावना है?**

- (a) United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र जनसंख्या कोष (यूएनएफपीए)
- (b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/ संयुक्त राष्ट्र विकास कार्यक्रम (यूएनडीपी)
- (c) World Economic Forum (WEF) / विश्व आर्थिक मंच (डब्ल्यूईएफ)
- (d) World Health Organization (WHO) / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ)
- (e) World Bank (WB) / विश्व बैंक (डब्ल्यूबी)

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Indian elderly to make up 20% of population by 2050: UNFPA report

The elderly population in India is likely to double by 2050, according to the India Ageing Report 2023 published by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

According to the report, the share of older persons (over the age of 60 years) in India will double — from 10.5 percent as of July 2022 to 20.8 percent in 2050 — with the absolute number at 347 million.

The UN report added that by the end of the century, the elderly will constitute over 36 percent of the total population of the country.

The projections indicate that during 2022–2050, the overall population of India will grow by 18 percent only, while the older population will grow by 134 percent.

During the same period, the population of persons aged 80+ years will grow 279 percent. At this time, "the widowed and highly dependent very old women" will become predominant.

Moreover, it is expected that four years before 2050, the population size of the elderly in India will be higher than the population size of children aged 0–14 years. By that time, the population share of 15–59 years will also see a dip.

Over the next three decades, the number of older persons worldwide is expected to double to 2.1 billion by 2050, with the share rising to 22 percent of the total population.

However, the situation will be slightly different for less developed countries. The absolute number of older persons in less developed regions is likely to more than double from 772 million in 2022 to 1.7 billion in 2050.



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

**आरईसी लिमिटेड ने अगले तीन वर्षों में बिजली के साथ-साथ बुनियादी ढांचे और रसद क्षेत्रों में परियोजनाओं के लिए ₹55,000 करोड़ के सह-वित्तपोषण ऋण के लिए किस बैंक के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (c) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (d) Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** REC signs MoU with PNB to co-finance infrastructure projects

State-run REC Limited and Punjab National Bank have signed an MoU to explore funding possibilities in the Power Infrastructure and logistics sectors. The consortium arrangement will co-finance loans worth Rs 55,000 crores over the next three years.

REC, which essentially lends to the power sector, has been authorized by the Power Ministry to also lend to the infrastructure sector. Its loan book has exceeded ₹4,54,393 crore.

In FY23, the non-power infrastructure and logistics sector accounted for 32 percent of the total loan sanctioned by the company.

The Maharatna company has now diversified into the non-power infrastructure sector, which includes roads and expressways, metro rail, airports, IT communication, social and commercial infrastructure (educational institutions, hospitals), ports, and electro-mechanical (E&M) works in respect of sectors such as steel, refinery, etc.

Ministry of Power has also allowed our company to lend to the non-power infrastructure and logistics sector to contribute to the accelerated development of our nation and sanctioned more than ₹85,700 crore towards various projects spanning from metro, ports, airports, oil refineries, highways, steel infra to healthcare, educational institutions and also in sectors of IT infra/ fiber optics, etc. that constitute about 32 percent of overall sanctions of the company, in the last financial year.

REC is targeting revenue from operations of ₹46,935 crore in FY24 and ₹56,322 crore in FY25.

#### **Recent MoU in Banking Sector**

- Kotak Mutual Fund launches investor education program in partnership with CBSE
- SIDBI signed MoU with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector.
- UP New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) signed MoU SIDBI to promote green project
- SIDBI signs with Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost fintech sector
- IREDA partners with Bank of Maharashtra to promote renewable energy adoption

## 9. Which bank has appointed Manish Jain as the new country head of Wholesale Banking?

किस बैंक ने मनीष जैन को थोक बैंकिंग का नया प्रमुख नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Yes Bank appoints Manish Jain as country head of Wholesale Banking

Yes Bank has appointed Manish Jain as the new country head of Wholesale Banking.

He succeeds Ravi Thota, who resigned on 2 August 2023, citing personal and professional reasons.

Jain will be responsible for spearheading the wholesale banking business at Yes Bank.

Jain has three decades of work experience which includes 23 years in Standard Chartered Bank.

While, Pankaj Sharma has been appointed as Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer at Yes Bank.

### Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Deputy Governor of RBI** - M. Rajeshwar Rao (reappointment for 1 year)
- **MD and CEO ICICI Lombard** - Sanjeev Mantri (replace Bhargav Dasgupta)
- **Vice-president for Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Market Solutions** - Bhargav Dasgupta
- **MD and CEO of HDFC Bank** - Sashidhar Jagdishan (reappointment for 3 year)
- **Chairman of Mastercard India**- Rajnish Kumar (Former SBI Chief)

**10. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Media Research Users Council India?**

**मीडिया रिसर्च यूज़र्स काउंसिल इंडिया के नए अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Shailesh Gupta / शैलेश गुप्ता
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Shashank Srivastava / शशांक श्रीवास्तव
- (e) Anupriya Acharya / अनुप्रिया आचार्य

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Media Research Users Council India elects Shailesh Gupta as Chairman

Shailesh Gupta has been appointed as the new Chairman of Media Research Users Council India.

While, Shashank Srivastava has been appointed as Vice Chairman of Media Research Users Council India.

The new appointees replace Shashidhar Sinha, CEO of Media brands.

Rajeev Beotra and Anupriya Acharya have been appointed new members of the Board of Governors.

Media Research Users Council India was founded in 1994.

**Recent Appointment**

- **President of Intel India** - Gokul Subramaniam (replace Nivruti Rai)
- **Chairman of Tata Advanced Systems** - Banmali Agarwal
- **Secretary of Dept. of Biotechnology** - Rajesh S Gokhale
- **Advisor to PM Modi** - Amit Khare (reappointment)
- **CEO of Penguin Random House** - Nihar Malviya (replace Marcus Dohle)

**11. The mixed doubles pair of \_\_\_\_\_ beat Chinese Taipei pair En-shuo Liang and Tsung-hao Huang in the finals to clinch gold at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.**

\_\_\_\_\_ की मिश्रित युगल जोड़ी ने फाइनल में चीनी ताइपे की जोड़ी एन-शुओ लियांग और त्सुंग-हाओ हुआंग को हराकर हांगजो में एशियाई खेल 2023 में स्वर्ण पदक जीता।

- (a) Rohan Bopanna and Leander Paes / रोहन बोपन्ना और लिएंडर पेस
- (b) Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale / रोहन बोपन्ना और रुतुजा भोसले
- (c) Rutuja Bhosale and Ankita Raina / रुतुजा भोसले और अंकिता रैना
- (d) Karman Kaur Thandi and Rutuja Bhosale / करमन कौर थांडी और रुतुजा भोसले
- (e) Ankita Raina and Rohan Bopanna / अंकिता रैना और रोहन बोपन्ना

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India wins gold in tennis mixed doubles

The mixed doubles pair of Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale beat Chinese Taipei pair En-shuo Liang and Tsung-hao Huang in the finals to clinch gold at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.

The pair won India's ninth gold in this Asiads.

Earlier, Ramanathan Ramkumar and Saket Myneni bag silver in the men's doubles.

**12. Which of the following members was NOT a part of the Men's 10m Air Pistol team event that secured gold in the 19th Asian Games?**

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सदस्य 19वें एशियाई खेलों में स्वर्ण पदक हासिल करने वाली पुरुषों की 10 मीटर एयर पिस्टल टीम स्पर्धा का हिस्सा नहीं था?

- (i) Sarabjot Singh
- (ii) Arjun Singh Cheema
- (iii) Shiva Narwal
- (iv) Rhythm Sangwan
- (a) Only i
- (b) Only ii
- (c) Only iii
- (d) Only iv
- (e) All of above

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India won gold in 10m Air Pistol Team event in Asian game 2023

India won a gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Pistol team event at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou.

India players team - Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema, and Shiva Narwal

This was India's 13th medal in shooting and the second of the day after Roshibina Devi Naorem won a silver medal in wushu.

In a contest that turned out to be incredibly close, Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema and Shiva Narwal combined for a score of 1734 points, ahead of China's 1733 points and Vietnam's 1730 points.

Sarabjot Singh and Arjun Singh Cheema progressed to the individual final in the 10m Air Pistol with scores of 580 and 579 points respectively for a fifth and eighth-place finish. With only the top-eight shooters qualifying, this too ran close

Sarabjot and Arjun finished fourth and eighth respectively. Vietnam's Pham Quang Huy won gold with a score of 240.5, while South Korea's Lee Wonho (239.4) and Uzbekistan's Vladimir Svechnikov (219.9) took the silver and bronze, respectively.

Sarabjot, 21, finished fourth, scoring 199, while Arjun ended up eighth and last, exiting on the second elimination shot.

**13. India's Roshibina Devi Naorem has clinched the silver medal in the Women's 60 kg category. She is related to which sport?**

भारत की रोशिबिना देवी नाओरेम ने महिलाओं के 60 किलोग्राम वर्ग में रजत पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन
- (c) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Boxing / बॉक्सिंग

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Roshibina Devi Naorem clinches Silver medal in Wushu

In the Asian Games at Hangzhou, India's Roshibina Devi Naorem clinched the silver medal in the Women's 60 kg category in Wushu.

In a major disappointment, Naorem Roshibina Devi lost in the 60 kg category final in the women's Wushu event. She fought hard till the last moment against China's Wu Xiaowei.

Devi brings home a silver medal which is a first for the country in Wushu.

India has an overall 23 medals in its kitty with 5 gold, 8 silver, and 10 bronze. We currently stand at the seventh position on the ranking board.

**14. The International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वृद्धजन दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 28 September / 28 सितम्बर
- (b) 29 September / 29 सितम्बर
- (c) 30 September / 30 सितम्बर
- (d) 1 October / 1 अक्टूबर
- (e) 2 October / 2 अक्टूबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 1 October - International Day of Older Persons

The International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on October 1.

Objective - To raise awareness of the value of senior persons in our society and to show our appreciation for their contributions.

Theme 2023 - Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations

The International Day of Older Persons, also known as the International Day of Older Persons, has its origins in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 45/106, adopted in December 1990.

The observance serves as a reminder of the need for policies and actions that support the well-being, dignity and rights of older persons and promote a more inclusive and age-friendly world.

**15. International Translation Day is observed every year on September 30. What is the theme of International Translation Day 2023?**

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अनुवाद दिवस हर साल 30 सितंबर को मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अनुवाद दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) A World Without Barrier
- (b) United in translation
- (c) Finding the words for a world in crisis
- (d) Translation Unveils the Many Faces of Humanity
- (e) Translation and Indigenous Languages

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 30 September - International Translation Day

International Translation Day is observed every year on September 30.

The day is observed by the International Federation of Translators (FIT) to highlight the significant role of translators all across the world.

Theme 2023 - Translation Unveils the Many Faces of Humanity

International Translation Day is recognized on a global level to promote the role of language translators, and to create awareness about the commendable contributions of translators and interpreters in bridging the linguistic and cultural divisions.

International Translation Day was established by United Nations in 2017. The day is observed to honour boisterous efforts of language translators and interpreters in promoting understanding, peace, and dialogue among people belonging from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

This day is observed alongside the feast of St. Jerome (a patron saint of translators who translated the Holy Bible).



**16. Which of the following state will form Ayush Board in the state?**

**निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा राज्य, राज्य में आयुष बोर्ड का गठन करेगा?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Ayush Board to be formed in Uttar Pradesh

During a meeting of the Ayush department, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath provided directions for the formation of an integrated Ayush Board in the state.

The board is for the management of institutions related to Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Siddha, Naturopathy, and Yoga practices, as well as the registration of doctors associated with these methods.

At present three separate boards are operating regarding Ayurvedic, Unani and Homeopathy medical practices. It is now necessary to integrate all these under one board, giving them a unified look.

This will not only streamline the establishment and development of new institutions but will also simplify the registration process for qualified doctors.

**17. Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav and Technology & Bharatiya Bhasha Summit in which city?**

**शिक्षा मंत्री, धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने किस शहर में भारतीय भाषा उत्सव और प्रौद्योगिकी और भारतीय भाषा शिखर सम्मेलन का शुभारंभ किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Gandhinagar / गांधीनगर
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** D Pradhan launch Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav and Technology Summit

Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav and Technology & Bharatiya Bhasha Summit in New Delhi.

The summit will focus on the integration of technology in promoting Bharatiya Bhasha, including its role in teaching, examination, and translating educational materials.

The government has proposed to celebrate the birthday of renowned Tamil poet and freedom fighter Mahakavi Chinnaswami Subramania Bharati as Bharatiya Bhasha Divas on 11th December.

The Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav which began on 28th September will conclude on 11th December making it a 75-day-long celebration.

The summit, organized as part of the Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav encompasses three thematic sessions first is Technology 'FOR' Bharatiya Languages, Technology 'IN' Bharatiya Languages, and Technology 'THROUGH' Bharatiya Language

**18. Bihar will get second tiger reserve in which of the following district?**

**बिहार को दूसरा बाघ अभयारण्य निम्नलिखित में से किस जिले में मिलेगा?**

- (a) Patna / पटना
- (b) Nawada / नवादा
- (c) Kishanganj / किशनगंज
- (d) Darbhanga / दरभंगा
- (e) Kaimur / कैमूर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bihar to get second tiger reserve in Kaimur district

After the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district, Bihar is set to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary) by the end of the year or early 2024.

The total tiger count in the State currently is 54.

A report from the NTCA said that the tiger population in the Valmiki reserve has increased from 31 in 2018 to 54.

### **About Bihar**

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**19. Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the Capacity Building Plan for which of the following at the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Headquarters in New Delhi?**

**डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह ने नई दिल्ली में कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग (DoPT) मुख्यालय में निम्नलिखित में से किसके लिए क्षमता निर्माण योजना शुरू की है?**

- (a) for doctors / डॉक्टरों के लिए
- (b) for government employees /सरकारी कर्मचारियों के लिए
- (c) for students /छात्रों के लिए
- (d) for scientists /वैज्ञानिकों के लिए
- (e) for teachers /शिक्षकों के लिए

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Dr Jitendra Singh launches Capacity Building Plan for Govt employees

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the Capacity Building Plan for Government Employees at the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Headquarters in New Delhi.

The Capacity Building Scheme is a new initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to train officers and rationalise the deployment of officers and staff based on skills and acquired competencies.

The Minister called for updating and revising various training modules under this Scheme as Artificial Intelligence is going to impact work culture. The Capacity Building Commission Chairman, Adil Zainulbhai informed the Minister that 700 courses have been introduced on the iGOT platform.

**20. Who has launched a week-long program called "Sankalp Saptah" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में आकांक्षी ब्लॉकों के लिए "संकल्प सप्ताह" नामक एक सप्ताह का कार्यक्रम किसने शुरू किया है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia / ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PM Modi launches Sankalp Saptah

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a week-long program called "Sankalp Saptah" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi. 'Sankalp Saptah' is linked to the effective implementation of the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).

The nationwide programme was launched by the PM on January 7, 2023. It aims to improve governance at the block level in order to enhance the quality of life of citizens.

It is being implemented in 500 Aspirational Blocks across 329 districts in the country. To implement the Aspirational Blocks Programme and to prepare an effective block development strategy, chintan shivirs were organised at village and block levels across the country.

'Sankalp Saptah' will be observed in all of the 500 Aspirational Blocks. Each day in 'Sankalp Saptah', starting from October 3 till October 9, 2023, is dedicated to a specific development theme on which all Aspirational Blocks will work.

About three thousand panchayat and block-level representatives and officials from across the country will participate in this program to be held at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM inaugurated '**International Lawyers' Conference 2023**' in New Delhi
- PM Modi laid foundation stone for **Lord Shiva-themed Stadium** in Varanasi, UP
- PM Modi laid foundation of **Sant Ravidas temple** in Madhya Pradesh
- PM Modi launched '**Bhartiya Vastra Evam Shilp Kosh**' E-Portal
- PM Modi launched "**Urea Gold**" in Rajasthan

**21. Which of the following has launched app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform 'GST Sahay' for MSMEs?**  
**निम्नलिखित में से किसने एमएसएमई के लिए ऐप-आधारित 'इनवॉइस फाइनेंसिंग' ऋण मंच 'जीएसटी सहाय' लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) RBI / आरबीआई
- (c) PFRDA / पीएफआरडीए
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) SIDBI / सिडबी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** SIDBI to launch app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform

With an aim to enhance the economic and financial sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is in the process of launching an app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform 'GST Sahay'.

The MSMEs are vital for the economic growth and development of India. They (MSMEs) create jobs and contribute enormously to the socio-economic development of the country.

Although several measures for the MSMEs have been taken in the past few years by the government, the crunch in working capital credit is one of the major issues for them. Now, SIDBI is in the process of launching an app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform for them.

**About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

- **Founded** - 2 April 1990
- **Headquarters** - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Chairman & MD** - Siva S Ramann

**22. 28th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee to review the flow of credit to MSME sector was held under the chairmanship of RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J in which city?**

**एमएसएमई क्षेत्र में ऋण के प्रवाह की समीक्षा के लिए स्थायी सलाहकार समिति की 28वीं बैठक आरबीआई के डिप्टी गवर्नर स्वामीनाथन जे की अध्यक्षता में किस शहर में आयोजित की गई?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** RBI's Swaminathan J chairs 28th Advisory Committee meeting in Lucknow

28th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee to review the flow of credit to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - MSME sector was held under the chairmanship of RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J, in Lucknow.

Emphasising the significant role of the MSME sector, particularly in the context of the goal of attaining developed economy status by 2047, the RBI Deputy Governor stressed the need for collaborative efforts on the part of all stakeholders to unlock the full potential of MSMEs.

He also highlighted various initiatives taken by the Reserve Bank such as the Account Aggregator framework, the digital Public Tech Platform to enable delivery of frictionless credit and the regulatory sandbox on MSME lending.

The meeting was attended by Senior Officials from Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Finance, Senior Management of major banks and NABARD, senior executives of Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises, National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Indian Banks' Association and MSME Associations.

**23. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)?**

**भारतीय विज्ञापन मानक परिषद (ASCI) का नया अध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Ganesan Kannabiran / गणेशन कन्नाबीरन
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury / नीरज अखौरी
- (c) Parth Jindal / पार्थ जिंदल
- (d) Saugata Gupta / सौगत गुप्ता
- (e) Anant Maheshwari / अनंत माहेश्वरी

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Saugata Gupta appointed as ASCI Chairman

Saugata Gupta, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Marico Ltd, has been appointed new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).

Gupta's association with ASCI spans several years, including two years on the Board of Governors and four years as a special invitee on the Board of Governors.

Partha Sinha, president of response, Bennett Coleman & Company Limited, was elected vice chairman, and Sudhanshu Vats, deputy managing director, Pidilite Industries Ltd, was appointed honorary treasurer.

**About the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)**

- The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) is a voluntary self-regulatory organization of the advertising industry in India. Established in 1985, ASCI is registered as a non-profit company under section 25 of the Company Act.
- ASCI is committed to the cause of self-regulation in advertising, ensuring the protection of the interest of consumers.
- ASCI seeks to ensure that advertisements conform to its Code for Self-Regulation, which requires advertisements to be legal, decent, honest and truthful, and not hazardous or harmful while observing fairness in competition.



**24. Who among the following has been appointed as member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसे संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (यूपीएससी) के सदस्य के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Dinesh Dasa / दिनेश दासा
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Manoj Soni / मनोज सोनी
- (e) Lokesh M / लोकेश एम

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Dinesh Dasa appointed as member of UPSC

Former Gujarat Public Service Commission Chief Dinesh Dasa took oath as UPSC member.

He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by UPSC chairman Manoj Soni.

Dasa holds a Ph.D in forest laws and sustainable development from Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. He has been the chairman of Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) from February 2016 to January 2022.

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), which conducts civil services examination to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) among others, is headed by a chairman and it can have a maximum of 10 members. With Dasa's appointment, there exists a vacancy of four members.

A UPSC member is appointed for a term of six years or until attaining 65 years of age.

Dasa was also chairman, Drafting Committee to prepare model syllabus and exam pattern for civil service exams across the states.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Chairman of Media Research Users Council India** - Shailesh Gupta
- **Vice Chairman of Media Research Users Council India** - Shashank Srivastava
- **President of Intel India** - Gokul Subramaniam (replace Nivruti Rai)
- **Chairman of Tata Advanced Systems** - Banmali Agarwal
- **Secretary of Dept. of Biotechnology** - Rajesh S Gokhale

**25. Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI) for a one-year term?**  
**एक वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए प्रेस ट्रस्ट ऑफ इंडिया (पीटीआई) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) K.N. Shanth Kumar / के.एन. शांत कुमार
- (e) Lokesh M / लोकेश एम

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** K.N. Shanth Kumar elected Chairman of Press Trust of India Board

K.N. Shanth Kumar of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd was elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors for a one-year term.

Shanth Kumar replaces Aveek Sarkar, who served as Chairman for two consecutive terms.

Shanth Kumar's election took place at a meeting of PTI's Board of Directors following their Annual General Meeting at the news agency's headquarters in New Delhi.

The Board also elected Praveen Someshwar, the Chief Executive Officer of Hindustan Times, as the Vice-Chairman.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **Advisor to PM Modi** - Amit Khare (reappointment)
- **CEO of Penguin Random House** - Nihar Malviya (replace Marcus Dohle)
- **Chairman of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)** - Dhananjay Joshi (replace Akhil Gupta)
- **Vice Chairman of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)** - Sandeep Girotra
- **1st Woman Army Surgeon in Para Commando** - Payal Chhabra

**26. Which country has successfully launched an imaging satellite 'Noor 3' into space recently?**

**हाल ही में किस देश ने इमेजिंग उपग्रह 'नूर 3' को सफलतापूर्वक अंतरिक्ष में लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) Iraq / इराक
- (c) UAE / यूएई
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Iran launched Noor 3 satellite into orbit

Iran has successfully launched an imaging satellite 'Noor 3' into space,

The Noor-3 satellite had been put in an orbit 450km above the Earth's surface.

The aerospace arm of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which has had success in launching satellites in the past, had carried out the most recent launch.

**About Iran**

- **Capital** – Tehran
- **Currency** – Rial
- **President** – Ebrahim Raisi

**27. Which of the following members was NOT a part of the women's 25m Air Pistol team event that secured gold in the 19th Asian Games?**

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सदस्य 19वें एशियाई खेलों में स्वर्ण पदक हासिल करने वाली महिलाओं की 25 मीटर एयर पिस्टल टीम स्पर्धा का हिस्सा नहीं था?

- (i) Manu Bhaker
  - (ii) Esha Singh
  - (iii) Rhythm Sangwan
  - (iv) Yashaswini Singh Deswal
- (a) Only i  
(b) Only ii  
(c) Only iii  
(d) Only iv  
(e) All of above

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India wins gold medal in women's 25m pistol team event

The Indian women's 25m pistol team consisting of Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh, and Rhythm Sangwan secured a gold medal at the Asian Games.

The trio achieved a total score of 1759, claiming the top spot of the podium.

Chinese team secured the silver medal with a total score of 1756, while South Korea's shooters secured the bronze medal for the third position with an overall score of 1742.

Another Indian trio consisting of Ashi Chouksey, Manini Koushik, and Sift Kaur Samra secured a silver medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 position event.

The Indian team secured a total of 1764 points in the qualification round, finishing second place on the podium.

While China won the gold medal with an aggregate score of 1773, and South Korea secured the bronze medal with a total score of 1756.

**28. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2 every year and is dedicated to honouring Gandhian principles. In which year, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared October 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence?**

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अहिंसा दिवस हर साल 2 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है और यह गांधीवादी सिद्धांतों के सम्मान के लिए समर्पित है। किस वर्ष संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा ने सर्वसम्मति से 2 अक्टूबर को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अहिंसा दिवस घोषित किया?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 1995
- (c) 2007
- (d) 2008
- (e) 2014

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 2 October - International Day of Non-Violence

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2 every year, and is dedicated to honouring Gandhian principles.

The day is observed on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and reflects upon his philosophy and commitment to non-violence as a means of social and political change.

Gandhi's birth anniversary holds immense importance due to his central role in India's fight for Independence from British rule.

Guided by non-violence and peaceful resistance, he inspired millions of Indians to achieve Independence through peaceful protests, boycotts, and hunger strikes.

The roots of this day can be traced back to a proposal made by Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi in 2004. The idea to observe non-violence day globally found resonance at the World Social Forum in Mumbai.

In June 2007, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared October 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence. The resolution emphasized the dissemination of the message of non-violence through education and public awareness.

**29. World Habitat Day is observed every year on the first Monday of October. This year World Habitat Day was observed on 2nd October. What is the theme of World Habitat Day 2023?**

**विश्व पर्यावास दिवस हर साल अक्टूबर के पहले सोमवार को मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष विश्व पर्यावास दिवस 2 अक्टूबर को मनाया गया। विश्व पर्यावास दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind
- (b) Housing For All: A Better Urban Future
- (c) Frontier Technologies as an Innovative Tool to Transform Waste to Wealth
- (d) Municipal Solid Waste Management
- (e) Resilient Urban Economies: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 2 October 2023 - World Habitat Day

World Habitat Day is observed every year on the first Monday of October. This year World Habitat Day was observed on 2nd October.

World Habitat Day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of having a habitat or a home of our own and discuss important aspects of them, with reference to the impact they have on us.

Theme 2023 - Resilient Urban Economies: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery

In 1986, the first World Habitat Day was celebrated in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme of that year's World Habitat Day was – Shelter is my right.

**30. The fourth edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) began in which city?**

**भारतीय सांस्कृतिक संबंध परिषद (ICCR) द्वारा आयोजित इंडो-लैटिन अमेरिका सांस्कृतिक महोत्सव का चौथा संस्करण किस शहर में शुरू हुआ?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Indore / इंदौर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 4th edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival organized by ICCR

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

Total 34 artists of three countries - Colombia, Ecuador and Chile are participating in the two-day festival.

The festival is bringing together key stakeholders from India and Latin America to deliberate on the prospects of cultural and educational collaborations.

This celebration of culture and art is on a mission to spotlight the incredible cultural heritage of Latin America.

**31. India and which country has recently signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA)?**

**भारत और किस देश ने हाल ही में सामाजिक सुरक्षा समझौते (एसएसए) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Argentina / अर्जेटीना
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (e) Germany / जर्मनी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India, Argentina sign Social Security Agreement

India and Argentina have signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA).

The agreement was signed by India's Ambassador to Argentina Dinesh Bhatia and Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship Santiago Cafiero in the presence of Argentine Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security Raquel Kisper de Olmos.

The agreement provides detached workers, i.e., employees working in another country on a temporary basis, and their family members with rights to contributory benefits such as cash allowance for retirement or pension, rent, subsidy or lump sum payments as per local legislation without being subject to any reduction, modification, suspension, suppression or retention.

The agreement would protect the rights of professionals and workers against loss of benefits or contributions made towards social security in both countries and thus facilitate greater movement of professionals and the labour force.

**Recently India signed MoUs with others countries**

- India and Armenia sign MoU in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions
- India & Argentina signs MoU for bilateral exchange of young researchers
- India and Saudi Arabia sign Agreement on Cooperation in Energy Sector
- India and New Zealand signs a MoU to boost cooperation in civil aviation
- ICG signs MoU with Philippine Coast Guard to enhance maritime cooperation



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

किस राज्य/केंद्रशासित प्रदेश सरकार ने आगामी सर्दियों के मौसम में वायु प्रदूषण से निपटने के लिए 15-सूत्रीय 'शीतकालीन कार्य योजना' शुरू की है?

- (a) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (b) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (c) Punjab / पंजाब
- (d) Haryana / हरियाणा
- (e) Puducherry / पुदुचेरी

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Winter action plan unveiled by Delhi Chief Minister

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has introduced a 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' to tackle air pollution in the upcoming winter season.

The 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' includes measures to tackle pollution and improve air quality in Delhi.

Steps have been taken in Punjab to diversify crops, promote short-duration paddy varieties and encourage the conversion of stubble into energy or fertilizer.

The article highlights the factors that contribute to air pollution in NCR during winter, including low wind speeds, cold temperatures, stubble burning, vehicle emissions and industrial pollutants.

Analysis last winter showed that Delhi had the highest levels of PM2.5 among 27 NCR towns and cities.

PM 10 levels have also reduced from 324 in 2014 to 223, signifying a 30% reduction in pollution levels.

The Delhi government also plans to introduce 800 electric buses to bolster the existing fleet of 7,000 government-operated buses.

The Chief Minister mentioned a remarkable 23% growth in the number of trees in Delhi, making it the city with the highest green cover in India.

**33. India will host the which edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart at Pragati Maidan in Delhi from 4 - 6 October?**

**भारत 4 से 6 अक्टूबर तक दिल्ली के प्रगति मैदान में पेसिफिक एशिया ट्रेवल एसोसिएशन ट्रेवल मार्ट के किस संस्करण की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) 42nd
- (b) 44th
- (c) 46th
- (d) 48th
- (e) 51st

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India to host PATA Travel Mart 2023 in New Delhi

India will host the 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart at Pragati Maidan in Delhi from October 4-6.

The physical version of the event is being held after a hiatus of three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PATA Travel Mart 2023 will be held at the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC). The event in Delhi will bring together tourism professionals and business stakeholders from across the world, offering a unique platform for networking, learning and collaboration.

Headquartered in Bangkok, the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), which was founded in 1951, is a renowned not-for-profit association recognised internationally for its role as a catalyst in the responsible development of travel and tourism in the Asia-Pacific region.

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

**सीमा सड़क संगठन (बीआरओ) के नए महानिदेशक (डीजी) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Abhishek Singhvi / अभिषेक सिंघवी
- (b) Aryama Sundaram / आर्यमा सुंदरम
- (c) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन
- (d) Harshvardhan Bansal / हर्षवर्द्धन बंसल
- (e) Laxman Narasimhan / लक्ष्मण नरसिम्हन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan takes over as DG of BRO

Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan has assumed charge as the 28th director general (DG) of the Border Roads Organization (BRO). His appointment to the top post in the BRO follows the superannuation of Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry.

Before the appointment, Srinivasan was holding the appointment of Commandant, College of Military Engineering, Pune.

Mr Srinivasan is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in 1987.

The BRO was raised on May 7, 1960 with an aim to secure India's borders by developing infrastructure in remote areas of the north and northeastern states.

Since its raising, the BRO has constructed and dedicated to the nation more than 63,000 km of roads, 976 bridges, six tunnels and 21 airfields.

In the last one year, it has completed a record 193 projects, at a cost of Rs 5,400 crore, across eight border states and three Union Territories.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** - Saugata Gupta
- **Vice Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** - Partha Sinha
- **As Member of UPSC** - Dinesh Dasa
- **Chairman of Media Research Users Council India** - Shailesh Gupta
- **Vice Chairman of Media Research Users Council India** - Shashank Srivastava

**35. Nitin Gupta has been reappointed as chairman of which of the following?**

**नितिन गुप्ता को निम्नलिखित में से किसके अध्यक्ष के रूप में पुनः नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) CBDT / सीबीडीटी
- (b) Niti Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (c) Finance Commission / वित्त आयोग
- (d) GST Council / जीएसटी परिषद
- (e) PMO Office / पीएमओ कार्यालय

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Govt extends tenure of CBDT Chairman Nitin Gupta

The Union government has extended the tenure of Nitin Gupta, the incumbent chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), till 30 June 2024.

The nine-month extension for Gupta came on the day when he was scheduled to retire and demit office.

Gupta, a 1986-batch IRS officer of the Income-tax department, was appointed CBDT head in June last year.

The CBDT is the apex policy-making body for the Income-tax department. It is headed by a chairman and can have six members who are in the rank of special secretary.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **President of Intel India** - Gokul Subramaniam (replace Nivruti Rai)
- **Chairman of Tata Advanced Systems** - Banmali Agarwal
- **Secretary of Dept. of Biotechnology** - Rajesh S Gokhale
- **Advisor to PM Modi** - Amit Khare (reappointment)
- **CEO of Penguin Random House** - Nihar Malviya (replace Marcus Dohle)

**36. KN Madhusudanan has been appointed part-time chairman of which bank?**

**आईएन मधुसूदनन को किस बैंक का अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Dhanalakshmi Bank / धनलक्ष्मी बैंक
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** RBI appointed KN Madhusudanan as part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank

KN Madhusudanan has been appointed part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after a vacancy of 21 months.

This comes after a period of 21 months during which the company was without a chairman, following the resignation of G Subramonia Iyer in December 2021 for personal reasons.

Prior to this role, KN Madhusudanan served as an independent director on the board of the bank with effect from November 9, 2022.

#### **About Dhanlaxmi Bank**

- Established - 14 November 1927
- Headquarters - Thrissur
- CEO & MD - J. Of. Shivan

#### **Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Country head of Wholesale Banking at Yes Bank** - Manish Jain (replace Ravi Thota)
- **Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer at Yes Bank** - Pankaj Sharma
- **Deputy Governor of RBI** - M. Rajeshwar Rao (reappointment for 1 year)
- **MD and CEO ICICI Lombard** - Sanjeev Mantri (replace Bhargav Dasgupta)
- **Vice-president for Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Market Solutions** - Bhargav Dasgupta

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

**साउथ इंडियन बैंक के नए एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) PR Seshadri / पीआर शेषाद्रि
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PR Seshadri appointed as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank

South Indian Bank has appointed P R Seshadri as its MD & CEO effective from October 1.

He has succeeded Murali Ramakrishnan who served a successful tenure from October 1, 2020, till September 30, 2023.

With nearly 25 years of banking experience spanning domestic and international markets, Seshadri has held senior leadership positions at various institutions, including Karur Vysya Bank Limited and Citigroup.

Prior to joining SIB, Seshadri was associated with the Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) in a similar role.

**About South Indian Bank**

- Founded - 1929
- Headquarters - Thrissur, Kerala
- Chairman - Salim Gangadharan
- MD & CEO - PR Seshadri
- Tagline - Experience Next Generation Banking.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Vice-president for Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Market Solutions** - Bhargav Dasgupta
- **MD and CEO of HDFC Bank** - Sashidhar Jagdishan (reappointment for 3 year)
- **Chairman of Mastercard India**- Rajnish Kumar (Former SBI Chief)
- **Statutory auditor of Paytm** - S.R. Batliboi
- **MD & CEO of ICICI Bank** - Sandeep Bakshi (reappointment for 3 year)

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

**कैटालिन कारिको और ड्रू वीसमैन को किस खोज के लिए फिजियोलॉजी नोबेल पुरस्कार 2023 से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) For the discovery concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution / विलुप्त होमिनिन और मानव विकास के जीनोम से संबंधित खोज के लिए
- (b) For the discovery of insulin vaccine against rabies / रेबीज के खिलाफ इंसुलिन वैक्सीन की खोज के लिए
- (c) For developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19 / कोविड-19 के खिलाफ प्रभावी एमआरएनए टीके विकसित करने के लिए
- (d) For their discovery of thermal and mechanical transducers / थर्मल और मैकेनिकल ट्रांसड्यूसर की खोज के लिए
- (e) For developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19 / कोविड-19 के खिलाफ प्रभावी एमडीएनए टीके विकसित करने के लिए

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Katalin Kariko & Drew Weissman awarded Nobel Prize 2023 in Medicine

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2023 has been awarded to Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications, enabling effective mRNA vaccines to develop against COVID-19

The prestigious award is given annually by the Nobel Assembly, consisting of 50 professors at the Karolinska Institutet.

It recognizes scientists who have made significant contributions to the field of medicine for the benefit of humankind.

So far, 113 Nobel Prizes in Physiology or Medicine have been awarded since 1901, of which 12 have been given to women.

The youngest medicine laureate ever is Frederick G. Banting, who received the 1923 Medicine Prize for the discovery of insulin at the age of 32.

Last year the Nobel Prize for Physiology was awarded to Swedish geneticist Svante Paabo.

Paabo, who directs the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, was recognized for his groundbreaking work in extracting and analyzing DNA from ancient bones, particularly those of Neanderthals.

Since its inception in 1901, the Nobel Prize has been awarded to scientists who have made the most important discoveries for the benefit of humankind.

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

**ICC क्रिकेट विश्व कप 2023 के शुभंकर का नाम क्या है?**

- (a) La'eeb and Blaze
- (b) Chenchen and Lianlian
- (c) Blaze and Tonk
- (d) Tazuni and Tonk
- (e) Lianlian and Blaze

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** ICC announces official mascots for Cricket World Cup 2023

ICC After fans around the globe participated in voting, the names of the two official ICC mascots have been revealed, ahead of the 2023 Cricket World Cup in India. The ICC has announced that 'Blaze' and 'Tonk' have been unanimously chosen as the names of the mascot duo. The two mascots will be seen in World Cup matches around all the venues, engaging and interacting with fans in attendance and adding to the excitement of the showpiece event. The duo was unveiled back in August and fans from around the globe were asked to help name them, with Blaze and Tonk emerging as the winners.

'Blaze' is a female mascot, bowling at rapid pace, leaving batters in sheer awe. She is adorned with a belt carrying six power cricket orbs, each meticulously prepared for various game-changing tactics.

'Tonk' is a male mascot, with icy-cool composure, making him a batting champion. Tonk has an electromagnetic bat and versatile shot repertoire, lighting up the grandest stage. The Cricket World Cup in India, starts from October 5 with a heavyweight clash between England and New Zealand in Ahmedabad. The matches will be played across 10 venues and will conclude on November 19, culminating in the final clash at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

**About International Cricket Council (ICC)**

- **Formation** - 15 June 1909
- **Headquarters** - Dubai, UAE
- **Chairman** - Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
- **Deputy Chairman** - Imran Khwaja (Singapore)
- **CEO** - Geoff Allardice (Australia)
- **General Manager** – Wasim Khan
- **Membership** - 108 members



**40. Which of the following members was NOT a part of the men's 50m Rifle 3P team event that secured gold in the 19th Asian Games?**

**निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सदस्य 19वें एशियाई खेलों में स्वर्ण पदक हासिल करने वाली पुरुषों की 50 मीटर राइफल 3पी टीम स्पर्धा का हिस्सा नहीं था?**

- (i) Akhil Sheoran / अखिल श्योराण
  - (ii) Swapnil Kusale / स्वप्निल कुसाले
  - (iii) Shiva Narwal / शिव नरवाल
  - (iv) Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar / ऐश्वर्य प्रताप सिंह तोमर
- (a) Only i  
(b) Only ii  
(c) Only iii  
(d) Only iv  
(e) All of above

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India bagged gold medal by Men's Team in 50m Rifle 3P event

Shooters Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Kusale, and Akhil Sheoran clinched gold in the men's 50m rifle 3P team event in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.

With a score of 1769 points, Team India secured the gold.

The silver medal was won by 1763 points and the bronze medal went to South Korea with 1748 points. With their score, India also broke the world record of 1761 points held by USA since last year.

While, the women's Team of Divya Thadigol, Esha Singh, and Palak won the Silver Medal in the 10m Air Pistol Women's team event.

Anush Agarwala won the Bronze Medal in the Equestrian Dressage Individual event at the Asian Games.

**41. India has won a gold medal in men's squash team event after beating which country at the Asian Games 2023?**

**एशियाई खेल 2023 में किस देश को हराकर भारत ने पुरुषों की स्क्वैश टीम स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?**

- (a) China / चीन
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India beats Pakistan to bag gold medal in men's squash team event

India has won a gold medal in men's squash team event after beating Pakistan 2-1 at the Asian Games.

In a tightly contested match, the team led by Abhav Singh outperformed their rivals in the final round. The best-of-three tie started with Mahesh M losing to Nasir Iqbal in straight games – 8-11, 3-11, 2-11.

Saurav Ghosal, however, pulled the contest square with his 11-5, 11-1, 11-3 victory over Muhammad Asim. The decider between Abhav Singh and Noor Zaman stretched the full distance but the Indian eventually prevailed 11-7, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10.

This was India's second-ever gold medal in squash at the Asian Games. The previous one was also won by the men's team – at Incheon 2014.

**42. India's Murali Sreeshankar has won the silver medal in the men's long jump event at the Hangzhou Asian Games with a best jump of how many meters?**

**भारत के मुरली श्रीशंकर ने हांगजो एशियाई खेलों में पुरुषों की लंबी कूद स्पर्धा में कितने मीटर की सर्वश्रेष्ठ छलांग के साथ रजत पदक जीता है?**

- (a) 5.22 meters
- (b) 8.22 meters
- (c) 7.19 meters
- (d) 8.19 meters
- (e) 9.22 meters

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Murali Sreeshankar wins silver medal in men's long jump at Asian Games 2023

India's Murali Sreeshankar won a silver medal in the men's long jump event at the Hangzhou Asian Games with a best jump of 8.19 meters.

Wang Jianan of China won the gold medal with a jump of 8.22 meters.

Murali Sreeshankar's personal and season's best jump is 8.41 meters, which ranks him fourth globally and second among Asian athletes.

Jesswin Aldrin remains the season leader among Asian athletes and is ranked third in the world.

Another Indian athlete Jesswin Aldrin finished eighth in the same event with a best jump of 7.76 meters.

**43. The women's team of Sanjana Bathula, Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu and Aarathy Kasturi Raj have won the bronze medal in which sport event at the Asian Games 2023?**

**संजना बथुला, कार्तिका जगदीश्वरन, हीरल साधु और आरती कस्तूरी राज की महिला टीम ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में किस खेल प्रतियोगिता में कांस्य पदक जीता है?**

- (a) Wushu / वुशु
- (b) Roller skating / रोलर स्केटिंग
- (c) Squash / स्कैश
- (d) Cycling / साइकिल चलाना
- (e) High Jump/ ऊंची कूद

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Indian men's, women's teams bag bronze in roller skating

Indian roller skaters clinched two bronze medals in men's and women's 3000m team relay events to match their best ever performance at the Asian Games 2023.

The women's team of Sanjana Bathula, Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu and Aarathy Kasturi Raj opened India's account on the ninth day of competitions, finishing with a timing of 4:34.861s.

The Indian quartet finished behind gold medallists Chinese Taipei (4:19.447) and South Korea (4:21.146).

Aryanpal Singh Ghuman, Anandkumar Velkumar, Siddhant Kamble and Vikram Ingale then sealed a second bronze with a timing of 4:10.128 in men's team relay.

Chinese Taipei (4:05.692) and South Korea (4:05.702) took the top-two spots.

Indian roller skaters had won two bronze medals at the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games in men's free skating and pairs skating events.

**44. World Nature Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व प्रकृति दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 1 October / 1 अक्टूबर
- (b) 2 October / 2 अक्टूबर
- (c) 3 October / 3 अक्टूबर
- (d) 4 October / 4 अक्टूबर
- (e) 5 October / 5 अक्टूबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 3 October - World Nature Day

World Nature Day is observed every year on 3 October.

Objective - To raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change.

It is established by the World Nature Organization (WNO) on 3 October 2010.

WNO serves as a crucial platform This annual celebration unites individuals, groups, and organizations worldwide in their commitment to spreading information about climate change and advocating for its mitigation.

In this article, we delve into the significance, celebration, and key facts about World Nature Day, highlighting its vital role in addressing the environmental issues that affect us all.

**45. In October 2023, Which Union territory has achieved 100% villages ODF plus status?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, किस केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने 100% गांवों को ODF प्लस का दर्जा हासिल कर लिया है?**

- (a) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (b) Chandigarh / चंडीगढ़
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (d) Ladakh / लद्दाख
- (e) Puducherry / पुदुचेरी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PM Modi lauds J&K for achieving 100% villages ODF plus status

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded Jammu and Kashmir for achieving 100 percent villages Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus status in the Model category under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) phase-2.

This is a monumental step in the journey towards a cleaner and healthier India.

The Union Territory has attained new heights in development and growth after the abrogation of Article 370. The schemes implemented by the Central Government are now being seamlessly extended to the nook and corners of Jammu and Kashmir.

**46. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than 26 thousand crore rupees in which state recently?**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में किस राज्य में 26 हजार करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की विकास परियोजनाओं की आधारशिला रखी है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM Modi launched 27 thousand crore rupee development projects

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than 26 thousand crore rupees in Jagdalpur, the divisional headquarters of tribal Bastar division in Chhattisgarh. Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the NMDC's greenfield Steel Plant established at Nagarnar in Bastar. Built at a cost of about 24 thousand crores rupees, the integrated steel plant will produce high-quality steel. This plant and its ancillary industries will generate employment opportunities for thousands of people.

Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the upgradation of Jagdalpur Railway Station and also dedicated to the nation the new rail line between Antagarh and Taroki and the double rail line project between Jagdalpur and Dantewada.

The PM also flagged off the train service between Taroki and Raipur. These projects will improve rail connectivity in this tribal area and give impetus to the economic development of the area.

Besides, the Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the new road built between Kunkuri and Chhattisgarh-Jharkhand border on National Highway-45.

#### **About Chhattisgarh**

- **Capital** – Raipur
- **Chief Minister** – Bhupesh Baghel
- **Governor** – Biswabhusan Harichandan

#### **PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi has launched a week-long program called "**Sankalp Saptah**" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi.
- PM inaugurated '**International Lawyers' Conference 2023**' in New Delhi
- PM Modi laid foundation stone for **Lord Shiva-themed Stadium** in Varanasi, UP
- PM Modi laid foundation of **Sant Ravidas temple** in Madhya Pradesh
- PM Modi launched '**Bhartiya Vastra Evam Shilp Kosh**' E-Portal

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

किस राइड-हेलिंग प्लेटफॉर्म ने भारत में टिकाऊ गतिशीलता को अपनाने में तेजी लाने के लिए एक गतिशील पहल 'सस्टेनोवेट स्टार्टअप चैलेंज' लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Ola / ओला
- (b) Uber / उबेर
- (c) Rapido / रैपिडो
- (d) Bolt /बोल्ट
- (e) DoorDash / डोरडैश

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Uber launches 'Uber Sustainovate' Startup Challenge'

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

In partnership with Startup India and NASSCOM AI, this competition seeks to reward startups with groundbreaking concepts that can accelerate the transition to sustainable transportation within the nation.

The competition, in partnership with Startup India and Nasscom AI, is designed to award startups that produce the best workable ideas to help accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility in the country.

The winning startup would be awarded a grant of \$120,000 (approximately Rs 1 crore), and the top 3 entries would be awarded mentorship sessions with the tech leadership of Uber in India in order to help them sharpen their skills and competencies.



**48. The World Bank has decided to maintain its growth forecast for India in the fiscal year 2023-24 at what percent?**

**विश्व बैंक ने वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 में भारत के लिए अपने विकास पूर्वानुमान को कितने प्रतिशत पर बनाए रखने का निर्णय लिया है**

- (a) 6.1%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 6.5%

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** World Bank retains India's FY24 GDP growth at 6.3% amidst challenges

The World Bank has decided to maintain its growth forecast for India in the fiscal year 2023-24 at 6.3 percent.

This decision comes as India continues to exhibit strong economic growth despite facing substantial external challenges. The bank had earlier lowered its growth forecast for India in April.

The World Bank highlighted India's remarkable resilience within a demanding global environment.

India's economic resilience is underpinned by key factors, including strong domestic demand, significant public infrastructure investments, and a strengthening financial sector.

Notably, bank credit growth has surged to 15.8% in the first quarter of FY23/24, indicating a healthy financial environment.

**Updated GDP List**

- Economic Survey –7% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
- World Bank – 6.9% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.4% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- Moody– 6.8% (FY23), 6.1% (FY24), 6.3% (FY25)
- NACER – 7.4% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
- S&P – 6% (FY24), 6.9% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26), 7% (FY27)
- ICRA – 6.9% (FY23), 6% (FY24)
- ADB – 7% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.7% (FY25)
- RBI – 6.8% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
- India Ratings – 6.9% (FY23), 5.9% (FY24)
- Fitch Rating – 7.2% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.7% (FY25)
- HSBC Bank – 5.8% (FY24)
- OECD – 7.2% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6%(FY25)
- CRISIL - 7% (FY23), 6% (FY24)
- UN – 6.6% (FY22), 5.8% (FY23), 6.7% (FY24)
- NSO – 7% (FY23)
- UBS – 6.9% (FY23), 5.9% (FY23)
- SBI – 7.1% (FY23) 6.2% - 6.3% (FY24)
- Morgan Stanley - 7% (FY23), 6.4%(FY24)
- Nomura – 5.9% (FY24)
- UNTCAD – 6% (FY23)
- CII – 7.2% (FY23), 6.5 – 6.7% (FY 24)
- Care Ratings –7% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.4% (FY24)
- Barclays – 6.3 % (FY24)
- BofA Global Research – 6.3% (FY24)



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

**किस बैंक ने 'डोरस्टेप गोल्ड लोन' सुविधा शुरू करने के लिए साहीबन्धु के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) Punjab & Sind Bank / पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Karnataka Bank launches "Doorstep Gold loan facility" with SahiBandhu

Karnataka Bank has partnered with SahiBandhu, an aggregator platform for gold loans backed by the Manipal Group, to launch a 'doorstep gold loan' facility named 'KBL-Swarna Bandhu'.

The bank will be able to provide gold loan services at the customer's doorstep through this product. Initially, the product will be available to customers in select centres of the bank and will be gradually rolled out to all branches

SahiBandhu will act as a corporate business correspondent and a lending service provider.

The collaboration with SahiBandhu aligns with extant guidelines on digital lending and will also help in improving the gold loan portfolio of the bank.

#### **Recent MoU in Banking Sector**

- REC signs MoU with PNB to co-finance infrastructure projects
- Kotak Mutual Fund launches investor education program in partnership with CBSE
- SIDBI signed MoU with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector.
- UP New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) signed MoU SIDBI to promote green project
- SIDBI signs with Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost fintech sector

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

**पियरे एगोस्टिनी, फेरेंक क्रॉसज़ और ऐनी एल'हुइलियर को भौतिकी में 2023 नोबेल पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है। उन्हें यह नोबेल पुरस्कार किस प्रयोग के लिए मिला है?**

- (a) for ground breaking inventions in the field of laser physics / लेज़र भौतिकी के क्षेत्र में अभूतपूर्व आविष्कारों के लिए
- (b) for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electrodynamics in matter / प्रायोगिक तरीकों के लिए जो पदार्थ में इलेक्ट्रोडायनामिक्स के अध्ययन के लिए प्रकाश के एटोसेकंड पल्स उत्पन्न करते हैं
- (c) for using topological concepts in theoretical condensed matter physics / सैद्धांतिक संघनित पदार्थ भौतिकी में टोपोलॉजिकल अवधारणाओं का उपयोग करने के लिए
- (d) for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems / जटिल भौतिक प्रणालियों की हमारी समझ में अभूतपूर्व योगदान के लिए
- (e) for the discovery that black hole formation / ब्लैक होल के निर्माण की खोज के लिए

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Agostini, Krausz and L'Huillier awarded for Nobel Prize in Physics 2023

The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier "for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electro dynamics in matter".

Nobel Prize in Physics 2023 has announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science.

The three Nobel Laureates in Physics 2023 are being recognised for their experiments, which have given humanity new tools for exploring the world of electrons inside atoms and molecules.

Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L'Huillier have demonstrated a way to create extremely short pulses of light that can be used to measure the rapid processes in which electrons move or change energy.

Their experiments granted the Laureates to observe extremely brief events that transpire in a few tenths of attoseconds—a quintillionth (10–18) of a second. An attosecond is so short that there are as many in one second as there have been seconds since the birth of the universe.

Last year, The Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger for their work on quantum mechanics, the academy announced the winners on October 4, 2022.

The award was given for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities, and pioneering quantum information science.

The prizes carry a cash award of 11 million Swedish kronor (\$1 million) drawn from a bequest left by the prize's creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, who died in 1896. The prize money was raised by 1 million kronor this year because of the plunging value of the Swedish currency.

**51. Which country has recently unveiled its first domestically developed submarine?**

**हाल ही में किस देश ने अपनी पहली घरेलू विकसित पनडुब्बी का अनावरण किया है?**

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) Taiwan / ताइवान

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Taiwan reveals first domestically made submarine in defense milestone

Taiwan unveiled its first domestically developed submarine, a major step in a project aimed at strengthening the island's defence and deterrence against the Chinese navy, though it won't enter service for another two years.

Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, has made the indigenous submarine programme a key part of an ambitious project to modernize its armed forces as Beijing stages almost daily military exercises to assert its sovereignty.

President Tsai Ing-wen, who initiated the plan when she took office in 2016, showed off the first of eight new submarines in the southern city of Kaohsiung.

Taiwan hopes to deploy at least two such domestically developed submarines by 2027, and possibly equip later models with missiles.

The first submarine, with a price tag of T\$49.36 billion (\$1.53 billion), will use a combat system by Lockheed Martin Corp (LMTN) and carry US-made Mark 48 heavyweight torpedoes. It will enter sea trials next month before delivery to the navy by the end of 2024.

**52. Which edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) has concluded in Singapore?**

**सिंगापुर-भारत समुद्री द्विपक्षीय अभ्यास (SIMBEX) का कौन सा संस्करण सिंगापुर में संपन्न हुआ?**

- (a) 20th
- (b) 30th
- (c) 31st
- (d) 34th
- (e) 16th

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 30th edition of SIMBEX Exercise successfully concludes in Singapore

The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) has successfully concluded in Singapore.

Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay, Kavaratti, submarine Sindhukesari, and a long-range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I participated in the exercise.

The exercise was started on 21st September, Combined aviation, firefighting, and damage control exercises were conducted during the period.

The exercise witnessed the signing of a Joint Standard Operating Procedure on Submarine Rescue between India and Singapore in the presence of the High Commissioner of India to Singapore and the Singapore Navy Fleet Commander.

During this period, units of Indian Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft Fokker F-50 and fighter aircraft engaged in complex maritime security exercises including advanced anti-submarine warfare, surface, and air defence exercises, as well as tactical manoeuvres and weapon firings

**Recent Exercise**

- **21st edition of Varuna 2023** between Indian Navy and French Navy - Arabian Sea
- **5th edition of AUSINDEX-23** between Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy - Sydney, Australia,
- **Exercise Bright Star-23** among US, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Qatar & India- Cairo Air Base, Egypt
- **Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2023** between Indian Navy & Royal Saudi Navy - Red Sea, Saudi Arabia (INS Chennai participated)
- **27th edition of Malabar Multilateral Exercise** - Sydney, Australia

**53. Tajinderpal Singh Toor has won gold in the Hangzhou Asian Games. He is related to which sport?**

**तजिंदरपाल सिंह तूर ने हांगजो एशियाई खेलों में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Boxing / बॉक्सिंग

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Tajinderpal Singh Toor wins Gold in Shotput

India's Tajinderpal Singh Toor has won gold in men's shot put at the Hangzhou Asian Games. Toor won India its second track and field gold in the event.

Toor (2018 Jakarta, 2023 Hangzhou) became the fourth Indian shot putter to defend his Asian Games after Parduman Singh Brar (1954 and 1958), Joginder Singh (1966 and 1970) and Bahadur Singh Chouhan (1978 and 1982).

Toor got started with a monster first throw which landed around the 20m mark, but it deemed a no-throw. His second throw was also ruled out. Toor managed his first legal throw in his third attempt, registering 19.51m, by which time Saudi Arabia's Mohamed Daouda Tolo was leading the field with a best throw of 19.93m.

Toor then threw a massive 20.06 in his fourth attempt to get into gold medal position, but Tolo reclaimed the lead, with a 20.18m throw. While Toor defaulted in his fifth throw, he saved his best throw for last with a massive 20.36m throw in his sixth attempt.

Saudi's Tolo couldn't overhaul the Indian's best and had to settle for silver.

Indians have won men's shot put gold nine times in the earlier 18 editions of the Asian Games.

**54. India's Aditi Ashok has created history by clinching a first-ever medal in the women's individual event at the 19th Asian Games. She is related to which sport?**

भारत की अदिति अशोक ने 19वें एशियाई खेलों में महिलाओं की व्यक्तिगत स्पर्धा में पहला पदक जीतकर इतिहास रच दिया है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Golf / गोल्फ
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Tennis / टेनिस
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Badminton / बैडमिंटन

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Aditi Ashok clinches historic silver in individual Golf event

India's star golfer Aditi Ashok has created history by clinching a first-ever medal in the women's individual event at the 19th Asian Games.

Aditi won a silver medal with -17 at Par. Indian women's golfers had never won a medal in Asian Games before

India has only two individual gold medals in golf by Lakshman Singh (1982) and Shiv Kapur (2002). India's most recent golf medal came in 2010, at the Guangzhou Asian Games in China

Thailand's Arpichaya Yubol bagged gold with -19 at Par. South Korea's Hyunjo Yoo secured a bronze medal in the women's individual event with -16 at Par.

On the other hand, the Indian women's team finished fourth in golf with -22 at Par. In the women's team, Thailand won the gold, Korea bagged the silver and China secured the bronze.

**55. Which of the following members was NOT a part of the men's Trap event team that secured gold in the 19th Asian Games?**

**निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सदस्य 19वें एशियाई खेलों में स्वर्ण पदक हासिल करने वाली पुरुष ट्रैप इवेंट टीम का हिस्सा नहीं था?**

- (i) Kynan Chenai / किनान चेनाई
  - (ii) Swapnil Kusale / स्वप्निल कुसाले
  - (iii) Prithviraj Tondaiman / पृथ्वीराज टोंडिमन
  - (iv) Zoravar Singh Sandhu / जोरावर सिंह संधू
- (a) Only i  
(b) Only ii  
(c) Only iii  
(d) Only iv  
(e) All of above

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India win gold in Trap men's team event

The Indian men's team comprising of Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Tondaiman has claimed gold in the Trap event.

The Indian trio secured 361 points in total as compared to Kuwait's 352 and China's 346.

This was India's 21st medal in shooting at the Asian Games 2023.

India was able to fend off competition from Kuwait and China to secure the top spot on the podium to take the tally in shooting to 21 medals with 7 gold, 9 silver, and 5 bronze.



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

**भारत के अविनाश साबले ने हांगजो एशियाई खेलों में पुरुषों की स्टीपलचेज़ की किस श्रेणी में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?**

- (a) 2000m
- (b) 3000m
- (c) 5000m
- (d) 10000m
- (e) 1000m

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Avinash Sable wins gold in men's 3000m steeplechase

India's Avinash Sable has won the gold medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games.

He took top honours with a timing of 8:19:50s, breaking the Games record along the way.

Sable's medal is India's 12th gold at this edition of the Asian Games and the first track and field gold in Hangzhou.

Sable, a 2022 Commonwealth Games silver medallist, holds the national record of 8 minutes 11.20 seconds. His season's best time is 8:11.63, placing him in second position among Asians behind Miura Ryuji (SB: 8:09.91) of Japan.

In Hangzhou, besides the 3000m steeplechase, his pet event, Sable will also compete in the 5000m race.

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

**हॉंगजो में महिलाओं की 200 मीटर फ़ाइनल में लगभग 50 वर्षों में सिंगापुर का पहला एशियाई खेलों एथलेटिक्स स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Shanti Pereira / शांति परेरा
- (b) Dipna Lim Prasad / दीपना लिम प्रसाद
- (c) Marc Brian Louis / मार्क ब्रायन लुइस
- (d) Joseph Schooling / जोसेफ स्कूलिंग
- (e) Shericka Jackson / शेरिका जैक्सन

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Indian-origin Pereira wins Singapore's 1st Athletics Asian Games Gold

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

Shanti's father Clarence Pereira is a descendant of a family based in Pala in Kottayam who migrated to Singapore. Her mother is from Singapore.

Indians have been bringing a rich medal haul in athletics at the Asian Games, but there has not been success in the sprints - the 100m and 200m races.

Shanti Pereira, therefore, was a name that stood out on the winners' list on the giant screen at the end of the 200m final. Earlier, Shanti had won a silver in the 100m final.

Swee Lee Chee was the last Singaporean to top an athletics podium, following the women's 400m in 1974, until Pereira clocked 23:03 to add a gold in 200m to her silver in the 100m.

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

**एशियाई खेल 2023 में भारत की पारुल चौधरी ने स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Golf / गोल्फ
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Tennis / टेनिस
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Steeplechase / स्टीपलचेज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Parul Chaudhary wins gold in women's 5000m race

India's Parul Chaudhary made history as she became the first woman from her country to win the 5000m race at the Asian Games 2023.

This is Chaudhary's second medal at this Asiad after her silver in the women's 3000m steeplechase race.

Chaudhary put in a remarkable effort to win the race which she was trailing until the last few metres on the track. She was behind Japan's Ririka Hironaka but overtook her in the final 10 seconds before the finish line to emerge victorious.

Chaudhary clocked a time of 15:14.75 ahead of Ririka's 15:15.34 and Kazakhstan's Caroline Chepkoech KipKirui (15:23.12).

Chaudhary's compatriot Ankit finished fifth with a time of 15:33.03.

Chaudhary and Sable are the only two Indian athletes to win gold medals in track and field events as these Games in Hangzhou, China.

Sable became the first Indian man to win the gold in the 3000m steeplechase event.

Meanwhile, India's Mohammed Afsal Pulikkalath fetched a silver in the men's 800m with a timing of 1:48.43 while Vithya Ramraj came up with a timing of 55.68s to claim a bronze medal in women's 400m hurdles.

**59. World Animal Welfare Day is observed every year which day?**

**विश्व पशु कल्याण दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 1 October / 1 अक्टूबर
- (b) 2 October / 2 अक्टूबर
- (c) 3 October / 3 अक्टूबर
- (d) 4 October / 4 अक्टूबर
- (e) 5 October / 5 अक्टूबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 4 October - World Animal Welfare Day

World Animal Welfare Day is observed every year on 4 October.

Objective - To raise awareness about the welfare standards of animals and animal rights.

Theme 2023 - Great or Small, Love Them All

Animals are an important part of the environment and the ecosystem, They support the web activity that helps the ecosystem to function. Animals are generally of two types- domestic animals and wild animals.

World Animal Day was first organized on 24 March in the year 1925 by Heinrich Zimmermann, the German Writer who lived in Berlin. More than five thousand people showed up at the event.

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

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस शहर में दिव्यांगजनों के लिए देश के पहले उच्च तकनीक खेल प्रशिक्षण केंद्र का उद्घाटन किया है**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Gwalior / ग्वालियर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center for Divyangjan, named after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

This initiative aims to provide equal opportunities in sports, enhance talent, and encourage participation in various sports disciplines.

Divyangjan from all over the country can practice and train in the Atal Bihari Training Center for Divyang Sports.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi launched **27 thousand crore rupee development projects** in Chhattisgarh
- PM Modi has launched a week-long program called "**Sankalp Saptah**" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi.
- PM inaugurated '**International Lawyers' Conference 2023**' in New Delhi
- PM Modi laid foundation stone for **Lord Shiva-themed Stadium** in Varanasi, UP
- PM Modi laid foundation of **Sant Ravidas temple** in Madhya Pradesh
- PM Modi launched '**Bhartiya Vastra Evam Shilp Kosh**' E-Portal

**61. How much crore rupees was GST collected in September 2023?**

**सितंबर 2023 में कितने करोड़ रुपये का जीएसटी संग्रह हुआ?**

- (a) 1,45,867 crore
- (b) 1,49,507 crore
- (c) 1,62,712 crore
- (d) 1,60,122 crore
- (e) 1,51,718 crore

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** GST collection hits ₹1.62 trillion in September

Central and state governments collected Rs 1,62,712 crore in goods and services tax (GST) in September, marking the fourth highest monthly collection since the inception of the indirect tax regime and a 10% annual growth from the year-ago period.

Overall, GST receipts so far this year are in line with the 10.5% nominal GDP growth rate projected by the finance ministry and reflect the trends in tax administration efficiency as well as consumption.

After the settlement of taxes on inter-state sales, the central government received ₹63,555 crore while states received ₹65,235 crore in September. Proceeds from the GST cess levied on items like high-end automobiles stood at a robust ₹11,613 crore

GST revenue receipts are in line with official estimates. Gross receipts from GST in the first half of the current fiscal improved 11% from the year-ago period to ₹9.92 trillion.

The average monthly gross collection this fiscal is ₹1.65 trillion, which is 11% more than in the year-ago period.

**GST Collection for Previous Months**

- January 2023 - 1,55,922 crore
- February 2023 – 1,49,577 crore
- March 2023 – 1,60,122 crore
- April 2023 – 1,87,035 crore
- May 2023 - 1,57,090 crore
- June 2023 - 1,61,497 crore
- July 2023 - 1,65,105 crore
- August 2023 - 1,59,069 crore
- September - 1,62,712 crore

**62. India will unveil the largest statue of \_\_\_\_\_ outside India in Maryland, North America on October 14.**

**भारत 14 अक्टूबर को उत्तरी अमेरिका के मैरीलैंड में भारत के बाहर \_\_\_\_\_ की सबसे बड़ी प्रतिमा का अनावरण करेगा।**

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi / महात्मा गांधी
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru / जवाहर लाल नेहरू
- (c) BR Ambedkar / बीआर अम्बेडकर
- (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel / सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल
- (e) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam / ए पी जे अब्दुल कलाम

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India to unveil largest BR Ambedkar statue in Maryland, USA

India will unveil the largest statue of BR Ambedkar outside India in Maryland, North America on October 14.

According to the Ambedkar International Center (AIC) who is the organizer of the project informed that the 19-foot statue, named Statue of Equality has been made by renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar.

He also constructed the Sardar Patel statue in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The statue of Ambedkar, the key architect of India's Constitution built on 13 acres of land in Accokeek City Maryland.

The 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti in India on April 14, 2023.

Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was an Indian jurist, economist, and social reformer.

**63. Which country has recently launched its latest remote-sensing satellite "Yaogan-33 04" into space?**

**हाल ही में किस देश ने अपना नवीनतम रिमोट-सेंसिंग उपग्रह "याओगन-33 04" अंतरिक्ष में लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) North Korea / उत्तर कोरिया
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Russia / रूस
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** China launches Yaogan-33 04 new remote-sensing satellite

China sent its latest remote-sensing satellite into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.

The satellite, Yaogan-33 04, was launched on a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has entered its planned orbit successfully.

Objective - To be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimates, and disaster prevention and relief work.

The launch was the 489th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

**About China**

- **Capital** – Beijing
- **Currency** – Yuan
- **President** - Xi Jinping



**64. India and which country began a two-week military exercise SAMPRITI-XI in Meghalaya's Umroi with an aim to share tactical drills and promote best practices in carrying out sub-conventional operations?**

भारत और किस देश ने सामरिक अभ्यास साझा करने और उप-पारंपरिक संचालन में सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से मेघालय के उमरोई में दो सप्ताह का सैन्य अभ्यास SAMPRITI-XI शुरू किया है?

- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Indo-Bangla joint exercise SAMPRITI-XI begins in Umroi, Meghalaya

India and Bangladesh began a two-week military exercise in Meghalaya's Umroi with an aim to share tactical drills and promote best practices in carrying out sub-conventional operations.

The exercise -- "SAMPRITI-XI" -- promises to further enhance the defence cooperation between India and Bangladesh, fostering deeper bilateral relations, cultural understanding and mutual benefits from shared experiences.

With its inception in Jorhat, Assam in 2009, the exercise has witnessed 10 successful editions till 2022.

**Recent Exercise**

- **30th edition of SIMBEX** between Indian Navy and Singapore Navy - South China Sea.
- **21st edition of Varuna 2023** between Indian Navy and French Navy - Arabian Sea
- **5th edition of AUSINDEX-23** between Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy - Sydney, Australia,
- **Exercise Bright Star-23** among US, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Qatar & India- Cairo Air Base, Egypt
- **Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2023** between Indian Navy & Royal Saudi Navy - Red Sea, Saudi Arabia (INS Chennai participated)

**65. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS)?**

**नौसेना स्टाफ (DCNS) के उप प्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Tarun Sobti / तरूण सोबती
- (c) M A Ganapathy / एम ए गणपति
- (d) Pankaj Kumar Singh / पंकज कुमार सिंह
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जायसवाल

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti takes charge as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti has assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS).

He replaces Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahendru, who retired on September 30, 2023, after 38 years of service.

Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti has served in the Indian Navy since July 1988 with expertise in Navigation and Direction.

In his career spanning 35 years, he has held various command and staff positions both at sea and ashore.

Notable commands include INS Nishank (missile boat), INS Kora (missile corvette), and INS Kolkata (guided missile destroyer).

**Recent Appointment in Defence Sector**

- **Interim director of Enforcement Directorate (ED)** - Rahul Navin (replace Sanjay Kumar Mishra.)
- **DG of Railway Protection Force** - Manoj Yadava (replace Sanjay Chander)
- **DG of Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** - Rakesh Pal (25th)
- **Special Director of CBI** - Ajay Bhatnagar
- **Additional Director of CBI** - Anurag
- **Chief of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)** - Ravi Sinha (replace Samant Kumar Goel)

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

**भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण (यूआईडीएआई) के सीईओ के रूप में किसे पुनः नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Amit Agrawal / अमित अग्रवाल
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury / नीरज अखौरी
- (c) Parth Jindal / पार्थ जिंदल
- (d) Harshvardhan Bansal / हर्षवर्द्धन बंसल
- (e) Anant Maheshwari / अनंत माहेश्वरी

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Centre extends Amit Agrawal's tenure as CEO of UIDAI for one year

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension of Amit Agrawal's tenure as the CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

The extension is for a period of one year starting 2 November 2023 up to 2 November 2024 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

He was appointed to the position on June 19, following the retirement of Saurabh Garg.

Agrawal is a 1993 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Agrawal assumed charge as the new CEO of the UIDAI in June this year.

Agrawal has held a number of important positions in the government, including secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. He is also the current Chairman of the National Digital Communications Policy Committee

The ACC also approved the appointment of Reeta Vasishta, secretary in the legislative department of law ministry, as incharge of the central agency section of the law ministry, by temporarily upgrading the post to secretary to the Indian government, from October 2, 2023 till the date of her superannuation, i.e. July 31, 2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

**Recent Appointment**

- **DG of Border Roads Organization (BRO)** - Raghu Srinivasan (28th) (replace Rajeev Chaudhry)
- **Chairman of Press Trust of India Board** - K.N. Shanth Kumar (replace Aveek Sarkar)
- **Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** - Saugata Gupta
- **Vice Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** - Partha Sinha
- **As Member of UPSC** - Dinesh Dasa

**67. Who will be awarded the Sastra Ramanujan Prize 2023 for his outstanding contributions in mathematics?**

**गणित में उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए शास्त्र रामानुजन पुरस्कार 2023 से किसे सम्मानित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) Ruixiang Zhang / रुइक्सियांग झांग
- (b) Manjul Bhargava / मंजुल भार्गव
- (c) Raman Parimala / रमण परिमाला
- (d) Mangala Narlikar / मंगला नार्लीकर
- (e) Manindra Agrawal / मनिन्द्र अग्रवाल

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang to receive 2023 Sastra Ramanujan Prize

Assistant Professor of the University of California, Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley (USA) will be awarded with the 2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for his outstanding contributions in mathematics.

The annual cash prize of USD 10,000 will be given at an international conference in Number Theory during December 20 and December 22 at SASTRA University in Kumbakonam.

In keeping with the legacy of Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose groundbreaking work was accomplished during his tragically brief life of 32 years, the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize maintains an age limit of 32 years for its recipients.

This age restriction pays tribute to the extraordinary achievements of Ramanujan.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023** - Waheeda Rehman
- **Great Place To Work** Certified in India from Sept 2023 to Sept 2024 period - SBI General Insurance
- **Best Trading Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Paltform
- **Most Trusted Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Paltform
- **Singapore Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship** - Himanta Biswa Sarma

**68. Mounji G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, and Alexei I. Ekimov have been awarded the Nobel Prize 2023 in the field of Chemistry for which experiment?**

**मौंजी जी. बावेन्डी, लुईस ई. ब्रूस और एलेक्सी आई. एकिमोव को किस प्रयोग के लिए रसायन विज्ञान के क्षेत्र में नोबेल पुरस्कार 2023 से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) for the development of lithium-ion batteries / लिथियम-आयन बैटरी के विकास के लिए
- (b) for the development of a method for genome editing / जीनोम संपादन के लिए एक विधि के विकास के लिए
- (c) for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis / असममित ऑर्गेनोकैटलिसिस के विकास के लिए
- (d) for the development of click chemistry and bioorthogonal chemistry / क्लिक केमिस्ट्री और बायोऑर्थोगोनल केमिस्ट्री के विकास के लिए
- (e) for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots / क्वांटम डॉट्स की खोज और संश्लेषण के लिए

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bawendi, Brus, and Ekimov awarded Chemistry Nobel Prize 2023

The 2023 Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded to Mounji G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, and Alexei I. Ekimov for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots.

These nanoparticles have wide-ranging applications across fields like electronics, advanced surgery, and quantum computing.

These smallest components of nanotechnology now spread their light from televisions and LED lamps, and can also guide surgeons when they remove tumour tissue, among many other things.

**What are quantum dots?**

- Quantum dots are particles that are a few nanometres wide. They exhibit unique optical properties due to their small physical size. Their structure and atomic composition are the same as bulk materials, but the properties of the latter don't depend on their size.
- In fact, the properties of quantum dots can be changed by changing their size.
- At the scale of nanometres, materials and particles are capable of new, size-dependent properties because quantum physical forces start to dominate. At the macroscopic scale, on the other hand, like in our day to day lives, gravity and the rules of classical physics dominate.
- By the 1970s, physicists knew that the optical properties of glass could be changed by adding a small amount of another element, like gold, silver, cadmium, sulphur, or selenium.
- They also knew how or why some of these changes could occur, but quantum dots as such hadn't been synthesized yet.

**69. India's Annu Rani has won the gold medal in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou. She is related to which sport?**

**हंगजो में एशियाई खेल 2023 में भारत की अन्नू रानी ने स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Javelin throw / भाला फेंक
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Annu Rani wins gold in women's javelin throw

India's Annu Rani has won the gold medal in the women's javelin throw with a 69.92m throw at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.

She became the first Indian woman to win a javelin gold in Asian Games history.

Sri Lanka's Nadeesha Dilhan Lekamge Hatarabage won the silver medal with 61.57 metres throw, and China's Huihui Lyu won bronze with 61.29 metres throw.

Rani started with a 56.99m throw in her first attempt and followed it with a 60+ in the next one. Her 61.28m throw in the second attempt put her in the medal contention but her 62.92m throw in the fourth attempt turned out to be sufficient for a gold. Rani's first-place finish secured India its 15th gold.

**70. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named \_\_\_\_\_ as the 'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023.**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद (ICC) ने क्रिकेट विश्व कप 2023 के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ को 'वैश्विक राजदूत' के रूप में नामित किया है।**

- (a) Ravi Shastri / रवि शास्त्री
- (b) Chetan Sharma / चेतन शर्मा
- (c) Rahul Dravid / राहुल द्रविड़
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Sachin Tendulkar / सचिन तेंदुलकर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** ICC names Sachin Tendulkar as 'Global Ambassador' for ODI World Cup

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as the 'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023.

Sachin, who has participated in a record six 50-over World Cups, will unveil the World Cup trophy before the inaugural match between England and New Zealand, thereby officially opening the tournament

The largest Cricket World Cup ever will also feature an eclectic group of ICC ambassadors, including West Indies legend Vivian Richards, South Africa's AB de Villiers, England's World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan, Australia's Aaron Finch, Sri Lanka's spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan, New Zealand's Ross Taylor, India's Suresh Raina and former captain Mithali Raj, as well as Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez

The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 commences on October 5, with defending champions England facing off against New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. A total of 48 matches will be played across 10 venues, concluding with the final on November 19 in the world's largest cricket stadium.

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

**भारतीय खिलाड़ी ज्योति सुरेखा वेन्नम और प्रवीण ओजस देवताले ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में मिश्रित टीम स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। ज्योति और प्रवीण किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotgun / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Jyothi-Ojas pair wins compound mixed team gold

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

Jyothi-Pravin defeated the South Korean pair in a close encounter by one point 159-158. This is the first gold for Archery in the ongoing Asian Games.

In addition, Indian race walkers Manju Rani and Ram Baboo also won the bronze medal in the 35km race walk mixed team event.



**72. Which of the following team has won the Irani Cup 2023?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किस टीम ने ईरानी कप 2023 जीता है?**

- (a) Rest of India
- (b) Saurashtra
- (c) Vidarbha
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Bengal

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Rest of India won the 2023 Irani Cup by 175 runs

Rest of India has won the Irani Cup 2023 by defeating Saurashtra by 175 runs. This was Rest of India's 30th Irani Cup title.

The match took place at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, Gujarat.

The Irani Cup marks the beginning of the Indian domestic cricket season.

Hanuma Vihari led Rest of India, while Jaydev Unadkat captained Saurashtra.

About Irani Cup

It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). This is a four-day cricket match.

The tournament was started in the 1969–70 season in honor of the late BCCI treasurer Zal Irani.

**73. Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra has won the Gold Medal at the Asian Games 2023 with a throw \_\_\_\_.**

**भाला फेंक खिलाड़ी नीरज चोपड़ा ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में \_\_\_\_ थ्रो के साथ स्वर्ण पदक जीता है।**

- (a) 88.68 meters.
- (b) 88.58 meters.
- (c) 86.88 meters.
- (d) 89.88 meters.
- (e) 88.88 meters.

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Neeraj Chopra wins Gold, Jena Silver at Asian Games 2023

India celebrated a remarkable 1-2 finish in the Men's Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023, held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Park Main Stadium in the People's Republic of China.

Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal, while Kishore Kumar Jena clinched the silver, showcasing their exceptional talent on the grand continental stage.

Neeraj Chopra, the reigning champion, delivered an outstanding performance by achieving a season's best throw of 88.88 meters.

This remarkable feat not only secured the gold medal for him but also marked his second consecutive gold at the Asian Games, following his victory in Jakarta 2018.

**74. World Teachers' Day is observed annually on which day?**

**विश्व शिक्षक दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 6 October / 6 अक्टूबर
- (b) 7 October / 7 अक्टूबर
- (c) 3 October / 3 अक्टूबर
- (d) 4 October / 4 अक्टूबर
- (e) 5 October / 5 अक्टूबर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 5 October - World Teachers Day

World Teachers' Day is observed annually on October 5.

The day is dedicated to create awareness about the significant role of teachers in the development of societies across the globe.

Theme 2023 - The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".

The history of World Teachers' Day dates back to the year 1994. It was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

**75. Which bank has launched a 'Mobile Handheld Device' to improve accessibility and convenience?**

**किस बैंक ने पहुंच और सुविधा में सुधार के लिए 'मोबाइल हैंडहेल्ड डिवाइस' लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** SBI launches Mobile Device for banking convenience

The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a 'Mobile Handheld Device' as part of its financial inclusion drive in a bid to improve accessibility and convenience.

The drive "aims to empower financial inclusion and extend essential banking services to the masses."

In its first stage, the gadget will offer five main banking services that account for 75 percent of transactions at CSP outlets.

This technology-driven initiative underscores SBI's commitment to deepening financial inclusion and social welfare through digitization by providing convenient and doorstep banking to our customers".

The device will specially benefit customers facing difficulties in accessing customer service outlets, such as senior citizens.

#### **Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- PhonePe launched its own app store platform **Indus Appstore**
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launched of **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs**
- Axis Bank Launched '**NEO For Business**' Ban Platform for MSMEs
- Ujjivan SFB launched **Maxima Savings Account & Business Maxima Current Account**
- ACKO Insurance introduced the '**Platinum Health Plan**'

**76. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of The Reserve Bank of India recently?**

**हाल ही में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Muneesh Kapur / मुनीश कपूर
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI appoints Muneesh Kapur as new Executive Director

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Muneesh Kapur as the Executive Director.

Prior to being promoted as ED, Shri Kapur was Adviser-in-Charge, the Monetary Policy Department and Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee.

He also served as Adviser to the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund during 2012-15.

As Executive Director, Kapur will look after the Department of Economic and Policy Research.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **MD and CEO ICICI Lombard** - Sanjeev Mantri (replace Bhargav Dasgupta)
- **Vice-president for Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Market Solutions** - Bhargav Dasgupta
- **MD and CEO of HDFC Bank** - Sashidhar Jagdishan (reappointment for 3 year)
- **Chairman of Mastercard India**- Rajnish Kumar (Former SBI Chief)
- **Statutory auditor of Paytm** - S.R. Batliboi

**77. Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)?**

**जनरल इंश्योरेंस कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (GIC Re) के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (CMD) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Pranav Haridasan / प्रणव हरिदासन
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Ramaswamy N / रामास्वामी एन
- (d) Tables Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Ramaswamy N appointed as CMD of GIC Re

Ramaswamy N has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re). This appointment follows the decision by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Ramaswamy, a veteran in the insurance industry, has diverse experience of over three decades at GIC Re.

He began his journey with GIC Re in 1988 as a direct recruit officer. Over the years, he managed a wide spectrum of non-life insurance classes, including Fire, Engineering, Miscellaneous, Motor, Liability, Aviation, Marine, and Agriculture.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **MD & CEO of South Indian Bank** - PR Seshadri
- **Part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank** - KN Madhusudanan
- **Country head of Wholesale Banking at Yes Bank** - Manish Jain (replace Ravi Thota)
- **Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer at Yes Bank** - Pankaj Sharma
- **Deputy Governor of RBI** - M. Rajeshwar Rao (reappointment for 1 year)

**78. Jon Fosse has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable. He is from which country?**

**जॉन फॉसे को उनके नवोन्मेषी नाटकों और गद्य के लिए साहित्य में 2023 के नोबेल पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है, जो अनकही को आवाज देते हैं। वह किस देश से है?**

- (a) Norway / नॉर्वे
- (b) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Norwegian author Jon Fosse wins Nobel Prize 2023 in Literature

Norwegian author Jon Fosse has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable.

The Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by the Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden. The Nobel Prize amount for 2023 is set at Swedish kronor (SEK) 11.0 million per full Nobel Prize.

Fosse is today one of the most widely performed playwrights in the world and has become increasingly recognized for his prose. Jon Fosse, born in 1959, is widely considered one of the most important writers of our time. For almost forty years he has written novels, plays, poems, stories, essays, and children's books. His award-winning work has been translated into more than fifty languages, and his plays have been staged over a thousand times all over the world.

Fosse's first novel, Raudt, svart (Red, Black), was published in 1983, but he considers a short story Han (He), published in a student newspaper in 1981, as his actual literary debut.

The Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded 115 times to 119 Nobel Prize laureates between 1901 and 2022.

The Nobel Medal in Literature was designed by Swedish sculptor and engraver Erik Lindberg and represents a young man sitting under a laurel tree who, enchanted, listens to and writes down the song of the Muse.

**79. Who has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2023?**

**2023 का नोबेल शांति पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया है?**

- (a) Reza Alijani / रेजा अलीजानी
- (b) David Attenborough / डेविड एटनबरो
- (c) Narges Mohammadi / नर्गस मोहम्मदी
- (d) Volodymyr Zelensky / वलोडिमिर ज़ेलेंस्की
- (e) Greta Thunberg / ग्रेटा थुनबर्ग

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Narges Mohammadi awarded Nobel Peace Prize 2023

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2023 to Narges Mohammadi for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.

Her brave struggle has come with tremendous personal costs. Altogether, the regime has arrested her 13 times, convicted her five times, and sentenced her to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes.

In September 2022 a young Kurdish woman, Mahsa Jina Amini, was killed while in the custody of the Iranian morality police. Her killing triggered the largest political demonstrations against Iran's theocratic regime since it came to power in 1979.

Under the slogan "Woman – Life – Freedom", hundreds of thousands of Iranians took part in peaceful protests against the authorities' brutality and oppression of women.

The regime cracked down hard on the protests: more than 500 demonstrators were killed. Thousands were injured, including many who were blinded by rubber bullets fired by the police. At least 20,000 people were arrested and held in regime custody.

The motto adopted by the demonstrators – "Woman – Life – Freedom" – suitably expresses the dedication and work of Narges Mohammadi.

To date, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate is Malala Yousafzai, who was 17 years old when awarded the 2014 Peace Prize. The oldest Nobel Peace Prize laureate to date is Joseph Rotblat, who was 87 years old when he was awarded the prize in 1995.



**80. India men's team Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu, and Prithviraj Toindaman won the gold medal at the Asian Games 2023. He is related to which sport?**

**भारत की पुरुष टीम किनान चेनाई, ज़ोरावर सिंह संधू और पृथ्वीराज टोइंडमैन ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में स्वर्ण पदक जीता। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Shooting / शूटिंग

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India win gold in Trap men's team event

Indian shooters wrapped up their historic campaign at the Asian Games 2023 with gold and silver medal in the men's and women's trap shooting team events, respectively, in Hangzhou.

Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Toindaman won the gold medal for India in the men's trap team with an Asian Games record of 361.

The women's trap team of Manisha Keer, Preeti Rajak and Rajeshwari Kumari won silver with a combined score of 337.

Medals in the trap team events at the Shotgun Ranges were awarded on the basis of cumulative scores of the shooters from each country in the qualifying round.

Kynan Chenai missed just three shots in the qualifying round and topped with 122/125.

The 46-year-old Zoravar Singh Sandhu, who was a member of the Indian men's team that won a silver medal 25 years ago in Bangkok, was second in the qualifying round with 120. Prithviraj Toindaman was 11th with 119.

**81. In which category of women's boxing in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, India's Preeti Pawar has won the bronze medal?**

**हांगजो में एशियाई खेल 2023 में महिला मुक्केबाजी की किस श्रेणी में भारत की प्रीति पवार ने कांस्य पदक जीता है?**

- (a) 45kg
- (b) 48kg
- (c) 50kg
- (d) 52kg
- (e) 54kg

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Boxer Preeti Pawar settles for bronze in 54kg Weight Category

India's Preeti Pawar won the bronze medal in the women's 54kg category in boxing at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.

She lost to China's Yuan Chang 0-5 on points in the semi-final at the Hangzhou Gymnasium.

Preeti became the second boxer to win the bronze medal after Nikhat Zareen. It's pertinent to note that Chang is the reigning Asian Games gold medallist.

She won silver and gold medals at the Khelo India Youth Games in 2020 and 2021 respectively, and a silver medal at the Youth Asian Championships in 2021. Her transition to the senior level began with a bang, earning her a bronze medal at the 2022 Asian Championships in her first event at that level.

**82. Which country has won the SAFF Under-19 Championship after defeating Pakistan 3-0 at the Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu?**

**काठमांडू के दशरथ रंगशाला स्टेडियम में पाकिस्तान को 3-0 से हराकर SAFF अंडर-19 चैम्पियनशिप किस देश ने जीती है?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Indian men's football team wins SAFF Under-19 Championship

In Football, India won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship after defeating Pakistan 3-0 in a dominating display in the finals at the Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu.

Manglenthang Kipgen and Gwngwmsar Goyary scored for India.

The first half ended goalless courtesy of an excellent defensive display by the Green Shirts but they could not keep up the same intensity throughout as India opened their account in the 64th minute. The game went in India's favour as they were up by three goals.

**83. Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee have won the bronze medal in the women's doubles in which sport at Asian Games 2023?**

**अयहिका मुखर्जी और सुतीर्था मुखर्जी ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में किस खेल में महिला युगल में कांस्य पदक जीता है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Table tennis / टेबल टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Table Tennis players won bronze medal in women's doubles tournament

Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee have won the bronze medal in the women's doubles in table tennis in the ongoing Asian Games in Hangzhou.

The Indian duo lost to the North Korean pair of Sugyong Pak and Suyong Cha 11-7, 8-11, 11-7, 8-11, 9-11, 11-5, 2-11 in the semi-final at the Gongshu Canal Sports Park Gymnasium Table 1.

Aykhika and Sutirtha fought hard for 59 minutes before going down.

**84. Athlete Shi Hailin walks 100 m on a slackline in less than two minutes and sets a world record. he is from which country?**

**एथलीट शी हैलिन ने दो मिनट से भी कम समय में स्लैकलाइन पर 100 मीटर चलकर विश्व रिकॉर्ड बनाया। वह किस देश से है?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Russias / रूस
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Athlete walks 100 m on slackline in less than two minutes, sets world record

An athlete from China broke the world record for the 'fastest 100 metres slackline walk'.

Shi Hailin accomplished this feat by walking on a slackline suspended 100 metres above the ground between two hills in only 1 minute 14.198 seconds.

With this, he surpassed the previous record of 1 minute 59.73 seconds held by Lucas Milliard of France in 2016.

The world record took place 1,600 m above sea level at the Guanyindang camp in Mount Wugong, Pingxiang. Though Hailin walked more than 222 m in total, he was timed specifically within a marked 100 m area.

**85. Indian men's hockey team has won the gold medal by defeating which country in the Asian Games 2023?**

**एशियाई खेल 2023 में भारतीय पुरुष हॉकी टीम ने किस देश को हराकर स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) North Korea / उत्तर कोरिया
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Indian men's hockey team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023

Indian men's hockey team dished out a clinical performance to reclaim the Asian Games gold medal after a nine-year wait as they thumped Japan 5-1 in the final in Hangzhou.

India sealed their place in next year's Paris Olympics courtesy of the win, claiming their fourth Asiad gold after 1966, 1998, and 2014.

Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice in the final, converting two penalty corners after Manpreet Singh had given India the lead with a bullet reverse strike in the second quarter.

India led 2-0 at half-time, and Amit Rohidas converted another penalty corner to triple India's lead.

This victory marks the Indian men's hockey team's fourth gold medal at the Asian Games, following triumphs in 1966, 1988, and 2014 editions.

**86. Arjun Singh and Sunil Sing won the bronze medal in the men's canoe double \_\_\_\_\_ event at the Asian Games 2023.**

**अर्जुन सिंह और सुनील सिंग ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में पुरुषों की कैनो डबल \_\_\_\_\_ स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता है।**

- (a) 100m
- (b) 1000m
- (c) 1500m
- (d) 2000m
- (e) 10000m

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh Salam win bronze in Asian Games 2023

India won the bronze medal in the men's canoe double 1000m event at the Asian Games.

The India duo of Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh finished third with a timing of 3:53.329.

This was India's second Asian Games medal in canoeing, following a bronze medal by Johnny Rommel and Siji Kumar Sadanandan in the same event in Hiroshima in 1994.

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan won gold and silver respectively.

**87. In which sport's mixed doubles event, Deepika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu won the gold medal by defeating the Malaysian pair 2-0 in the final?**

**किस खेल की मिश्रित युगल स्पर्धा में दीपिका पल्लीकल और हरिंदर पाल संधू ने फाइनल में मलेशियाई जोड़ी को 2-0 से हराकर स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Squash / स्कैश
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Dipika Pallikal, and Harinder Pal Sandhu clinch gold in Squash Mixed

Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu won gold medal in Mixed Doubles Squash event defeating Malaysian pair by 2-0 in the final.

Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu defeated Malaysia's Aifa Azman-Mohd Syafiq Kamal 2-0 (11-10, 11-10) in the mixed doubles final.

Aifa Azman and Mohd Syafiq Kamal, both gold medallists in team events at the Asian Games, began aggressively and didn't let the Indian pair settle.

Pallikal and Sandhu struggled with their returns as Azman-Kamal raced to a 10-8 lead.

This is the first time a squash mixed doubles tournament has featured at the Asian Games.



**88. Which of the following members was NOT a part of the men's 4x400m relay event team that won gold in the Asian Games 2023?**

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सदस्य एशियाई खेल 2023 में स्वर्ण जीतने वाली पुरुषों की 4x400 मीटर रिले इवेंट टीम का हिस्सा नहीं था?

- (i) Amoj Jacob /अमोज जैकब
  - (ii) Muhammed Anas Yahiya /मुहम्मद अनस याहिया
  - (iii) Rajesh Ramesh / राजेश रमेश
  - (iv) Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi / मुहम्मद अजमल वरियाथोडी
  - (v) Prithviraj Tondaiman / पृथ्वीराज टोंडिमन
- (a) Only i, ii, iii & iv
  - (b) Only ii, iii, iv & v
  - (c) Only iii, iv, v & i
  - (d) Only iv, v, i & ii
  - (e) Only v, i, ii & iii

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Indian team wins gold in men's 4x400m relay in Asian Games 2023

The Indian quartet won the gold medal in the men's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.

The team comprising of Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Rajesh Ramesh and Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi finished with a time of 3:01.58.

While Qatar finished second, it was the Sri Lankans who took home a bronze after finishing third.

India qualified for the finals by clocking the fastest time of 3:03.81 minutes in the heat 1 ahead of Qatar, Japan, and Ira

India also holds the Area Record in the event achieved by the same quartet at the recently concluded Athletics World Champions in Belgium.

The team clocked 2:59.05 minutes to qualify for the finals behind the eventual champion USA in that event.

**89. Indian Women's Kabaddi Team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023 after defeating which Kabaddi team?**

**भारतीय महिला कबड्डी टीम ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में किस कबड्डी टीम को हराकर स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Chinese Taipei / चीनी ताइपी
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Indian Women's Kabaddi Team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023

India achieved the magical figure of 100 medals at the ongoing Asian Games after the women's kabaddi team defeated Chinese Taipei 26-25 in a thrilling final to clinch gold in Hangzhou, China. India was held to a 34-34 draw by the same opponent in the group stage but the women in blue managed to run down the clock with a one-point lead at the end in the summit clash.

This is the women's kabaddi team's third title triumph in the continental showpiece, doing one better than its runner-up finish in the last edition of the Games in Indonesia and fulfilling the country's expectations of touching the historic three-figure mark for the first time.

India, the 2010 and 2014 champions, reclaimed the gold medal after a shock defeat against Iran in the 2018 final.

**90. India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam has won the gold medal in the women's individual compound event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. She is related to which sport?**

**भारत की ज्योति सुरेखा वेन्नम ने चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई खेलों में महिलाओं की व्यक्तिगत कंपाउंड स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Jyothi Surekha Vennam wins Gold in Women's Archery at Asian Games 2023

India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hat-trick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.

It is India's seventh medal in archery this edition.

**91. Indian grappler Sonam Malik bagged bronze in women's freestyle \_\_\_\_\_ category at the 19th Asian Games.**

**भारतीय पहलवान सोनम मलिक ने 19वें एशियाई खेलों में महिलाओं के फ्रीस्टाइल \_\_\_\_\_ वर्ग में चीन की लोंग जिया से कांस्य पदक जीता ।**

- (a) 42kg
- (b) 48kg
- (c) 50kg
- (d) 52kg
- (e) 62kg

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Sonam Malik bags bronze in women's freestyle 62kg category

Indian grappler Sonam Malik took home a bronze medal in women's freestyle 62kg category by China's Long Jia at the ongoing 19th Asian Games.

The 21-year-old Indian got the better of Long Jia 7-5 by a solitary point to claim a podium finish.

This achievement marks India's third wrestling bronze medal in this edition of the Asian Games.

Earlier, Sunil Kumar had secured a bronze in the Greco-Roman category, and Antim Panghal had won a bronze in the women's 53kg category.

**92. World Cotton Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व कपास दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 6 October / 6 अक्टूबर
- (b) 7 October / 7 अक्टूबर
- (c) 8 October / 8 अक्टूबर
- (d) 9 October / 9 अक्टूबर
- (e) 5 October / 5 अक्टूबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 7 October - World Cotton Day

World Cotton Day is observed every year on October 7.

The day's celebrations promote fair trade and help developing nations engage in all aspects of the cotton industry to improve their economies.

Theme 2023 - Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion

The first World Cotton Day was suggested by the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 7 October 2019, with support from Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali, known as the Cotton Four or C4 countries.

**93. World Smile Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व मुस्कान दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) First Friday of October / अक्टूबर का पहला शुक्रवार
- (b) First Saturday of October / अक्टूबर का पहला शनिवार
- (c) First Sunday of October / अक्टूबर का पहला रविवार
- (d) First Monday of October / अक्टूबर का पहला सोमवार
- (e) First Tuesday of October / अक्टूबर का पहला मंगलवार

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 6 October - World Smile Day

World Smile Day is an annual celebration observed on the first Friday of October. This year it falls on October 6.

World Smile Day aims to promote goodwill and positivity by smiling at others and performing acts of kindness while serving as a reminder of the power of a simple smile to brighten someone's day and improve the world around us.

Theme 2023 - Radiate Joy

The first World Smile Day celebration was held in Worcester, MA in 1999 as a way to encourage people to do acts of kindness and spread happiness by simply smiling, and has continued each year since then.

**94. World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व सेरेब्रल पाल्सी दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 6 October / 6 अक्टूबर
- (b) 7 October / 7 अक्टूबर
- (c) 8 October / 8 अक्टूबर
- (d) 9 October / 9 अक्टूबर
- (e) 5 October / 5 अक्टूबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 6 October - World Cerebral Palsy Day

World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed every year on 6 October.

Objective - To raise awareness about Cerebral Palsy, support those living with the condition, and advocate for greater inclusion and understanding.

It also emphasizes that when individuals, families, caregivers, and communities come together, they become a powerful force for positive change and inclusion.

Theme 2023 - Together Stronger.

Cerebral palsy is a group of disorders that affect a person's ability to move and maintain balance and posture.

**95. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0 in which city?**

**रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने किस शहर में नौसेना के अद्यतन स्वदेशी कार्यक्रम स्वावलंबन 2.0 का शुभारंभ किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Rajnath Singh launched Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0 in New Delhi.

During the event, also released the fifth Positive Indigenisation list of 98 items at the event. It shows the major step in the Indigenisation process of the Armed forces.

These 98 items in this list are a big step in the self-reliance of the Defence sector.

He also launched 76 challenges for the industry under 10th Defence India Start-up Challenges & DISC 10 PRIME of Innovations for Defence.



**96. Which state government has recently issued a notification for providing 35 percent reservation for women in recruitment, barring the forest department?**

**हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने वन विभाग को छोड़कर भर्ती में महिलाओं के लिए 35 प्रतिशत आरक्षण प्रदान करने की अधिसूचना जारी की है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Madhya Pradesh announces 35 % reservation for women in govt jobs

The Madhya Pradesh government has issued a notification for providing 35 percent reservation for women in recruitment, barring the forest department.

The government has introduced an amendment to the Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (Special Provision for Appointment of Women) Rules, 1997 to provide 35 percent reservation for women in the state.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently announced that 35 percent of vacancies in police and other government jobs will be filled by women.

Madhya Pradesh was the first state to introduce 50 percent reservation for women in elections to panchayats and urban bodies.

**About Madhya Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Bhopal
- **Chief Minister** – Shivraj Singh Chauhan
- **Governor** – Mangubhai C. Patel

**97. The Union cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a proposal for an amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 to establish a Central Tribal University in which state?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने किस राज्य में केंद्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करने के लिए केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम, 2009 में संशोधन के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे दी है?**

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM Modi announces to establish Central Tribal University in Telangana

The Union cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a proposal for an amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 to establish a Central Tribal University in Telangana.

The cabinet approved the introduction of the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which further amends the Central Universities Act, 2009.

This was done with the aim of establishing the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in the Mulugu district of Telangana as stipulated in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

The new tribal university will be named after Telangana's tribal deities Sammakka and Sarakka. A budget of Rs. 889.07 crore would be allocated towards the establishment of this institution.

By offering educational and research facilities in tribal art, culture, and traditional knowledge systems for the benefit of the state's tribal population, the new university shall not only expand access to and improve the standard of higher education in the state, but also foster avenues for higher education and expand knowledge.

**98. Which state government has announced 10 percent reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the judicial services and state-run law colleges and universities?**

किस राज्य सरकार ने न्यायिक सेवाओं और राज्य संचालित लॉ कॉलेजों और विश्वविद्यालयों में आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों (ईडब्ल्यूएस) के लिए 10 प्रतिशत आरक्षण की घोषणा की है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jharkhand / झारखंड
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Bihar govt announces 10% reservation for EWS in judicial services

Bihar government has announced 10 percent reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the judicial services and state-run law colleges and universities.

The announcement came just a day after the government released the first set of data from state's caste survey.

The cabinet approved amendments in the guidelines of the State Judicial Services, 1951, allowing 10 percent reservation for EWS category in judicial services and also in state-run law institutes and universities.

According to the data, Extremely Backward Communities (EBCs) account for 36.01% of the population, while Backward Classes comprise an additional 27.12%.

**About Bihar**

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**99. As per the recent monetary policy committee announcement, what is the repo rate as of October 2023?**

**हाल की मौद्रिक नीति समिति की घोषणा के अनुसार, अक्टूबर 2023 तक रेपो दर क्या है?**

- (a) 6.25%
- (b) 6.5%
- (c) 6.75%
- (d) 3.35%
- (e) 4.5%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI revealed its fourth bi-monthly Monetary Policy

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revealed its fourth bi-monthly monetary policy. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), led by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

RBI Monetary Policy Committee has kept the key policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5%. This is the fourth meeting on the trot that the MPC decided to maintain the status quo on the repo rate.

Currently, Repo rate is at 6.5 percent, Reverse Repo at 3.35 percent and Bank rate is at 6.75 percent.

The MPC last raised this rate by 25 bps to 6.50% at its meeting in February 2023. Announcing the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the transmission of 250 bps repo rate cut is still incomplete.

The Real GDP growth projection for FY24 remains unchanged at 6.5%. Similarly, inflation for FY24 is projected at 5.4%, unchanged from earlier.

Preventing food and fuel price shocks are a non-negotiable necessity, the Governor said.

**RBI Repo Rate are as under -**

- Policy Repo Rate – 6.50%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) - 6.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) - 6.75%
- Bank Rate - 6.75%
- Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35%
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – 4.50%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – 18%

**100. Outlook Group has launched its highly anticipated retirement planning event "40After40" in association with which bank?**

**आउटलुक ग्रुप ने किस बैंक के सहयोग से अपना बहुप्रतीक्षित सेवानिवृत्ति योजना कार्यक्रम "40आफ्टर40" लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** IDFC FIRST Bank and Outlook Group present "Outlook Money 40After40"

Outlook Group has launched its highly anticipated retirement planning event "40After40" in association with IDFC FIRST Bank.

The plan is to provide invaluable insights and expert guidance to individuals, helping them make informed decisions to secure a prosperous retirement.

It's a one-stop shop for all conversations around timely retirement, panel discussions, chats, masterclasses, interactions with planners, product presentations, etc.

**About IDFC First Bank**

- **Founded** - October 2015
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - V. Vaidyanathan
- **Executive Director** - Madhivanan Balakrishnan

**101. Who has been appointed as the Global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PayU?**

**PayU के वैश्विक मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Anirban Mukherjee / अनिर्बान मुखर्जी
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Anirban Mukherjee appointed as Global CEO of PayU

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

He is replacing Laurent Le Moal, who will step back from the operational management of the day-to-day business but will remain with Prosus and PayU in an advisory capacity.

In his new role, Anirban will join the Prosus leadership team and report directly to Ervin Tu, Prosus and Naspers Interim CEO. He will be responsible for overall business operations of PayU.

This comes just two months after Netherlands-based investment firm Prosus announced that the fintech arm PayU is selling a part of its business.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Executive Director of RBI** - Muneesh Kapur
- **CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** - Ramaswamy N
- **MD & CEO of South Indian Bank** - PR Seshadri
- **Part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank** - KN Madhusudanan
- **Country head of Wholesale Banking at Yes Bank** - Manish Jain (replace Ravi Thota)

**102. Who has received the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science for her work in the field of climate change in the Netherlands?**

**नीदरलैंड में जलवायु परिवर्तन के क्षेत्र में अपने काम के लिए डच विज्ञान में सर्वोच्च सम्मान, स्पिनोज़ा पुरस्कार किसे मिला है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Prof. Dr. Joyeeta Gupta receives Spinoza Prize for Climate Change

Indian-origin professor Dr Joyeeta Gupta has received the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science for her work in the field of climate change at a ceremony in the Netherlands.

The prize was presented to her by the Netherlands' minister for Education, Science, and Culture, Robert Dijkgraaf at The Hague. The Dutch Research Council (NWO) prize is worth 1.5 million euros which Gupta intends to spend on scientific research and activities related to knowledge utilization.

Joyeeta Gupta is a Dutch environmental scientist who is professor of Environment and Development in the Global South at the University of Amsterdam.

**Recent Awards**

- **Sastra Ramanujan Prize 2023** - Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley (USA)
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023** - Waheeda Rehman
- **Great Place To Work** Certified in India from Sept 2023 to Sept 2024 period - SBI General Insurance
- **Best Trading Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Paltform
- **Most Trusted Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Paltform

**103. Ojas Pravin Deotale is now Nagpur's first sportsperson to win an Asian Games medal after he created history by clinching a gold in the mixed team compound event at Hangzhou. He is related to which sport?**

हांगजो में मिश्रित टीम कंपाउंड स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीतकर इतिहास रचने के बाद ओजस प्रवीण देवतले अब एशियाई खेलों में पदक जीतने वाले नागपुर के पहले खिलाड़ी हैं। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Ojas Deotale is Nagpur's First Asian Games Gold Medalist

India's first world champion in an individual archery event, Ojas Pravin Deotale, is now Nagpur's first sportsperson to win an Asian Games medal after he created history by clinching a gold in the mixed team compound event at Hangzhou.

The 21-year-old city boy paired up with Jyothi Vennam Surekha and surprised archery powerhouse South Korea to win the first archery gold for India in the 19th edition of the Games.

In the gold-medal match of the mixed-team event, the Indian duo of Ojas and Jyothi defeated Korean duo of Chaewon So and Jaehoon Joo 159-158.

Indian archer Ojas Deotale, hailing from Nagpur, clinched the gold medal in the men's individual compound archery event.

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**104. India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam has won the gold medal in the women's individual compound event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. She is related to which sport?**

भारत की ज्योति सुरेखा वेन्नम ने चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई खेलों में महिलाओं की व्यक्तिगत कंपाउंड स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Jyothi Vennam wins gold medal in women's individual compound archery

India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hattrick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.

India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, on Saturday.

Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hattrick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.

Jyothi's individual medal, India's seventh in archery at this edition.

**105. Who has won the bronze medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China?**

**चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई खेलों में महिलाओं की व्यक्तिगत कंपाउंड तीरंदाजी स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Parneet Kaur /परनीत कौर
- (b) Ankita Bhakat /अंकिता भक्त
- (c) Jyothi Surekha Vennam / ज्योति सुरेखा वेन्नम
- (d) Aditi Swami / अदिति स्वामी
- (e) Rimil Buriuly /रिमिल बुरिउली

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Aditi Swami bags bronze in compound archery women's individual event

India's Aditi Swami has won the bronze medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

Aditi, who is the reigning world champion, defeated Ratih Zilizati Fadhly of Indonesia 146-140 in the bronze medal playoff.

The 17-year-old from Maharashtra had lost 146-149 to Jyothi Surekha Vennam, 10 years senior to her, in an all-Indian semifinal.

This is Aditi's second medal at her first-ever appearance at the continental event. The teenager, along with Jyothi and Parneet Kaur, defeated Chinese Taipei 230-229 to clinch the women's team gold medal.

**106. Aman Sehrawat has won the bronze medal for India in which category of men's freestyle wrestling in the Asian Games 2023?**

**अमन सहरावत ने एशियाई खेल 2023 में पुरुषों की फ्रीस्टाइल कुश्ती की किस श्रेणी में भारत के लिए कांस्य पदक जीता है?**

- (a) 45kg
- (b) 48kg
- (c) 52kg
- (d) 56kg
- (e) 57kg

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Aman Sehrawat won bronze medal in men's 57kg category

Aman Sehrawat secured a bronze medal for India in the men's freestyle wrestling 57kg category at the Asian Games 2023.

Sehrawat beat local favorite Liu Minghu by 11-0.

Aman Sehrawat is the U-23 world champion. Aged 16, he became the first Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain, last year.

He also won a silver medal at the U-20 World Wrestling Championships.

A year later, Aman has an Asian Games bronze medal to his name now. Aman started his Asian Games 2023 journey with a 6-1 win over Korean wrestler Kim Sung-gwon in the Round of 16. He then knocked out Iran's Ebrahim Khari in the quarterfinals with a 19-8 victory.

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**107. India's H S Prannoy has clinched bronze after going down against China's Li Shifeng in the men's singles semifinal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou. He is related to which sport?**

हांगजो में एशियाई खेलों में पुरुष एकल सेमीफाइनल में चीन के ली शिफेंग के खिलाफ हारने के बाद भारत के एच एस प्रणय ने कांस्य पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Prannoy wins bronze in men's singles badminton

India's H.S. Prannoy clinched bronze after going down against China's Li Shifeng in the badminton men's singles semifinal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

After going into the first game break trailing 10-11, World No.1 Shifeng cruised through the contest as he won 21-16. 21-9 in just over 45 minutes.

This is India's third medal in the sport in the 19th edition of the Asiad. Syed Modi previously finished third in the 1982 edition of the Asian Games.

**108. Which of the following men's cricket team has won the silver medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किस पुरुष क्रिकेट टीम ने हांगझू में एशियाई खेलों में रजत पदक जीता है?**

- (a) China / चीन
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) India / भारत
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Afghanistan / अफ़ग़ानिस्तान

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India won Asian Games cricket gold without having to bat

India was crowned Asian Games men's cricket champions without needing to bat in an anti-climactic finish.

India was declared winners of the final under an Asian Games-specific rule where the higher-ranked team takes the honours if the match cannot be finished, in this case due to rain.

Afghanistan made 112-5 under the floodlights in Hangzhou before the wet weather arrived after 18.2 overs.

Despite the damp ending, it completed a golden double for India after they beat Sri Lanka by 19 runs to be crowned women's champions last week.

Twenty20 cricket has been played at the Asian Games twice before, at Guangzhou 2010 and Incheon 2014, with Bangladesh and then Sri Lanka crowned men's winners.

Afghanistan was runners-up both times, but India did not take part.

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**109. The Indian men's doubles badminton duo of \_\_\_\_\_ made history by securing India's first-ever gold medal in badminton at the Asian Games.**

**भारतीय पुरुष युगल बैडमिंटन जोड़ी \_\_\_\_\_ ने एशियाई खेलों में बैडमिंटन में भारत के लिए पहला स्वर्ण पदक हासिल करके इतिहास रच दिया है।**

- (a) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty / सात्विकसाईराज रंकीरेड्डी और चिराग शेटी
- (b) Lakshya Sen and Chirag Shetty / लक्ष्य सेन और चिराग शेटी
- (c) Srikanth Kidambi and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy / श्रीकांत किदांबी और सात्विकसाईराज रंकीरेड्डी
- (d) Prannoy HS and Chirag Shetty / प्रणय एचएस और चिराग शेटी
- (e) None of above

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Satwiksairaj-Chirag duo win India's first-ever gold medal in badminton

The Indian men's doubles badminton duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty made history by securing India's first-ever gold medal in badminton at the Asian Games.

The dynamic pair emerged victorious after defeating the formidable Korean duo with a scoreline of 21-18, 21-16 in a breathtaking final match.

With this victory, the dazzling duo of Satwik and Chirag brought India's first medal in men's doubles in 41 years since Leroy D'sa and Pradeep Gandhe won a bronze in the 1982 edition.

The two became the first Indians to win the Asian Championships in 58 years in March this year, extended their sensational run with a 21-18, 21-16 win over Choi and Kim, ranked 15th, to achieve their crowning glory.

India had won a silver and bronze in the 2018 edition at Jakarta, while bagging five bronze at the 1982 edition.

**110. How many gold medals were won by India in the 19th Asian Games?**

**19वें एशियाई खेलों में भारत ने कितने स्वर्ण पदक जीते हैं?**

- (a) 27
- (b) 38
- (c) 41
- (d) 107
- (e) 28

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India won 107 medals at 19th Asian Games in China

More than 12,000 athletes from all 45 members of the Olympic Council of Asia competed in the 19th Asian Games, which took place in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China from 23 September to 8 October.

A total of 481 events were contested, with competitions in nine sports - archery, artistic swimming, boxing, breaking, hockey, modern pentathlon, sailing, tennis and water polo - will serving as Olympic qualifiers, with Paris 2024 quotas on the line.

The Indian contingent bagged a record 107 medals - 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze - in Hangzhou, surpassing their previous best, set at 2018 Jakarta.

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	201	111	71	383
2	Japan	52	67	69	188
3	South Korea	42	59	89	190
4	India	28	38	41	107
5	Uzbekistan	22	18	31	71
6	Chinese Taipei	19	20	28	67
7	Iran	13	21	20	54
8	Thailand	12	14	32	58
9	Bahrain	12	3	5	20
7	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	11	18	10	39
8	Kazakhstan	10	22	48	80
9	Hong Kong China	8	16	29	53
10	Indonesia	7	11	18	36

Sports	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Shooting	7	9	6	22
Athletics	6	14	9	29
Archery	5	2	2	9
Squash	2	1	2	5
Cricket	2	0	0	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Badminton	1	1	1	3
Tennis	1	1	0	2
Equestrian	1	0	1	2
Hockey	1	0	1	2
Rowing	0	2	3	5
Chess	0	2	0	2
Wrestling	0	1	5	6
Boxing	0	1	4	5
Sailing	0	1	2	3
Bridge	0	1	0	1
Golf	0	1	0	1
Wushu	0	1	0	1
Roller skating	0	0	2	2
Canoe	0	0	1	1
Sepaktakraw	0	0	1	1
Table tennis	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>107</b>

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**111. World Post Day is celebrated every year on October 9. What is the theme of World Post Day 2023?**

**विश्व डाक दिवस हर साल 9 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व डाक दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Together for true
- (b) We always trust you
- (c) Fast than Faster
- (d) Together for trust
- (e) We Have Always Fast

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 9 October - World Post Day 2023

World Post Day is celebrated every year on October 9.

The purpose of World Post Day is to bring awareness to the Post's role in the everyday lives of people and businesses, as well as its contribution to global social and economic development.

Theme 2023 - Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future

The event was declared by the 1969 Universal Postal Congress in Tokyo as a means to mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) paved the way for efficient postal services and it became an agency of the United Nations in 1948. This day was first celebrated in Japan in 1969.

**112. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple projects worth ₹5,000 crore in which state recently?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में किस राज्य में ₹5,000 करोड़ की कई परियोजनाएं शुरू की हैं?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PM Modi launched Rs 5000 cr projects in Rajasthan

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.

Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects in sectors like road, rail, aviation, health and higher education.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of various projects, including a 350-bedded trauma centre and critical care hospital block at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur, and seven critical care blocks under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) to be developed across the state.

The centre at the AIIMS will be developed at a cost of more than ₹350 crore

The facility will bring a holistic approach in the management of trauma and emergency cases by providing multidisciplinary and comprehensive care to patients while critical care blocks across Rajasthan will augment district-level critical care infrastructure.

Modi also laid the foundation stone for the development of a state-of-the-art new terminal building at the Jodhpur airport costing Rs 480 crore and inaugurated the IIT Jodhpur campus as well.

The new terminal building will be developed in an area of about 24,000 sqm and will be equipped to provide services to 2,500 passengers during peak hours. It will cater to 35 lakh passengers annually, improving connectivity and boosting tourism in the region.

Among other projects, he laid the foundation stone of multiple road development projects to be built at a cumulative cost of about ₹1,475 crore and also flagged off two new train services in the state.

**113. 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 how many districts?**

राजस्थान के मुख्यमंत्री अशोक गहलोत ने राज्य में तीन नए जिले मालपुरा, सुजानगढ़ और कुचमन सिटी के गठन की घोषणा की है। राजस्थान में अब कितने जिले होंगे?

- (a) 49
- (b) 50
- (c) 51
- (d) 52
- (e) 53

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Rajasthan CM announces three new districts

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.

The new districts were being created to meet the public demand and in accordance with the recommendations of a high-level committee.

The state government had formed 17 new districts earlier in August this year.

**About Rajasthan**

- **Capital** – Jaipur
- **Chief Minister** – Ashok Gehlot
- **Governor** – Kalraj Mishra

**114. India and which country have signed an MoU on securing a green hydrogen supply chain and cooperation on power grid interconnection?**

**भारत और किस देश ने हरित हाइड्रोजन आपूर्ति श्रृंखला और पावर ग्रिड इंटरकनेक्शन पर सहयोग हासिल करने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- (b) China / चीन
- (c) Russia / रूस
- (d) UK / यूके
- (e) UAE / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India & Saudi Arabia tie up for electrical interconnections, green hydrogen

India and Saudi Arabia have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on securing a green hydrogen supply chain and cooperation on power grid interconnection.

The MoU was signed in Riyadh by union minister for power and new & renewable energy RK Singh and the Saudi minister of energy Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud on the sidelines of the MENA Climate Week 2023.

This MoU aims to establish a general framework for cooperation between the two countries in the field of electrical interconnection; exchange of electricity during peak times and emergencies; co-development of projects; co-production of green/clean hydrogen and renewable energy; and also establishing secure, reliable and resilient supply chains of materials used in green/clean hydrogen and the renewable energy sector.

The MoU comes nearly a month after both countries signed an agreement for cooperation in energy, including in renewable energy, energy efficiency, grid interconnection, strategic petroleum reserves and energy security.

**About Saudi Arabia**

- **Capital-** Riyadh
- **Currency-** Saudi riyal
- **Prime minister-** Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud

**Recently India signed MoUs with others countries**

- India and Argentina signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA).
- US & Vietnam sign deal on semiconductor supply chains
- India and Armenia sign MoU in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions
- India and Saudi Arabia sign Agreement on Cooperation in Energy Sector
- India and New Zealand signs a MoU to boost cooperation in civil aviation

**115. Which of the following has secured 810 MW Solar Photo Voltaic project capacity from Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam Limited (RRVUNL)?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने राजस्थान राज्य विद्युत निगम लिमिटेड (आरआरवीयूएनएल) से 810 मेगावाट सौर फोटो वोल्टाइक परियोजना क्षमता हासिल की है?**

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited / नेवेली लिग्नाइट कॉर्पोरेशन इंडिया लिमिटेड
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (बीईएल)

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** NLC India secures 810 MW solar photovoltaic project in Rajasthan 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).

The entire 810 MW capacity was successfully acquired by NLCIL through a tender floated by RRVUNL in December 2022.

The project is set to be developed at RRVUNL's 2000 MW Ultra Mega Solar Park in Pugal Tehsil, Bikaner District, Rajasthan.

The land required for the project and the power evacuation system connected to the State Transmission Utility (STU) will be provided by RVUNL, streamlining the project's development timeline.

Notably, this is the largest renewable energy project to be undertaken by NLC India Limited. Once completed, the total power project capacity in Rajasthan will reach 1.36 GW, including 1.1 GW of green power, promoting economies of scale and optimizing fixed costs.

Benefitting from the abundant solar radiation in Rajasthan, the project is poised to achieve a higher Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF) and generate more than 50 billion units of green power.

**116. After the Bihar state, which of the following state will conduct caste survey to find out the socio-economic status of different sections of society?**

बिहार राज्य के बाद, निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा राज्य समाज के विभिन्न वर्गों की सामाजिक-आर्थिक स्थिति का पता लगाने के लिए जाति सर्वेक्षण करेगा?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Rajasthan govt orders to conduct caste survey

Close on the heels of Bihar releasing the caste data, the Congress government in Rajasthan ordered a similar caste-based survey to find out the socio-economic status of different sections of society and formulate targeted welfare schemes for them.

The survey will be conducted with the State government's own resources.

As the Social Justice and Empowerment Department issued a notification for the exercise after the State Cabinet's nod, the survey will continue even after the enforcement of the model code of conduct for the upcoming Assembly election.

The Census could only be conducted by the Centre, the State government was within its rights to take up the survey of families in which their economic condition would also be revealed.

Getting information about the population of each caste will be crucial for policy formulation and implementation by the State government.

**About Rajasthan**

- **Capital** – Jaipur
- **Chief Minister** – Ashok Gehlot
- **Governor** – Kalraj Mishra

**117. Which city has inaugurated India's first solar-powered 23 km long covered solar rooftop?**

**किस शहर ने भारत की पहली सौर ऊर्जा संचालित 23 किमी लंबी कवर्ड सोलर छत का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Delhi / दिल्ली

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Hyderabad's new solar-covered cycle track illuminates the city

Hyderabad has inaugurated a 23-km long cycle track with a solar roof, much on the lines of the Daejeon and Sejong bike highways in South Korea, making it India's first solar-covered cycle track.

Named Healthway, it has two lines. The pink line stretches from

Nanakramguda to Telangana State Police Academy (TSPA) spanning 8.5 km while the blue line stretches from Narsinghi hub to Kollur spanning 14.5 km.

The panels have the potential to generate 16MW of electricity, equivalent to powering 32,000 streetlights or illuminating 800 kilometers of city streets.

16 MW solar power generating track is the second in the world after South Korea's solar rooftop-covered track.

Similar ones are now under construction in Dubai and Switzerland.

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**118. Which state has become the fourth state to implement an E-Cabinet System in the state?**

**कौन सा राज्य राज्य में ई-कैबिनेट प्रणाली लागू करने वाला चौथा राज्य बन गया है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Tripura becomes fourth state to implement an E-Cabinet System

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha introduced the state's e-cabinet system, positioning Tripura as the fourth Indian state and the second in the Northeast region to adopt an e-cabinet system.

The Chief Minister also presided over the first Council of Ministers meeting, conducted entirely without paper.

After Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura became the fourth state to adopt the E-Cabinet system. Among the 28 states, Tripura now holds the fourth position.

In Tripura, several departments have taken the initiative to implement the e-office, ensuring seamless governance. The primary objective of E-Office and E-Cabinet is to alleviate the challenges posed by managing extensive paper records.

**About Tripura**

- **Capital** – Agartala
- **Chief Minister** - Manik Sarkar
- **Governor** – Satyadeo Narain Arya
- **Festivals** – Neermahal water Festival, Poush Sankranti Fair
- **Tribes** – Tripura/Tripuri, Riang, Jamatia



**119. Who will inaugurate the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, (P-20) in New Delhi on 13th October?**

**13 अक्टूबर को नई दिल्ली में 9वें G20 संसदीय अध्यक्ष शिखर सम्मेलन, (P-20) का उद्घाटन कौन करेगा?**

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- (b) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर
- (c) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Prime Minister to inaugurate 9th 'G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, P-20 in New Delhi on 13th October.

The two-day P-20 Summit will be held at the newly constructed India International Convention and Expo Center, Yashobhoomi, in Dwarka.

Within the G20, Parliament 20 (P20) is an engagement group headed by the Parliamentary speakers of G20 countries and it aims at bringing a parliamentary dimension to global governance.

The main theme of the P20 this year is Parliament for One Earth, One Family, One Future.

#### **PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi inaugurated the **country's first high-tech sports training center** in Gwalior, MP
- PM Modi launched **27 thousand crore rupee development projects** in Chhatisgarh
- PM Modi has launched a week-long program called "**Sankalp Saptah**" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi.
- PM inaugurated '**International Lawyers' Conference 2023**' in New Delhi
- PM Modi laid foundation stone for **Lord Shiva-themed Stadium** in Varanasi, UP
- PM Modi laid foundation of **Sant Ravidas temple** in Madhya Pradesh

**120. Which of the following country has recently launched Operation 'Iron Swords'?**

निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने हाल ही में ऑपरेशन 'आयरन स्वोर्ड्स' शुरू किया है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Ukraine / यूक्रेन
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Israel / इजराइल

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Israel launches operation 'Iron Swords' after Hamas' surprise attack

The Israel Defence Forces has launched Operation 'Iron Swords' in response to Hamas's surprise attack on Israel.

IDF is striking Hamas targets in Gaza. "In response to the barrages of rockets launched by Hamas from Gaza at Israel, the IDF is currently striking Hamas targets in Gaza.

The Israeli military is fighting Hamas terrorists in different locations in Southern Israel near the border with the Gaza Strip, including the towns of Kfar Aza, Sderot, Sufa, Nahal Oz, Magen, Be'eri and the Re'im military base.

Operation Iron Swords is Israel's retaliation for a surprise attack by Hamas, a Palestinian Islamist militant organization on Israel.

**About Israel**

- **Capital** - Jerusalem
- **Currency** - Sheqel
- **President** - Isaac Herzog
- **Prime Minister** - Benjamin Netanyahu

**121. Which foundation has announced the Innovators for India initiative to provide support to high-impact incubators under its flagship program Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Programme?**

किस फाउंडेशन ने अपने प्रमुख कार्यक्रम आजीविका और उद्यमिता त्वरक कार्यक्रम के तहत उच्च प्रभाव वाले इनक्यूबेटर्स को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए इनोवेटर्स फॉर इंडिया पहल की घोषणा की है?

- (a) IDFC Foundation / आईडीएफसी फाउंडेशन
- (b) SBI Foundation /एसबीआई फाउंडेशन
- (c) Axis Foundation / एक्सिस फाउंडेशन
- (d) ICICI Foundation /आईसीआईसीआई फाउंडेशन
- (e) none of above /उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** SBI Foundation and Villgro Join Forces to Support Entrepreneurship

SBI Foundation, under its flagship program, SBIF LEAP (Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Program) has announced the Innovators for Bharat initiative to provide support to high-impact incubators.

This initiative will offer support to startups working to address pressing development challenges in the country.

Under this initiative, the SBI Foundation has recently partnered with Villgro, a social enterprise incubator, for a new program, 'Innovators For Bharat: Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods'.

The program, designed to provide incubation support to 15 high-potential startups, aims to create a significant impact on agricultural livelihoods, reduce agriculture's climate footprint and enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers to climate change.

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**122. Which of the following bank has become the first lender to offer 'ONDC Network Gift Card'?**

**निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा बैंक 'ONDC नेटवर्क गिफ्ट कार्ड' पेश करने वाला पहला ऋणदाता बन गया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer 'ONDC Network Gift Card'

Yes Bank has taken a significant leap forward in the digital commerce space by introducing the ONDC Network Gift Card. This move makes YES Bank the first bank in the country to issue such a card.

In partnership with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), this initiative aims to transform the shopping experience for Indian consumers.

The ONDC Network Gift Card is open for sponsorship and utilization by corporate and individual customers, enabling them to extend thoughtful gestures to their customers, employees, or for their loved ones. This card leverages the Rupay network and offers the flexibility to load up to Rs 10,000.

The ONDC Network Gift Card is at the forefront of democratizing digital commerce. Unlike traditional gift cards that restrict usage to a specific brand or store, this concept empowers customers to utilize the gift card for purchasing products from any brand and any seller across a wide array of segments.

This includes food, fashion, handicrafts, electronics, home essentials, health, and wellbeing. This groundbreaking approach eliminates the limitations that have traditionally been associated with gift cards and offers consumers unparalleled freedom of choice.

### **Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- SBI launches '**Mobile Handheld Device**' to improve accessibility and convenience.
- PhonePe launched its own app store platform **Indus Appstore**
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launched of **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs**
- Axis Bank Launched '**NEO For Business**' Ban Platform for MSMEs
- Ujjivan SFB launched **Maxima Savings Account & Business Maxima Current Account**

**123. The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has extended the tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara till August 2024. In which year State Bank of India was established?**

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल की नियुक्ति समिति ने भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एसबीआई) के अध्यक्ष दिनेश खारा का कार्यकाल अगस्त 2024 तक बढ़ा दिया है। भारतीय स्टेट बैंक की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई थी?

- (a) 1937
- (b) 1947
- (c) 1952
- (d) 1955
- (e) 1969

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Tenure of SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara extended till August 2024

The Government of India extended the tenure of SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara till August 2024.

The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended the tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara for a further period beyond October 2023 until he attains the age of 63 years.

Dinesh Khara will now retire on 28 August 2024.

In 1984, Khara started his career in SBI as a probationary officer. He is a postgraduate in commerce and holds an MBA degree in Finance from Delhi University's Faculty of Management Studies.

He was also the MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Fund between November 2013 and August 2016. Khara was made MD of SBI in August 2016.

Khara is also a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB).

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet also extended the tenure of SBI MD Ashwini Tiwari for two years.

**About State Bank of India (SBI)**

- **Founded** - 1 July 1955
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Dinesh Kumar Khara
- **Managing Director** - (4) Alok Kumar Choudhary, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- 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** - (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

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Global CEO of PayU** - Anirban Mukherjee (replace Laurent Le Moal)
- **Executive Director of RBI** - Muneesh Kapur
- **CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** - Ramaswamy N
- **MD & CEO of South Indian Bank** - PR Seshadri
- **Part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank** - KN Madhusudanan

**124. Nokia has launched a first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in which city to contribute to the 'Bharat 6G Vision?**

नोकिया ने 'भारत 6जी विजन' में योगदान देने के लिए किस शहर में अपनी तरह की पहली 6जी लैब लॉन्च की है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Chandigarh / चंडीगढ़
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Nokia launches first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru

Nokia has launched a first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru to contribute to the 'Bharat 6G Vision. The lab is expected to accelerate the development of fundamental technologies and innovative use cases underpinned by 6G technology that will address the future needs of both industry and society.

The lab, which will focus research areas around foundational 6G technologies like Network as a Sensor, and Network Exposure and Automation, will function as a platform for collaboration for industry stakeholders and facilitate the testing of innovative solutions while establishing their potential for commercialization.

**125. Who has been awarded 2023 Nobel Prize in Economics for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes?**

**महिलाओं के श्रम बाजार के परिणामों के बारे में हमारी समझ को उन्नत करने के लिए अर्थशास्त्र में 2023 के नोबेल पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Douglas W. Diamond / डगलस डब्ल्यू डायमंड
- (b) Ben S. Bernanke / बेन एस. बर्नान्के
- (c) Philip H. Dybvig / फिलिप एच. डायबविग
- (d) Claudia Goldin / क्लाउडिया गोल्डिन
- (e) Tore Ellingsen / टोरे एलिंगसन /

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Claudia Goldin wins 2023 Nobel Prize in Economics for work on women's labour market

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the 2023 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel to Claudia Goldin "for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes."

Goldin is the 55th recipient of the prize and the third woman to receive the award since its inception in 1969.

This year's economic sciences laureate Claudia Goldin showed that female participation in the labor market did not follow an upward trend over a 200-year period, but instead formed a U-shaped curve."

Last year, Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, and Philip Dybvig received the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.

Claudia Goldin, a professor at Harvard is only the third woman to ever be awarded the economics prize — with just two since it was first awarded in 1969 — Elinor Ostrom in 2009 and Esther Duflo in 2019.

### Nobel Prize 2023

#### Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine 2023

- Katalin Kariko, Drew Weissman
- Purpose - For developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID

#### Nobel Prize in Physics 2023

- Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz & Anne L'Huillier
- Purpose - for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electro dynamics in matter

#### Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023

- Mounqi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, Alexei I. Ekimov
- Purpose - for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots.

#### Nobel Prize in Literature 2023

- Jon Fosse (Norwegian author)
- Purpose - for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable.

#### Nobel Prize in Peace 2023

- Narges Mohammadi (Iran)
- Purpose - for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.

#### Nobel Prize in Economics 2023

- Claudia Goldin
- Purpose - for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes.

**126. Who has become the fastest player in the history of the ICC Men's ODI World Cup to complete 1000 runs?**

**ICC पुरुष वनडे विश्व कप के इतिहास में सबसे तेज़ 1000 रन पूरे करने वाले खिलाड़ी कौन बन गए हैं?**

- (a) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (b) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (c) KL Rahul / केएल राहुल
- (d) David Warner / डेविड वार्नर
- (e) Steve Smith / स्टीव स्मिथ

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** David Warner becomes fastest to 1000 ODI World Cup runs

David Warner became the fastest player in the history of the ICC Men's ODI World Cup to complete 1000 runs during the match against India at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Warner completed the feat within 19 innings, averaging 62 with three half-centuries and four tons since first being a part of the tournament back in 2011.

He was a part of the Australian World Cup-winning unit in 2015 too.

The southpaw has a strike rate of 98.12 in ODI World Cups, breaking the joint record held by Sachin Tendulkar and Ab de Villiers in 20 innings.

Warner has won the Player of the Match award four times in the ODI World Cup, with the highest score of 178 against Afghanistan at home.

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**127. The first edition of Good Manufacturing Practice Day has been observed on which day?**

**गुड मैनुफैक्चरिंग प्रैक्टिस डे का पहला संस्करण किस दिन मनाया गया है?**

- (a) 10 October / 10 अक्टूबर
- (b) 11 October / 11 अक्टूबर
- (c) 9 October / 9 अक्टूबर
- (d) 8 October / 8 अक्टूबर
- (e) 7 October / 7 अक्टूबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India marked 10 Oct as Good Manufacturing Practice Day

The Indian government in collaboration with the Indian Drugs Manufacturers' Association (IDMA) has observed the first-ever National Current Good Manufacturing Practice Day (cGMP Day) on 10th October.

This initiative aims to underscore the importance of adhering to cGMP guidelines in pharmaceutical manufacturing, with a focus on improving product quality and ensuring patient safety.

This day (10 October) shall be dedicated to entire pharmaceutical industry to create awareness on the cGMP guidelines.

The image of the Indian pharma industry has been affected badly due to multiple reports of poor-quality cough syrups abroad. Hence, we want to establish GMP rules as a part of our good practices and routine

There are around 10,500 drug manufacturing units in the country, out of which only 2,000 have WHO GMP certification. Under the proposed amendment in Schedule M of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, the Centre has given a period of six months for large companies (with a turnover exceeding ₹250 crore) and 12 months for MSMEs (below ₹250 crore) to implement upgraded GMP standards.

**128. World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is observed every year on 10 October. What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2023?**

**विश्व मानसिक स्वास्थ्य दिवस (WMHD) हर साल 10 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व मानसिक स्वास्थ्य दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Make universal access to mental health and well-being a top priority
- (b) Mental health is a universal human right
- (c) Mental Health in an unequal world
- (d) Suicide Prevention
- (e) Move for mental health

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 10 October - World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is observed every year on 10 October.

The day is dedicated to creating awareness about mental health issues and their preventive measures.

The theme of World Mental Health Day 2023 is "Mental health is a universal human right."

According to WHO, "The purpose of this theme is to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right.

The idea of celebrating a day for mental health awareness was first proposed in 1992 during the World Federation for Mental Health Congress in Cape Town, South Africa. After this proposal got approved, the first ever mental health day was celebrated on 10 October 1992.

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**129. Which country has been elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development General Conference (AIBD GC)?**

**एशिया-प्रशांत इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर ब्रॉडकास्टिंग डेवलपमेंट जनरल कॉन्फ्रेंस (AIBD GC) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किस देश को चुना गया है?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India re-elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute

India has been elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development General Conference (AIBD GC) for the 3rd successive term to lead the prestigious international organization.

India had already served two terms as President from 2018–2021 and 2021–2023.

This milestone has happened for the first time in the history of AIBD, which is a 50-year-old organization and this indicates the confidence of the broadcasting organizations across the Asia Pacific and the world that India can show the way, lead the way in providing a new value of broadcasting.

AIBD, established in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO, is a unique regional inter-governmental organization, that currently has 92 member organizations from across 44 countries, including 26 Government Members (countries) represented by 48 broadcasting authorities and broadcasters, and 44 Affiliates (organizations) of which represented by 28 countries and regions in Asia, Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab States and North America.

India is one of the founding members of AIBD and Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster is the representative body of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India at AIBD.

**130. Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala has inaugurated the 16th edition of the Agricultural Science Congress in which city?**

**केंद्रीय मत्स्य पालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री, परषोत्तम रूपाला ने किस शहर में कृषि विज्ञान कांग्रेस के 16वें संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Kochi / कोच्चि

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 16th Agricultural Science Congress begins in Kochi

In Kerala, the 16th Agricultural Science Congress begins in Kochi.

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated this four-day event.

The primary aim of the meet, organized by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, is to generate a scientific discourse around transforming India's agri-food systems into sustainable enterprises, to facilitate its benefits for future generations.

Kerala is hosting the event for the first time.

**131. NITI Aayog has organized the State Workshop on Women-Led Development in which state?**

**नीति आयोग ने किस राज्य में महिला नेतृत्व विकास पर राज्य कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया है?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Punjab / पंजाब

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** NITI Aayog organized State Workshop on Women-Led Development in Goa

The inaugural edition of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) – NITI Aayog State Workshop Series on Enabling Women-led Development through Entrepreneurship has been organized at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Auditorium, Goa.

The workshop was held in collaboration with the Government of Goa with a focus on the western region of the country.

The primary focus was deliberating on a hub-and-spoke model aimed at extending women-led development to grassroots levels, covering the last mile.

The workshop recorded over 500 participants, including women entrepreneurs, local self-help groups (SHGs) and clusters, government officials, industry representatives, incubators/accelerators, financial institutions, philanthropic foundations, and more.

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**132. Which of the following has commissioned a mega warehouse facility in Delhi for storing over 1,000,000 engineering spares for aircraft maintenance?**

निम्नलिखित में से किसने विमान रखरखाव के लिए 1,000,000 से अधिक इंजीनियरिंग पुर्जों के भंडारण के लिए दिल्ली में एक मेगा गोदाम सुविधा शुरू की है?

- (a) Vistra / विस्तारा
- (b) Akasha / आकाश
- (c) SpiceJet / स्पाइसजेट
- (d) Air India / एयर इंडिया
- (e) IndiGo / इंडिगो

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Air India commissions mega warehouse facility in Delhi

Air India has commissioned a mega warehouse facility in Delhi for storing over 1,000,000 engineering spares for aircraft maintenance.

Spread across 54,000 square feet and located near Terminal 3, at Delhi Airport's cargo complex, the centralized warehousing facility will improve the turnaround time of flights operating out of Delhi.

The facility will offer a one-stop solution for storing aircraft spares, tools, and ground support equipment ranging from hardware to sophisticated and complex avionics, hydraulics, structural, pneumatic, and mechanical components.

This facility will not only boost Air India's fleet and operational efficiency but will also strengthen India's aviation ecosystem.

The warehouse will offer us more proximate access to and better control over our aircraft spares enabling us to meet any engineering requirement promptly — leading to improved punctuality of flights.

**133. Which state's CM has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal recently?**

**हाल ही में किस राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री ने गंगा डॉल्फिन को राज्य जलीय जीव घोषित किया है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Uttar Pradesh declares Dolphin as State Aquatic Animal

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal.

CM Yogi emphasized the need to maintain the purity of ponds and rivers. These dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua.

The estimated population of Gangetic dolphins in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at around 2000.

Teams of the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Forest Department have been recently counting dolphins with the help of GPS in Garh Ganga at the Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

**134. Which country has assumed the Chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) during the 23rd Council of Ministers meeting?**

**23वीं मंत्रिपरिषद की बैठक के दौरान किस देश ने हिंद महासागर रिम एसोसिएशन (IORA) की अध्यक्षता ग्रहण की है?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Sri Lanka hosts IORA Council of Ministers meeting in Colombo

Sri Lanka has assumed the Chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) during the 23rd Council of Ministers meeting held in Colombo.

The association's member states will hold discussions on collaboration in various sectors, including trade and investment, maritime safety and security, fisheries management, disaster risk management, and the blue economy, among others.

Sri Lanka will hold the chairmanship of the association from 2023 to 2025, with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh ceremoniously handing over the chairmanship to Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister M.U.M. Ali Sabry.

The IORA, an intergovernmental organization established in 1997, comprises 23 member states and 11 dialogue partners hailing from regions surrounding the Indian Ocean.

**About Sri Lanka**

- **Legislative capital** - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- **Executive and Judicial capital** - Colombo
- **Currency** - Sri Lankan rupee
- **President** - Ranil Wickremesinghe
- **Prime Minister** - Dinesh Gunawardena



**135. India and which country have agreed on a five-year roadmap to significantly expand defence cooperation recently?**  
**हाल ही में भारत और किस देश ने रक्षा सहयोग को उल्लेखनीय रूप से विस्तारित करने के लिए पांच साल के रोडमैप पर सहमति व्यक्त की है?**

- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India and Tanzania agree on 5-year roadmap for defence cooperation

India and Tanzania have agreed on a five-year roadmap to significantly expand defence cooperation following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The two countries inked six agreements providing for cooperation in the digital domain, culture, sports, maritime industries and white shipping information sharing.

Both sides were also working on an agreement to increase trade in local currencies. He described India and Tanzania as important partners for trade and investment.

#### **About Tanzania**

- **Capital-** Dodoma
- **Currency-** Tanzanian shilling
- **President-** Samia Suluhu Hassan

#### **Recently India signed MoUs with others countries**

- India & Saudi Arabia tie up for electrical interconnections, green hydrogen
- India and Argentina signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA).
- US & Vietnam sign deal on semiconductor supply chains
- India and Armenia sign MoU in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions
- India and Saudi Arabia sign Agreement on Cooperation in Energy Sector
- India and New Zealand signs a MoU to boost cooperation in civil aviation

**136. Who has inaugurated the International Research Conference on Just and Resilient Agri-Food Systems organized in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में जस्ट एंड रेजिलिएंट एग्री-फूड सिस्टम पर आयोजित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** President Murmu inaugurated International Research Conference

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the International Research Conference on Just and Resilient Agri-Food Systems organized in New Delhi.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Consultative Group on International Agri-Research Gender Platform are going to host this conference.

It is titled "From Research to Impact Towards Just and Resilient Agri-food Systems"

The conference addressed the gender and social inequalities that lie at the heart of food systems. The conference aims to promote the sharing of cutting-edge knowledge on gender and inclusion in agri-food systems to help bridge the gap between research and practice and foster gender-equal and socially inclusive, resilient food systems.

**President Murmu in News**

- President Murmu inaugurated first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show in Noida
- President Murmu launched Ayushman Bhav campaign aimed at achieving Universal Health Coverage for all.
- President Murmu confers National Teachers' Award for 2023 on 75 teachers
- President Murmu unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and 'Gandhi Vatika' in New Delhi
- President Murmu launches advanced frigate Vindhyagiri in banks of Hooghly River, Kolkata

**137. Indian Navy and which bank have launched the 'Nav-eCash' card?**

**भारतीय नौसेना और किस बैंक ने 'Nav-eCash' कार्ड लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Indian Navy & SBI launches unique NAV-eCash card for online transactions

Indian Navy and the State Bank of India have launched the 'Nav-eCash' card, a unique e-cash card that can work in both online and offline mode.

India is leading the world with over 100 billion digital financial transactions being recorded annually and the number is steadily growing.

This is a giant step as India eyes complete Self-reliance and digital transformation. The SBI Nav-eCash card will be implemented pan Navy.

This system is ready for implementation in every domain where there are restrictions on real-time internet connectivity or internet usage or there is non-availability of internet due to being in a remote location.

**138. The tenure of the president of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) has been increased to how many years of age from 67 years earlier?**

**वस्तु एवं सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (GSTAT) के अध्यक्ष का कार्यकाल 67 वर्ष से बढ़ाकर कितने वर्ष कर दिया गया है?**

- (a) 68 years
- (b) 71 years
- (c) 70 years
- (d) 72 years
- (e) 69 years

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** GST Council hikes age limit for Appellate Tribunals' president

The tenure of the president of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) has been increased to 70 years of age from 67 years earlier, revealed the GST Council in its 52nd meeting.

The Council also added that the members can hold their post till they attain the age of 67 years as opposed to 65 years earlier.

The minimum age for the president and members has been set to 50 years by the Council. Finance Minister Niramala Sitharaman pointed out that the advocates should have a minimum experience of 10 years to become judicial members.

The Council also provided a GST exemption on flour containing 70% of millet. The Council also decided to reduce the GST levied on molasses to 5% from 18% earlier. The Council also provided an exemption on alcohol for human consumption.

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**139. Reliance Retail's JioMart has signed up \_\_\_\_\_ as its brand ambassador.**

**रिलायंस रिटेल के JioMart ने \_\_\_\_\_ को अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है।**

- (a) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (c) Sania Mirza / सानिया मिर्जा
- (d) Smriti Mandhana / स्मृति मंधाना
- (e) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** JioMart ropes in MS Dhoni as brand ambassador

Reliance Retail's JioMart has signed up Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador.

Dhoni's association comes alongside the rebranding of their festive campaign Jio Mart to "Jio Utsav, Celebrations of India.

The Jio Utsav campaign is designed to celebrate India's vibrant culture, its people, and the various festivals that mark the country's calendar.

The campaign encourages everyone to celebrate all occasions of happiness, festivities, and special moments with loved ones. It positions shopping as an integral part of these celebrations, highlighting JioMart as the go-to platform for all shopping needs.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobilil
- Anushka Sharma - Women's fashion brand 'W'
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Swaraj Tractors
- Chef Sanjeev Kapoor - Indian Oil 's XTRATEJ LPG brand
- Iga Swiatek – Infosys's Global Brand Ambassador

**140. The annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief 'Chakrawat' exercise began in which state?**

**वार्षिक मानवीय सहायता और आपदा राहत 'चक्रवत' अभ्यास किस राज्य में शुरू हुआ है?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Punjab / पंजाब

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Indian Navy hosts HADR CHAKRAVAT Exercise 2023

The annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief 'Chakrawat' exercise began in Goa. It is a three-day event organized by the Indian Navy.

The 'CHAKRAVAT' 9 exercise involves the participation of the three-armed forces, paramilitary forces and several disaster response organizations.

The annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise CHAKRAVAT was initiated as a result of the Prime Minister's directive during the Joint Commanders' Conference in 2015.

CHAKRAVAT is an annual joint HADR exercise involving the participation of all three services (Army, Navy, Air Force), paramilitary forces, disaster response organizations, NGOs, academic institutions and international organizations.

In the 2023 edition, eight countries from the Indian Ocean region are also participating, with the aim of coordinating efforts at the national level.

**Recent Exercise**

- **11th edition of SAMPRITI** between India and Bangladesh - Umroi, Meghalaya
- **30th edition of SIMBEX** between Indian Navy and Singapore Navy - South China Sea.
- **21st edition of Varuna 2023** between Indian Navy and French Navy - Arabian Sea
- **5th edition of AUSINDEX-23** between Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy - Sydney, Australia,
- **Exercise Bright Star-23** among US, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Qatar & India- Cairo Air Base, Egypt

**141. The Senior National Archery Championship will be held in which city of Uttar Pradesh from 25 to 30 November 2023?**

**सीनियर राष्ट्रीय तीरंदाजी चैम्पियनशिप 25 से 30 नवंबर 2023 तक उत्तर प्रदेश के किस शहर में आयोजित की जाएगी?**

- (a) Ayodhya / अयोध्या
- (b) Varanasi / वाराणसी
- (c) Kanpur / कानपुर
- (d) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- (e) Noida / नोएडा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Ayodhya to host National Archery Championship in November 2023

The Senior National Archery Championship will be held in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh from 25 to 30 November 2023.

The championship will feature individual, team, and mixed team events under Indian, recurve, and compound rounds.

The competition will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on November 25.

Union sports minister Anurag Thakur will participate in the closing ceremony.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- Capital - Lucknow
- Chief Minister – Yogi Adityanath
- Governor - Anandiben Patel

**142. Mohammadreza Shadloui Chiyaneh emerged as the costliest player in the history of the Pro Kabaddi League auction after he was bought for Rs 2.35 crore by Puneri Paltan. He is from which country?**

पुणेरी पलटन द्वारा 2.35 करोड़ रुपये में खरीदे जाने के बाद मोहम्मदरेज़ा शादलूई चियानेह प्रो कबड्डी लीग की नीलामी के इतिहास में सबसे महंगे खिलाड़ी बनकर उभरे हैं। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) Iraq / इराक
- (c) UAE / यूएई
- (d) Syria / सीरिया
- (e) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Iran's Shadloui becomes costliest player in Pro Kabaddi League auction at ₹2.35 Crore

Iran's Mohammadreza Shadloui Chiyaneh emerged as the costliest player in the history of the Pro Kabaddi League auction after he was bought for Rs 2.35 crore by Puneri Paltan. This made him the league's most expensive foreign player, overtaking Fazel Atrachali's previous price of ₹1.38 crore last year with Puneri Paltan.

While India's Maninder Singh was roped in by Bengal Warriors for Rs 2.12 crore.

A total of 137 matches will be played in the 10th edition of PKL. As many as 132 league stage matches will be followed by the playoff comprising five matches — two eliminators, two semifinals and the final.



**143. Who is the author of the book titled "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success"?**

**"द बुक ऑफ लाइफ: माई डांस विद बुद्धा फॉर सक्सेस" नामक पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?**

- (a) Amitabh Kant / अमिताभ कांत
- (b) Vivek Agnihotri / विवेक अग्निहोत्री
- (c) Dr. Manmohan Singh / डॉ मनमोहन सिंह
- (d) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
- (e) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Vivek Agnihotri launches his latest book 'The Book of Life'

Vivek Agnihotri, director of The Kashmir Files, has launched his latest book, "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success" in Lucknow.

He also directed a medical drama film 'The Vaccine War' in 2023.

Dr. Balram Bhargava is the writer of the book on which the movie is based.

Bhargava's book, 'Going Viral - Making of Covaxin: The Inside Story', documents his experiences.

#### **Recent Books**

- **The Day I Became a Runner** – S Chattopadhyay
- **Tales from the Home of Wags & Wiggles** – V Raghavan
- **The Autobiography of God** – Leena Kumar
- **The Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras** - Radhika Iyengar
- **Irrfan: A life in Movies** – Shubhra Gupta

**144. The International Day of the Girl is observed every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बालिका दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 10 October / 10 अक्टूबर
- (b) 12 October / 12 अक्टूबर
- (c) 13 October / 13 अक्टूबर
- (d) 14 October / 14 अक्टूबर
- (e) 11 October / 11 अक्टूबर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 11 October - International Day of the Girl Child

The International Day of the Girl is observed every year on October 11.

Objective - To raise awareness about gender inequality and advocate for the rights and empowerment of girls.

Theme 2023 - Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being

The concept of recognizing the rights of girls started to take shape in 1995 at the World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Later, on December 18, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared October 11 to be observed as the International Day of the Girl Child to recognize the challenges that girls face across the world.

**145. Who has recently addressed the "10th India-Sweden Innovation Day" meeting?**

**हाल ही में "10वीं भारत-स्वीडन इनोवेशन डे" बैठक को किसने संबोधित किया है?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Arjun Munda / अर्जुन मुंडा
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Suresh Prabhu / सुरेश प्रभु
- (e) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya / डॉ. मनसुख मंडाविया

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Jitendra Singh addresses 10th "India-Sweden Innovation Day" meeting

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has addressed the 10th " India-Sweden Innovation Day" meeting.

Both countries are commemorating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations and the fifth anniversary of the Sweden-India Joint Declaration on Innovation Partnership.

The partnership covers several areas, including smart cities, transportation and eMobility, energy, clean technologies, new materials, space, circular and bio-based economy, and health and life sciences.

The India-Sweden Innovation Partnership bridges institutions, R&D-intensive industries and creative entrepreneurs to address global challenges in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

**146. Which state government has recently launched the 'Rozgar Prayag Portal'?**

**हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने 'रोजगार प्रयाग पोर्टल' लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** UK CM launches 'Rozgar Prayag Portal' at Uttarakhand Youth Mahotsav

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama has launched the 'Rozgar Prayag Portal' in the Uttarakhand Youth Mahotsav-2023 program organized at Parade Ground in Dehradun.

The portal has been developed by the government for the youth with the aim of providing employment opportunities in the state on a single portal.

Uttarakhand CM also launched 'Yuva Uttarakhand App' and also inaugurated self-employment centres in the employment offices of Dehradun and Udham Singh Nagar.

The app has been developed by ITDA to make the schemes run by various departments available at one place.

The development of employment centres in employment offices in all the districts for the youth to get more information and applications related to the schemes.

Dhama provided appointment letters to 17 candidates selected through employment fairs and also visited the exhibitions organized by various departments.

**About Uttarakhand**

- **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- **Chief Minister** - Pushkar Singh Dhama
- **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

**147. Which Ministry has introduced the 'Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA) for Quality Education of Scheduled Castes (SC)?**

किस मंत्रालय ने अनुसूचित जाति (एससी) की गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा के लिए 'लक्षित क्षेत्रों में उच्च विद्यालयों में छात्रों के लिए आवासीय शिक्षा योजना' (श्रेष्ठ) शुरू की है?

- (a) Ministry of Culture / संस्कृति मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests / पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment / सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water) / जल शक्ति मंत्रालय (जल)

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Govt Introduces Shreshta Scheme for Quality Education of SC Students

In a significant move aimed at advancing education and promoting the socio-economic progress of Scheduled Castes (SCs), the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has introduced the 'Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA).

The primary goal of this initiative is to extend the impact of government development programmes and bridge service gaps in areas predominantly inhabited by SC communities within the education sector.

'SHRESHTA envisions the creation of a conducive environment for the socio-economic upliftment and comprehensive development of SC students, ensuring a brighter future for them.

The scheme's core strategy involves fostering collaboration between grant-in-aid institutions managed by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and residential high schools offering quality education.

**148. Who has chaired the review meeting on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में वामपंथी उग्रवाद पर समीक्षा बैठक की अध्यक्षता किसने की है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (c) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (d) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
- (e) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Amit Shah chairs review meeting on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has chaired the review meeting on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi.

Amit Shah said that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be totally eliminated from the country in two years.

Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected States, the year 2022 witnessed the lowest number of incidents of violence and deaths in Naxal-hit areas in the last four decades.

Violent incidents in Naxal-affected States have come down by 77% in 2022 in comparison to the high of 2010.

The review meeting was attended by the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also attended the meeting where Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh were represented by State ministers.

The central government had approved the 'National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE' in 2015.

The policy envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security-related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, etc.

**Amit Shah in News**

- Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar
- Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar
- Amit Shah launches "Amrit Kalash Yatra" under 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh' campaign in New Delhi.
- Amit Shah chairs 26th meeting of Western Zonal Council in Gandhinagar
- Amit Shah plants 4 croreth tree at CRPF Group Center in Greater Noida

**149. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned with which Foundation to build on the success of the Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India?**

**ओलंपिक संग्रहालय के साथ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक समिति (IOC) ने भारत में ओलंपिक मूल्य शिक्षा कार्यक्रम (OVEP) की सफलता के लिए किस फाउंडेशन के साथ गठबंधन किया है?**

- (a) Reliance Foundation / रिलायंस फाउंडेशन
- (b) Tata Foundation / टाटा फाउंडेशन
- (c) Adani Foundation / अदानी फाउंडेशन
- (d) Dream11 Foundation / ड्रीम11 फाउंडेशन
- (e) SBI Foundation / एसबीआई फाउंडेशन

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** IOC and Reliance Foundation sign agreement to advance Olympic values

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned with Reliance Foundation to build on the success of the Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India and signed a new cooperation agreement.

The new cooperation was agreed upon by IOC President Thomas Bach and Nita Ambani, IOC Member in India and Reliance Foundation Founder Chairperson, during a visit to the Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) football academy in Mumbai.

The partnership aims to bring the Olympic values of respect, friendship, fair play, and solidarity across the state of Maharashtra.

OVEP is an initiative led by the Olympic Museum that advances the IOC's Olympism365 strategy, which aims to increase access to sport and bring the health and societal benefits of physical activity to communities across the globe.

Launched in India in 2022 with the Abhinav Bindra Foundation in the Indian state of Odisha, OVEP is one of the first major IOC projects to be implemented in India.

**150. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has recently unveiled the 'A-HELP' programme in the state of Jharkhand. What is the full form of 'A-HELP'?**

**पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग ने हाल ही में झारखंड राज्य में 'ए-हेल्प' कार्यक्रम का अनावरण किया है। 'ए-हेल्प' का पूर्ण रूप क्या है?**

- (a) Accredited Agent for Health and Exchange of Livestock Production
- (b) Accelerate Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production
- (c) Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Lively Production
- (d) Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production
- (e) Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Program

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 'A-HELP' programme launched in Jharkhand

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, recently unveiled the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme in the state of Jharkhand.

The program aims to empower women in the livestock sector by engaging them as Accredited Agents for disease control and livestock insurance.

The program will enhance access to veterinary services at the farmer's doorstep and empower Pashu Sakhis.

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has undertaken the novel initiative, "A-HELP," across various States/Union Territories, including Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Jharkhand. The initiative has been made possible through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DAHD (Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying) and the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India.



**151. Which of the following country has chaired the 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy, organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु ऊर्जा एजेंसी (IAEA) द्वारा आयोजित जलवायु परिवर्तन और परमाणु ऊर्जा पर 2023 अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन की अध्यक्षता की है?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** UAE Chairs International Conference 2023 on Climate Change

The UAE has chaired the 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy, organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The conference aims to provide a platform for Member States, representatives of low-carbon energy sectors, international organizations, and other relevant bodies to exchange information on the role of nuclear energy in the path to eliminating carbon emissions, in line with the goals of limiting global warming.

This event is an ideal opportunity to discuss relevant policies and strategies with various international bodies and exchange expertise on the role of peaceful nuclear energy in addressing climate change.

Notably, the United Arab Emirates will also host the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai Expo City.

The decision of the UAE to host the international conference affirms its commitment to working to mitigate the effects of climate change at multiple levels.

**About United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

- **Capital** - Abu Dhabi
- **Currency** - Dirham
- **President** - Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- **Prime Minister** - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- **Official language** -Arabic

**152. Reserve Bank of India has decided to include which scheme under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme as well as extend the tenure of the scheme by another two years?**

**भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने किस योजना को पेमेंट्स इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर डेवलपमेंट फंड (पीआईडीएफ) योजना के तहत शामिल करने के साथ-साथ योजना के कार्यकाल को दो साल तक बढ़ाने का निर्णय लिया है?**

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- (e) Atal Pension Yojana

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RBI plan to include PM Vishwakarma Scheme beneficiaries in PIDF Scheme

Reserve Bank Governor has decided to include PM Vishwakarma under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme as well as extend the tenure of the scheme by another two years.

It is now proposed to extend the PIDF Scheme by a further period of two years, that is up to December 31, 2025, the RBI said while announcing a bi-monthly monetary policy.

Operationalised in January 2021, the PIDF Scheme aims at incentivising the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure such as physical Point of Sale (PoS), Quick Response (QR) codes in tier-3 to tier-6 centres, north-eastern states and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

As per the original plan, the tenure of the PIDF scheme was fixed for three years till December 2023.

Governor Das said, beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi Scheme in Tier-1 and 2 centres were later included in August 2021 under the PIDF scheme.

This decision to expand the targeted beneficiaries under the PIDF scheme will provide a fillip to the Reserve Bank's efforts towards promoting digital transactions at the grassroots level.

PM Vishwakarma scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month proposes to offer up to 8% subsidy for loans given to artisans.

The scheme provides collateral-free loans up to ₹Rs 3 lakh to artisans at a very affordable interest rate of 5%.

The scheme covers artisans related to 18 fields, including carpenter, goldsmith, blacksmith, mason, stone sculpture, barber and boatmakers.

Initially, ₹1 lakh loan will be given and the beneficiary would be eligible for an additional ₹2 lakh after repayment schedule of 18 months.

The components of the scheme will include not only financial support but also access to advanced skill training, knowledge of modern digital techniques and efficient green technologies, brand promotion, linkage with local and global markets, digital payments, and social security.

**153. India has launched \_\_\_\_\_ to facilitate the return from Israel of its citizens who wish to return.**

**भारत ने अपने उन नागरिकों की इजराइल से वापसी की सुविधा के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ लॉन्च किया है जो वापस लौटना चाहते हैं।**

- (a) Operation Vijay / ऑपरेशन विजय
- (b) Operation Ajay / ऑपरेशन अजय
- (c) Operation Kaal / ऑपरेशन काल
- (d) Operation Samudra / ऑपरेशन समुद्र
- (e) Operation Kaveri / ऑपरेशन कावेरी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Operation Ajay set to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel

India has launched Operation Ajay to facilitate the return from Israel of its citizens who wish to return.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar announced this operation, emphasizing the government's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of Indian nationals abroad.

Special charter flights and other arrangements are being organized to bring back Indian citizens from Israel.

The Indian Embassy in Israel has initiated contact with registered Indian citizens, starting with the first group, for the special flight. Subsequent flights will follow, and communication will be made accordingly.

**About Israel**

- **Capital** - Jerusalem
- **Currency** - Sheqel
- **President** - Isaac Herzog
- **Prime Minister** - Benjamin Netanyahu

**154. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed which bank to stop on-boarding new customers into its mobile banking facility with immediate effect recently?**

**भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने हाल ही में किस बैंक को अपनी मोबाइल बैंकिंग सुविधा में नए ग्राहकों को शामिल करना तत्काल प्रभाव से बंद करने का निर्देश दिया है?**

- (a) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RBI stops Bank of Baroda from adding new customers on its Mobile App

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed the Bank of Baroda (BoB) to stop on-boarding new customers into its mobile banking facility – ‘bob World’ — with immediate effect.

The action is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the manner of onboarding of their customers onto this mobile application.

In order to add customers, the bank will have to rectify the existing deficiencies observed and strengthen the process according to the RBI standards.

BoB assured that existing customers would not face any disruption and would continue to have uninterrupted services on the mobile app.

The regulator also said that the existing customers of the application will not face any disruption in their services on account of the RBI mandate.

This order does not impact any of the bank’s other digital banking channels such as Net Banking, WhatsApp Banking, Debit Cards, ATMs, etc. for servicing its existing customers as well as for onboarding of new customers.

**About Bank of Baroda (BOB)**

- **Founded** - 1908
- **Headquarters** - Vadodara, Gujarat
- **MD & CEO** - Debadatta Chand
- **Tagline** - India's International Bank

**155. Fintech firm Fibe has partnered with which bank to launch India's first numberless credit card?**

**फिनटेक फर्म फाइब ने किस बैंक साथ मिलकर भारत का पहला नंबर रहित क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Axis Bank and Fibe Partner to launch India's First Numberless Credit Card

To reduce the risk of identity theft and unauthorised access, private lender Axis Bank and fintech firm Fibe have launched India's first numberless credit card.

The card will not display any card number, expiry date, or CVV number. These details will be available on the Fibe app.

The Fibe Axis Bank Credit Card is powered by RuPay and allows customers to link their credit card to the United Payments Interface (UPI). It also offers a tap-and-pay feature for all offline retail stores across the country.

This numberless Axis Bank card will prioritize the security of our customers while offering a robust financial solution that empowers the smart and ambitious youth of our nation.

The card offers a flat 3 per cent cashback on online food delivery across all restaurant aggregators, local commute on leading ride-hailing apps, and entertainment on online ticketing platforms.

**About Axis Bank**

- **Founded** - 1993
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Rakesh Makhija
- **MD & CEO** - Amitabh Chaudhary
- **Tagline** - Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

**156. Who has been elected Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?**

**एसोसिएशन ऑफ म्यूचुअल फंड्स इन इंडिया (AMFI) का अध्यक्ष किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Navneet Munot / नवनीत मुनोत
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Anthony Heredia / एंथोनी हेरेडिया
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Navneet Munot elected Chairman of the AMFI

The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has elected Navneet Munot and Anthony Heredia as its new chairman and vice-chairperson.

Currently, Munot is the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Asset Management. Heredia is the MD and CEO of Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund.

The election brings an end to a two-year term of A Balasubramanian as the chairman and Radhika Gupta as the vice-chairperson. Though the association holds elections for the two positions every year, the elected representatives generally get a two-year term. The election took place at the 28th annual general meeting (AGM) of Amfi in September 2023. Munot and Heredia will take charge from 16 October 2023.

**Recent Appointment**

- **CEO of UIDAI** - Amit Agrawal (reappointment for 1 year)
- **DG of Border Roads Organization (BRO)** - Raghu Srinivasan (28th) (replace Rajeev Chaudhry)
- **Chairman of Press Trust of India Board** - K.N. Shanth Kumar (replace Aveek Sarkar)
- **Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** - Saugata Gupta
- **Vice Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** - Partha Sinha

## 157. Who has won the U-19 Girls' National Chess Championship 2023 in Ahmedabad?

**अहमदाबाद में अंडर-19 गर्ल्स नेशनल शतरंज चैम्पियनशिप 2023 किसने जीती है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Shubhi Gupta / शुभी गुप्ता
- (c) Ankita Goel / अंकिता गोयल
- (d) Parul Goel / पारुल गोयल
- (e) Sristhi Verma / सृष्टि वर्मा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Shubhi Gupta wins U-19 Girls National Chess Championship

Shubhi Gupta has won the U-19 Girls' National Chess Championship 2023 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Shubhi is an integral member of the Cohort sponsored and supported by the esteemed Pravaha Foundation as part of their laudable Initiative, "64 Squares."

The "64 Squares" initiative encompasses a group of immensely talented chess players, spanning various age groups and levels of expertise.

**158. Which drama series has been awarded the Best Asian TV Series at the Busan International Film Festival (BIFF)?**

**बुसान इंटरनेशनल फिल्म फेस्टिवल (बीआईएफएफ) में किस नाटक श्रृंखला को सर्वश्रेष्ठ एशियाई टीवी श्रृंखला का पुरस्कार दिया गया है?**

- (a) Shadow
- (b) Kota Factory
- (c) Half CA
- (d) Scoop
- (e) Khakee

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Hansal Mehta's Scoop wins Best Series at Busan International Film Festival

Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop has been awarded the Best Asian TV Series at the ongoing Busan International Film Festival (BIFF).

Starring Karishma Tanna in the lead role, the series is inspired by Jigna Vora's book 'Behind Bars in Byculla: My Days in Prison'.

Scoop also starred Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Prosenjit Chatterjee, and Harman Baweja, among others in pivotal roles.

**Recent Awards**

- **Spinoza Prize for Climate Change in Netherlands** - Prof. Dr. Joyeeta Gupta
- **Sastra Ramanujan Prize 2023** - Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley (USA)
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023** - Waheeda Rehman
- **Great Place To Work** Certified in India from Sept 2023 to Sept 2024 period - SBI General Insurance
- **Best Trading Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Platform
- **Most Trusted Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Platform



**159. World Sight Day is observed across the globe on which day?**

**विश्व दृष्टि दिवस दुनिया भर में किस दिन मनाया जाता है**

- (a) Second Thursday of October / अक्टूबर का दूसरा गुरुवार
- (b) Second Friday of October / अक्टूबर का दूसरा शुक्रवार
- (c) Second Saturday of October / अक्टूबर का दूसरा शनिवार
- (d) Second Wednesday of October / अक्टूबर का दूसरा बुधवार
- (e) Second Tuesday of October / अक्टूबर का दूसरा मंगलवार

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 12 October 2023 - World Sight Day

World Sight Day is observed across the globe on the second Thursday of October every year and this year was celebrated on 12 October.

Objective - To raise awareness about blindness and vision impairment.

Theme 2023 - Love your eyes at work

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has organized several events to create awareness about visual impairment among the masses. World Sight Day has been observed since the year 2000 and is now coordinated by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness alongside the World Health Organization. It was initially observed as part of a SightFirst campaign by the Lions Club International Foundation. The occasion has had an associated theme for most of its 22-year history.

**160. The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference was held in which city?**

**8वां ब्रिक्स अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिता सम्मेलन किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kumarakom / कुमारकोम
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 8th BRICS International Competition Conference held in New Delhi

The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference was held in New Delhi.

The theme of the conference is new issues in competition law and policy, dimensions, perspectives, and challenges.

The conference is a seminal event to be held in India after a decade.

More than 600 delegates from the competition authorities of BRICS and non-BRICS nations, competition law experts, non-government advisors, and domestic invitees are expected to participate in the conference.

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**161. The Assam cabinet has approved how much crore rupees for a 1,000-km-long economic corridor project in the state under the Asom Mala Scheme?**

असम कैबिनेट ने असोम माला योजना के तहत राज्य में 1,000 किलोमीटर लंबी आर्थिक गलियारा परियोजना के लिए कितने करोड़ रुपये की मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) 300 cr
- (b) 3000 cr
- (c) 1000 cr
- (d) 500 cr
- (e) 2000 cr

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Assam Cabinet approves Rs 3000 cr for new road project under Asom Mala

The Assam cabinet has approved Rs 3,000 crore for a 1,000-km-long economic corridor project in the state.

The cabinet gave its in-principle approval for the project under the Asom Mala Scheme.

The cabinet also approved projects worth Rs 950 crore to improve rural infrastructure. The fund will be obtained from NABARD as a loan. The loan will be used to upgrade 90 rural roads and four rural bridges under the Public Works Department.

It was also decided that the cabinet meetings in November and December will be held in Tinsukia and North Lakhimpur districts, respectively, while in January next year, it will be held in Nagaon.

The cabinet also approved the revised draft notification for the declaration of an eco-sensitive zone in the 1 km radius around the Bherjan-Borajan-Padumoni Wildlife Sanctuary in Tinsukia as per the Supreme Court directive.

**About Assam**

- **Capital** – Dispur
- **Chief Minister** – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Governor** – Gulab Chand Kataria

**162. Which state government has approved the 'Lek Ladki Yojana' (Dear Daughter Scheme) for families with annual income up to Rs one lakh?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने एक लाख रुपये तक की वार्षिक आय वाले परिवारों के लिए 'लेक लड़की योजना' (प्रिय बेटी योजना) को मंजूरी दे दी है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Maharashtra govt approves 'Lek Ladki' scheme

Maharashtra state cabinet has approved the 'Lek Ladki Yojana' (Dear Daughter Scheme) for families with annual income up to Rs one lakh.

The Yojana was announced in the budget session of March 2023.

As per the decision, a family with a yellow and saffron ration card will receive Rs 5000 after the birth of a girl child, Rs 6000 after she is enrolled in standard first, Rs 7000 after the sixth standard, Rs 8000 after standard 11 and Rs 75,000 after completing 18 years of age.

The girl child will be benefited from Rs 1.01 lakh in total after completion of 18 years," said the official who attended the cabinet meeting. The scheme will be applicable for the child born after April 1, 2023.

The scheme is meant to promote the birth of a girl child, and her education and to stop child marriage and malnutrition.

**About Maharashtra**

- **Capital** - Mumbai
- **Chief Minister** - Eknath Sindhe
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - Devendra Fadnavis & Ajit Pawar
- **Governor** - Ramesh Bais

**163. The Indian government will organize World Food India 2023 from 3-5 November in which city to bring the global food processing industry together?**

**भारत सरकार वैश्विक खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को एक साथ लाने के लिए 3-5 नवंबर तक किस शहर में वर्ल्ड फूड इंडिया 2023 का आयोजन करेगी?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Govt to organize World Food India 2023 in Delhi

The Indian government will organize World Food India 2023 from 3-5 November in New Delhi to bring the global food processing industry together.

World Food India 2023 is an opportunity for global industry leaders to collaborate and innovate in the food processing sector.

The Start-Up Pavilion at World Food India 2023 aims to have maximum participation of women entrepreneurs.

**164. Which state government will provide pink scooters to 1100 women-beat constables under the Safe City Project?**  
**कौन सी राज्य सरकार सेफ सिटी प्रोजेक्ट के तहत 1100 महिला बीट कांस्टेबलों को गुलाबी स्कूटर प्रदान करेगी?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** UP govt to provide pink scooters to 1100 women beat constables

The Yogi government has accelerated efforts to set up 3,000 Pink Booths across the state of Uttar Pradesh and provide Pink Scooters to all 10417 women beats under the Safe City Project.

In the first phase of the project, it has been decided to construct Pink Booths at 20 religious places spread over nine cities of the state, while instructions have been given to provide electric two-wheeler scooters to 1100 women beat constables in 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar.

The construction of Pink Booths and the provision of electric two-wheel scooters for this phase have been given a timeline of three months.

It is worth mentioning here that the Safe City project is to be completed in three phases in Uttar Pradesh. The first phase includes 17 municipal corporations along with Gautam Buddha Nagar. In the second phase, 57 district headquarters, and municipal corporations will be included, and in the third phase, 143 municipal corporations will be connected to the Safe City Project. In the first phase of the Safe City Project, Pink Booths will be constructed at 20 religious places in nine cities of the state, including Varanasi, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Mathura, Gorakhpur, Agra, Balrampur, and Chitrakoot.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

**165. Bihar Industries Department has organized an Investors Summit in which city?**

**बिहार उद्योग विभाग ने किस शहर में इन्वेस्टर्स समिट का आयोजन किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Patna / पटना

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Bihar Industries Department Organized Investors Summit in Bengaluru

The Government of Bihar marked a significant milestone with the successful organization of Bihar Business Connect, Investors Summit in Bengaluru.

This summit served as a pivotal platform for fostering investment opportunities in the state.

The success of the Investors Meet in Bengaluru is a testament to the Department of Industries, Bihar's steadfast dedication to creating a vibrant ecosystem.

**166. Mukesh Ambani has regained the top position on the 2023 Forbes list of India's 100 Richest with a net worth of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**मुकेश अंबानी ने भारत के 100 सबसे अमीरों की 2023 फोर्ब्स सूची में \_\_\_\_\_ की कुल संपत्ति के साथ शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है।**

- (a) \$72 billion
- (b) \$82 billion
- (c) \$92 billion
- (d) \$102 billion
- (e) \$94 billion

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Hurun Rich List 2023: Mukesh Ambani reclaims top spot

Mukesh Ambani, the Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries, has regained the top position on the 2023 Forbes list of India's 100 Richest, with a net worth of \$92 billion.

The cumulative wealth of India's 100 Richest individuals remained steady at \$799 billion for the year.

In the previous year, Gautam Adani held the title of India's wealthiest individual.

However, his fortunes took a significant hit due to a negative report by US short-seller Hindenburg Research, resulting in a sharp decline in his company's stock value. Although he has experienced some recovery, his net worth, inclusive of his family, has fallen to \$68 billion.

This represents the most substantial decline both in terms of dollar value and percentage, causing him to now occupy the second position.

This marks the 12th annual edition of the list, showcasing the wealthiest individuals in India.



**167. Who has launched the India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023 in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में इंडिया ज्वेलरी शॉपिंग फेस्टिवल (IJSF) 2023 का शुभारंभ किसने किया है?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Nitin Gadkari launches India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023

Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has launched the India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023 in New Delhi. This industry provides employment to lakhs of people and contributes to the nation's growth through exports. He added that there is a bright future for this industry.

The launch will be held across the country from 15th October to 22nd November.

The B2C scheme will run from 13 October to 17th November. While B2B scheme has been running since 1st June and will continue till 31 October.

The festival will offer benefits to both the B2B and the B2C segments wherein business owners can be a part of the festival by paying an enrollment fee.

**Nitin Gadkari In News**

- Nitin Gadkari launches Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Programme)
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates and lays foundation stone of 11 highway project worth Rs 5600 crore in Rajasthan
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates four projects worth Rs 1450 Crore in Assam
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated two National Highway projects in Vadodara, Gujarat worth Rs 48 crore.
- Nitin Gadkari unveiled Bengaluru's first methanol-run buses.

**168. What is the rank of India in Global Hunger Index 2023?**

**ग्लोबल हंगर इंडेक्स 2023 में भारत का स्थान क्या है?**

- (a) 107th
- (b) 108th
- (c) 109th
- (d) 110th
- (e) 111th

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Global Hunger Index 2023: India ranked 111th

India ranked 111th out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index-2023 with the country reporting the highest child wasting rate at 18.7 per cent.

India ranked 107th out of 121 countries in 2022.

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels. With a score of 28.7 in the Global Hunger Index-2023, India has a level of hunger that is serious, according to a report based on the index.

India's neighbouring countries Pakistan (102th), Bangladesh (81st), Nepal (69th) and Sri Lanka (60th) have fared better than it in the index.

South Asia and Africa South of the Sahara are the world regions with the highest hunger levels, with a GHI score of 27 each, indicating serious hunger.

Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia are the top five countries in GHI 2023.

Chad, Niger, Lesotho, Congo, Yemen, Madagascar, and Central African Republic are the countries ranked at the bottom of the index.

**Recent index**

- **Global Innovation Index 2023** -India at 40th; topped by Switzerland
- **World Talent Ranking 2023** - India ranked 56th; topped by Switzerland
- **World's Freest Economy Report** - Rank 1. Singapore, 2. Hong Kong, 3. Switzerland, 4. New Zealand, 5. US
- **Digital Quality of Life Index 2023** - India ranked 52nd; topped by Denmark
- **Chainalysis' Global Crypto Adoption Index 2023** - Rank 1 India, 2. Nigeria, 3. Vietnam, 4. US, 5. Ukraine.

**169. Over 18 lakh accounts to the tune of over 11 thousand crore rupees have been opened under the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate 2023 across the country. In which year Mahila Samman Savings Certificate was launched?**

**देशभर में महिला सम्मान बचत प्रमाणपत्र 2023 के तहत 11 हजार करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के 18 लाख से अधिक खाते खोले गए हैं। महिला सम्मान बचत प्रमाणपत्र किस वर्ष लॉन्च किया गया था?**

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2023

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 18 lakh accounts under Mahila Samman Savings Certificate opened

Over 18 lakh accounts to the tune of over 11 thousand crore rupees have been opened under Mahila Samman Savings Certificate 2023 across the country.

The new scheme Mahila Samman Savings Certificate was launched on 1st April this year.

The two-year tenure scheme offers an attractive and fixed interest of 7.5 percent interest compounded quarterly.

The scheme is valid for a two-year period upto 31st March 2025. More than 33 thousand accounts to tune of 405 crore rupees have been opened in Delhi.

**170. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised India's FY24 growth forecast to how much percent from 6.1%, citing stronger-than-expected consumption between April and June?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष (IMF) ने अप्रैल और जून के बीच अपेक्षा से अधिक मजबूत खपत का हवाला देते हुए भारत की FY24 वृद्धि का अनुमान 6.1% से बढ़ाकर कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया है?**

- (a) 6.2%
- (b) 6.3%
- (c) 6.4%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 6.6%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** IMF raises India's FY24 growth forecast to 6.3% from 6.1%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised its FY24 growth projection for India by 20 basis points to 6.3 percent, citing stronger-than-expected consumption between April and June.

India is one of the large emerging economies that (have) been doing better than expected for quite a while now. (It) is one of the one of the growth engines in the world economy.

The IMF's latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) kept its global growth forecast unchanged at 3 percent for 2023 and pared down the 2024 projection by 10 basis points to 2.9 percent.

Growth in India is projected to remain strong, at 6.3 percent in both 2023 (FY24) and 2024 (FY25), with an upward revision of 0.2 percentage (points) for 2023 (FY24), reflecting stronger-than-expected consumption during April-June.

The IMF's inflation projection for India has been revised upward to 5.5 percent for FY24. It expects the inflation rate to remain in the range of 2-6 percent this financial year, and 4.6 percent next year.

The IMF report comes against the backdrop of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Economists said if the war between Israel and Hamas drew out and countries such as the US and Saudi Arabia took sides, oil prices could come under pressure.

**Updated GDP List**

- World Economic Outlook by IMF – 7.2% (FY23), 6.1% (FY24), 6.3% (FY25)
- Economic Survey – 7% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
- World Bank – 6.9% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.4% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- S&P – 6% (FY24), 6.9% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26), 7% (FY27)
- ICRA – 6.9% (FY23), 6% (FY24)
- IMF – 6.3% (FY24), 6.3% (FY25)
- ADB – 7% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.7% (FY25)
- RBI – 6.8% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
- India Ratings – 6.9% (FY23), 5.9% (FY24)
- Fitch Rating – 7.2% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.7% (FY25)
- HSBC Bank – 5.8% (FY24)
- OECD – 7.2% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6% (FY25)
- CRISIL – 7% (FY23), 6% (FY24)
- UN – 6.6% (FY22), 5.8% (FY23), 6.7% (FY24)
- NSO – 7% (FY23)
- Morgan Stanley – 7% (FY23), 6.4% (FY24)
- Nomura – 5.9% (FY24)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.4% (FY24)
- Barclays – 6.3% (FY24)
- BofA Global Research – 6.3% (FY24)

**171. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the monetary ceiling of gold loans under Bullet Repayment Scheme from Rs 2 lakh to how much rupees for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)?**

**भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने शहरी सहकारी बैंकों (UCB) के लिए बुलेट पुनर्भुगतान योजना के तहत स्वर्ण ऋण की मौद्रिक सीमा 2 लाख रुपये से बढ़ाकर कितने रुपये कर दी है?**

- (a) 3 lakh
- (b) 4 lakh
- (c) 5 lakh
- (d) 6 lakh
- (e) 7 lakh

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI raises monetary ceiling of gold loans for UCBs

In order to remove difficulties faced by the Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the monetary ceiling of gold loans under Bullet Repayment Scheme from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh for UCBs.

The move will strengthen cooperatives and treat them on par with other economic entities.

The RBI announced the increase in the monetary ceiling of gold loans that can be granted under the bullet repayment scheme from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh for UCBs who have met the overall PSL target and sub-targets as of March 31.

The Ministry of Cooperation recently had also taken another historic decision to provide funds to the registrar of cooperatives of states and Union Territories (UTs) and Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) by the Center for Computerization.

The total estimated expenditure for this scheme will be Rs 225.09 crore and it will enable people to quickly access services provided by the cooperative departments of the states and the offices of ARDBs as well as bring transparency and uniformity in the functioning of these offices, which will make them more efficient and save the time.

**172. Who among the following created the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of the World Cup?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने विश्व कप के इतिहास में किसी भारतीय द्वारा अब तक का सबसे तेज़ शतक बनाने का रिकॉर्ड बनाया?**

- (a) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (b) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (c) KL Rahul / केएल राहुल
- (d) Shubham Gill / शुभमन गिल
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Rohit Sharma Smashes India's Fastest World Cup Century

India captain Rohit Sharma slammed his 31st ODI century in the World Cup 2023 at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium.

He completed his hundred off 63 balls, fetching him the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of World Cup surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar for the most hundreds.

Before Rohit, the milestone belonged to Kapil Dev off 72 balls against Zimbabwe in 1983, the India captain bested the former all-rounder's accomplishment by nine balls as India dominated Afghanistan in their chase of 273 and won by 8 wickets.

Earlier during his innings, Rohit knocked down two more impressive milestones. First, he completed 1000 runs in World Cup, becoming only the fourth Indian to the landmark after Tendulkar, Virat Kohli and Sourav Ganguly and then struck three sixes to become the leading six-hitter in international cricket, surpassing 'Universe Boss's Chris Gayle.

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**173. Which edition of the National Games 2023 will be held in Goa from October 26 to November 9?**

**राष्ट्रीय खेल 2023 का कौन सा संस्करण 26 अक्टूबर से 9 नवंबर तक गोवा में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) 35th
- (b) 36th
- (c) 37th
- (d) 38th
- (e) 39th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** National Games 2023 to be held in Goa

The 37th edition of the National Games 2023 will be held in Goa from October 26 to November 9.

This will be the first time Goa will host the National Games.

The National Games are India's homespun Olympic-style multi-sport event where athletes from the various states and Union Territories compete for medals.

Several prominent Indian athletes like Neeraj Chopra, Sania Mirza, Mirabai Chanu, Sajjan Prakash and Manu Bhaker among others have participated in the National Games.

The National Games were first held in Lahore, undivided India, in 1924 and were known as the Indian Olympic Games until 1938.

This year's National Games will have a record number of 43 sports, including Olympic and indigenous sports. Last year, over 7,000 athletes featured in 36 sports. Kho Kho, yogasana and mallakhamb made their National Games debut.

The National Games 2023 will mark the debut of several new sports, including beach football, roll ball, golf, sepaktakraw, sqay martial arts, kallyarapattu and pencak silat. Additionally, yachting and taekwondo are making a return after their exclusion during the last edition.

Traditional sports lagori and gatka have been included as demonstration sports.

Over 10,000 athletes are expected to participate at the National Games 2023.

The Services Sports Control Board, the team representing the Indian Armed Forces, became the National Games champions in Gujarat last year with 128 medals, including 61 golds. Maharashtra followed with 140 medals which included 39 gold medals, narrowly ahead of Haryana's 38 gold medals from an overall tally of 116.

**174. World Arthritis Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व गठिया दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 12 October / 12 अक्टूबर
- (b) 13 October / 13 अक्टूबर
- (c) 11 October / 11 अक्टूबर
- (d) 14 October / 14 अक्टूबर
- (e) 10 October / 10 अक्टूबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 12 October - World Arthritis Day

World Arthritis Day is observed on October 12 every year.

It aims to create awareness about rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMSs).

Theme 2023 - Living with an RMD at all stages of life.

Arthritis is an inflammatory disease that affects the joints. Osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis are the most common types of arthritis.

The inflammation and tenderness of one or more joints due to arthritis contribute to joint pain and stiffness. This condition worsens with age. Arthritis can drastically lower a person's quality of life.

There is no cure for arthritis.



**175. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) is celebrated every year on 13 October. What is the theme of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023?**

**आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस (आईडीडीआर) हर साल 13 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Disaster risk governance
- (b) Fighting equality for a resilient future
- (c) Early warning and early action for all
- (d) Fighting inequality for a resilient future
- (e) Disaster risk and disaster losses

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 13 October - International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) is celebrated every year on 13 October.

Objective - To create awareness about disasters, their impact on living beings, and preventive measures.

Theme 2023 - Fighting inequality for a resilient future.

One of the main aims behind observing this day is to educate communities about the risks posed by disasters and prepare them to survive through both natural and human-made disasters.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction was first established by the United Nations in to foster a culture of disaster awareness and reduction.

## 176. Who has inaugurated the 26th Energy Technology Meet at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi?

**भारत मंडपम, नई दिल्ली में 26वीं ऊर्जा प्रौद्योगिकी बैठक का उद्घाटन किसने किया?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Hardeep Singh Puri / हरदीप सिंह पुरी
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Petroleum Minister inaugurates 26th Energy Technology Meeting in New Delhi  
Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh has inaugurated the 26th Energy Technology Meet at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Objective - To provide a common forum for refiners and technology service providers for the exposition of recent advances.

India had exceeded its biofuel blending targets, which are an important component of the country's green energy policy.

The aim of 20% biofuel blending, which was originally set for 2030, has been pushed back to 2025.

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

**कौन सा शहर भारत का पहला वेटलैंड सिटी बनने के लिए तैयार है?**

- (a) Jaipur / जयपुर
- (b) Udaipur / उदयपुर
- (c) Varanasi / वाराणसी
- (d) Indore / इंदौर
- (d) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Udaipur set to become India's first Wetland City

Udaipur, 'City of Lakes' known for its enchanting surroundings, lakes, forts, palaces, and historical significance, is in a race to earn the prestigious title of India's first-ever wetland city.

The city, known for its numerous picturesque lakes, including Lake Pichola, Lake Fateh Sagar, Lake Doodh Talai, Lake Rang Sagar, and Lake Swaroop Sagar, serves as a major tourist attraction.

The Rajasthan government is actively working towards obtaining this recognition for Udaipur. The Environment and Forest Department has chosen Udaipur based on the criteria set by the Ramsar Convention for international significance.

Additionally, Udaipur is a participant in the central government's National Lakes Conservation Plan, a program aimed at restoring these crucial water bodies. Currently, the city's nomination is in the process of being submitted to the Ramsar Convention for approval.

Currently, there are 42 wetland cities worldwide. In India, both Udaipur and Bhopal are vying for the remarkable distinction of being recognized as India's first wetland city.

**About Rajasthan**

- **Capital** – Jaipur
- **Chief Minister** – Ashok Gehlot
- **Governor** – Kalraj Mishra

**178. Which state has inaugurated the first building made with 3D printing technology named Amaze-28?**

**किस राज्य ने अमेज़-28 नामक 3डी प्रिंटिंग तकनीक से बनी पहली इमारत का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Kerala / केरल

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kerala's first 3D-printed building to be inaugurated

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

Inaugurated by revenue minister K Rajan. The building with a 380 sq ft one-room summer house is in Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra (Kesnik) campus at PTP Nagar of Thiruvananthapuram.

Designed as a demonstration project, Amaze-28 is a model that was completed in just 28 days. The project was completed by Kera State Nirmithi Kendra with the support of Tvasta, a Chennai-based construction tech start-up launched by some IIT-Madras alumni. 3D printing is layer-by-layer printing. In 3D printing basically, there are 3 processing. First is data processing, second is material processing and 3rd is robotic printing.

In material processing what we do is when you have an object or structure, we convert that into a 3D model. The building was named 'Amaze 28' as it was constructed in a record 28 days.

**About Kerala**

- **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram
- **Chief Minister** – Pinarayi Vijayan
- **Governor** – Arif Mohammad Khan

**178. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is celebrating a nationwide Khadi Mahotsav from the 2nd to the 31st of October. Who is the present Chairman of KVIC?**

**खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग (KVIC) 2 से 31 अक्टूबर तक देशव्यापी खादी महोत्सव मना रहा है।  
KVIC के वर्तमान अध्यक्ष कौन हैं?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Manoj Kumar / मनोज कुमार
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) K.N. Shanth Kumar / के.एन. शांत कुमार
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** KVIC celebrates nationwide Khadi Mahotsav

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is celebrating a nationwide Khadi Mahotsav from the 2nd to the 31st of October.

This festival is dedicated to supporting the "Vocal for Local" initiative and the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.

KVIC Chairman - Manoj Kumar

**179. Which Indian company has been recognized as one of the "World's Best Employers 2023" in the Forbes World's Best Employers List 2023?**

**फोर्ब्स विश्व की सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता सूची 2023 में किस भारतीय कंपनी को "विश्व के सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता 2023" में से एक के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है?**

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Adani Enterprises / अडानी एंटरप्राइजेज
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टॉरेंट पावर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NTPC features in Forbes "World's Best Employers 2023" List

India's largest integrated energy conglomerate, NTPC Limited has been recognized as one of the "World's Best Employers 2023" in the Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023.

It ranked 261st out of top 700 companies in the World ranking and is the only Indian PSU to figure in the list.

This is a testimony that the people practices at NTPC are at par with the top companies in the world.

Every year Forbes publishes the World's Best Employers List through independent market research to identify top 700 companies which offer exciting working and a positive environment, opportunities for training and career advancement, employee benefits, employee centric and workplace diversity.

Forbes partnered with market research firm Statista to create the seventh annual list of the World's Best Employers this year.

This recognizes NTPC's progressive and "People before PLF" approach, excellence in the development and management of its Human Resources through continuous process improvement, creating a caring, learning and engaging workplace, employee well-being and care and creating a meaningful, collaborative employee experience by putting the needs of employees first and adopting people practices aligned strategically to business needs.

**Recent Awards**

- **Singapore Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship** - Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards** - 84 artists (70 men and 14 women)
- **Ig Nobel prize 2023** - India, China, Malaysia, and the US researcher team
- **Safety Innovation Award 2023' in the 'Construction' category** - RITES Limited
- **Green Railway Certification by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)** - Vijayawada Railway Station (Platinum rating)

**180. ISRO in collaboration with which of the following has organized an exhibition called "Space on Wheels" program in Arunachal Pradesh?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसके सहयोग से इसरो ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश में "स्पेस ऑन व्हील्स" कार्यक्रम नामक एक प्रदर्शनी का आयोजन किया है?**

- (a) Vyavastha Parivartan / व्यवस्था परिवर्तन
- (b) Jazba Foundation / जज़्बा फाउंडेशन
- (c) Project Nanhi Kali / प्रोजेक्ट नन्हीं कली
- (d) Dr.K.V.R.Research Foundation / डॉ.के.वी.आर.रिसर्च फाउंडेशन
- (e) Vijnana Bharati / विजना भारती

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** ISRO in collaboration with VIBHA organizes exhibition Space on Wheels

Indian Space Research Organization in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) is organizing an exhibition called "Space on Wheels" program in Arunachal Pradesh.

The programme features a mobile exhibition vehicle showcasing models of satellites, launching vehicles, and communication systems.

It aims to bring the wonders of space to the doorstep of students and enthusiasts across the region.

The primary objective of the "Space on Wheels" program is to provide valuable insights into ISRO's activities and India's space missions to school and college students. It also aims to sensitize the youth about the exciting and rewarding career opportunities in the field of space science.

**About Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**

- **Founded** - 15 August 1969
- **Headquarters** - Bangalore, Karnataka
- **Founder / 1st Chairman** - Vikram Sarabhai
- **10th Chairman** - S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975

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

**इंडो-अमेरिकन चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स (IACC) का राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Pankaj Bohra / पंकज बोहरा
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Pankaj Bohra takes over as national president of IACC

Pankaj Bohra, a Chartered Accountant from Ahmedabad has become the first-ever person from Gujarat to assume the role of National President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC).

The IACC is a 55-year-old apex chamber of commerce and is engaged in promoting bilateral trade and investments between India and the USA

IACC with 14 offices in India and 27 partner organizations in the US.

Today bilateral trade between India and USA is experiencing rapid growth with USA emerging as the largest trading partner of India. The bonds between the two nations are stronger than ever and are ready to enter into a new orbit.

With a professional experience spanning over four decades, Bohra currently serves as the senior partner at Pankaj Bohra & Co., Chartered Accountants.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Navneet Munot (replace A Balasubramanian)
- **Vice chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Anthony Heredia (replace Radhika Gupta)
- **CEO of UIDAI** - Amit Agrawal (reappointment for 1 year)
- **DG of Border Roads Organization (BRO)** - Raghu Srinivasan (28th) (replace Rajeev Chaudhry)
- **Chairman of Press Trust of India Board** - K.N. Shanth Kumar (replace Aveek Sarkar)



**182. VJ Kurian has been appointed as the non-executive part-time chairman of which bank recently?**

**वीजे कुरियन को हाल ही में किस बैंक का गैर-कार्यकारी अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** VJ Kurian appoints as chairman of South Indian Bank

VJ Kurian has been appointed as the non-executive part-time chairman of the South Indian Bank with effect from November 2 to March 22, 2026.

Kurian will succeed Salim Gangadharan, who will be retiring as non-executive part-time chairman of the bank on November 1 after the completion of his term.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as the governing body overseeing the banking sector in India, has given its official approval for VJ Kurian's appointment as the bank's non-executive part-time chairman.

#### **About South Indian Bank**

- Founded - 1929
- Headquarters - Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO - PR Seshadri
- Tagline - Experience Next Generation Banking.

#### **Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Chairman of SBI** - Dinesh Kumar Khara (reappointment)
- **Global CEO of PayU** - Anirban Mukherjee (replace Laurent Le Moal)
- **Executive Director of RBI** - Muneesh Kapur
- **CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** - Ramaswamy N
- **MD & CEO of South Indian Bank** - PR Seshadri

**183. Who has been appointed as Laureus Ambassador recently?**

**हाल ही में लॉरेयस राजदूत के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Neeraj Chopra / नीरज चोपड़ा
- (b) DP Manu / डीपी मनु
- (c) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra appointed Laureus Ambassador

India's Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic and world javelin champion, was named a Laureus ambassador.

The 25-year-old Chopra became the second Indian to be named Laureus ambassador after former cricketer Yuvraj Singh was honoured in 2017.

Laureus is a global sports-based charity that works to improve the lives of young people. The organization leverages its Sport for Good initiative, the World Sports Academy, the ambassador programme and the World Sports Awards to harness the inspirational influence of sports as a catalyst for positive change.

Cricketers Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar are part of Laureus World Sports Academy, which under the chairmanship of former New Zealand rugby union captain Sean Fitzpatrick, performs the crucial role of voting for the winners of the Laureus Awards. Last year, Neeraj Chopra, who won the Olympic gold medal in 2021 to become the first Indian track and field athlete to win an Olympic medal, was nominated for the Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year award for 2022. However, the award went to British tennis sensation Emma Raducanu.

Chopra is only the third Indian – after wrestler Vinesh Phogat and cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar – to be nominated for a Laureus award.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Reliance Retail's Jio Mart
- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobil
- Anushka Sharma - Women's fashion brand 'W'
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Swaraj Tractors

**184. Who will be honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India in Goa?**

गोवा में 54वें भारतीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव में प्रतिष्ठित सत्यजीत रे एक्सीलेंस इन फिल्म लाइफटाइम अवार्ड से किसे सम्मानित किया जाएगा?

- (a) Kirk Douglas / किर्क डगलस
- (b) Michael Douglas / माइकल डगलस
- (c) Evangeline Lilly / इवांगेलिन लिली
- (d) Dharmendra / धर्मेन्द्र
- (e) Shatrughan Sinha / शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Douglas to be honored with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Film Award

Renowned Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas will be honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India in Goa.

Douglas is known for his films like 'Wall Street', 'Fatal Attraction', 'The China Syndrome', 'The American President', 'Basic Instinct', and 'Ant-Man' among others.

Douglas will be presented with the award at the International Film Festival of India scheduled to be held in Panjim from November 20-28 this year. The 79-year-old actor has won two Academy Awards, five Golden Globe Awards, a Primetime Emmy Award, the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and the AFI Life Achievement Award.

His first TV break came with The Experiment, a CBS Playhouse special in 1969, and it was the only time he was billed as M.K.

Douglas. His first notable role was in the television series The Streets of San Francisco, in which he co-starred with Karl Malden.

Other successful films he appeared in included Falling Down, The American President, The Ghost and the Darkness, The Game, A Perfect Murder, and many more.

**Recent Awards**

- **Best Asian TV Series at Busan International FF** - Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series 'Scoop'
- **Spinoza Prize for Climate Change in Netherlands** - Prof. Dr. Joyeeta Gupta
- **Sastra Ramanujan Prize 2023** - Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley (USA)
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023** - Waheeda Rehman
- **Great Place To Work Certified in India** from Sept 2023 to Sept 2024 period - SBI General Insurance
- **Best Trading Platform Global 2023** - Binomo Trading Platform

**185. Recently, who amongst the following has won the ICC Women's Players of the Month Award for September 2023?**  
**हाल ही में, निम्नलिखित में से किसने सितंबर 2023 के लिए ICC महिला प्लेयर्स ऑफ़ द मंथ अवार्ड जीता है?**

- (a) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (b) Heather Knight / हीदर नाइट
- (c) Harshitha Samarawickrama / हर्षिता समरविक्रमा
- (d) Chamari Athapaththu / चमारी अथापत्थु
- (e) Deepti Sharma / दीप्ति शर्मा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Gill and Athapaththu named ICC Players of the Month for September

India's talented young batter Shubman Gill won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for September after run-scoring feats in his country's trophy-winning Asia Cup campaign.

Gill claims his second Player of the Month prize for 2023 after overcoming compatriot Mohammed Siraj, and England's Dawid Malan, both of whom displayed outstanding form in shorter formats of the international game ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

While Influential Sri Lanka skipper Chamari Athapaththu wins her first Women's Player of the Month accolade after spearheading a historic T20I series win in England.

The Sri Lanka skipper led from the front to secure her side's maiden series victory in any format on English soil in September, overcoming defeat in the first outing to secure a 2-1 win.

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**186. Who has won the bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships 2023 held in Spokane, USA?**

**स्पोकेन, यूएसए में आयोजित BWF विश्व जूनियर चैंपियनशिप 2023 में कांस्य पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Sania Mirza / सानिया मिर्जा
- (b) Rohan Bopanna / रोहन बोपन्ना
- (c) Saina Nehwal / साइना नेहवाल
- (d) Ayush Shetty / आयुष शेट्टी
- (e) Shankar Muthusamy Subramanian / शंकर मुथुसामी सुब्रमण्यन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Ayush Shetty wins bronze medal at BWF World Junior Championships 2023

India's Ayush Shetty has won a bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships held in Spokane, USA.

The 23rd edition of the BWF World Junior Championships was held in Spokane, United States of America (USA).

Indonesia's Alvi Farhan won the BWF World Junior Championships gold medal.

Ayush Shetty won the bronze medal in the competition, losing to Alvi Farhan.

Another semi-finalist, France's Alex Lanier, also won a bronze medal.

India has won 11 medals at the BWF World Junior Championships since 1992, including 1 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze medals.

Saina Nehwal's gold medal wins in 2008 remains India's best achievement at the BWF World Junior Championships, and she also earned a silver medal in 2006. At the 2022 Championships in Spain, India's Shankar Muthusamy Subramanian won the silver medal.

**187. The International Olympic Council's (IOC) Executive Board has suspended which country's Olympic Committee (ROC) with immediate effect for "breach of charter" recently?**

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक परिषद (आईओसी) के कार्यकारी बोर्ड ने हाल ही में "चार्टर के उल्लंघन" के लिए किस देश की ओलंपिक समिति (आरओसी) को तत्काल प्रभाव से निलंबित कर दिया है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Ukraine / यूक्रेन
- (d) Israel / इज़राइल
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** IOC suspends Russian Olympic Committee for 'breach of charter'

After nearly 20 months of waging war in Ukraine, Russia was suspended by the International Olympic Council (IOC) for a land grab in sports administration.

The International Olympic Committee's executive board imposed the suspension on the Russian Olympic Committee for a breach of the Olympic Charter — a book of rules and principles for international sports bodies — by incorporating sports councils in four regions in eastern Ukraine.

The suspension does not immediately affect any Russians who are returning to compete in international sports as neutral athletes, including in some qualifying events for next year's Paris Olympics.

**About Russia**

- **Capital** – Moscow
- **Currency** – Rubel
- **President** – Vladimir Putin

**188. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October.**

**What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2023?**

विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस हर साल मई के दूसरे शनिवार और अक्टूबर के दूसरे शनिवार को मनाया जाता है। विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Tree: Sustaining Bird Life
- (b) Water: Sustaining Bird Life
- (c) Air Pollution
- (d) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!
- (e) Light Pollution

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 14 October 2023 - World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)

World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October. This year 13 May and 14 October are celebrated as World Migratory Bird Day.

It's a day that highlights the importance of migratory birds and their conservation efforts.

Theme 2023 - Water: Sustaining Bird Life

In 1993, the United States initiated the idea of a day dedicated to migratory birds. It was a joint effort by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Their aim was to encourage bird festivals and educational programs nationwide. Later, in 2016, the first global World Migratory Bird Day was celebrated, thanks to the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

**189. National Cinema Day is observed every year on which day?**

**राष्ट्रीय सिनेमा दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 October / 14 अक्टूबर
- (b) 15 October / 15 अक्टूबर
- (c) 16 October / 16 अक्टूबर
- (d) 17 October / 17 अक्टूबर
- (e) 13 October / 13 अक्टूबर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 13 October - National Cinema Day

National Cinema Day 2023 is observed every year on 13 October.

National Cinema Day aims to celebrate the magic of the big screen and applaud the success of recent blockbusters.

One should know that on that date, movie tickets across India will be available at Rs 99 only, thus celebrating the successful box office runs this year.

It is also an initiative to motivate more people to watch movies in theatres. As per the details available from the Multiplex Association of India (MAI), more than 4,000 cinema halls have confirmed to participate in the event.



**190. Which state has approved setting up an independent Scheduled Tribe Commission in the state on the lines of the Central Government?**

**किस राज्य ने केंद्र सरकार की तर्ज पर राज्य में एक स्वतंत्र अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग स्थापित करने को मंजूरी दे दी है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Maharashtra government approves to establish Independent ST Commission

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde approved to establish an Independent Scheduled Tribes Commission for Maharashtra on the lines of the Central Government.

The proposal was approved in the State Tribal Advisory Council meeting held in Mumbai.

Along with this, various issues like reorganization of scheduled areas of the state, provision of funds according to population, starting of project office in talukas of tribal districts, and other issues were discussed in the meeting.

**About Maharashtra**

- **Capital** - Mumbai
- **Chief Minister** - Eknath Sindhe
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - Devendra Fadnavis & Ajit Pawar
- **Governor** - Ramesh Bais

**191. Which state government will give the status of government employees to teachers via test?**

**कौन सी राज्य सरकार टेस्ट के माध्यम से शिक्षकों को सरकारी कर्मचारी का दर्जा देगी?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Bihar / बिहार
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Bihar to grant govt employee status to teachers via test

Bihar's education department has uploaded the draft of the Bihar School Specialist Teachers Rules 2023.

It will pave the way for the absorption of teachers appointed since 2006 through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local bodies (ULBs) as state government employees.

The draft rules have clearly laid down the criteria for seniority and promotion of Specialist Teachers. The seniority list for them will be maintained separately subject-wise for primary, middle, secondary and senior secondary at the district level.

The basic salary will vary from ₹25,000 to ₹32,000 depending on different grades, besides Dearness Allowance, House Rent Allowance, Medical Allowance and City Transport Allowance, as per the prevailing rates of the State Government.

The Head Teacher (Class I to V) and Headmaster for Higher Secondary School shall be appointed by competitive examinations conducted as per relevant respective rules.

The Specialist Teachers shall normally be transferred within the district, but they can also be transferred outside the district on request or on administrative grounds.

**About Bihar**

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**192. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated which edition of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने मुंबई में Jio वर्ल्ड सेंटर में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक समिति (IOC) सत्र के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) 100th
- (b) 111th
- (c) 131st
- (d) 141st
- (e) 150th

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM inaugurated 141st International Olympic Committee Meeting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) session at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai.

The session serves as a key meeting of the members of the International Olympic Committee.

Important decisions regarding the future of Olympic games are made at IOC sessions. India is hosting the IOC session for the second time after a gap of about 40 years.

The IOC's 86th session was held in New Delhi in 1983.

The 141st IOC Session, being held in India, embodies the nation's dedication to fostering global cooperation, celebrating sporting excellence, and furthering the Olympic ideals of friendship, respect, and excellence.

It provides an opportunity for interaction and knowledge sharing among the various sports-related stakeholders.

The session has also been attended by the President of the International Olympic Committee Thomas Bach and other members of the IOC along with prominent Indian sports personalities and representatives from various sports federations, including the Indian Olympic Association.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi inaugurated **9th 'G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit** in New Delhi
- PM Modi inaugurated the **country's first high-tech sports training center in Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh.
- PM Modi launched **27 thousand crore rupee development projects** in Chhatisgarh
- PM Modi has launched a week-long program called "**Sankalp Saptah**" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi.
- PM inaugurated '**International Lawyers' Conference 2023**' in New Delhi

**193. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth 4200 crore rupees in which state?**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में किस राज्य में 4200 करोड़ रुपये की विभिन्न विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास किया है?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM lays foundation stones of various projects worth Rs 4200

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth 4200 crore rupees at Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand.

The Central Government is continuously working to bring development in the border villages by developing them under the Vibrant Village Scheme.

The government took care of people living in remote areas, resulting in 13.5 crore people coming out of poverty in just five years. In the next five years, 4,000 crore rupees will be spent in the state to prevent natural disasters.

**About Uttarakhand**

- **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- **Chief Minister** - Pushkar Singh Dhami
- **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

**194. The 5th and concluding event of the 'Women and Water Dialogue Series' has been organized in which city?**

**'महिला एवं जल संवाद शृंखला' का 5वां एवं समापन कार्यक्रम किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया है?**

- (a) Varanasi / वाराणसी
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर
- (d) Prayagraj / प्रयागराज
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 'Women and Water' Dialogue Series concluding event held at Prayagraj

The 5th and concluding event of the 'Women and Water Dialogue Series' was organized at the Boat Club House in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

The 'Women and Water Dialogue Series' is a programme started during the Ganga Utsav 2022 to highlight the pivotal role of women in the water sector.

The 4 events of this series were held in Varanasi, Kanpur, New Delhi, and Rishikesh.

The Women and Water Dialogue covered all important towns along Ganga including Varanasi, Kanpur, Delhi, and Rishikesh. All programmes were linked to one or the other important day which helps in connecting with the people.

**195. Battery-swapping solutions provider SUN Mobility has partnered with which company to deploy over 16,000 EVs in the next 12 months?**

**बैटरी-स्वैपिंग समाधान प्रदाता SUN मोबिलिटी ने अगले 12 महीनों में 16,000 से अधिक ईवी तैनात करने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) Mahindra Electric / महिंद्रा इलेक्ट्रिक
- (b) Bluwheelz / ब्लूव्हीलज़
- (c) Ola Electric / ओला इलेक्ट्रिक
- (d) Ashok Leyland / अशोक लीलैंड
- (e) Lordstown Motors / लॉर्डस्टाउन मोटर्स

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** SUN Mobility partners with Bluwheelz to deploy over 16,000 EVs

Battery-swapping solutions provider SUN Mobility has partnered with electric vehicle fleet operator Bluwheelz to deploy over 16,000 EVs in the next 12 months.

Under the partnership, the companies are looking to deploy over 15,000 electric two-wheelers and 1,000 electric three-wheelers in all metropolitan cities through the next 12 months.

The deployment in Delhi has already started with almost 500 vehicles on the roads and the operations will start in cities in Bangalore and Hyderabad.

CEO of SUN Mobility - Anant Badjatya

Chairman of Bluwheelz - Sanjiv Gupta

**Recent MoU**

- India Global Forum signs with World Governments Summit to develop an Emerging Economies Programme
- DMRC sign with BEL to develop Communication Based Train Control system
- Amazon Web Services ties up with ISRO to advance its AI capabilities
- TCS collaborates with Dassault Systems in Living Heart Project
- NGEL partners with Nayara Energy for green hydrogen production

**196. Nitin Gadkari has approved 7 bridge projects worth Rs 118.50 Crore under the Setu Bandhan Scheme in the fiscal year 2023-24 for which state?**

**नितिन गडकरी ने वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 में किस राज्य के लिए सेतु बंधन योजना के तहत 118.50 करोड़ रुपये की 7 पुल परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Nitin Gadkari approves 7 bridge projects worth Rs 118.50 Crore

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has approved 7 bridge projects worth Rs 118.50 Crore under the Setu Bandhan Scheme in the fiscal year 2023-24 for Arunachal Pradesh.

The approved bridges are as follows:

- RCC bridge over Pacha River at Lachang, connecting Laimoya, Nerewa & Sorrowa villages in East Kameng District.
- RCC bridge from Goang to Donigaon village over Pacha river at Goang, on the way to Donigaon in East Kameng District.
- 3 bridges on NH-313, spanning from Roing-Anini road to New Chidu village via NHPC colony in Lower Dibang District.
- Double Lane steel composite bridge with RCC Decking at Kharsa, Dirang in West Kameng District.
- RCC bridge at Pikte Point across the river Sigen to connect Tabiripo Saku village on Koyu-Goye road in Lower Siang District.
- RCC bridge over Ngopok River on Mebo-Dholla road in East Siang District.
- Steel Composite bridge over river Panyor to connect Chullyu & Kebi village near Yazali Agri-Farm in Lower Subansiri District.

Enhancing connectivity across regions, and fostering economic development, these projects align with our commitment to improving the overall quality of life and promoting the socio-economic growth of Arunachal Pradesh.

The scheme is focused on improving connectivity in rural and remote.

#### **About Arunachal Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Itanagar
- **Chief Minister** – Pema Khandu
- **Governor** – LG (Retd) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

**197. Which university has organized its 6th annual technology conference 'INFINITY 2023' on the theme 'Digital transformation for futuristic businesses: Emerging technologies leading growth and sustainability'?**

किस विश्वविद्यालय ने 'भविष्य के व्यवसायों के लिए डिजिटल परिवर्तन: विकास और स्थिरता का नेतृत्व करने वाली उभरती प्रौद्योगिकियां' विषय पर अपना छठा वार्षिक प्रौद्योगिकी सम्मेलन 'इन्फिनिटी 2023' आयोजित किया है?

- (a) Delhi University / दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru University / जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय
- (c) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi / डॉ. बी.आर. अम्बेडकर विश्वविद्यालय दिल्ली
- (d) Amity University Noida / एमिटी यूनिवर्सिटी नोएडा परिसर
- (e) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 6th Annual Technology Conference INFINITY 2023 held in Noida.

Amity University Noida campus organized its 6th annual technology conference 'INFINITY 2023' on the theme 'Digital transformation for futuristic businesses: Emerging technologies leading growth and sustainability'.

the conference was inaugurated by Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, who interacted with the students during fireside chat and answered their queries.

Students have unprecedented opportunities now in the digital era, as compared to earlier times and also have great responsibility towards the country. The approach of the government is to have absolute citizen participation in policy-making.

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



**198. According to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), What is India's retail inflation in September 2023?**  
**राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (NSO) द्वारा जारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, सितंबर 2023 में भारत की खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति क्या है?**

- (a) 6.83%
- (b) 5.83%
- (c) 5.02%
- (d) 5.85%
- (e) 7.44%

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Retail inflation eased to 5.02% in September from 6.83% in August

India's retail inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), declined to a three-month low of 5.02% in September due to easing food prices, according to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

The inflation has come back to the Reserve Bank of India's comfort level of below 6% after a gap of two months.

In July 2023, India's CPI stood at 7.44%, while in August 2023, it was at 6.83%.

Industrial output as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was 10.3% in August 2023. Factory output measured in terms of the IIP had contracted by 0.7% in August 2022.

The data showed that the manufacturing sector's output increased by 9.3% in August 2023. Mining production rose 12.3% during the month under review.

Power output grew 15.3% in August 2023. The IIP grew by 6.1% in April-August 2023 compared to 7.7 percent in the same period of 2022-23.

The Reserve Bank of India mainly factors in retail inflation while arriving at its bi-monthly monetary policy. Industrial output, or factory output, is the closest approximation for measuring the economic activity of the country's business landscape.

**Recent CPI-based Retail inflation for India**

- **January 2023** – 6.52%
- **February 2023** – 6.44%
- **March 2023** – 5.66%
- **April 2023** – 4.7%
- **May 2023** – 4.25%
- **June 2023** – 4.81%
- **July 2023** – 7.44%
- **August 2023** – 6.83%
- **September 2023** – 5.02%

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

**निम्नलिखित में से किसे यूएस फर्स्ट लेडी जिल बिडेन द्वारा पहले "गर्ल्स लीडिंग चेंज" पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Gitanjali Rao / गीतांजलि राव
- (d) Sheetal Sharma / शीतल शर्मा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Indian American Gitanjali Rao honoured by US First Lady Jill Biden

Teenage Indian-American inventor Gitanjali Rao has been honoured by U.S. First Lady Jill Biden, along with 14 other young women leaders, for leading a change and shaping a brighter future in their communities across the nation.

The 17-year-old scientist was honoured in the first-ever "Girls Leading Change" celebration at the White House, marking the International Day of the Girl.

The 15 young women leaders, selected by the White House Gender Policy Council, were honoured by First Lady Jill to recognize their impact on their communities.

These young women are protecting and preserving the earth, writing and sharing stories that change minds, and turning their pain into purpose. Together, they represent the potential of young people across the country.

**Recent Awards**

- **World's Best Employers 2023 in** Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023 – NTPC Ltd
- **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Film Award at 54<sup>th</sup> IFFI** - Michael Douglas
- **Best Asian TV Series at Busan International FF** - Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop
- **Spinoza Prize for Climate Change in Netherlands** - Prof. Dr. Joyeeta Gupta
- **Sastra Ramanujan Prize 2023** - Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley (USA)
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023** - Waheeda Rehman

**200. Which edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 will be held in Johor, Malaysia from October 27 to November 4?**  
**सुल्तान जोहोर कप 2023 का कौन सा संस्करण 27 अक्टूबर से 4 नवंबर तक जोहोर, मलेशिया में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) 5th
- (b) 8th
- (c) 9th
- (d) 11th
- (e) 18th

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 11th Sultan of Johor Cup to be held in Johor, Malaysia

The 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 will be held in Johor, Malaysia from October 27 to November 4.

The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual under-21 men's field hockey event held in Malaysia.

Hockey India has announced the 20-member Indian junior men's hockey team that will participate in the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup.

Uttam Singh was appointed captain while Rajinder Singh will serve as his deputy.

The 11th edition of the tournament will feature eight teams instead of the customary six.

India has been placed in Pool B along with Malaysia, Pakistan, and New Zealand, while Pool A will consist of Germany, Australia, South Africa, and Great Britain.

The tournament is also an opportunity to assess and understand six nations that will be heading to the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023 and it's being played under the same climate conditions that we can expect at Kuala Lumpur in December."

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**201. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board has accepted a proposal to include T20I Cricket along with squash, lacrosse, flag football, and baseball/softball in the 2028 Olympics 2028. Which city will host Olympics 2028?**  
**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक समिति (IOC) के कार्यकारी बोर्ड ने 2028 ओलंपिक में स्क्वैश, लैक्रोस, फ्लैग फुटबॉल और बेसबॉल/सॉफ्टबॉल के साथ T20I क्रिकेट को शामिल करने के प्रस्ताव को स्वीकार कर लिया है। कौन सा शहर ओलंपिक 2028 की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) Los Angeles, USA / लॉस एंजिल्स, यूएसए
- (b) Berlin, Germany / बर्लिन, जर्मनी
- (c) Paris, France / पैरिस, फ्रांस
- (d) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / रियो डी जनेरो, ब्राज़ील
- (e) London, UK / लंदन, यूके

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** IOC apex body accepts a proposal to include cricket in the 2028 Olympics

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board has accepted a proposal to include T20I Cricket along with squash, lacrosse, flag football, and baseball/softball in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Calling cricket a sport with great potential, IOC President Thomas Bach said that it did not take much thinking to include it in the Games programme.

Organisers of the 2028 Games had recommended a package of five sports, including cricket to be “potential inclusions” in the Games programme last week.

If included, cricket will be making a comeback to the Olympics after a gap of 128 years. Cricket’s only appearance in the event was the 1900 Paris Olympics.

The ICC, in its presentation to LA 2028 organizers, had presented a six-team format in both men’s and women’s categories. All games are to be played in the T20 International format.

Even if cricket gets the final seal of approval in the IOC session vote, its participation will be confined to the 2028 Olympics.

The sport will have to be reconsidered for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics in Australia.

With clamour growing within certain quarters of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to bid for the Games in 2036, cricket could see an extended run in the quadrennial sports event.

**202. World Students Day is observed every year on October 15. It is a day dedicated to commemorating the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**विश्व छात्र दिवस हर साल 15 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। यह \_\_\_\_\_ की जयंती मनाने के लिए समर्पित दिन है।**

- (a) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar / भीमराव रामजी अम्बेडकर
- (b) Vikram Sarabhai / विक्रम साराभाई
- (c) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam / डाक्टर ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम
- (d) Subhas Chandra Bose / सुभाष चंद्र बोस
- (e) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan / सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 15 October - World Students Day

World Students Day is observed every year on October 15. It is a day dedicated to commemorating the birth anniversary of the late Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

This day is a tribute to his remarkable contributions to education and his unwavering commitment to the welfare of children and students across India and the world.

In 2023, World Students Day takes on special significance as we celebrate the 92nd birth anniversary of the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

The United Nations officially designated October 15 as World Students Day in 2010.

Dr Kalam was also awarded India's highest civilian honour or the Bharat Ratna apart from Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan for his work as the scientific advisor to the government of India.

**203. The International Day of Rural Women is celebrated annually on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण महिला दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 October / 14 अक्टूबर
- (b) 15 October / 15 अक्टूबर
- (c) 16 October / 16 अक्टूबर
- (d) 17 October / 17 अक्टूबर
- (e) 18 October / 18 अक्टूबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 15 October - International Day of Rural Women

The International Day of Rural Women is celebrated annually on October 15.

It is a day dedicated to recognizing the vital contributions of rural women worldwide. they play an essential role in agriculture, food production, and rural development.

Theme 2023 - Rural Women Cultivating Good For All

On 18 December 2007, the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 62/136, formally acknowledging the crucial role of rural women in agricultural and rural development, enhancing food security and reducing poverty.

Subsequently, on 15th October 2008, the first-ever International Day of Rural Women celebrated.

**204. World Food Day is observed every year on 16 October. What is the theme of World Food Day 2023?**

**विश्व खाद्य दिवस हर साल 16 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व खाद्य दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Leave NO ONE behind
- (b) Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future
- (c) Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow
- (d) Zero Hunger
- (e) Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 16 October - World Food Day

World Food Day is observed every year on 16 October.

Objective - To create awareness about the importance of healthy diet and highlight the challenges faced by millions of people across the globe due to lack of access to healthy food.

Theme 2023 - Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind

The main purpose behind celebrating Food Day on a global level is to promote policies and programs for eliminating hunger to ensure that the upcoming generations do not face food-related issues and malnutrition.

World Food Day is an opportunity to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2), which is 'Zero Hunger'. The day encourages governments, policy makers, stake holders, and other organizations to establish policies and programmes against global hunger issues.

World Food Day was established by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1979 to commemorate its establishment in 1945. Its main agenda is to overcome the food related challenges faced by millions of people worldwide.

**205. PV Gangadharan passed away recently at the age of 80. Who was he?**

**पीवी गंगाधरन का हाल ही में 80 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Film producer / फ़िल्म निर्माता
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Film producer PV Gangadharan passes away at 80

Popular Malayalam film producer and director of the Mathrubhumi group of publications, PV Gangadharan passed away at the age of 80.

Fondly called PVG, Gangadharan made a name for himself in the world of cinema and politics. He was a member of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC).

Apart from politics, Gangadharan also tasted success in the world of cinema. He floated his banner, Grihalakshmi Productions, and bankrolled many superhit films in the Malayalam film industry.

In 1977, he produced his first film, 'Sujatha', and scored hits subsequently with films such as 'Angadi', 'Chiriyo Chiri', 'Ekalavyan', 'Manassa Vacha Karmana'.

His film 'Kanakkinavu won the Nargis Dutt Award for National Integration and 'Santham' won the National Award for Best Film. 'Oru Vadakkan veeragadha', 'Achivinte Amma', 'Notebook', and 'Veendum Chila Vettu Karayanga;' won State awards in several categories.

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**206. Who has launched the trailer of enthralling animated series 'Bharat Hain Hum' in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में मनोरंजक एनिमेटेड श्रृंखला 'भारत हैं हम' का ट्रेलर किसने लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Suresh Prabhu / सुरेश प्रभु
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Anurag Thakur launches trailer of animated series KTB- Bharat Hain Hum

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has launched the trailer of enthralling animated series 'Bharat Hain Hum' in New Delhi.

While addressing the launch of the 'Krish, Trish and Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum' series, Anurag Thakur said, "After independence, schools taught about some selective people but there were a lot of people who had a major role in our freedom struggle like Birsa Munda, Rani Abbakka and others, students are unaware of them. From where should people know what has happened in the country? There are many names, like (Rani Abbakka)."

This is a beautiful animation series that will provide information about India. Efforts have been made to ensure that language should not be a barrier.

A unique effort has been made here that this has been made in 12 Indian languages and 7 international languages so that not only the country but the world should also know about unsung heroes.

Central Bureau of Communication to earn revenue for first time with this series.

**207. Which edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 has been inaugurated by actress Varsha Usgaonkar in Mumbai?**

**लैंडस्केप और गार्डनिंग एक्सपो 2023 के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन अभिनेत्री वर्षा उसगांवकर ने मुंबई में किया है?**

- (a) 15th
- (b) 16th
- (c) 17th
- (d) 18th
- (e) 19th

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 in Mumbai

The 16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 was inaugurated by actress Varsha Usgaonkar in Mumbai. This is the first time that Mumbai is hosting such an expo that will see participation from firms dealing in horticulture development, Darjeeling orchid plants, bonsai, ornamental flowers, green roof systems, nursery products, soil substitutes, etc.

To add value a 'Global Conference on Urban Green Living Concepts' has also been planned for the Landscape, Golf Courses, and Sports Infrastructure industry.

With an aesthetically appealing landscape, trees, and potted plants being high in demand in Mumbai and its suburbs, the expo aims to promote the idea of green living and popularise the concept of vertical gardening.

The three-day expo, being held at the Bombay Exhibition Center, NESCO in Goregaon has been jointly organized by the gardens department of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, World Council on Urban Green Living Concepts, and Tree Culture.

**208. Which state's CM has launched the Rabi Campaign-2023 in the state?**

**किस राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री ने राज्य में रबी अभियान-2023 शुरू किया है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Bihar CM launches Rabi Mahabhiyan-2023

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has launched the Rabi Campaign-2023 and flagged off the campaign chariots to all the districts of the state by showing a green flag.

This campaign has been launched for the success of Rabi-2023.

Farmers will be informed about the schemes run by the Agriculture Department related to the Rabi season.

CM Nitish Kumar also released a book pertaining to the Rabi Campaign-2023.

**About Bihar**

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**209. Which edition of Ladakh Zaskar Festival 2023 has been inaugurated at Padum in Zaskar, Kargil?**

**लद्दाख ज़ांस्कर महोत्सव 2023 के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन कारगिल के ज़ांस्कर के पदुम में किया गया है?**

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 8th edition of Ladakh Zaskar festival Inaugurated

Commissioner Secretary Tourism & Culture UT Ladakh, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan has inaugurated the 8th edition of the two-day Ladakh Zaskar Festival-2023 at Padum in Zaskar, Kargil.

The 8th edition of the Zaskar festival began with people in traditional attire and exhibition stalls displaying traditional cuisine, attire, lifestyle, ethnicity, and unique Zaskar culture.

The festival aimed to support traditional folk artists, cultural performers, handloom and handicraft artisans, traditional nomadic life (Doksa), and traditional archery sports besides Ladakh Zaskar Festival-2023 was a celebration of culture, tradition, and unity.

**210. Who has inaugurated Nagaland's first Medical College - Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) in Kohima, Nagaland?**

**कोहिमा, नागालैंड में नागालैंड के पहले मेडिकल कॉलेज - नागालैंड इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मेडिकल साइंसेज एंड रिसर्च (NIMSR) का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya / डॉ. मनसुख मंडाविया
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Health Minister inaugurates Nagaland's First Medical College

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated Nagaland's first Medical College - Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) at Phreibagei in Kohima, Nagaland.

The institution will add strength to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of creating a healthier and prosperous India.

NIMSR will not only serve the purpose of providing medical education but also contribute in research and finding solutions to any rare diseases for the people of Nagaland.

The new medical college will also serve the people of the State by providing quality and affordable healthcare, open many opportunities in the healthcare sector, and greatly benefit the youngsters of the region.

In the span of the last 9 years, MBBS seats have increased from 64,000 to 1,60,000 in the country. Similarly, post-graduation seats have also doubled.

**About Nagaland**

- Formation - 1 December 1963
- Capital- Kohima
- Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio
- Governor- La. Ganesan

**211. Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has begun the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from which city?**  
**केंद्रीय मत्स्य पालन मंत्री परशोत्तम रूपाला ने किस शहर से सागर परिक्रमा के 10वें चरण की शुरुआत की है?**

- (a) Pondicherry / पांडिचेरी
- (b) Mumbai / मुंबई
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Daman / डेमन
- (e) Vishakapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Parshottam Rupala inaugurated 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai

Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has begun the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Sagar Parikrama is one of the ambitious projects of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This programme was launched with the goal of understanding the needs and the challenges of fishermen.

It was a great expectation to travel onboard the Indian Coast Guard ship Sujay. The ship will first land at Krishnapattinam where there will be a fish food festival. Later, the Minister will proceed to Nellore.

The Government will provide new equipment to the fishermen to know if they are trespassing into international waters. He said that the project would be coordinated with ISRO.

**About Tamil Nadu**

- **Formation** – 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Chennai
- **Chief Minister** – M K Stalin
- **Governor** – R N Ravi

**212. Who has co-chaired the meeting of the 18th India-Vietnam Joint Commission in Hanoi with his Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son?**

**हनुई में 18वें भारत-वियतनाम संयुक्त आयोग की बैठक की अपने वियतनामी समकक्ष बुई थान सोन के साथ सह-अध्यक्षता किसने की है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (c) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (d) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
- (e) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** S. Jaishankar co-chairs meeting of 18th India-Vietnam Joint Commission

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has co-chaired the meeting of the 18th India-Vietnam Joint Commission in Hanoi with his Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son.

The discussions covered cooperation in political, defense, and maritime security, judicial, trade and investment, energy, development, education and training, science and technology, and cultural domains.

India-Vietnam's Comprehensive Strategic Partnership will only further strengthen over the coming years. They also shared perspectives on the Indo-Pacific region, commitment to global issues, and collaboration in various multilateral groupings.

Dr Jaishankar also jointly unveiled the commemorative stamps celebrating 50 years of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Vietnam with his counterpart.

**About Vietnam**

- Capital- Hanoi
- Currency- Vietnamese dong
- Prime Minister - Pham Minh Chinh
- President - Vo Van Thuong

**213. In which state Women's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2023 will be organized from 27 October to 5 November?**  
**महिला हॉकी एशियन चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी 2023 का आयोजन 27 अक्टूबर से 5 नवंबर तक किस राज्य में किया जायेगा?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jharkhand / झारखंड
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Jharkhand CM unveils mascot 'Juhi' for Women's Asian Champions 2023

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, and President of International Hockey Federation Dato Tayyab Ikram have unveiled the trophy and event mascot 'Juhi' for the hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 at the Project Bhawan in Dhurva, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

The mascot, named 'Juhi' is inspired by the popular elephant at Betla National Park.

Six countries— India, Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia and Thailand - will participate in the championship to be held in Ranchi from October 27 to November 5.

The state is mainly known for its mineral reserves such as coal, uranium and others. There is also a pool of sportspersons here. When we started honing the skills of sportspersons, we found it more powerful than minerals.

**About Jharkhand**

- **Capital** – Ranchi
- **Chief Minister** – Hemant Soren
- **Governor** - C.P. Radhakrishnan

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**214. Who has been appointed as the Director of Finance of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)?**

**भारतीय नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी लिमिटेड (आईआरईडीए) के वित्त निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Pranav Haridasan / प्रणव हरिदासन
- (b) Bijay Kumar Mohanty / बिजय कुमार मोहंती
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesch Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** B K Mohanty assumes charge as Director of Finance at IREDA

Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty has been appointed as the Director of Finance of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA).

Mohanty is a senior finance professional with experience of over 25 years in the Indian power sector.

The appointment of Dr. Mohanty as Director (Finance) of IREDA was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

Mohanty has been appointed to the post for 5 years from the date he assumed charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Prior to joining IREDA, he held the position of Head of Department and Senior General Manager (Finance & Accounts) at REC Limited.

**Don't be Confused**

- **Finance Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** - Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty
- **Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission** - Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- **Chairman of LIC** - Siddhartha Mohanty
- **Chairman of PFRDA** - Deepak Mohanty

**215. The Indian Army has won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023 International Military Exercise in which country?**

**भारतीय सेना ने किस देश में कैम्ब्रियन गश्ती प्रतियोगिता 2023 अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सैन्य अभ्यास में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Thailand / थाईलैंड
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Japan / जापान

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Indian Army wins gold medal in Cambrian Patrol 2023 military exercise

The Indian Army has won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023 International Military Exercise in Wales, UK.

A team from 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army at the prestigious Cambrian Patrol Exercise in Wales, UK, the Army said.

The Indian Army team participated in the event and competed against a total of 111 teams, which included 38 international teams representing special forces and prestigious regiments from around the world.

Exercise Cambrian Patrol, organized by the UK Army, is considered the ultimate test of human endurance and team spirit and is sometimes referred to as the Olympics of Military Patrolling among militaries in the world.

In the year 2021, the Indian Army also won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Exercise held in the UK while competing against 96 teams including 17 international teams representing Special Forces and prestigious Regiments from around the world.

**216. Which state has bagged the third prize in operationalizing telemanas- using tele technology for mental health and counselling - on the National Mental Health Day?**

राष्ट्रीय मानसिक स्वास्थ्य दिवस पर किस राज्य ने मानसिक स्वास्थ्य और परामर्श के लिए टेली प्रौद्योगिकी का उपयोग करके टेलीमैनेस के संचालन में तीसरा पुरस्कार जीता है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** UP bags award for using tele technology for mental health & counselling

Uttar Pradesh has bagged the third prize in operationalising telemanas- using tele technology for mental health and counselling - on the National Mental Health Day.

The award was given by ministry of health and family welfare, Government of India. Mission director, National Health Mission Uttar Pradesh, Dr Pinky Joval received the award.

The UP team will strive to do even better and be the top state in this area in the coming year.

An urgent need was felt for a digital mental health network in the state to provide tele-mental health care services to the masses, with the objective to provide 24X7 mental health care services even in the remote parts of the country.

Due to the side effects of the Covid pandemic, mental health problems have increased among children and adolescents and today's society is facing conditions like mental disorders and depression due to continuous use of mobile phones.

Therefore, under Telemanas services, free mental health services are being provided to all individuals through toll free number 14416 or 1800-89-14416

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

**217. Which country's cricketer Alastair Cook has recently announced his retirement from international cricket?**

**हाल ही में किस देश के क्रिकेटर एलिस्टर कूक ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा की है?**

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Former England captain Alastair Cook announces retirement

Former England captain Alastair Cook, his country's record test run scorer, announced his retirement from professional cricket.

The 38-year-old left-handed opener, who retired from international cricket in 2018, played his entire county career with Essex.

Cook was England test captain from 2012 to 2017 and also captain for 69 one day internationals from 2010-14.

He scored 766 runs in seven innings during the 2010-11 Ashes tour to help England to their first series win in Australia for 24 years.

**Recently Retired Players**

- Steven Finn - All forms of Cricket - England
- Alex Hales - International Cricket - England
- Manoj Tiwary - All forms of cricket - India
- Diego Godin - Professional Football - Uruguay
- Stuart Broad - International Cricket - England
- Lahiru Thirimanne- International Cricket - Sri Lanka
- Nahida Khan - International Cricket - Pakistan
- Shabnim Ismail - International Cricket - South Africa

**218. Who has won the U-20 World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy?**

**सार्डिनिया, इटली में अंडर-20 विश्व जूनियर रैपिड शतरंज चैंपियनशिप किसने जीती है?**

- (a) R Praggnanandhaa / आर प्रज्ञानानंदः
- (b) Raunak Sadhwani / रौनक साधवानी
- (c) Alexandr Predke / एलेक्ज़ेंडर प्रेडके
- (d) Abhijeet Gupta / अभिजीत गुप्ता
- (e) Jaykumar Sammed / जयकुमार सम्मेद

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Raunak Sadhwani won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship

17-year-old Raunak Sadhwani has won the U-20 World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy.

Raunak scored 8.5 over 11 rounds to win the Championship ahead of Arseniy Nesterov of Russia, who scored 8.

Raunak became a grandmaster at the age of 13. He is the ninth youngest player in history and the fourth youngest Indian to be awarded the title.

Raunak - Maharashtra's youngest and Nagpur's only Grandmaster (GM) - helped world no. 1 Magnus Carlsen lift his maiden European title.

**219. World Anaesthesia Day is observed on October 16 every year. What is the theme of World Anaesthesia Day 2023?**

**विश्व एनेस्थीसिया दिवस हर साल 16 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व एनेस्थीसिया दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Medication Safety
- (b) Teamwork
- (c) Resuscitation
- (d) Anaesthesia and Cancer Care
- (e) Occupational Wellbeing of Anaesthesiologists

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 16 October - World Anaesthesia Day

World Anaesthesia Day is observed on October 16 every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about the importance of anaesthesia in medical treatments.

It also supports anaesthesia providers around the world to celebrate their profession.

Theme 2023 - Anaesthesia and Cancer Care

World Anaesthesia Day marks the birth of anaesthesia. Anaesthesia was first used on October 16, 1846. The first successful demonstration of ether anaesthesia was performed by William Thomas Green Morton (1819-1868) at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA, USA.

**What is Anaesthesia?**

- Anaesthesia is given to patients before surgery or any other painful procedure. It helps treat the patients safely without causing any pain by inducing unconsciousness. There are mainly three types of anaesthesia, local, general and general anaesthesia. The medicines given result in loss of sensation.
- Post- anaesthesia the patient may experience dry mouth, sore throat, sleepiness, muscle aches, confusion and shivering for a while.

**220. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय गरीबी उन्मूलन दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 October / 14 अक्टूबर
- (b) 15 October / 15 अक्टूबर
- (c) 16 October / 16 अक्टूबर
- (d) 17 October / 17 अक्टूबर
- (e) 18 October / 18 अक्टूबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 17 October - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is celebrated every year on 17 October.

The day is dedicated to create awareness and promote global measures for the prevention of poverty.

Theme 2023 - Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All

One of the major challenges in the world that needs to be addressed for the betterment of society is Poverty. The International Poverty Eradication Day is an opportunity to highlight the problems faced by underprivileged people in their day-to-day lives, and provide necessary support to them.

The observance of this day traces its roots back to October 17, 1987, when a gathering at the Trocadero in Paris proclaimed poverty as a violation of human rights.

The UN General Assembly officially declared October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty through resolution 47/196 on 22 December 1992

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**221. Padma Shri awardee Dahyabhai Shastri passed away recently. Who was he?**

**पद्म श्री पुरस्कार से सम्मानित दहयाभाई शास्त्री का हाल ही में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Marathi Scholar
- (b) Sanskrit Scholar
- (c) Malayalam Scholar
- (d) Kanad Scholar
- (e) Hindi Scholar

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri passes away

Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri, an Indian scholar of Sanskrit and the founder of Brahmarshi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Nadiad, passed away.

He is also a former president of the Gujarat state unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

He was actively working towards the expansion and education of Sanskrit language throughout.



**222. India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before which year?**

**भारत किस वर्ष से पहले विकसित देशों को कार्बन-नकारात्मक बनने के लिए प्रेरित करेगा?**

- (a) 2030
- (b) 2040
- (c) 2034
- (d) 2050
- (e) 2060

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before 2050

India wants to push developed nations to become carbon negative rather than carbon neutral by 2050, arguing that would allow emerging market economies more time to use fossil fuels for development needs.

India, which is resisting calls to commit to a deadline for phasing out its own use of coal and other fossil fuels, is set to make its proposal at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai later this year.

The rich countries should become net negative emitters before 2050 to enable the world to achieve the target of global net-zero by that year while allowing developing nations to use the available natural resources for growth.

Developed countries including the United States, Britain, Canada, and Japan are targeting net zero by 2050. China has committed to net zero by 2060 while India has committed to reaching that goal by 2070.

India has committed to operating half of its installed power capacity with non-fossil sources and cutting the ratio of greenhouse emissions to gross domestic product to 45% of its 2005 level by 2030.

COP28 is scheduled to take place between Nov 30 and Dec 12.

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

**सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, देश में महिला श्रम बल भागीदारी दर 2023 में 4.2 प्रतिशत से बढ़कर कितने प्रतिशत हो गई है?**

- (a) 35%
- (b) 36%
- (c) 37%
- (d) 38%
- (e) 41%

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Female Labour Force Participation Rate in India improved to 37%

The Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to 37 per cent this year.

This was revealed in the data released by the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry in its Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2022-23.

The significant jump is due to the Government's policy initiatives aimed at the long-term socio-economic and political development of women.

According to the data shared by the Women and Child Development Ministry, the female labour force participation rate increased from 23.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 24.5 per cent in 2018-19; 30 per cent in 2019-20 to 32.5 per cent in 2020-21 and 32.8 per cent in 2021-22 to 37 per cent in 2022-23.

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**224. On the auspicious occasion of Navrati, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a new Garba song titled "Maadi". This song is sung by \_\_\_\_\_.**

नवरात्रि के शुभ अवसर पर प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने "माड़ी" नाम से एक नया गरबा गीत जारी किया है। यह गाना \_\_\_\_\_ द्वारा गाया गया है।

- (a) Shreya Ghoshal / श्रेया घोषाल
- (b) Sonu Nigam / सोनू निगम
- (c) Divya Kumar / दिव्या कुमार
- (d) Alka Yagnik / अलका याग्निक
- (e) A. R. Rahman / ए आर रहमान

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PM Narendra Modi releases new Garba Song "Maadi"

On the auspicious occasion of Navrati, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a new Garba song titled "Maadi".

The song, penned by PM Modi, is sung by Divya Kumar and is composed by the Meet Bros.

The song is four minutes and 40 seconds long and is sung in Gujarati. The video shows people dressed in colourful attire heading to various garba venues to swing to the beats while some are also seen with dandiya.

#### **PM Modi in News**

- PM inaugurated **141st International Olympic Committee Meeting** in Mumbai
- PM Modi inaugurated **9th 'G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit** in New Delhi
- PM Modi inaugurated the **country's first high-tech sports training center in Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh.
- PM Modi launched **27 thousand crore rupee development projects** in Chhatisgarh
- PM Modi has launched a week-long program called **"Sankalp Saptah"** for aspirational blocks in New Delhi.

**225. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the which edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने ग्लोबल मैरीटाइम इंडिया समिट 2023 के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PM inaugurated Global Maritime India Summit 2023

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023.

India's economy is constantly strengthening in a world dealing with economic crisis, and the day is not far when India will become one of the top three economies in the world.

The historic India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor will revolutionize regional and global trade. The decision on the Economic Corridor was taken during the G20 leader's summit due to India's initiatives and it will help in decreasing logistic costs, help in environment conservation, and create a huge number of employment opportunities.

The Prime Minister also unveiled 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', a blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy. In line with this futuristic plan, the Prime Minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for projects worth more than 23,000 crores rupees that are aligned with the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' for the Indian maritime blue economy.

The summit provides an excellent platform for attracting investment in the country's maritime sector.

**226. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has unveiled the equestrian statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao Rambaksh Singh in which district of state?**

उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने राज्य के किस जिले में स्वतंत्रता सेनानी राजा राव रामबख्श सिंह की घुड़सवारी प्रतिमा का अनावरण किया है?

- (a) Ayodhya / अयोध्या
- (b) Unnao / उन्नाव
- (c) Kanpur / कानपुर
- (d) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- (e) Noida / नोएडा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** UP CM unveils freedom fighter Raja Rao statue in Unnao

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has unveiled the equestrian statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao Rambaksh Singh in Daundiakheda village of UP's Unnao district.

He also laid the foundation stone of development projects worth Rs 804 crore in Unnao.

As per the Sanatan Dharma tradition, the period of 'Pitrapaksha' is dedicated to showing gratitude towards our ancestors and it is a matter of great pride that during this period we are unveiling the statue of the eminent freedom fighter, Raja Rambaksh Singh, whose heroic efforts ignited the flame of independence.

Unnao has the country's largest leather Export in the UPSIDC.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

**227. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in which city?**  
**केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने किस शहर में सामाऊ शहीद स्मारक और पुस्तकालय का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Gandhinagar / गांधीनगर
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gujarat.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

During the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Prime Minister Narendra Modi started initiatives to build memorials of countless unsung martyrs across the country who sacrificed their lives in the 90 years of freedom struggle from 1857 to 1947 and revive their history so that the youth and the new generation could draw inspiration from them.

12 valiant heroes had sacrificed their lives during the freedom struggle in Samau in November 1857, but there was no memorial for them till 2022-23. The memorial inaugurated today will serve to immortalize their stories of bravery.

**228. Which of the following women police station has become the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate?**

**निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा महिला पुलिस स्टेशन ISO 9001:2015 प्रमाणपत्र से सम्मानित होने वाला पूरे देश का पहला महिला-केंद्रित पुलिस स्टेशन बन गया है?**

- (a) Bhopal Mahila Thana /भोपाल महिला थाना
- (b) Jaipur Mahila Thana /जयपुर महिला थाना
- (c) Ghaziabad Mahila Thana / गाजियाबाद महिला थाना
- (d) Gurugram Mahila Thana /गुरुग्राम महिला थाना
- (e) Rohini Mahila Thana /रोहिणी महिला थाना

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Bhopal's Mahila Thana became country's first to get ISO certification

The Mahila thana (women police station) of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.

Bhopal Mahila Thana has been pulling out all the stops to curb women-related crimes. The Mahila thana has improved a lot on its part in registering grievances of the complainants, comforting them, and probing cases.

The ISO certification is a testament to the station's commitment to improving its services and facilities, ensuring quality, safety, and efficiency.

**229. Which state has recently launched the first AI-based Early Warning System to prevent wild elephants from getting hit by trains on railway lines?**

हाल ही में किस राज्य ने जंगली हाथियों को रेलवे लाइनों पर ट्रेनों की चपेट में आने से बचाने के लिए पहली AI-आधारित प्रारंभिक चेतावनी प्रणाली शुरू की है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Kerala / केरल

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Tamil Nadu's first AI-based early warning system for elephant

Tamil Nadu is close to completing its first artificial intelligence (AI)-based early warning system designed to protect wild elephants from train collisions along the Ettimadai-Walayar railway section.

This initiative involves the installation of 12 e-surveillance towers equipped with thermal imaging cameras to monitor elephant movements. The towers for thermal imaging cameras have been installed in the highly vulnerable area of 7.05 km of Ettimadai-Walayar section, passing through Solakkarai reserve forest of Madukkarai range, covering 2.9 km in the 'A' line and 4.15 km in the 'B' line. At present, technicians are programming AI-based thermal cameras mounted on towers along the 'A' line. The machine learning system will be enabled to detect the movement of elephants in thickets.

Once it becomes fully functional, the system will detect elephant movement and pass the message to forest department staff and railway authorities. Loco pilots will be able to reduce the speed of trains based on the alert.

Objective - To achieve the goal of 'zero elephant deaths' on railway tracks in the region.

A total of 11 elephants were killed in six train collisions on the two railway lines linking Coimbatore and Palakkad from 2008 to 2022.

#### **About Tamil Nadu**

- **Formation** – 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Chennai
- **Chief Minister** – M K Stalin
- **Governor** – R N Ravi



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

**किस बैंक ने अपने बचत और चालू खातों का एक ही स्थान पर समेकित दृश्य प्राप्त करने के लिए 'iFinance' लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** ICICI Bank introduces 'iFinance, a One-Stop Solution

ICICI Bank has launched 'iFinance', which will enable customers, both retail and sole proprietors, to get a consolidated view of their savings and current accounts in one place.

'iFinance' provides a single-view dashboard of all accounts. Users can check account balances, get valuable insights on spending patterns, download statements and more.

The dashboard offers significant convenience to users and assists them to exercise better control over expenses and monitor their finances in a seamless manner."

This facility, which ICICI Bank introduced by utilizing the Account Aggregator ecosystem, is available to customers of other banks on the bank's digital platforms, including the iMobile Pay app, Retail Internet Banking (RIB), Corporate Internet Banking (CIB), and InstaBIZ, the bank's mobile app for businesses.

**About Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank**

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Headquarters** – Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi
- **Tagline** - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

**Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer '**ONDC Network Gift Card**'
- SBI launches '**Mobile Handheld Device**' to improve accessibility and convenience.
- PhonePe launched its own app store platform **Indus Appstore**
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launched of **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs**
- Axis Bank Launched '**NEO For Business**' Ban Platform for MSMEs
- Ujjivan SFB launched **Maxima Savings Account & Business Maxima Current Account**

**231. In October 2023, RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on which bank for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, RBI ने 'ऋण और अग्रिम - वैधानिक और अन्य प्रतिबंध' पर निर्देशों का पालन न करने के लिए किस बैंक पर ₹1 करोड़ का जुर्माना लगाया है?**

- (a) Punjab & Sind Bank / पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** RBI imposes 1 crore penalty on Union Bank of India

The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions.

Examination of the financials for FY21 revealed that the bank sanctioned a term loan to a corporation in lieu of or to substitute budgetary resources envisaged for certain projects, and without undertaking due diligence on the viability of the projects.

It also fined RBL Bank for an amount of ₹64 lakh for violation of norms on regulatory approval for the acquisition of shares or voting rights in private sector banks.

The lender failed to obtain the annual declaration in Form B from one of its major shareholders, within one month of the close of FY18, FY19, and FY20.

It also did not furnish certificates to RBI regarding continuance of the 'fit and proper' status of one of its major shareholders, by the end of September, for all three years.

Pune-based Bajaj Finance has also been levied a penalty of ₹8.50 lakh for breach of regulatory norms on the extent of not reporting and delay in reporting of certain frauds to RBI.

**About Union Bank of India (UBI)**

- Founded- 11 November 1919
- Headquarters- Mumbai
- CEO- A. Manimekhalai

**232. Which of the following has introduced the world's first AI-integrated crypto wallet?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने दुनिया का पहला AI-एकीकृत क्रिप्टो वॉलेट पेश किया है?**

- (a) Rasper.ai
- (b) Wasper.ai
- (c) Casper.ai
- (d) Lasper.ai
- (e) Masper.ai

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Rasper.ai Unveils World's First AI Wallet

Rasper.ai, a pioneering force in the cryptocurrency industry, is thrilled to introduce the world's first AI-integrated crypto wallet, the Rasper Wallet, accompanied by an exclusive RASP token presale.

This extraordinary launch signifies a monumental leap forward in the domains of digital finance and blockchain technology.

The Rasper AI Wallet is an unparalleled fusion of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain technology, redefining the very essence of a cryptocurrency wallet.

It emerges as a next-generation platform meticulously designed to provide a plethora of exclusive intelligent features, all while empowering users with absolute control over their digital assets.

**Why Choose the Rasper Wallet?**

- As demonstrated above, the Rasper Wallet sets an unprecedented standard in the world of crypto wallets by offering a multitude of exclusive intelligent features, all while guaranteeing that users retain uncompromised control over their assets.
- It introduces a groundbreaking self-custody security model, AI-driven analytics and insights, multi-layered security protocols, an always-on AI chat assistant, biometric authentication, and comprehensive support for diverse cryptocurrencies.

**233. Recently Daniel Noboa has become the youngest President of which country?**

**हाल ही में डेनियल नोबोआ किस देश के सबसे युवा राष्ट्रपति बने हैं?**

- (a) Venezuela / वेनेजुएला
- (b) Mexico / मेक्सिको
- (c) Colombia / कोलंबिया
- (d) Ecuador / इक्वेडोर
- (e) Peru / पेरू

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Daniel Noboa becomes Ecuador's youngest-ever President

Daniel Noboa has become Ecuador's youngest-ever president after winning the runoff elections.

Noboa received 52.29% of the total votes, against rival Luisa Gonzalez's 47.71%.

Ms González accepted her defeat at the polls and pledged her support for the new President.

Noboa is the son of banana tycoon, Alvaro, who himself unsuccessfully stood for elections multiple times. Noboa has pledged to attract foreign investment and develop Ecuador's business sector.

**About Ecuador**

- Capital- Quito
- Currency- United States Dollar
- President- Daniel Noboa
- Official language- Spanish

**Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President**

- President of Gabon – Gen Brice Oligui
- President of Singapore - Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Indian origin)
- President of Zimbabwe – Emmerson Mnangagwa (2nd term)
- PM of Thailand – Srettha Thavisin
- PM of Pakistan - Anwarul Haq Kakar (caretaker PM)
- PM of Greece - Kyriakos Mitsotakis (2nd term)

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

भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा निम्नलिखित में से किस राज्य में सभी समुद्री सुरक्षा एजेंसियों को शामिल करते हुए दो दिवसीय व्यापक तटीय सुरक्षा अभ्यास 'सागर कवच' आयोजित किया गया है?

- (a) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach held in Andhra Pradesh

A two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' involving all maritime security agencies was conducted by the Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry.

About 2,500 personnel from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, State and the union territory administration, Marine Police, fisheries, customs, intelligence agencies, lighthouses, ports, and forest were engaged in the exercise.

The exercise aimed to assess the efficacy and robustness of the coastal security mechanism while dealing with an "asymmetric threat" emanating from the sea.

The exercise witnessed close coordination and synergy among all coastal security stakeholders and the lessons learned from the exercise would be incorporated to strengthen the coastal security architecture.

**Recent Exercise in News**

- **Cambrian Patrol 2023 Military Exercise in UK** - Indian Army won gold medal
- Indian Navy hosts **HADR CHAKRAVAT Exercise 2023 - Goa**
- **11th edition of SAMPRITI** between India and Bangladesh - Umroi, Meghalaya
- **30th edition of SIMBEX** between Indian Navy and Singapore Navy - South China Sea.
- **21st edition of Varuna 2023** between Indian Navy and French Navy - Arabian Sea

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

कांग्रेस में एशियाई-अमेरिकी, मूल हवाईयन और प्रशांत द्वीपसमूह (एएनएचपीआई) समुदायों के हितों को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए उनकी अनुकरणीय प्रतिबद्धता की मान्यता में राजनीतिक नेतृत्व के लिए दलीप सिंह सौंद पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Gitanjali Rao / गीतांजलि राव
- (d) Sheetal Sharma / शीतल शर्मा
- (e) Raja Krishnamoorthi / राजा कृष्णमूर्ति

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** R Krishnamoorthi gets Dalip Singh Saund Award for political leadership

Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has been presented with the Dalip Singh Saund Award for political leadership in recognition of his “exemplary commitment to advancing the interests of Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in Congress.

The 'Political Leadership Award' was presented to Krishnamoorthi by Asian American Unity Coalition (AAUC) at an event recently. Saund was the first Sikh, Indian-American to be elected to the Congress.

The AAUC, which is a coalition that encompasses dozens of nonprofit organizations and lifetime members, embodies the rich tapestry of Asian-American and Native Hawaiian-Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities, including Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Polynesian Americans, among others.

With its mission to advocate for and uplift these diverse communities, the AAUC stands as a unifying force dedicated to addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by AANHPI individuals and organizations across the United States.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Cambrian Patrol 2023 military exercise in UK** - Indian Army won gold medal
- **Girls Leading Change by US First Lady Jill Biden** - Indian American Gitanjali Rao
- **World's Best Employers 2023 in Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023** – NTPC Ltd
- **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Film Award at 54<sup>th</sup> IFFI** - Michael Douglas
- **Best Asian TV Series at Busan International FF** - Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop

**236. World Trauma Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व आघात दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 15 October / 15 अक्टूबर
- (b) 20 October / 20 अक्टूबर
- (c) 16 October / 16 अक्टूबर
- (d) 17 October / 17 अक्टूबर
- (e) 18 October / 18 अक्टूबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 17 October - World Trauma Day

World Trauma Day is observed every year on 17 October

Objective - To raising awareness about trauma, its causes, symptoms, and prevention.

Trauma is an emotional response to accidents, injuries, physical violence, rape, natural disasters, or any other incident that affects an individual both physically as well as mentally.

The main aim of observing the World Trauma Day is to educate people about the causes and consequences of trauma, and promote trauma care & prevention strategies.

**237. Who has launched the 4th Agriculture Road Map of Bihar in Patna?**

**पटना में बिहार का चौथा कृषि रोड मैप किसने लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Nitish Kumar / नीतीश कुमार
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar / राजेंद्र विश्वनाथ अर्लेकर
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** President Murmu launched 4th Agriculture Road Map of Bihar

President Droupadi Murmu has launched the 4th Agriculture Road Map of Patna, Bihar.

Several new specifications have been added to the new Agriculture Roadmap which will be implemented during 2023 to 2028.

In this five-year plan we will promote agriculture taking into account the geographical and soil-related virtues of different regions. With this projection the state will be able to ensure low-cost farming and increase productivity in crops like paddy, wheat, makhana and others.

There is a plan to establish small storage facilities at the Panchayat level that will help to procure attractive prices to farmers and protect them from distress selling.

**About Bihar**

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar



**238. In October 2023, India has organized 2 Plus 2 Foreign and Defense Dialogue with which country in New Delhi?**  
**अक्टूबर 2023 में भारत ने नई दिल्ली में किस देश के साथ 2 प्लस 2 विदेश एवं रक्षा वार्ता का आयोजन किया है?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India-UK 2 plus 2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue held in New Delhi

India-UK 2 plus 2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue was held in New Delhi.

The two sides discussed possibilities to boost collaboration, particularly in areas of trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, culture and strengthening people connections.

The 2 plus 2 dialogue is a mechanism to discuss and review all aspects of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

According to the External Affairs Ministry, both countries expressed satisfaction with the regular high-level political exchanges and interactions which have provided guidance and momentum to India-UK multifaceted ties.

They expressed happiness on the progress made in diverse areas of India-UK Roadmap 2030 including political exchanges, economic cooperation, defence and security, people-to-people ties, as well as regional and multilateral cooperation.

**About United Kingdom (UK)**

- Capital** - London
- Currency** - Pound sterling
- Prime Minister** – Rishi Sunak

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**239. Who among the following has addressed the 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023 in New Delhi?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने नई दिल्ली में भारत STEM शिखर सम्मेलन 2023 के 5वें संस्करण को संबोधित किया है?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Nitin Gadkari addresses 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has addressed the 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023 in New Delhi.

STEM Summit pertains to integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in the education sector that results in developing curiosity, inquisitiveness, critical thinking, problem-solving capacities, imagination, questioning and exploration skills among learners.

The Minister added that knowledge and innovation are the two important aspects to make India the third-largest economy in the world. He remarked that India is the fastest growing economy and it is the Prime Minister's dream to make the country a five trillion-dollar economy.

The Government is taking a lot of steps to make India self-dependent in the energy sector. He said, 36 plants are currently operational in producing Biofuels, which will help to reduce the import bill of crude oil and other petroleum products.

**Nitin Gadkari In News**

- Nitin Gadkari launches India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023
- Nitin Gadkari launches Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program)
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates and lays foundation stone of 11 highway project worth Rs 5600 crore in Rajasthan
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates four projects worth Rs 1450 Crore in Assam
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated two National Highway projects in Vadodara, Gujarat worth Rs 48 crore.

**240. Which organization has approved a USD 181 million loan to build quality infrastructure and services toward improving urban livability and mobility in the peri-urban areas of Ahmedabad?**

किस संगठन ने अहमदाबाद के उप-शहरी क्षेत्रों में शहरी रहने की क्षमता और गतिशीलता में सुधार के लिए गुणवत्तापूर्ण बुनियादी ढांचे और सेवाओं के निर्माण के लिए 181 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के ऋण को मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) International Monetary Fund / अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
- (b) Asian Development Bank / एशियाई विकास बैंक
- (c) New Development Bank / न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक
- (d) African Development Bank / अफ्रीकी विकास बैंक
- (e) World Bank / विश्व बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** ADB Invests \$181 Million to Improve Ahmedabad's Peri-urban Areas

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 181 million loan to build quality infrastructure and services toward improving urban livability and mobility in the peri-urban areas of Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

ADB will help strengthen the capacity of the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority and urban local bodies in technology-based urban planning, including climate change. The Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project will construct 166 kilometers (km) of water distribution network, 126 km of climate-resilient stormwater drainage, 300 km of sewerage systems, and four sewage treatment plants.

The project is also supporting 10 junction improvements along the existing Sardar Patel Ring Road to improve the connectivity of peri-urban areas to Ahmedabad city. The project will help upgrade basic infrastructure and services and strengthen urban management in these areas to raise the quality of life of its residents and sustain economic growth.

**About Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

- **Founded** - 19 December 1966
- **Headquarters** - Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- **President** - Masatsugu Asakawa
- **Vice President** - Ashok Lavasa
- **Director of ADB for India** - Takeo Konishi
- **Executive Director** - Sameer Kumar Khare
- **Member Countries** - 68 (Niue)

**Recent loan approved by ADB**

- ADB approves USD 40.5 mn loan for **childhood development in Meghalaya**
- India, ADB signed \$200 million loan deal **to enhance urban services** in Rajasthan.
- India, ADB signed \$130 million loan MoU **to boost horticulture** in Himachal Pradesh
- India, ADB signed \$295 million loan pact **to upgrade the state highways in Bihar**
- India, ADB signed \$200 million loan deal **to enhance urban services** in Rajasthan

**241. Recently, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the P20 Presidency to which country's parliament?**

**हाल ही में, लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला ने P20 प्रेसीडेंसी किस देश की संसद को सौंपी है?**

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Om Birla handed over P20 Presidency to Parliament of Brazil

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla delivered a valedictory address, on the concluding day of the Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) which was held at Yasho Bhumi in New Delhi.

On the second day of the Summit, two sessions on the subjects - Mainstreaming Gender Equality - From Women's Development to Women-led Development and Transformation in Peoples' Lives through Public Digital Platforms were held.

During the concluding session of the Summit, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the P20 Presidency to the Parliament of Brazil.

During this global event, 25 speakers, 10 Deputy Speakers along with 50 members of Parliament among others are participating. The Ninth P20 reflects a glorious journey of collective vision of Presiding Officers of Parliaments of G20 Nations which had taken root in 2010 in a Consultative meeting.

India aims to provide consensus-based solutions to complex global issues towards a more inclusive, peaceful, and equitable world during the P20 Summit with the spirit of the theme Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

**242. Who has launched the EV-Ready India Dashboard in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में ईवी-रेडी इंडिया डैशबोर्ड किसने लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) RK Singh / आरके सिंह
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RK Singh launched dashboard for Data on Adoption and Forecasts Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh launched the EV-Ready India Dashboard in New Delhi.

The dashboard has forecast a 45 percent growth in electric vehicles by 2030.

According to the Power and New and Renewable Energy Ministry, the dashboard is a free digital platform focusing on near real-time electric vehicle adoption and forecasts, associated battery demand, charging density, and market growth trends.

The dashboard is expected to facilitate greater inclusion across audiences, for the industry, policymakers and end users of electric vehicles.

**243. Which state government has launched the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative' (LAccMI) public transport system in the state?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने राज्य में 'लोकेशन एक्सेसिबल मल्टी-मोडल इनिशिएटिव' (LAccMI) सार्वजनिक परिवहन प्रणाली शुरू की है?**

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Odisha CM launches LAccMI public transport system

The Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme to ensure a sustainable, affordable, assured and safe transportation of passengers and commodities across the State.

Under this scheme, more than 1000 buses will be rolled out in the villages across the state. 36 buses have been rolled out today that will provide bus services in 111 panchayats of the Malkangiri district.

Within the framework of the LAccMI Scheme, women's empowerment stands as a top priority. Due to safe transport space, Women would be encouraged to participate actively in the workforce.

Mission Shakti Self Help Group (SHGs) will be engaged in various operation & maintenance-related activities within the Blocks.

**About Odisha**

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Ganeshi Lal

**244. MeitY has recently inaugurated the Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab in which city?**

**MeitY ने हाल ही में किस शहर में रोबोटिक प्रोसेस ऑटोमेशन (RPA) लैब का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Panaji / पणजी
- (c) Gorakhpur / गोरखपुर
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** MeitY inaugurated Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab in Gorakhpur

Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) S Krishnan (IAS) has inaugurated Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab in NIELIT Gorakhpur during the 26th All India Director's Meet of NIELIT.

The state-of-the-art RPA lab has been built under the Future Skill PRIME Project funded by MeitY with an objective to upskill/reskill manpower in the emerging technology of RPA.

This is the First-of-its-kind lab in Uttar Pradesh under the Future Skill PRIME Project, which has been established to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia.

This state-of-the-art RPA lab is going to play a pivotal role in transforming India into a global technology powerhouse. He also emphasized the role of RPA in improving services to citizens by automating repetitive, manual processes such as data entry and verification, thereby reducing clerical errors and response time.

**245. In October 2023, External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, विदेश मंत्री डॉ. एस जयशंकर ने किस देश में महात्मा गांधी की प्रतिमा का अनावरण किया?**

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** S Jaishankar unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tao Dan Park in Vietnam

External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tao Dan Park in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The unveiling of the bust is a symbolic moment for the friendship between India and Vietnam and underlines the message of independence, self-reliance, and human dignity.

Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to truth, non-violence, and the freedom and independence of people have been recognized the UN by proclaiming his birthday as the International Day of Non-Violence.

EAM had also co-chaired the 18th India-Vietnam Joint Commission meeting in Hanoi along with his Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son.

**About Vietnam**

- Capital- Hanoi
- Currency- Vietnamese dong
- Prime Minister - Pham Minh Chinh
- President - Vo Van Thuong



**246. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the Certificate of Registration of Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd. This company was set up in which year?**

**भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने चेन्नई स्थित इंड बैंक हाउसिंग लिमिटेड का पंजीकरण प्रमाणपत्र रद्द कर दिया है। यह कंपनी किस वर्ष स्थापित की गई थी?**

- (a) 1985
- (b) 1991
- (c) 1996
- (d) 2000
- (e) 2008

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI cancels Registration Certificate of Ind Bank Housing Ltd

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the Certificate of Registration of Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd.

Indian Bank and HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd) are major shareholders in the housing finance company, holding 51 percent and 25 percent stake, respectively.

The company was set up in 1991.

The housing finance company's net loss widened to ₹55.78 lakh in FY23 against ₹12.93 lakh in FY22. The balance loss carried to balance sheet stood at ₹135.70 crore in FY23 against ₹135.15 crore in FY22, per the HFC's annual report

The company is currently not providing any new loans. The credit period of existing loans have already expired and the company is taking conscious efforts to recover the loans given.

The company shall neither transact the business of a Housing Finance Institution nor of a Non-Banking Financial Institution as defined in National Housing Bank Act, 1987 and Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, respectively.

**247. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been honored with which rank in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Card 2023 in Marrakesh, Morocco?**

**भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) के गवर्नर शक्तिकांत दास को मराकेश, मोरक्को में ग्लोबल फाइनेंस सेंट्रल बैंकर रिपोर्ट कार्ड 2023 में किस रैंक से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) A
- (b) A+
- (c) A++
- (d) B
- (e) B+

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das received the Award for being ranked 'A+'

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been awarded for being ranked 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023 at Morocco's Marakesh.

The Global Finance Annual Central Banker Report Cards recognize those central bank governors whose strategies outperformed their peers through originality, creativity, and tenacity.

Apart from Das, Switzerland's Thomas J Jordan and Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Hong also received the Award for being ranked 'A+' according to the Central Banker Report Cards. The Central Banker Report Cards, published annually by Global Finance since 1994, grade the central bank governors of 101 key countries, territories and districts, including the European Union, the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.

Grades are based on a scale from A to F for success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability and interest rate management. While an "A" represents an excellent performance an "F" represents outright failure.

Global Finance regularly selects the top performers among banks and other providers of financial services. These awards have become a trusted standard of excellence for the global financial community.

**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

- **Founded** - 1 April 1935
- **RBI Nationalized** - 1 January 1949
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **RBI set up** - Hilton Young Commission
- **1st Governor** - Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- **1st Indian Governor** - CD Deshmukh
- **25th Governor** - Shaktikanta Das
- **RBI Deputy Governor** (4) - 1. Tavana Rabi Sankar  
2. Mukesh Kumar Jain  
3. Michael D Patra  
4. M Rajeshwar Rao

**248. Who has been elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF)?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय डेयरी फेडरेशन (आईडीएफ) के बोर्ड के लिए किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Dr Meenesh Shah / डॉ मीनेश शाह
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Dr Meenesh Shah appointed on IDF Board

Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), was elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF.

He is the Member Secretary of the Indian National Committee and also a member of the Standing Committee on Dairy Policy and Economics.

Dr Shah mentioned that a representative from India, a country that contributes over 23 percent of the global milk production, is on the Board of IDF, which will ensure a more inclusive and better global dairying ecosystem.

This will also help putting forth the voice of millions of dairy farmers from the smallholder-based dairying system to the global forum and help design suitable policies, frameworks, systems and processes, the release stated.

IDF Headquarters is located in Brussels, Belgium.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Finance Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** - Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty
- **National president of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** - Pankaj Bohra
- **Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Navneet Munot (replace A Balasubramanian)
- **Vice chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Anthony Heredia (replace Radhika Gupta)
- **CEO of UIDAI** - Amit Agrawal (reappointment for 1 year)

**249. In October 2023, Which Indian cricketer has been appointed by sports brand Puma as its brand ambassador?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, किस भारतीय क्रिकेटर को स्पोर्ट्स ब्रांड प्यूमा ने अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है?**

- (a) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (c) Renuka Singh / रेणुका सिंह
- (d) Smriti Mandhana / स्मृति मंधाना
- (e) Mohammed Shami / मोहम्मद शमी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Puma ropes in Mohammed Shami as its brand ambassador

Sports brand Puma has roped in Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami as its brand ambassador.

Shami joins Puma's roster, which includes top names from the world of sports, including batting icon Virat Kohli, sprinter Usain Bolt, footballers Neymar Jr and Sunil Chhetri, boxer MC Mary Kom, cricketers Harmanpreet Kaur and Harleen Deol, and para-shooter Avani Lekhara.

Under this partnership, the Indian pacer will endorse Puma's footwear, apparel, and accessories through multiple activities and campaigns throughout the year.

The brand has also launched a new bowling spike with a mid-sole meant for runners, to support fast bowlers.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Neeraj Chopra - Laureus Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Reliance Retail's Jio Mart
- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobilil
- Anushka Sharma - Women's fashion brand 'W'
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Swaraj Tractors
- Chef Sanjeev Kapoor - Indian Oil 's XTRATEJ LPG brand
- Iga Swiatek – Infosys's Global Brand Ambassador

**250. Christopher Luxon has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?**

**क्रिस्टोफर लक्सन को किस देश के प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में चुना गया है?**

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Christopher Luxon elected as the Prime Minister of New Zealand

Christopher Luxon has been elected as the 42nd Prime Minister of New Zealand.

He spent 7 years as chief executive of Air New Zealand and was hailed a likely future leader upon entering politics in 2019.

National hoped he could repeat the "glory days" under John Key, a former Merrill Lynch broker who won three elections for the party and served as PM from 2008 to 2016.

**About New Zealand**

- **Capital** – Wellington
- **Currency** – Dollar
- **Prime Minister** - Christopher Luxon

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**251. Which space organization has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche' on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche'?**

किस अंतरिक्ष संगठन ने 'साइकी' नामक एक अद्वितीय धातु-समृद्ध क्षुद्रग्रह का अध्ययन करने के लिए छह साल के मिशन पर 'साइकी' नामक अंतरिक्ष यान लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) JAXA
- (d) ROSCOSMOS
- (e) UK Space Agency

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche'

NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche' on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche.'

It is the largest of the several metal-rich asteroids known in our solar system and is believed by scientists to be the remnant core of an ancient protoplanet, offering clues about Earth's formation.

This asteroid orbit the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. The primary goal of the Psyche mission is to explore the iron core, a previously unexplored aspect of the planet.

The Psyche probe, folded inside the cargo bay of a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket, blasted off under partly cloudy skies from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on a planned journey 2.2 billion miles (3.5 billion km) through space. The spacecraft, roughly the size of a small van, is due to reach the asteroid in August 2029.

Asteroid Psyche measures roughly 173 miles (279 km) across at its widest point and resides on the outer fringes of the main asteroid belt between the planets Mars and Jupiter.

After reaching the asteroid, the spacecraft would then orbit it for 26 months, scanning Psyche with instruments built to measure its gravity, magnetic properties, and composition.

The first asteroid of its kind chosen for study at close range by spacecraft, Psyche is believed to consist largely of iron, nickel, gold and other metals, with a collective hypothetical monetary value placed at 10 quadrillion dollars.

Upon reaching Psyche, the probe is set to circle it in a series of gradually descending orbits, ending up a mere 40 miles (64 km) from the asteroid's surface, before finishing the mission in November 2031.

NASA in 2021 launched a spacecraft named Lucy on a 12-year expedition to study the Trojan asteroids, two large clusters of space rocks orbiting the sun ahead of and behind the path of Jupiter.

Last September, NASA sent a spacecraft slamming into an asteroid with enough force to nudge it from its natural path - the first-time humans altered a celestial body's motion - in a successful test of a planetary defense system.

**252. Ashutosh Sharma broke former India batter Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record for the fastest fifty by an Indian in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. Ashutosh Sharma plays for which team in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy?**

आशुतोष शर्मा ने सैयद मुश्ताक अली ट्रॉफी में किसी भारतीय द्वारा सबसे तेज अर्धशतक का पूर्व भारतीय बल्लेबाज युवराज सिंह का 16 साल पुराना रिकॉर्ड तोड़ दिया। आशुतोष शर्मा सैयद मुश्ताक अली ट्रॉफी में किस टीम के लिए खेलते हैं?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Railways / रेलवे
- (c) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Bengal / बंगाल

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Ashutosh Sharma Breaks Yuvi's Record for Fastest 50 in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

Railways' middle-order batter, Ashutosh Sharma broke former India batter Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record for the fastest fifty by an Indian.

Ashutosh smashed his half-century in 11 balls in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament, in a Group C clash against Arunachal Pradesh in Ranchi.

Ashutosh made his T20 debut way back in 2018 for Madhya Pradesh and last played the format in 2019. He has featured in just one 50-over game, for MP also in 2019, and is yet to make his first-class debut.

Yuvraj had held the record for the fastest fifty in T20 cricket overall for 16 years before it was broken just last month by Dipendra Singh Airee from Nepal against Mongolia in the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

**253. Which company has signed three pacts with the IT Ministry in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence, and quantum computing?**

किस कंपनी ने सेमीकंडक्टर, आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस और क्वांटम कंप्यूटिंग के क्षेत्र में आईटी मंत्रालय के साथ तीन समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Microsoft / माइक्रोसॉफ्ट
- (b) Apple / ऐप्पल
- (c) Infosys / इंफोसिस
- (d) Google / गूगल
- (e) IBM / आईबीएम

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** IBM inks 3 pacts with IT Ministry on semiconductor, AI, Q-computing

US multinational technology giant IBM has inked three pacts with IT Ministry in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence and quantum computing.

The three MoUs signed were in the areas of semiconductors, AI and quantum computing.

As a part of the partnership, IBM would be a knowledge partner of the India Semiconductor Mission and establish a semiconductor research centre in the country.

The semiconductor research centre will also work on skilling Indian students and professionals by providing them access to research facilities

Apart from these, the semiconductor research centre will also promote innovation of semiconductor technologies such as logic, advanced packaging and heterogeneous integration.

**Recent MoU**

- SUN Mobility partners with Bluwheelz to deploy over 16,000 EVs
- India Global Forum signs with World Governments Summit to develop an Emerging Economies Programme
- DMRC sign with BEL to develop Communication Based Train Control system
- Amazon Web Services ties up with ISRO to advance its AI capabilities
- TCS collaborates with Dassault Systems in Living Heart Project



**254. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a web portal and special modules on ISRO's ambitious Chandrayaan-3 mission for school students. What is the name of this web portal?**

शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने स्कूली छात्रों के लिए इसरो के महत्वाकांक्षी चंद्रयान-3 मिशन पर एक वेब पोर्टल और विशेष मॉड्यूल लॉन्च किया है। इस वेब पोर्टल का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Apna Pragyan
- (b) Apna Vikram
- (c) Apna Moon
- (d) Apna Chandrayaan
- (e) Apna Chand

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Dharmendra Pradhan launches web portal 'Apna Chandrayaan'

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a web portal and special modules on ISRO's ambitious Chandrayaan-3 mission for school students.

The web portal "Apna Chandrayaan" has activity-based support material such as quizzes and puzzles for students.

The minister also released 10 special modules on Chandrayaan-3, offering a comprehensive overview of its various facets, including scientific, technological, and social aspects, as well as the emotional journey and team spirit of the scientists involved.

Pradhan described the success of Chandrayaan-3 as one of the most significant achievements of the 21st century that has inspired the children of the country the most.

More modules will be prepared on 14 different topics including women empowerment, COVID-19 vaccination, India's G20 Presidency, etc.

Digital certificates will be issued for all those who score more than 70 percent, and the first 1,000 winners will receive age-appropriate books. Jigsaw Puzzles and picture builders for the foundational, preparatory, middle, and secondary levels have also been developed.

Also, there will be inspiring stories in the form of graphic novels depicting events that shaped ISRO's journey up to Chandrayaan 3.

**255.Amul's which campaign has been launched at Time Square?**

**अमूल का कौन स अभियान टाइम स्क्वायर पर शुरू किया गया है?**

- (a) Amul Doodh Pita Hai India
- (b) Got Milk
- (c) Aage Aage Badhta Hai India
- (d) Milk is for baby
- (e) Be More Milk

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Amul's 'Be More Milk' campaign goes global at Time Square

Amul said its 'Be More Milk' campaign had made a big splash at New York's Time Square, the world-famous intersection that sports massive digital screens.

The campaign displayed the 'Be More Milk' message in a colourful and animated billboard that grabbed the attention of passersby and lit up the iconic intersection in a unique way.

Famously known as the melting pot of cultures from all over the world, this setting played a special role in the launch this campaign, internationally.

Amul's latest campaign Be More Milk creatively depicts milk in a new, and young avatar, while encouraging the youth around the world to be honest, pure, refreshing, natural, authentic, comforting and urges them to blend in with different cultures in a positive way.

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**256. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in which state?**  
**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस राज्य में 511 प्रमोद महाजन ग्रामीण कौशल्य विकास केंद्र लॉन्च किए हैं?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM Modi launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in Maharashtra through video conferencing.

These centers being established across 34 rural districts of the state, will conduct skill development training programs across various sectors to provide employment opportunities to rural youth.

Each centre will train about 100 youngsters in at least two vocational courses.

The training is being provided by empanelled industry partners and agencies under the National Skill Development Council. The establishment of these centres will help the region attain significant strides towards developing.

#### **PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi released a new Garba song titled "**Maadi**"
- PM inaugurated **3rd edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023**
- PM inaugurated **141st International Olympic Committee Meeting** in Mumbai
- PM Modi inaugurated **9th 'G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit** in New Delhi
- PM Modi inaugurated the **country's first high-tech sports training center in Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh

**257. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the India Skills 2023 competition in which city?**

**शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान ने किस शहर में इंडिया स्किल्स 2023 प्रतियोगिता शुरू की है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Indore / इंदौर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Dharmendra Pradhan launches India Skills 2023 competition

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the India Skills 2023 competition in New Delhi.

The skill competition is important in showcasing the unique and varied talents of the nation's youth. The future of India's education lies in skill development over conventional rote learning.

The New Education Policy will bring skill upscaling and rescaling to meet the market needs and boost employability.

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

कौन सी राज्य सरकार बाजरा के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 27 से 29 अक्टूबर तक राज्य की राजधानी में श्री अन्न महोत्सव का आयोजन करेगी?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** UP government to organize three-day 'Sri Anna Mahotsav'

The Uttar Pradesh government will organize Sri Anna Mahotsav in the state capital from October 27 to 29 to promote the use of millet.

Farmers doing good work for the production of millets would be felicitated on the occasion.

Fifty progressive farmers from each division will take part in the event which is aimed at creating awareness among people and farmers with regard to the cultivation and consumption of millets in the state.

Around 40 stalls of food made from millets will also be put up during the three-day Sri Anna Mahotsav.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

**259. What is the rank of India in Global Pension Index 2023?**

**वैश्विक पेंशन सूचकांक 2023 में भारत का स्थान क्या है?**

- (a) 11th
- (b) 45th
- (c) 13th
- (d) 39th
- (e) 47th

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Global Pension Index 2023: India ranked 45; Topped by Netherland

The 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI) has been published, and it shows that the Netherlands' retirement income system has once again secured the first position.

Iceland and Denmark have claimed the second and third positions in the ranking, respectively.

The Netherlands had the highest overall index value (85.0), closely followed by Iceland (83.5) and Denmark (81.3). Argentina had the lowest index value (42.3).

India had an overall index value of 45.9 from 44.5 in 2022, ranking 45 out of the 47 retirement income systems analyzed primarily due to improvements in adequacy and sustainability sub-indices, according to the 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI).

This year, the Global Pension Index compares 47 retirement income systems across the globe and covers 64 percent of the world's population.

The 2023 Global Pension Index includes three new retirement income systems: Botswana, Croatia, and Kazakhstan.

The report also revealed that falling birth rates have put pressure on several economies and pension systems over the longer term, negatively affecting the sustainability scores of countries like Italy and Spain.

Several Asian systems, however, including mainland China, Korea, Singapore, and Japan, have undertaken reforms to improve their scores in the last five years. India's retirement income system comprises an earnings-related employee pension scheme, a DC (defined contribution) employee provident fund (EPFO), and supplementary employer-managed pension schemes that are largely DC in nature.

**Recent index**

- **Global Hunger Index 2023** - India ranked 111th
- **Global Innovation Index 2023** - India at 40th; topped by Switzerland
- **World Talent Ranking 2023** - India ranked 56th; topped by Switzerland
- **World's Freest Economy Report** - Rank 1. Singapore, 2. Hong Kong, 3. Switzerland, 4. New Zealand, 5. US
- **Digital Quality of Life Index 2023** - India ranked 52nd; topped by Denmark
- **Chainalysis' Global Crypto Adoption Index 2023** - Rank 1 India, 2. Nigeria, 3. Vietnam, 4. US, 5. Ukraine

**260. Which bank has inaugurated the 'Mookkannoor Mission', an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on the 106th birth anniversary of its Founder KP Hormis?**

**किस बैंक ने अपने संस्थापक केपी होर्मिस की 106वीं जयंती पर स्वच्छ भारत अभियान के तहत एक पहल 'मुक्कन्नूर मिशन' का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Bandhan Bank / बंधन बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Federal Bank launched the 'Mookkannoor Mission' initiative at its founder's village

The Federal Bank has inaugurated the 'Mookkannoor Mission', an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on the 106th birth anniversary of its Founder KP Hormis

Mookkannoor, a village in Ernakulam district, is the birthplace of the Founder.

The Bank adopted a comprehensive plan of digitizing the entire village as well as a cleanliness drive that includes waste management, tree plantation, community development, renewable energy projects, etc that will be implemented in stages.

The programme named "Mookkannoor Mission" was launched by Shyam Srinivasan, MD & CEO at Sacred Heart English Medium School, Mookkannoor. This is a dream project not only for the residents of Mookkannoor but also for Federal Bank. In India's story of transformation, if ever a chapter on cleanliness is written – Mookkannoor should become the shining example of how transformation can happen.

#### **About Federal Bank**

- Founded- 23 April 1931
- Founder- K.P Hormis
- Headquarters - Kochi, Kerala.
- CEO- Shyam Srinivasan

#### **Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- ICICI Bank launched '**iFinance**, a One-Stop Solution
- Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer '**ONDC Network Gift Card**'
- SBI launches '**Mobile Handheld Device**' to improve accessibility and convenience.
- PhonePe launched its own app store platform **Indus Appstore**
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launched of **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs**
- Axis Bank Launched '**NEO For Business**' Ban Platform for MSMEs

**261. In October 2023, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹12.19 crore on which bank for contravention of norms related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने 'ऋण और अग्रिम-वैधानिक और अन्य प्रतिबंध' और 'वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा धोखाधड़ी वर्गीकरण और रिपोर्टिंग' से संबंधित मानदंडों के उल्लंघन के लिए किस बैंक पर ₹12.19 करोड़ का जुर्माना लगाया है?**

- (a) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Bandhan Bank / बंधन बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RBI imposed penalty on ICICI Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank for violation of norms

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.

The penalty on private sector lender ICICI Bank has been imposed for contravention of norms related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs'.

The penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has been imposed for contravention of directions related to "Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks", "Recovery Agents engaged by Banks", "Customer Service in Banks", and "Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions".

In both cases, the RBI said the penalties are based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the banks with their customers.



**262. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)?**

**हाउसिंग एंड अर्बन डेवलपमेंट कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड (हुडको) का नया अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Sanjay Kulshreshtha / संजय कुलश्रेष्ठ
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Sanjay Kulshreshtha appoints as new CMD of HUDCO

Sanjay Kulshreshtha has been appointed the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Housing And Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO).

Kulshreshtha has been serving as the Executive Director at REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), and will soon be joining his new post as the CMD of HUDCO.

This posting has given HUDCO a full-time CMD for the first time since 2019.

HUDCO is a government-owned company in India established in 1970 under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It specializes in providing financial assistance for housing and urban infrastructure projects across the country.

**Recent Appointment**

- **International Dairy Federation (IDF) Board** - Dr Meenesh Shah
- **Finance Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** - Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty
- **National president of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** - Pankaj Bohra
- **Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Navneet Munot (replace A Balasubramanian)
- **Vice chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Anthony Heredia (replace Radhika Gupta)

**263. Recently, which country has successfully conducted the flight test of the 'Ababeel Weapon System' to further strengthen its deterrence?**

हाल ही में किस देश ने अपनी प्रतिरोधक क्षमता को और मजबूत करने के लिए 'अबाबील हथियार प्रणाली' का सफलतापूर्वक उड़ान परीक्षण किया है?

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) Iraq / इराक
- (c) UAE / यूएई
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Pakistan successfully tests medium-range 'Ababeel Weapon System'

Pakistan has successfully conducted the flight test of the 'Ababeel Weapon System' to further strengthen its deterrence.

The latest test of the ballistic missile system was aimed at "re-validating various design, technical parameters, and performance evaluation of different sub-systems.

The missile system is aimed at strengthening deterrence and enhancing strategic stability in the region through the operationalization of Full Spectrum Deterrence in the overall construct of Credible Minimum Deterrence.

The Ababeel missile has a length of 21.5 meters and a diameter of 1.7 meters and is designed to carry both conventional and nuclear warheads.

It carries multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs), marking South Asia's first MIRV payload.

**264. Which team has hit the highest-ever T20 total in Indian cricket history?**

**किस टीम ने भारतीय क्रिकेट इतिहास में अब तक का सबसे बड़ा T20 स्कोर बनाया है?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Punjab / पंजाब

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Punjab hits highest-ever T20 total in Indian cricket history

Punjab created history by smashing the highest-ever T20 total by any Indian cricket team, 275/6 against Andhra Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2023.

Abhishek went on to score 112 runs in just 51 balls as Punjab posted a mammoth total of 275 for 6 in their 20 overs, beating the previous record of 263 set by IPL side Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) against Pune Warriors India in 2013.

This is the highest total in Indian T20 cricket (SMAT or IPL) and fourth highest overall in T20 cricket history.

Punjab went past Mumbai's record, who smashed 258 runs against Sikkim in the 2019 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy edition.

The explosive Punjab batting also broke the previous record (RCB, 21 sixes) of most sixes by a team in a T20 match. With the help of 9 sixes each by Abhishek and Anmolpreet, 2 of Naman Dhir, and 1 of Prabhsimran, Punjab hit as many as 22 sixes in the match.

Andhra Pradesh lost the match by 15 runs as they managed to score 170/7 in their 20 overs in reply to Punjab's historic total.

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**265. Which country's cricketer Sorannarin Tippoch has recently announced her retirement from international cricket?**

**हाल ही में किस देश की क्रिकेटर सोर्नारिन टिप्पोच ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा की है?**

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Thailand / थाईलैंड
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sorannarin Tippoch retires from international cricket

Former Thailand captain Sorannarin Tippoch has announced her retirement from international cricket in Bangkok, bringing curtains on a near 16-year playing career.

Tippoch led Thailand to their first-ever T20 World Cup appearance at the 2020 mega-event in Australia.

Tippoch first represented Thailand in 2008, when the national women's team did not have international status.

The 37-year off-spinning allrounder has now played 75 T20Is (of which she has captained in 39) and 9 ODIs.

She was at the helm when Thailand Women surpassed Australia's record for most consecutive wins in Women's T20Is (17) - a streak that ran from July 2018 to August 2019.

#### **Recently Retired Players**

- Alastair Cook - International Cricket - England
- Steven Finn - All forms of Cricket - England
- Alex Hales - International Cricket - England
- Manoj Tiwary - All forms of cricket - India
- Diego Godin - Professional Football - Uruguay
- Stuart Broad - International Cricket - England
- Lahiru Thirimanne- International Cricket - Sri Lanka
- Nahida Khan - International Cricket - Pakistan

**266. World Statistics Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व सांख्यिकी दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 21 October / 21 अक्टूबर
- (b) 22 October / 22 अक्टूबर
- (c) 20 October / 20 अक्टूबर
- (d) 19 October / 19 अक्टूबर
- (e) 18 October / 18 अक्टूबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 20 October - World Statistics Day

World Statistics Day is celebrated every year on 20 October.

The day is dedicated to create awareness about the significant role of advanced, reliable, and good-quality statistics in the development of global nations.

The United Nations General Assembly established World Statistics Day on 20 October 2015.

The idea of celebrating World Statistics Day was proposed at the United Nations Statistical Commission's 41st Session in February 2010. The commission recommended marking October 20, 2010, as the first World Statistics Day.

National Statistics Day is celebrated on June 29 every year to recognize the contributions of PC Mahalanobis.

**267. World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on October 20. What is the theme of World Osteoporosis Day 2023?**

**विश्व ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस दिवस हर साल 20 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Step Up For Bone Health
- (b) THAT'S OSTEOPOROSIS
- (c) Build Better Bones
- (d) Love your bones – Protect your future
- (e) Don't Let Osteoporosis Break You

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 20 October - World Osteoporosis Day

World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on October 20.

This day is marked to promote and highlight the importance of early diagnosis of osteoporosis, its treatment and preventive tips.

Theme 2023 - Build Better Bones

World Osteoporosis Day was initially observed in 1996 by the National Osteoporosis Society of the United Kingdom which was also supported by the European Commission.

**What is Osteoporosis?**

- Osteoporosis is a condition that affects the bones of an individual. The bone loses strength and density. Weak and brittle bones are at a higher risk of fractures.
- It is important to watch out for the symptoms of osteoporosis to save the bones from significant bone loss. If left uncontrolled, this condition can make it difficult to perform day to day activities.

**268. In October 2023, Which edition of the India-France Military Sub Committee (MSC) meeting was held at Air Force Station, New Delhi?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, भारत-फ्रांस सैन्य उप समिति (MSC) की बैठक का कौन सा संस्करण वायु सेना स्टेशन, नई दिल्ली में आयोजित किया गया था?**

- (a) 20th
- (b) 21st
- (c) 22nd
- (d) 23rd
- (e) 24th

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India and France hold Military Sub Committee meeting in New Delhi.

The 21st edition of the India-France Military Sub Committee (MSC) meeting was held at Air Force Station, New Delhi.

The both sides discussed ties focused on new initiatives under the ambit of existing bilateral defence cooperation mechanisms and strengthening ongoing defence engagements.

The meeting was co-chaired from the Indian side by Air Vice Marshal Ashish Vohra, Assistant Chief of Integrated Staff, (Military Cooperation) at HQ IDS and Major General Eric Peltier, General Officer, International Military Relations of the Joint Staff from the French side.

The both sides discussed ties focused on new initiatives under the ambit of existing bilateral defence cooperation mechanisms and strengthening ongoing defence engagements.

India-France MSC is a forum established to progress defence cooperation between both nations through regular talks at strategic and operational levels between HQ, Integrated Defence Staff and the Joint Staff HQ of French Armed Forces.

**269. India's EAM S. Jaishankar has inaugurated a bust of Nobel Laureate writer and poet Rabindranath Tagore in which country, symbolizing the historical and cultural ties between the two nations?**

भारत के विदेश मंत्री एस. जयशंकर ने किस देश में नोबेल पुरस्कार विजेता लेखक और कवि रवींद्रनाथ टैगोर की एक प्रतिमा का उद्घाटन किया है, जो दोनों देशों के बीच ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक संबंधों का प्रतीक है?

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. d**

**Sol. S** Jaishankar unveils Rabindranath Tagore's bust in Vietnam

India and Vietnam, two countries with deep-rooted historical connections dating back almost two millennia, have been forging an enduring bond rooted in Buddhism. This relationship has been further solidified by literary exchanges and cultural influences.

In a recent diplomatic gesture, India's EAM S. Jaishankar has inaugurated a bust of Nobel Laureate writer and poet Rabindranath Tagore in Bac Ninh city, symbolizing the historical and cultural ties between the two nations.

The historical and cultural connections between India and Vietnam, enriched by the introduction of Buddhism, literary exchange, and the influence of Rabindranath Tagore, continue to strengthen the bond between these two nations.

The inauguration of Tagore's bust in Bac Ninh City stands as a testament to the enduring relationship and mutual respect that both countries share, fostering a brighter future for their diplomatic and cultural ties.

#### **About Vietnam**

- Capital- Hanoi
- Currency- Vietnamese dong
- Prime Minister - Pham Minh Chinh
- President - Vo Van Thuong



**270. Which state government has launched an exclusive project for the conservation of 'Nilgiri Tahr' in the state?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने राज्य में 'नीलगिरि तहर' के संरक्षण के लिए एक विशेष परियोजना शुरू की है?**

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' launched in Tamil Nadu.

Ten months after the announcement, the Tamil Nadu government has launched an exclusive project for the conservation of Nilgiri Tahr, the state animal that once inhabited a large portion of the biodiversity-rich Western Ghats.

Chief Minister M K Stalin unveiled a plaque and distributed books to school students to create awareness about Nilgiri Tahr, which has found rich mention in Tamil Sangam literature such as Chilapathikaram and Civaka Chintamani, and depicted in the Late Mesolithic (10,000-4,000 BC) paintings.

The scheme, which will be implemented at a cost of Rs 25.14 crore, will have nine components including bi-annual synchronized surveys across the divisions, tranquilization, collaring, and monitoring of Tahr individuals, re-introduction and monitoring of Nilgiri Tahr, Shola Grassland restoration pilot in Upper Bhavani, and eco-tourism programmes.

The project also aims to restore the original habitat of Nilgiri Tahr and will attempt to re-introduce the species in some of those areas where Nilgiri Tahr originally lived.

It is classified as a critically endangered species in the IUCN red list of threatened species and is protected under schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972.

Historically, Nilgiri Tahr was known to inhabit a large portion of the Western Ghats but today it remains restricted to a few scattered habitat patches in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

In the past few decades, Nilgiri Tahr has become locally extinct in around 14 percent of its traditional shola-grassland habitat. The synchronized surveys to estimate the numbers of Nilgiri Tahr will be done through radio collaring.

**About Tamil Nadu**

- **Formation** – 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Chennai
- **Chief Minister** – M K Stalin
- **Governor** – R N Ravi

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

**27 से 29 अक्टूबर तक देहरादून साहित्य महोत्सव का कौन सा संस्करण देहरादून में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 5th edition of Dehradun Literature Festival set to host in Dehradun

The 5th edition of the Dehradun Literature Festival (DDLDF) was announced during a press conference. The festival is to witness confluence of Literature, Culture and cinema.

The literary extravaganza is all set to be hosted from the 27th to 29th of October at two venues in the city – Doon International School (Riverside Campus) and Hyatt Regency Dehradun Resort & Spa in Dehradun.

Back in time, when literature festivals had started all over the country, Dehradun still did not have its own literary platform to bind the whole community.

Being a newly born state and the educational capital of the country, a forum where exposure can be built for our student community was the need of the day. So, in 2017, DDLDF was born, and in a short span, we have become a festival that is a common property not just of the Dehradun community but of all the citizens of Uttarakhand.

The highlight of this year's DDLDF will be the association with the recognized Agatha Christie Festival, which has recently concluded in the United Kingdom.

The festival will be sending a representative, Dr. Mark Aldridge (author and Agatha Christie expert), to DDLDF, marking its first presence at any literary gathering in India.

**272. Which UTs has recently launched the "Whole of Government" approach?**

**हाल ही में किस केंद्रशासित प्रदेश ने "संपूर्ण सरकार" दृष्टिकोण की सराहना की है?**

- (a) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (b) Chandigarh / चंडीगढ़
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (d) Ladakh / लद्दाख
- (e) Puducherry / पुदुचेरी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** J&K adopts "Whole of Government" approach in governance

Dr Jitendra Singh has addressed the 6th Capacity Building Program for Officers of J&K Administrative Services organized by National Centre for Good Governance in New Delhi.

The Minister asked the officers to identify the schemes having commonality and adopt an integrated approach of execution of schemes for better efficiency and result, benefitting the common man.

Noting that there is a change in the demography of central and state civil services due to the advent of technology even in the rural and remote areas and the democratization of resources.

The toppers in the central civil services are increasingly from states such as Punjab, Haryana, and Jammu and Kashmir, owing to these twin factors.

**273. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off India's first semi-high-speed regional rail service in Uttar Pradesh. What is the name of this regional rail?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने उत्तर प्रदेश में भारत की पहली सेमी-हाई-स्पीड क्षेत्रीय रेल सेवा को हरी झंडी दिखाई है। इस क्षेत्रीय रेल का नाम क्या है?**

- (a) Namō Vande
- (b) Namō Rapid
- (c) Namō Metro
- (d) Namō India
- (e) Namō Bharat

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM Modi inaugurated 'Namō Bharat' RRTS train

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off 'Namō Bharat', India's first semi-high-speed regional rail service in Uttar Pradesh. The 'Namō Bharat' train connecting Sahibabad and Duhai Depot stations in Uttar Pradesh. This marks the launch of the Regional Rapid Train Service (RRTS) in India.

'Namō Bharat' is a transformational regional development initiative, which is designed to provide high-speed trains for intercity commuting.

In the first phase of the RRTS, Namō Bharat trains will link several parts of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan.

The full 82-km stretch between Delhi and Meerut will be complete within the next 1-1.5 years.

The 17-km priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Corridor will open for passengers. The priority section, between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot, has five stations -- Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai and Duhai Depot. The entire system will have 24 stations between Delhi and Meerut.

RRTS trains prioritize passenger comfort with features like overhead storage, Wi-Fi, and charging options at each seat. Moreover, there will be a premium-class car with spacious seating, ample legroom, and coat hangers.

CCTV cameras, an emergency door-opening mechanism and a button to communicate with a train operator are among the safety features of this train.

The Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor is being developed at a cost of more than Rs 30,000 crore and will connect Delhi to Meerut with a travel time of less than an hour through urban centres of Ghaziabad, Muradnagar, and Modinagar.

**274. Which state government has launched a doubt clearance bot (app) for government school students to offer a comprehensive educational experience?**

किस राज्य सरकार ने सरकारी स्कूल के छात्रों को व्यापक शैक्षिक अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए एक संदेह निवारण बॉट (ऐप) लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Andhra govt launched a doubt clearance app for school students

The Andhra Pradesh School Education Department has launched a doubt clearance bot (app) for government school students to offer a comprehensive educational experience.

It is Developed by ConveGenius, the bot is meant to clarify doubts beyond school hours in the disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, English, and TOEFL preparation.

The doubt clearance bot application will be installed on all the tablets (tabs) supplied to teachers and students and interactive flat panels.

**About Andhra Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Amaravati
- **Chief Minister** – YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
- **Governor** – S. Abdul Nazeer

**275. President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Raghubar Das and Indra Sena Reddy Nallu as the Governors of which of the following states respectively?**

**राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने क्रमशः रघुबर दास और इंद्र सेना रेड्डी नल्लू को निम्नलिखित में से किस राज्य का राज्यपाल नियुक्त किया है?**

- (a) Tripura, Odisha / त्रिपुरा, ओडिशा
- (b) Odisha, Sikkim / ओडिशा, सिक्किम
- (c) Odisha, Tripura / ओडिशा, त्रिपुरा
- (d) Odisha, Kerala / ओडिशा, केरल
- (e) Kerala, Tripura / केरल, त्रिपुरा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** President Murmu appoints new governors of Odisha, Tripura

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Raghubar Das as Governor of Odisha, and Indra Sena Reddy Nallu as Governor of Tripura.

Raghubar Das has been appointed as the 26th governor of Odisha. He will succeed Ganeshi Lal as the new governor of Odisha.

Das is a former Chief Minister of Jharkhand, belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He has also served as the president of the Jharkhand BJP twice.

Indra Sena Reddy Nallu is a national secretary of the BJP and has thrice served as an MLA in Andhra Pradesh. He is a BJP leader from Bihar and has previously served as a Governor of Haryana.

Currently, Satyadev Narayan Arya is serving as the 19th governor of Tripura.

**About Tripura**

- **Capital** – Agartala
- **Chief Minister** - Manik Sarkar
- **Governor** – Indra Sena Reddy Nallu (20th)

**About Odisha**

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Raghubar Das (26th)

**276. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)?**

**भारतीय रेलवे खानपान और पर्यटन निगम (आईआरसीटीसी) के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (सीएमडी) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Sanjay Kumar Jain / संजय कुमार जैन
- (c) Gitanjali Rao / गीतांजलि राव
- (d) Sheetal Sharma / शीतल शर्मा
- (e) Deepak Misra / दीपक मिश्रा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Sanjay Kr Jain appointed CMD of IRCTC

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

After the recommendation of Search-Cum-Selection Committee (SCSC), his appointment to this post was approved. The post of CMD has been vacant since January 2021, after the retirement of Mahendra Pratap Maal.

Jain, an IRTS officer of the 1990 batch, was serving as the Principal Chief Commercial Manager in Northern Railway.

Prior to this, he served as the Joint Secretary of the Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **CMD of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)** - Sanjay Kulshreshtha
- **International Dairy Federation (IDF) Board** - Dr Meenesh Shah
- **Finance Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** - Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty
- **National president of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** - Pankaj Bohra
- **Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)** - Navneet Munot (replace A Balasubramanian)

**277. The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which company for mid-life upgrade and re-powering of the advanced guided missile frigate INS Beas at a cost of ₹313.42 crore?**

**रक्षा मंत्रालय ने ₹313.42 करोड़ की लागत से उन्नत गाइडेड मिसाइल फ्रिगेट आईएनएस ब्यास के मिड-लाइफ अपग्रेड और री-पावरिंग के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ एक अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders / मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स
- (b) Hindustan Shipyard / हिंदुस्तान शिपयार्ड
- (c) ABG Shipyard / एबीजी शिपयार्ड
- (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers / गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एंड इंजीनियर्स
- (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited / कोचीन शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Defence Ministry signs contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited

The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with the state-owned Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for mid-life upgrade and re-powering of the advanced guided missile frigate INS Beas at a cost of ₹313.42 crore.

INS Beas is the first Brahmaputra Class Frigate to be re-powered from steam to diesel propulsion.

After completion of the mid-life upgrade and re-powering in 2026, INS Beas will join the active fleet of the Indian Navy with a modernized weapon suite and upgraded combat capability.

The transformative maiden re-powering project marks a significant stride in the maintenance philosophy of the Indian Navy and the repair capabilities of CSL.

INS Beas, the third of the Brahmaputra Class guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy way back in July 2005, after it was built at the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.

The project, to inject new life into the warship, would involve more than 50 MSMEs and lead to the generation of employment for more than 3,500 personnel.



**278. Which of the following has bagged a prestigious UN Award 2023 for its contribution to sustainability reporting?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने स्थिरता रिपोर्टिंग में अपने योगदान के लिए प्रतिष्ठित संयुक्त राष्ट्र पुरस्कार 2023 प्राप्त किया है?**

- (a) CFA Institute / सीएफए संस्थान
- (b) Indian School of Business / इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ बिजनेस
- (c) Auditing and Assurance Standards Board / लेखापरीक्षा और आश्वासन मानक बोर्ड
- (d) All India Federation of Tax Practitioners / ऑल इंडिया फेडरेशन ऑफ टैक्स प्रैक्टिशनर्स
- (e) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India / इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ चार्टर्ड अकाउंटेंट्स ऑफ इंडिया

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** ICAI received UN Award for its contribution to sustainability reporting

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has bagged a prestigious UN Award 2023 for its contribution to sustainability reporting.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) honored ICAI during the 8th World Investment Forum for its contributions to sustainability reporting.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's (ICAI) sustainability initiatives received the highest score amongst 70 initiatives received from around the world.

UNCTAD was announced as the winner of the sixth edition of ISAR Honours during the 8th World Investment Forum in Abu Dhabi.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Dalip Singh Saund Award for Political Leadership** -Raja Krishnamoorthi
- **Cambrian Patrol 2023 military exercise in UK** - Indian Army won gold medal
- **Girls Leading Change by US First Lady Jill Biden** - Indian American Gitanjali Rao
- **World's Best Employers 2023 in Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023** – NTPC Ltd
- **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Film Award at 54<sup>th</sup> IFFI** - Michael Douglas
- **Best Asian TV Series at Busan International FF** - Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop

**279. Dhordo has been bestowed with the title 'Best Tourism Village' by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Dhordo is located in which state?**

**धोर्दो को संयुक्त राष्ट्र विश्व पर्यटन संगठन (यूएनडब्ल्यूटीओ) द्वारा 'सर्वश्रेष्ठ पर्यटन गांव' का खिताब दिया गया है। धोर्दो किस राज्य में स्थित है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Gujarat's Dhordo awarded UNWTO's Best Tourism Village 2023

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

A total of 26 villages around the globe have earned the accolades this year for "nurturing rural areas and preserving landscapes, cultural diversity, local values, and culinary traditions."

The list includes villages in Austria, Portugal, Turkiye, Hungary, Indonesia, Egypt, and China. Dhordo is the only village selected from India. Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO recognizes outstanding rural tourism destinations with accredited cultural and natural assets, a commitment to preserving community-based values, and a clear commitment to innovation and sustainability across economic, social, and environmental dimensions.

Launched in 2021, the Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO initiative is part of the UNWTO Tourism for Rural Development Programme. The Programme works to foster development and inclusion in rural areas, combat depopulation, advance innovation and value chain integration through tourism and

This year, 54 villages from all regions were selected from almost 260 applications. A further 20 villages have joined the Upgrade Programme, and all 74 villages are now part of the UNWTO Best Tourism Villages Network.

The villages were named during the UNWTO General Assembly, taking place this week in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

### **About Gujarat**

- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat

**280. International Chefs Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शेफ दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 20 October / 20 अक्टूबर
- (b) 25 October / 25 अक्टूबर
- (c) 26 October / 26 अक्टूबर
- (d) 21 October / 21 अक्टूबर
- (e) 22 October / 22 अक्टूबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 20 October - International Chef's Day

International Chefs Day is celebrated every year on 20 October, paying tribute to the art and science of cooking.

This day, introduced by the late chef Dr. Bill Gallagher in 2004, serves as a platform to honor the contributions of chefs across the globe.

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**281. National Police Memorial Day is observed every year on which day in memory of the police officers who sacrificed their lives while serving?**

सेवा के दौरान अपने प्राणों का बलिदान देने वाले पुलिस अधिकारियों की याद में हर साल किस दिन राष्ट्रीय पुलिस स्मृति दिवस मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 24 October / 24 अक्टूबर
- (b) 25 October / 25 अक्टूबर
- (c) 26 October / 26 अक्टूबर
- (d) 21 October / 21 अक्टूबर
- (e) 22 October / 22 अक्टूबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 21 October - National Police Commemoration Day

National Police Commemoration Day is marked every year on October 21 to commemorate the police officers who have sacrificed their lives in the course of service.

Police Commemoration Day is also observed as Martyr's Day in all police forces across India.

It was in 1960 that an Annual Conference of Inspectors General of Police of States and Union Territories was organised to observe October 21 as the National Police Commemoration Day.

The day is set to honour the Bravehearts who protect the citizens of the country and are responsible for the enforcement of law and order.

A national-level Police Commemoration Day parade has been organised since 2012 at the Police War Memorial in Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

The day has been dedicated to the India-China conflict, when the Chinese troops opened fire at the Indian police force in Ladakh on October 21, 1959.

In the conflict, 10 of our heroic warriors sacrificed their lives while defending our borders at the hot springs in Aksai Chin in Ladakh. Seven others also suffered injuries.

**282. Manohar Singh Gill passed away recently at the age of 86. Who was he?**

**मनोहर सिंह गिल का हाल ही में 86 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Former Defence Minister / पूर्व रक्षा मंत्री
- (b) Former RBI's Governor / आरबीआई के पूर्व गवर्नर
- (c) Former Chairman of Planning Commission / योजना आयोग के पूर्व अध्यक्ष
- (d) Former Chief Election Commissioner / पूर्व मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त
- (e) Former Supreme Court Judge / सुप्रीम कोर्ट के पूर्व न्यायाधीश

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Former CEC Dr. Manohar Singh Gill passed away

Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India and Congress leader Manohar Singh Gill died at the age of 86.

As a valued colleague in the UPA Govt and earlier as a civil servant, his contributions to the development of the nation in varied fields like sports, electoral processes, and agriculture was long-lasting

Dr. M.S. Gill was the 11th Chief Election Commissioner of India

Gill, a Punjab cadre Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, served as the CEC between December 1996 and June 2001.

Later, he entered the Rajya Sabha as a Congress member and was made the union sports minister in 2008. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Gill was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the year 2000 for his exceptional and distinguished services as a civil servant.

**283. Which state government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Maka Mission" (MMM) to promote maize cultivation?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने मक्के की खेती को बढ़ावा देने के लिए "मुख्यमंत्री माका मिशन" (एमएमएम) शुरू किया है?**

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Odisha to promote maize cultivation

Odisha Government has decided to launch a programme to enhance the acreage under maize cultivation, introducing superior varieties of grain.

The cabinet led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik made a provision of Rs 481.94 crore for the crop diversification scheme for five years at a meeting.

The scheme – Mukhyamantri Maka Mission (MMM) – will be implemented in a "more scientific and progressive way".

The government will also work on increasing the productivity of pulses, oilseeds, and fibre crops (cotton and jute) besides maize.

This is expected to give a boost to employment generation in rural areas and augment farmers' income in the state.

The state government also decided to enhance the corpus fund for procurement and prepositioning of fertilizers from Rs 90 crore to Rs 150 crore.

**About Odisha**

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Raghubar Das (26th)

**284. Which of the following has developed Vidya Samiksha Software- "Saagar se Saraansh" as part of the Vidya Samiksha Kendra for amplifying data-based decision-making?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने डेटा-आधारित निर्णय लेने को बढ़ाने के लिए विद्या समीक्षा केंद्र के हिस्से के रूप में विद्या समीक्षा सॉफ्टवेयर- "सागर से सारांश" विकसित किया है?**

- (a) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) / अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद (एआईसीटीई)
- (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) / विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (यूजीसी)
- (c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) / केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (सीबीएसई)
- (d) Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) / संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (यूपीएससी)
- (e) National Testing Agency (NTA) / राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण एजेंसी (एनटीए)

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** CBSE develops Vidya Samiksha Software- Saagar se Saraansh

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has developed Vidya Samiksha Software- "Saagar se Saraansh" as part of the Vidya Samiksha Kendra for amplifying data-based decision-making.

Vidya Samiksha Software of CBSE aims to leverage data and technology to bring a big leap in decision-making and governance. This software covers data from more than 28 thousand CBSE schools, over 13 lakh teachers, and approximately 3 crore students.

The data will be used for effective analysis of academic enrichment projects in schools in order to enhance the overall monitoring of the CBSE education system. It has over 12 billion data points.

This software is compliant with the National Digital Education Architecture that was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021. The software provides real-time updates and data processing.

The existing data resources collected by CBSE have been utilized to bring forth insights and generate reports to provide guidance and direction for the Board, Departments, Regional Offices, Schools, Teachers, and Students.

**285. According to the latest Sample Registration Survey (SRS) report of 2020, the Sex Ratio at Birth improved from 904 in 2017-19 to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2018-20.**

**2020 की नवीनतम नमूना पंजीकरण सर्वेक्षण (एसआरएस) रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, जन्म के समय लिंग अनुपात 2017-19 में 904 से बढ़कर 2018-20 में \_\_\_\_\_ हो गया।**

- (a) 905
- (b) 906
- (c) 907
- (d) 908
- (e) 909

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sex Ratio at Birth improved from 904 in 2017-19 to 907 in 2018-20

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya convened the 29th meeting of the Central Supervisory Board (CSB), marking a crucial occasion to reiterate the nation's commitment to addressing gender discrimination against girls and women.

The primary concern discussed at the meeting was the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) in the country, indicative of the ongoing battle against sex-based discrimination leading to sex selection/ determination followed by pre-birth elimination.

Citing the latest Sample Registration Survey (SRS) report of 2020, the Minister announced significant progress in the SRB. "The data revealed a commendable three-point improvement from 904 in 2017-19 to 907 in 2018-20.

Importantly, 12 out of 22 surveyed states have demonstrated improvement, underlining the combined efforts of the states in implementing the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 (PC&PNDT Act) and the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

The latest SRS report indicated that the Gender Gap has witnessed a two-point decrease in 2020 compared to a five-point gap in 2015. 10 states have effectively reversed the gender gap, positively impacting female survival rates.

Dr Mandaviya also emphasized the challenges posed by modern technologies, such as IVF procedures, the Non-Invasive Prenatal Test (NIPT), and compact diagnostic equipment, which facilitate sex selection under the pretext of family balancing.



**286. In October 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Bengaluru Metro's \_\_\_\_\_ Line operations.**  
**अक्टूबर 2023 में, प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने बेंगलुरु मेट्रो की \_\_\_\_\_ लाइन संचालन का वस्तुतः उद्घाटन किया।**

- (a) Red
- (b) Orange
- (c) Pink
- (d) Purple
- (e) Green

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM Modi launches Bengaluru Metro's Purple Line operations

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated the Baiyappanahalli-KR Pura and Kengeri-Challaghatta sections of Bengaluru metro's purple line.

The full operation of the metro's purple line has boosted the connectivity to the IT hub. In Bengaluru, nearly 8 lakh people travel by metro.

Bangalore has been growing at a faster pace and the Karnataka government has approved the construction of 317 km of metro lines under the comprehensive mobility plan by 2031, of which 257 km are under the operation, construction and planning stage.

The feasibility survey of the remaining 60 km of metro lines will be taken up shortly.

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited's network has now been expanded from 69.6 km to 73.8 km, connecting 66 stations.

The inauguration by Modi also marked 12 years of Namma Metro, which started on a stretch of merely 7 km in 2014. Today, Bengaluru's metro network is the second longest in the country.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi launched **511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras** in Maharashtra
- PM Modi released a new Garba song titled "**Maadi**".
- PM inaugurated **3rd edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023**
- PM inaugurated **141st International Olympic Committee Meeting** in Mumbai
- PM Modi inaugurated **9th 'G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit** in New Delhi

**287. A two-day-long Anthurium Festival began with all festivities and enthusiasm in which state?**

**दो दिवसीय एन्थूरियम महोत्सव किस राज्य में पूरे उत्सव और उत्साह के साथ शुरू हुआ?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Mizoram / मिजोरम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Mizoram celebrates Anthurium Festival begins with fervor & enthusiasm

In Mizoram, a two-day-long Anthurium Festival began with all festivities and enthusiasm at Reiek in Mamit District.

The festival is being organized by the Department of Tourism of Mizoram. Tourism is an important sector for income generation for the overall development of the state. It also provides an avenue for employment to the youth.

The Anthurium flower is one of the most expensive flowers cultivated in India & widely used in ceremonies ranging from birthdays, weddings as well as funeral services cultural heritage and traditions of the Mizo people.

**About Mizoram**

- Capital - Aizawl
- Chief Minister - Zoramthanga
- Governor - Hari Babu Kambhampati

**288. Which foreign bank has recently registered with the Indian markets regulator with SEBI as a Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI)?**

**हाल ही में किस विदेशी बैंक ने भारतीय बाजार नियामक SEBI के साथ विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशक (FPI) के रूप में पंजीकरण कराया है?**

- (a) Standard Chartered Bank
- (b) Deutsche Bank
- (c) Citibank
- (d) Bank of America
- (e) Sberbank

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Sberbank becomes first Russian bank to register with SEBI as FPI

Sberbank of Russia has become the first Russian bank to register with the Indian markets regulator as a foreign portfolio investor (FI), according to data available on the website of the National Stock Depository (NSDL).

Sberbank of Russia, a state-owned bank that already has a presence in India, registered with the Indian markets regulator for a Category FPI licence.

FPIs with category I licence have to follow less lenient beneficial ownership disclosures can subscribe to overseas derivative instruments which have Indian stocks as underlying, and also enjoy certain taxation benefits.

Category I FPI registration is only granted to government or government-related foreign investors or regulated entities such as banks, sovereign wealth funds, investment trusts, pension funds, and asset management companies.

Sberbank's registration takes the total number of Russia-based FPIs in India to five, with all others being non-banks. Till now, Alfa Capital Management, First Asset Management, Igor Noskov, and Vesvolod Rozanov have been granted FPI registrations.

Sberbank received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2010 to set up a branch in India and commenced its banking business in January 2011.

It acts as a key partner for Indian and Russian companies in facilitating bilateral trade. Industry experts expect a few more banks to follow Sberbank's suit.

**289. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Senior Vice President of HP India?**

**एचपी इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक और वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Ipsita Dasgupta appoints as SVP & MD for HP India

Personal computers maker HP (Hewlett-Packard) has appointed former Apple executive Ipsita Dasgupta as Managing Director and Senior Vice President for India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lankan markets, effective 30 October.

She will report to David McQuarrie, HP chief commercial officer. Gurpreet Singh Brar, who was officiating as interim India MD since November last year, will move to a new role of the vice-president, innovation and growth for HP's India market.

Dasgupta was senior director of marketing for Apple Services based at Apple headquarters leading global synergy marketing, external partnership marketing, consumer insights, and market and competitive intelligence for Apple's subscription services.

**Recent Appointment**

- **CMD of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** - Sanjay Kumar Jain (replace Mahendra Pratap Maal)
- **CMD of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)** - Sanjay Kulshreshtha
- **International Dairy Federation (IDF) Board** - Dr Meenesh Shah
- **Finance Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** - Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty
- **National president of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** - Pankaj Bohra

**290. Ashok Vaswani has been appointed as Management Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of which bank?**  
**अशोक वासवानी को किस बैंक का प्रबंधन निदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (एमडी और सीईओ) नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Ashok Vaswani appoints as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Ashok Vaswani as Management Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of the Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Ashok Vaswani replaces Uday Kotak following his resignation after spending 21 years with the bank.

As per Kotak Mahindra Bank's regulatory filing, Vaswani has been appointed for a period of three years from the date of taking charge, which shall not be later than January 1, 2024. Ashok Vaswani has been a career banker for the past three-and-a-half decades. Vaswani was initially at Citigroup and has built and grown global businesses at scale. While working with Citigroup, he was the CEO of Citigroup Asia Pacific and a Member of the Citigroup Global Operating and Management Committees.

#### **About Kotak Mahindra Bank**

- **Founded** - 2003
- **Founders** - Uday Kotak
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Prakash Apte
- **MD & CEO** - Ashok Vaswani (Uday Kotak)

#### **Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Chairman of the South Indian Bank** - VJ Kurian (replace Salim Gangadharan)
- **Chairman of SBI** - Dinesh Kumar Khara (reappointment)
- **Global CEO of PayU** - Anirban Mukherjee (replace Laurent Le Moal)
- **Executive Director of RBI** - Muneesh Kapur
- **CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** - Ramaswamy N

**291. Which company has been honoured with the Golden Peacock Award for its exceptional performance in risk management?**

**जोखिम प्रबंधन में असाधारण प्रदर्शन के लिए किस कंपनी को गोल्डन पीकॉक पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Adani Enterprises / अडानी एंटरप्राइजेज
- (c) REC Limited / आरईसी लिमिटेड
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टॉरेंट पावर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** REC Limited honoured with the Golden Peacock Award

REC Limited, the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power, has been recognized for its exceptional performance in risk management with the esteemed Golden Peacock Award.

The Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management highlights REC's continued commitment to implementing effective risk assessment strategies.

The Golden Peacock Awards, established by the Institute of Directors (IOD), India in 1991, has emerged as an internationally acclaimed standard for corporate excellence.

REC Limited was selected by the jury panel headed by former Chief Justice of India, Justice M. N. Venkatachaliah.

Director (Projects), REC, Shri V. K. Singh and Executive Director (Finance), REC, Shri Daljeet Singh Khatri received the award on behalf of REC at a glittering ceremony held in London.

**About REC Limited**

- REC Limited is an NBFC focusing on Power Sector Financing and Development across India.
- Established in 1969, REC Limited has completed over fifty years of operations.
- It provides financial assistance to state electricity boards, state governments, central and state power utilities, independent power producers, rural electric cooperatives, and private sector utilities.
- Its business activities involve financing projects in the complete power sector value chain; for various types of projects including Generation, Transmission, Distribution and Renewable Energy.
- REC's funding illuminates every fourth bulb in India. REC has recently diversified into financing infrastructure and logistics sector as well.

**292. Who has won the EU's Sakharov Prize 2023?**

**यूरोपीय संघ का सखारोव पुरस्कार 2023 किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- (b) Jina Mahsa Amini / जिना महसा अमीनि
- (c) Jhumpa Lahiri / झुंपा लाहिड़ी
- (d) Aravind Adiga / अरविंद अडिगा
- (e) Priya A.S. / प्रिया ए.एस

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Jina Mahsa Amini wins EU's Sakharov Prize 2023

The European Union parliament awarded its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to Iranian woman Mahsa Amini who died in police custody last year and the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement in Iran.

On 16 September we marked one year since the murder of Jina Mahsa Amini in Iran.

The European Parliament proudly stands with the brave and defiant who continue to fight for equality, dignity, and freedom in Iran. Amini, 22, born in Iran's western province of Kurdistan, died in morality police custody in September last year after being arrested for allegedly flouting the Islamic Republic's mandatory dress code.

**Recent Awards**

- **UNWTO's Best Tourism Village 2023** - Gujarat's Dhordo Village
- **Best Tourism Village of India Award** - West Bengal's Kiriteshwari village
- **Best Tourism Village of India Award** – Telangana's Pembarthi and Chandlapu
- **UN Award 2023** - Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- **Dalip Singh Saund Award for Political Leadership** -Raja Krishnamoorthi

**293. Who has been felicitated with the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School?**

**हार्वर्ड लॉ स्कूल द्वारा "वैश्विक नेतृत्व के लिए पुरस्कार" से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde / जस्टिस शरद अरविंद बोबड़े
- (b) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud / जस्टिस डी. वाई. चंद्रचूड़
- (c) Justice Uday Lalit / जस्टिस उदय ललित
- (d) Justice N. V. Ramana / जस्टिस एन वी रमना
- (e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi / जस्टिस रंजन गोगोई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** CJI receives Harvard Law School's "Award for Global Leadership"

Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud was felicitated with the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School.

The Chief Justice was announced as the recipient of the award in January this year in an online ceremony.

The CJI, who was present at the Harvard Law School with David Wilkins, Professor at Harvard Law School and Faculty Director, spoke about the initiatives taken by the Supreme Court during his first year of tenure, which included the use of technology in court processes, the launch of handbook on combating gender stereotypes and others.

The CJI remembered his time at Harvard as an LLM student in 1982-83 and then an SJD candidate in 1983-1986.

**Recent Awards**

- **Cambrian Patrol 2023 military exercise in UK** - Indian Army won gold medal
- **Girls Leading Change by US First Lady Jill Biden** - Indian American Gitanjali Rao
- **World's Best Employers 2023 in Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023** – NTPC Ltd
- **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Film Award at 54<sup>th</sup> IFFI** - Michael Douglas
- **Best Asian TV Series at Busan International FF** - Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop



**294. Which of the following country has become the world's first to launch an Electromagnetic Railgun fire test from a ship?**

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश एक जहाज से इलेक्ट्रोमैग्नेटिक रेलगन फायर टेस्ट लॉन्च करने वाला दुनिया का पहला देश बन गया है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Japan becomes first nation to launch an Electromagnetic Railgun

The Japanese Ministry of Defense has successfully executed the world's first electromagnetic railgun fire test from a ship.

It is conducted in coordination with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and represents a significant step forward in Japan's pursuit of sophisticated defense capabilities.

ATLA has accomplished ship-board firing test of railgun first time in the world with the cooperation of the JMSDF.

Objective - To protect vessels against air threats and surface threats by high-speed bullets, ATLA strongly promotes early deployment of railgun technology.

**295. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully tested the crew escape system of the country's first human space flight mission Gaganyaan from which space centre?**

**भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन (इसरो) ने किस अंतरिक्ष केंद्र से देश के पहले मानव अंतरिक्ष उड़ान मिशन गगनयान के क्रू एस्केप सिस्टम का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किया है?**

- (a) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre / विक्रम साराभाई अंतरिक्ष केंद्र
- (b) U R Rao Satellite Centre / यू आर राव सैटेलाइट सेंटर
- (c) Satish Dhawan Space Centre / सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र
- (d) Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre / तरल प्रणोदन प्रणाली केंद्र
- (e) Space Applications Centre / अंतरिक्ष अनुप्रयोग केंद्र

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** ISRO to test the country's first human spaceflight mission Gaganyaan

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully tested the crew escape system of the country's first human spaceflight mission Gaganyaan.

The liquid-propelled single-stage Test Vehicle (TV-D1) lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota carrying a homegrown system that would be crucial for the safety of the Indian astronauts - the Crew Escape System.

The test validated the motors that will be used during this mission. This included low-altitude motors, high-altitude motors, and jettisoning motors, that will be put to use to safely eject astronauts away from the vehicle, in case of an emergency.

The launch was initially halted due to an anomaly, which was corrected, and the spacecraft lifted off at 10 AM. After nine minutes, the mission crew module successfully splashed in the Bay of Bengal, ten kilometers away from Sriharikota.

The Indian Navy was stationed at the destined place for the recovery of the module. The module was retrieved by Naval divers and was taken to a Naval ship.

Gaganyaan will be launched from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre. India on its way to a manned mission in 2025 will be testing the launch sequences before that schedule.

**296. Who has become the first Indian bowler to claim multiple five-wicket hauls in ODI World Cups?**

**एकदिवसीय विश्व कप में एक से अधिक बार पांच विकेट लेने वाले पहले भारतीय गेंदबाज कौन बन गए हैं?**

- (a) Yuzvendra Chahal / युजवेंद्र चहल
- (b) Bhuvneshwar Kumar / भुवनेश्वर कुमार
- (c) Ravichandran Ashwin / रविचंद्रन अश्विन
- (d) Jasprit Bumrah / जसप्रीत बुमराह
- (e) Mohammed Shami / मोहम्मद शमी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Mohammed Shami becomes 1st Indian bowler to claim multiple 5-wicket hauls in ODI World Cups

Fast-bowler Mohammed Shami became the first Indian bowler to claim multiple five-wicket hauls in ODI World Cups.

Shami claimed five wickets against New Zealand to bowl them out for 273 runs in the first innings at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala.

Shami picked the wickets of Will Young, Rachin Ravindra, Daryll Mitchell, Mitchell Santner and Matt Henry in India's ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 clash against New Zealand. Shami ended up picking five wickets while giving away 54 runs in 10 overs.

The list of Indian bowlers who have previously achieved this feat includes Shami himself (2019), Ashish Nehra (2003), Venkatesh Prasad (1999), Robin Singh (1999), Yuvraj Singh (2011), and Kapil Dev (1983).

**297. International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हकलाहट जागरूकता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 21 October / 21 अक्टूबर
- (b) 22 October / 22 अक्टूबर
- (c) 23 October / 23 अक्टूबर
- (d) 24 October / 24 अक्टूबर
- (e) 25 October / 25 अक्टूबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 22 October - International Stuttering Awareness Day

International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed every year on October 22nd.

Objective - To raise awareness about this speech disorder that affects millions of people worldwide

Theme - One Size Does NOT Fit All

In 1998, the ISA officially launched International Stuttering Awareness Day, setting the date as October 22 to coincide with the birthday of the famous English author and playwright, Sir George Bernard Shaw, who was also known to have stuttered.

Shaw's experiences with stuttering were an inspiration for many people who stutter and those advocating for greater awareness and acceptance of the condition.

**298. The Indian textile industry in collaboration with industry bodies will host the world's largest textiles event "Bharat Tex 2024" in which city from 26 February to 29 February 2024?**

**उद्योग निकायों के सहयोग से भारतीय कपड़ा उद्योग 26 फरवरी से 29 फरवरी 2024 तक किस शहर में दुनिया के सबसे बड़े कपड़ा कार्यक्रम "भारत टेक्स 2024" की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India to host the world's largest textiles event, Bharat Tex 2024

The Indian textile industry in collaboration with industry bodies will host the world's largest textiles event "Bharat Tex 2024".

This mega exhibition is scheduled to take place from 26 February to 29 February 2024 in New Delhi.

The initiative marks India's dedication to becoming a global textile powerhouse, combining innovation, collaboration, and the "Make in India" spirit.

Bharat Tex 2024 represents India's 5F vision, encompassing Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.

It emphasizes the nation's readiness to take on global competition in the textile sector, creating products not only for India but the entire world.

Bharat Tex 2024" is anticipated to be a comprehensive representation of the entire textile industry value chain, encompassing India's rich cultural heritage, traditional textile practices, and the latest technological innovations, read the press release.

With over 1,000 exhibitors and more than 30,000 visitors from 40 countries, the event will feature knowledge sessions, seminars, conferences, CEO roundtables, B2B and G2G meetings, strategic investment announcements, product launches, and global collaborations that will reshape the textile industry.

**299. According to rating agency Crisil, India will spend nearly Rs143 lakh crore on which sector between fiscal 2024 and 2030, more than twice the ₹ 67 lakh crore spent in the past seven financial years starting 2017?**

रेटिंग एजेंसी क्रिसिल के अनुसार, भारत वित्तीय वर्ष 2024 और 2030 के बीच किस क्षेत्र पर लगभग 143 लाख करोड़ रुपये खर्च करेगा, जो 2017 से शुरू होने वाले पिछले सात वित्तीय वर्षों में खर्च किए गए ₹ 67 लाख करोड़ से दोगुने से भी अधिक है?

- (a) Agriculture Sector / कृषि क्षेत्र
- (b) Infrastructure Sector / इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेक्टर
- (c) Health Sector / स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र
- (d) Defence Sector / रक्षा क्षेत्र
- (e) Solar Sector / सौर क्षेत्र

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India to invest 143 lakh crore in Infrastructure by 2030

India will spend nearly Rs143 lakh crore on infrastructure between fiscals 2024 and 2030, more than twice the ₹ 67 lakh crore spent in the past seven financial years starting 2017, according to rating agency Crisil.

Of the total, ₹ 36.6 lakh crore will be green investments, marking five times rise compared with the amount spent during fiscals 2017-2023.

The agency expects India's gross domestic product to grow at an average 6.7 percent through fiscal 2031 to be the fastest-expanding large economy.

Per capita income is seen rising from USD 2,500 now to USD 4,500 by fiscal 2031, creating a middle-income country. This growth will be underpinned by massive all-round infrastructure development, with sharp focus on integrating sustainability.

Four of these -- roads and highways, power transmission, renewable energy and ports -- have an overall score of 7-plus (out of 10), which underscores the pace of reforms and developments of the past few years.

**300. Amit Shah has inaugurated India's first liquid nano di-ammonia phosphate (DAP) plant of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) in which city?**

**अमित शाह ने किस शहर में भारतीय किसान उर्वरक सहकारी लिमिटेड (इफको) के भारत के पहले तरल नैनो डि-अमोनिया फॉस्फेट (डीएपी) संयंत्र का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Amit Shah inaugurated India's first nano DAP plant in Gujarat

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated India's first liquid nano di-ammonia phosphate (DAP) plant of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) in Ahmedabad.

IFFCO's Nano DAP (Liquid) contains 8% of nitrogen and 16% of phosphorus. This can replace a 50 kg bag of traditional DAP is currently priced at Rs.1350 for farmers.

This would not only cut India's fertilizers import dependence, but also boost wheat, sugar and potato farmers' income significantly.

IFFCO owns a patent on its nano urea and nano DAP. The cooperative will get royalties for the product for the next 20 years.

According to the central government, the impact of one bottle of 500 ml on the crop is equivalent to that of 45 kg bag of granular urea.

IFFCO is expected to manufacture 18 crore bottles of nano DAP by 2025–2026. According to the cooperative, this will reduce the consumption of 90 lakh tonnes of traditional DAP.

#### **Amit Shah in News**

- Amit Shah chairs review meeting on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi
- Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar
- Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar
- Amit Shah launches "Amrit Kalash Yatra" under 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh' campaign in New Delhi.
- Amit Shah chairs 26th meeting of Western Zonal Council in Gandhinagar

**301. The Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) Show organized by the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) will be held on the 7th of December in which city?**

**इंटरनेशनल सेंटर फॉर ऑटोमोटिव टेक्नोलॉजी (आईसीएटी) द्वारा आयोजित एडवांस्ड ड्राइवर असिस्टेंस सिस्टम्स (एडीएस) शो 7 दिसंबर को किस शहर में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Gurugram / गुरुग्राम

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** ADAS Show to be held at ICAT Track in Gurugram

The Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) Show organized by the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) will be held on the 7th of December at ICAT Track in Gurugram.

Director Of ICAT Saurabh Dalela said, Show will bring together the brightest minds in the automotive industry to share knowledge, demonstrate innovations, and discuss the future of ADAS technology.

Safety is a huge matter of concern for people and more efforts are being made to ensure road safety. The focus is on enhancing technology and ADAS SHOW will be a milestone.

The government is not against quick mobility but is aiming to lower the number of casualties due to road accidents.

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**302. Recently, the Ministry of Education and Government of India has initiated the APAAR ID known as the “One Nation One Student” ID Card. What is the full form of APAAR ID?**

**हाल ही में, शिक्षा मंत्रालय और भारत सरकार ने APAAR आईडी की शुरुआत की है जिसे "वन नेशन वन स्टूडेंट आईडी कार्ड" के नाम से जाना जाता है। APAAR ID का पूर्ण रूप क्या है?**

- (a) Automated Permanent Academic Account Result ID
- (b) An Permanent Academic Account Registry ID
- (c) Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry ID
- (d) Automated Permanent Account Academic Registry ID
- (e) Auto Permanent Academic Account Registry ID

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** APAAR: 'One Nation, One ID' to be rolled out for students

The Ministry of Education and Government of India has initiated the APAAR ID (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry ID), known as the “One Nation One Student ID Card.”

This groundbreaking program aims to digitally centralize academic data, including degrees, scholarships, rewards, and other credits for students.

**What is APAAR?**

- The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry - APAAR, dubbed as the 'One Nation, one Student ID' is an Education Ecosystem Registry or an 'EduLocker'.
- The APAAR will give each student enrolled from pre-primary to higher education, a unique identification number. This will be in addition to the already existing Aadhaar ID that every individual has.
- Earlier in May this year, the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) head and former AICTE chairman Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe had mentioned working on a registry of the entire educational ecosystem, comprising students, teachers, and schools and colleges.
- NETF, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, was set up under the NEP 2020, to look into addressing gaps and creating strategic thrust on technology-based intervention in the education domain. Such as laying down standards of content and technology, and guidelines for online/digital teaching-learning.

**How does One Nation, One ID benefit students?**

- The APAAR or EduLocker will be a lifelong ID number for students for seamless tracking of their academic journey and achievements.
- They will be able to digitally store their exam results, learning outcomes, co-curricular achievements such as ranking in Olympiads or receiving specialised skill training and much more.
- In addition to that, students transferring from one school to another will face less hassle in obtaining admission to a new institution in any part of the country.

**Enrolment process**

- The enrolment process will be carried out by the school, with the consent of their parents, who will also be able to withdraw their consent at any given point of time.
- The government assured that the data will be shared only with concerned government agencies if and when required.
- The data collected on each student by the schools will be stored in a centrally functioning District Information for Education portal.

**APAAR: Challenges and concerns**

- Given the ongoing concerns about Aadhaar's data security, and the numerous instances of data breaches, many people have raised concerns about the initiation of the APAAR registration process.
- School authorities have raised the issue of already pending Aadhaar verification of students, which is kept optional. The addition of the APAAR registry can increase the administrative burden on the teaching faculty.

**303. According to a Swiss technology company IQAir, which of the following city is the most polluted city in the world?**  
**स्विस प्रौद्योगिकी कंपनी, IQAir के अनुसार, निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा शहर दुनिया का सबसे प्रदूषित शहर है?**

- (a) Mumbai / मुंबई
- (b) Dhaka / ढाका
- (c) Islamabad / इस्लामाबाद
- (d) Beijing / बीजिंग
- (e) Karachi / कराची

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Mumbai second most polluted major global city as air quality worsens

Mumbai was the second most polluted city among 109 places tracked by IQAir, a Swiss technology company measuring air quality in real-time.

Beijing, meanwhile, took the top spot.

The air quality index (AQI) score is based on the US system where a score of between 0-50 is good, 51-100 is moderate, 101-150 is unhealthy for sensitive groups, 151-200 is unhealthy, 201-300 is very unhealthy and >301 is hazardous.

The concentration of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in Mumbai was 14.7 times the World Health Organization (WHO) guideline of five micrograms per cubic metre. In Delhi, it was 9.8 times the guideline value.

Around 1.6 million deaths in the country in 2019 were due to air pollution, according to a study published in The Lancet in December 2020 titled 'Health and economic impact of air pollution in the states of India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019'. India incurred billions in losses due to air pollution in 2019. Of this, \$28.8 billion was from premature deaths and \$8 billion from morbidity.

Among South Asian countries, the increase in particulate matter between 2000 and 2021 was the highest in India at 54.8 per cent, followed by Bangladesh (44.1 per cent), Afghanistan (42.3 per cent), and Pakistan (39.9 per cent), according to Air Quality Life Index 2023 report by University of Chicago authors Michael Greenstone and Christa Hasenkopf.

**304. In October 2023, who has become the fastest batter to score 2,000 runs in ODIs?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, वनडे में सबसे तेज़ 2,000 रन बनाने वाला बल्लेबाज कौन बन गया है?**

- (a) Shubman Gill / शुबमन गिल
- (b) Rashid Khan / राशिद खान
- (c) Ishan Kishan / इशान किशन
- (d) Babar Azam / बाबर आजम
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Shubman Gill becomes fastest batter to score 2000 runs in ODIs

Shubman Gill has become the fastest batter to score 2000 runs in ODIs.

He achieved the feat in India's World Cup 2023 match against Tom Latham's New Zealand at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamsala.

Back on January 21, 2011, Hashim Amla set the record in his 40th innings in the match against India at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth. Gill raced to the milestone in only his 38th ODI innings.

The right-handed Shubman also broke Shikhar Dhawan's record of being the fastest Indian batter to score 2000 runs. Back on November 9, 2014, Dhawan set the record in his 48th innings in the match against Sri Lanka at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

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**305. According to which market intelligence, India surpasses Japan to become 2nd largest economy in Asia by 2030?**

**किस मार्केट इंटेलिजेंस के अनुसार, भारत 2030 तक जापान को पीछे छोड़कर एशिया की दूसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बन जाएगा?**

- (a) World Bank
- (b) Fitch Rating
- (c) FICCI
- (d) S&P Global
- (e) OECD

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India to surpass Japan to become 2nd largest economy in Asia by 2030: S&P Global

India, the world's fifth largest economy in the world, is likely to overtake Japan to become the world's third-largest economy with a GDP of \$ 7.3 trillion by 2030, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

After two years of rapid economic growth in 2021 and 2022, the Indian economy has continued to show sustained strong growth during the 2023 calendar year.

India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to grow 6.2-6.3 percent in the fiscal year ending in March 2024, being the fastest-growing major economy this fiscal year.

Asia's third-largest economy grew by a stellar 7.8 percent in the April-June quarter.

The acceleration of foreign direct investment inflows into India over the past decade reflects the favourable long-term growth outlook for the Indian economy, helped by a youthful demographic profile and rapidly rising urban household incomes.

India's nominal GDP measured in \$ terms is forecast to rise from \$ 3.5 trillion in 2022 to \$ 7.3 trillion by 2030.

This rapid pace of economic expansion would result in the size of the Indian GDP exceeding Japanese GDP by 2030, making India the second largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region.

**306. Which of the following bank has launched the GO Savings Account?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किस बैंक ने GO बचत खाता लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) RBL Bank / आरबीएल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RBL Bank introduces GO savings account

RBL Bank has launched GO Savings Account, its latest digital banking product.

It is a zero-balance account with simple account opening process and easy-to-operate features, the product caters to customers of all age groups.

The GO Savings Account signifies a modern shift in the world of banking, presenting a novel subscription-based model.

The launch of GO Savings Account bridges the gap between traditional and digital banking by offering a compelling value proposition for customers.

With our user-friendly account opening experience bundled with the new-age subscription-based model and services there on, we aim to bring digital convenience to a larger customer segment.

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**307. In October 2023, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed ₹2.5 Crore penalty on which finance company for Non-Compliance?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने गैर-अनुपालन के लिए किस वित्त कंपनी पर ₹2.5 करोड़ का जुर्माना लगाया है?**

- (a) Muthoot Finance / मुथूट फाइनेंस
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज लिमिटेड
- (c) L&T Finance / एल एंड टी फाइनेंस
- (d) LIC Housing Finance / एलआईसी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस
- (e) PNB Housing Finance Limited / पीएनबी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** RBI imposes ₹2.5 Crore penalty on L&T Finance for Non-Compliance

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken regulatory action against L&T Finance Limited by imposing a monetary penalty of ₹2.50 crore on the company.

This action follows non-compliance with specific provisions of the Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016.

The penalty has been levied by the RBI under the relevant sections of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

This decision comes in the wake of a statutory inspection of L&T Finance Limited, which covered its financial position as of March 31, 2021, and March 31, 2022.

**Recent penalties imposed by RBI on banks**

- RBI imposed ₹2.5 Crore penalty on L&T finance company for Non-Compliance
- RBI imposed a penalty of ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.
- The RBI imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions.
- RBI imposed Rs 2.5 crore penalty on Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Axis Bank and Bank of Maharashtra
- RBI imposes Rs 20 lakh penalty on Manappuram Finance

**308. Which bank has launched the XpressWay digital platform offering banking products and services?**

**किस बैंक ने बैंकिंग उत्पादों और सेवाओं की पेशकश करने वाला एक्सप्रेसवे डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** HDFC Bank unveils XpressWay digital platform for Swift Loans

HDFC Bank has launched XpressWay, a digital platform offering banking products and services, enabling customers to experience the fastest way to bank.

XpressWay offers an array of services, including Xpress Personal Loan, Xpress Business Loans, Xpress Car Loan, Xpress Home Loan, Xpress Loan on cards, Xpress Credit Card, Xpress Savings Accounts, service journeys and more, designed to cater to diverse customer needs.

XpressWay is an integral component of HDFC Bank's 'NOW,' an umbrella brand encompassing the bank's digital products and services.

This initiative represents the bank's commitment to embracing digital solutions for its customers' benefit.

#### **Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- Federal Bank launched the '**Mookkanoor Mission**' initiative at its founder's village
- ICICI Bank launched '**iFinance**, a One-Stop Solution
- Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer '**ONDC Network Gift Card**'
- SBI launches '**Mobile Handheld Device**' to improve accessibility and convenience.
- PhonePe launched its own app store platform **Indus Appstore**

**309. Lay's has announced which cricketer as its brand ambassador, starring in a campaign - 'No Lay's, No Game'?**  
**लेज़ ने किस क्रिकेटर को अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर घोषित किया है, जो 'नो लेज़, नो गेम' अभियान में सक्रिय है?**

- (a) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (b) Harmanpreet Kaur / हरमनप्रीत कौर
- (c) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Lay's announces Mahendra Singh Dhoni as brand ambassador

Lay's announces cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador, starring in a campaign – 'No Lay's, No Game.'

The brand is excited to reunite with the beloved cricketer, MS Dhoni, as the face of Lay's, solidifying the deep bond between the brand and our cricket-obsessed nation.

The partnership and 'No Lay's, No Game' campaign will continue to deliver boundless joy to consumers and remind them to continue to elevate their match-viewing experience with Lay's chips," Saumya Rathor, category lead – potato chips.

The 'No Lay's No Game' global campaign has been associated with football icons Thierry Henry and Lionel Messi in other markets.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Mohammed Shami - Sports brand Puma
- Neeraj Chopra - Laureus Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Reliance Retail's Jio Mart
- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobilil
- Anushka Sharma - Women's fashion brand 'W'
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Swaraj Tractors



**310. United Nations Day is observed every year on 24 October. What is the theme of United Nations Day 2023?**

**संयुक्त राष्ट्र दिवस हर साल 24 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity
- (b) Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world
- (c) The Future We Want, the UN We Need
- (d) Climate Action for Peace
- (e) The Frontlines of Climate Action

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 24 October - United Nations Day

United Nations Day, which falls on October 24 each year, is a significant occasion that commemorates the anniversary of the UN Charter coming into effect in 1945.

This milestone event marked the official establishment of the United Nations, a unique global organization dedicated to fostering cooperation, maintaining peace and security, and promoting international relations.

Theme 2023 - The Frontlines of Climate Action.

The United Nations, often abbreviated as the UN, plays a pivotal role on the world stage. It possesses unparalleled legitimacy, the ability to bring nations together, and a profound influence on shaping international norms.

**311. World Development Information Day is celebrated annually on which day?**

**विश्व विकास सूचना दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 26 October / 26 अक्टूबर
- (b) 27 October / 27 अक्टूबर
- (c) 23 October / 23 अक्टूबर
- (d) 24 October / 24 अक्टूबर
- (e) 25 October / 25 अक्टूबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 24 October - World Development Information Day

World Development Information Day is celebrated annually on October 24.

Objective - To raise awareness of development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

Theme 2023 - Harnessing the Power of Information and Communication Technologies to Build a Better World.

The UN General Assembly in 1972 established the World Development Information Day to direct people's attention toward developmental problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

**312. Former India captain Bishan Singh Bedi passed away recently at the age of 77 years. He was related to which sport?**

**भारत के पूर्व कप्तान बिशन सिंह बेदी का हाल ही में 77 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस खेल से संबंधित थे?**

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (c) Kabaddi / कबड्डी
- (d) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Former Indian Captain, Bishan Singh Bedi passed away at 77

Former India captain Bishan Singh Bedi, a legendary spinner, died at the age of 77 years.

Between 1967 and 1979, the legendary spinner played 67 Tests for India, taking 266 wickets. In addition, he took seven wickets in ten One-Day Internationals.

Bedi, along with Erapalli Prasanna, BS Chandrasekhar, and S. Venkataraghavan, was the architect of a sort of revolution in the history of Indian spin bowling.

He was instrumental in India's first ODI victory. In a 1975 World Cup match, his miserly bowling figures of 12-8-6-1 held East Africa to 120 runs.

He began his international cricket journey in 1966, representing India until 1979. Bedi was renowned for his mastery of flight and spin, using subtle variations to outwit batsmen.

His leadership was pivotal in India's historic 1971 series victory against England when he captained the team in the absence of the injured Ajit Wadekar, solidifying India's reputation as a competitive cricketing nation.

In 1970, Bishan Singh Bedi was honored with the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to cricket.

**313. Tamil Nadu has collaborated with which country on a smart tech project aimed at sustainable water, waste, and resource management?**

**तमिलनाडु ने टिकाऊ जल, अपशिष्ट और संसाधन प्रबंधन के उद्देश्य से स्मार्ट तकनीक परियोजना पर किस देश के साथ सहयोग किया है?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** UK & Tamil Nadu partners on smart tech sustainable resource management

The UK and Tamil Nadu are collaborating on a smart tech project aimed at sustainable water, waste, and resource management.

Anne-Marie Trevelyan, the UK's Minister of State in the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), inaugurated the smart technology initiative alongside Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Tamil Nadu's Information Technology Minister.

The project, named 'Smart District Administration using IoT Technologies for Better Quality of Life,' was chosen as part of the Frontier Technology Livestreaming (FTL) program.

The UK-supported 'Smart District' project has a goal of tackling global sustainability challenges by deploying sensors throughout the district.

These sensors collect real-time data on water and waste management, as well as environmental quality. By analyzing data patterns, the sensors will promote well-informed decision-making for more efficient resource allocation.

This project is India's only representation among the 58 pilots conducted across 32 countries since 2016.

#### **Recent MoUs signed by State Government**

- Ashok Leyland signs MoU with UP Govt to set up integrated e-bus plant
- Odisha Govt signs MoU with six public sector banks to provide banking
- Maharashtra signs MoU with Germany's professional association football
- The Jharkhand govt signed MoU with TCPL Green Energy Solutions Private Ltd. to set up the country's "first" hydrogen fuel project in Jamshedpur.
- ISB signed MoU with Goa government for knowledge partnership

**314. Which state government has launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' to boost employment opportunities in the state?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने राज्य में रोजगार के अवसरों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 'आईस्टार्ट टैलेंट कनेक्ट पोर्टल' लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Rajasthan govt launched 'iStart Talent Connect Portal'

The Rajasthan government has launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub to boost employment opportunities in the state.

The platform has launched in collaboration with Jaipur-based startup Hyrefox.

Objective - To serve as a user-friendly platform for both job providers and job seekers.

The platform not only allows companies to discover potential talent but also lets them post job openings and connect with their future employees.

**About Rajasthan**

- **Capital** – Jaipur
- **Chief Minister** – Ashok Gehlot
- **Governor** – Kalraj Mishra

**315. In October 2023, the Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and which country on developing semiconductor supply chain?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने सेमीकंडक्टर आपूर्ति श्रृंखला विकसित करने पर भारत और किस देश के बीच सहयोग ज्ञापन (MoC) को मंजूरी दी है?**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) USA / यूएसए
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (e) Germany / जर्मनी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Cabinet approves pact between India & Japan on Semiconductor Supply Chain

The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan on developing a semiconductor supply chain partnership focusing on research and development (R&D), manufacturing, design, and talent development for the industry.

The memorandum of cooperation between the two countries was signed in July.

Japan has become the second Quad partner after the US to sign an agreement with India for the joint development of the semiconductor ecosystem and maintain the resilience of its global supply chain.

The MoC intends to strengthen cooperation between India and Japan towards enhancement of semiconductor supply chain, recognizing the importance of semiconductor for the advancement of industries and digital technologies.

The MoC will come into effect from the date of signature of the parties and remain in force for a period of five years.

**Recently India signed MoUs with others countries**

- India and Tanzania agree on 5-year roadmap for defence cooperation
- India & Saudi Arabia tie up for electrical interconnections, green hydrogen
- India and Argentina signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA).
- US & Vietnam sign deal on semiconductor supply chains
- India and Armenia sign MoU in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions

**316. Which of the following country has recently announced free visas for Indians to boost tourism?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने हाल ही में पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भारतीयों के लिए मुफ्त वीजा की घोषणा की है?**

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians to boost tourism

Sri Lanka waived the visa fees for Indians and tourists from six other countries, as part of its efforts to boost tourist arrivals and help rebuild the island nation's battered economy following last year's financial crash.

India has remained Sri Lanka's top source market for many years. This year, over 2 lakh Indian tourists — constituting 20 percent of the total tourist arrivals — have visited the island nation until September.

As part of its decisions, the Cabinet announced the implementation of a pilot project to issue free tourist visas to tourists from China, India, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan until March 31, 2024.

Sri Lanka's tourism sector is struggling to bounce back after three major setbacks in the last few years — the Easter Sunday terror attacks in 2019, the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021, and the unprecedented economic crisis in 2022.

Until now, Indian tourists were charged \$20 with their visa application online. The decision to issue free tourist visas is likely to boost tourist arrivals including from India.

**About Sri Lanka**

- **Legislative capital** - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- **Executive and Judicial capital** - Colombo
- **Currency** - Sri Lankan rupee
- **President** - Ranil Wickremesinghe
- **Prime Minister** - Dinesh Gunawardena

**317. Who has been appointed as Brand Ambassador of an ed-tech platform, Henry Harvin Education?**

**एड-टेक प्लेटफॉर्म, हेनरी हार्विन एजुकेशन के ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- (b) Vikram Seth / विक्रम सेठ
- (c) Salman Rushdie / सलमान रुश्दी
- (d) Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर
- (e) Chetan Bhagat / चेतन भगत

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Chetan Bhagat appointed Brand Ambassador for Henry Harvin Edu

Henry Harvin Education, an ed-tech platform specializing in upskilling and reskilling programmes for young professionals, has onboarded Chetan Bhagat as its brand ambassador.

Backed by this alliance, Henry Harvin Education is poised for a voyage of further innovation and transformative growth, solidifying its position as a trailblazing influence in the global education sector.

This partnership represents a shared vision and commitment to empowering the youth of India.

Henry Harvin Education claims to have a portfolio of more than 800 upskilling and reskilling training programmes spanning more than 27 categories.

It further claims to have trained more than 4,60,000 people and offers more than 7,000 classes per month.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Lay's
- Mohammed Shami - Sports brand Puma
- Neeraj Chopra - Laureus Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Reliance Retail's Jio Mart
- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobilil



**318. Who has been appointed as the Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)?**

**जनरल हॉस्पिटल सर्विसेज (सशस्त्र बल) के निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Sadhna Saxena Nair / साधना सक्सैना नायर
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Sadhna Nair first woman in the country to become DG of MHS

Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair took charge as the Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces), becoming the first women officer to hold the prestigious post.

After the promotional transfer of Sadhna Nair, she became the second woman officer to attain the rank of Air Marshal.

Before Sadhna, this achievement was achieved by Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay. Padma was appointed to the rank of Air Marshal in the year 2002.

Air Marshal Sadhna trained abroad in CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear) warfare and in Military Medical Ethics.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)** - Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair
- **Election Commission's national icon** - Rajkummar Rao
- **SVP & MD for HP India** - Ipsita Dasgupta
- **CMD of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** - Sanjay Kumar Jain (replace Mahendra Pratap Maal)
- **CMD of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)** - Sanjay Kulshreshtha

**319. Who has been recently appointed as its national icon by the Election Commission?**

**हाल ही में चुनाव आयोग ने किसे अपना राष्ट्रीय आइकन नियुक्त किया है?**

- (a) Manoj Bajpayee / मनोज बाजपेयी
- (b) Rajkummar Rao / राजकुमार राव
- (c) Ayushmann Khurrana / आयुष्मान खुराना
- (d) Rishabh Pant / ऋषभ पंत
- (e) Pankaj Tripathi / पंकज त्रिपाठी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Rajkummar Rao appointed Election Commission's national icon

The Election Commission has appointed actor Rajkummar Rao as its national icon ahead of assembly elections in five states.

National icons are appointed to motivate voters to participate in elections.

More than 161 million people in five states across India will vote in assembly elections next month, the Election Commission of India announced earlier this month.

**About Election Commissioner of India (ECI)**

- It is a constitutional body to conduct and regulate elections in the country.
- It consists of a chief election commissioner (CEC) and two election commissioners (usually retired IAS or IRS officers)
- Founded - 25 January 1950
- 25 January - Voter's Day
- HQ - New Delhi
- 1st Chief - Sukumar Sen
- 1st Women Chief - V.S. Ramadevi
- 25th Chief - Rajiv Kumar
- Commissioner - Anup Chandra Pandey & Arun Goel
- Tenure - 6/65yrs

**320. Which of the following has recently unveiled its indigenously built the Vikram-1 rocket?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने हाल ही में अपने स्वदेश निर्मित विक्रम-1 रॉकेट का अनावरण किया है?**

- (a) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (b) National Aerospace Laboratories / राष्ट्रीय एयरोस्पेस प्रयोगशालाएं
- (c) Mahindra Aerospace / महिंद्रा एयरोस्पेस
- (d) Boeing Rotorcraft Systems / बोइंग रोटारक्राफ्ट सिस्टम
- (e) Skyroot Aerospace / स्कार्द्रूट एयरोस्पेस

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Skyroot Aerospace unveils Vikram-1 rocket

Space start-up Skyroot Aerospace has unveiled its indigenously built Vikram-1 rocket in Hyderabad which is expected to deliver satellites to low earth orbit early 2024.

Skyroot's Vikram-1 is described as a "technologically advanced, multi-stage launch vehicle with a payload capacity of approximately 300 Kg to Low Earth Orbit.

It is an all-carbon-fiber-bodied rocket equipped with 3D-printed liquid engines.

Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh also inaugurated 'The MAX-Q Campus', the new headquarters of the start-up at the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park at Mamidipally in South Hyderabad.

**321. Who has won the women's singles title at Abu Dhabi Masters 2023 in UAE?**  
**संयुक्त अरब अमीरात में अबू धाबी मास्टर्स 2023 में महिला एकल का खिताब किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Sania Mirza / सानिया मिर्जा
- (b) Unnati Hooda/ उन्नति हुडा
- (c) Saina Nehwal / साइना नेहवाल
- (d) Samiya Imad Farooqui / सामिया इमाद फारूकी
- (e) Carolina Marin / कैरोलिना मैरिन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India's Unnati Hooda wins Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

India's Unnati Hooda beat Samiya Imad Farooqui in the final of the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023 women's singles event in the United Arab Emirates.

The 16-year-old Unnati Hooda took 40 minutes to defeat the 20-year-old Samiya Imad Farooqui 21-16, 22-20 on the badminton courts of the ADNEC Marina Hall in the UAE capital.

Both players are currently outside the top 100 in the badminton rankings.

This was Unnati Hooda's second BWF Super 100 World Tour title. Last year, Unnati Hooda became the youngest Indian to win a BWF tournament at the Odisha Open, where she beat Samiya Imad Farooqui in the quarter-finals.

**322. Who won the gold medal for India with a new Asian Games record in the Men's High Jump T47 at the Asian Para Games 2022?**

**एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2022 में पुरुषों की ऊंची कूद टी47 में नए एशियाई खेलों के रिकॉर्ड के साथ भारत के लिए स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Tejaswin Shankar / तेजस्विन शंकर
- (b) Monu Ghangas / मोनू घंगास
- (c) Shailesh Kumar/ शैलेश कुमार
- (d) Nishad Kumar / निषाद कुमार
- (e) Bhim Singh / भीम सिंह

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Nishad Kumar bags Gold in Men's High Jump event

Nishad Kumar bagged a gold medal for India with a new Asian Games record in the Men's High Jump T47 at the 4th Asian Para Games 2022.

Nishad took the gold with a jump of 2.02m. China's Hongjie Chen settled for silver (1.94m). India's Ram Pal too won silver as he registered 1.94m in his fifth attempt.

Meanwhile, Indian para-athlete Monu Ghangas secured a bronze medal in the Men's Shot Put-F-11 final.

Monu secured a podium finish with his season-best throw of 12.33m which came in his fourth attempt.

### 323. Who won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T63 event at the Asian Para Games 2022?

एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2022 में पुरुषों की ऊंची कूद टी63 स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?

- (a) Tejaswin Shankar / तेजस्विन शंकर
- (b) Ajit Singh Balla / अजीत सिंह बल्ला
- (c) Shailesh Kumar / शैलेश कुमार
- (d) Gurnam Singh / गुरनाम सिंह
- (e) Bhim Singh / भीम सिंह

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Shailesh Kumar wins Gold in Men's High Jump at Asian Para Games 2022

Shailesh Kumar has won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T63 event at the Asian Para Games 2022.

The Asian Para Games 2022 is being held in Hangzhou, China.

Shailesh Kumar leaped a distance of 1.82m and in the process broke the Games record.

**324. Pranav Soorma has won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2022. He is related to which sport?**

**प्रणव सूरमा ने एशियन पैरा गेम्स 2022 में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन
- (c) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Club throw / क्लब थ्रो

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Pranav Soorma won gold at the Asian Para Games 2022 in club throw

India swept all three medals in the men's club throw F51 event with Pranav Soorma winning the gold on the opening day of the athletics competition at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2022.

The 29-year-old Soorma broke the Asian Para Games record with an effort of 30.01m to clinch the gold while Dharambir (28.76m) and Amit Kumar (26.93m) were second and third respectively.

There were only four competitors in the event with Saudi Arabia's Radhi Ali Alharthi finishing last with a throw of 23.77m.

He won a silver medal at the 2019 Beijing World Para Athletics Grand Prix event.

The F51 club throw event is for athletes who have movement affected to a high degree in the trunk, legs, and hands. All the competitors compete while seated and rely on their shoulders and arm to generate power.

Soorma suffered a spinal cord injury after an accident when he was 16-years-old and that left him paralyzed.

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**325. World Polio Day is observed every year on October 24. What is the theme of World Polio Day 2023?**

**विश्व पोलियो दिवस हर साल 24 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व पोलियो दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Delivering on a Promise
- (b) Stories of Progress: Past and Present
- (c) End Polio Now
- (d) A healthier future for mothers and children
- (e) Together, we end polio

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 24 October - World Polio Day

World Polio Day is observed every year on October 24.

Objective - To create awareness around the importance of polio vaccination to protect children.

Theme 2023 - A healthier future for mothers and children.

It is also an opportunity to highlight the importance of all mothers, fathers, caregivers, health workers and volunteers who play a key role in getting polio vaccines to children and their communities.

On January 13, this year, India completes 12 polio-free years which is considered as a remarkable achievement; the last polio case in India was detected in 2011.

In the year 1988, there were around 3.5 lakh polio cases worldwide and the World Health Assembly resolved to eradicate the poliovirus.

In 2002, WHO European Region was declared polio-free and from that time on October 24 every year, the World Polio Day is celebrated annually.



**326. UN Disarmament Week is celebrated every year from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**संयुक्त राष्ट्र निरस्त्रीकरण सप्ताह हर साल \_\_\_\_\_ से \_\_\_\_\_ तक मनाया जाता है।**

- (a) 24-29 October /24-29 अक्टूबर
- (b) 25-29 October / 25-29 अक्टूबर
- (c) 24-30 October /24-30 अक्टूबर
- (d) 25-30 October / 25-30 अक्टूबर
- (e) 25-31 October /25-31 अक्टूबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 24-30 October - UN Disarmament Week

UN Disarmament Week is celebrated every year on October 24 to 30.

It is an annual event organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

Objective - To raise awareness of the importance of disarmament and to promote the elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

In 2018, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres unveiled a comprehensive vision for disarmament through the initiative "Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament."

**327. Global Media and Information Literacy Week is observed from October 24 to 31 every year. This year's Global Media and Information Literacy Week is being hosted by which country?**

**वैश्विक मीडिया और सूचना साक्षरता सप्ताह हर साल 24 से 31 अक्टूबर तक मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष का वैश्विक मीडिया और सूचना साक्षरता सप्ताह किस देश द्वारा आयोजित किया जा रहा है?**

- (a) Nigeria / नाइजीरिया
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- (e) Ukraine / यूक्रेन

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 24-31 October - Global Media and Information Literacy Week

Global Media and Information Literacy Week is observed from October 24 to 31 every year.

It is an annual event organized by UNESCO to raise awareness of the importance of media and information literacy (MIL) and to celebrate the progress made towards achieving MIL for all.

This year's Global Media and Information Literacy Week (11th edition) will be hosted by Nigeria.

This day was launched in 2012 by UNESCO with the support of the UNESCO-U.N.A.O.C. Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue University Network, and the UNESCO Media and Information Literacy Alliance.

It is a huge opportunity for stakeholders to reflect on and celebrate progress in achieving media and information literacy for all.'

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**328. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired which edition of Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI)?**

**हाल ही में, प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने प्रो-एक्टिव गवर्नेंस एंड टाइमली इम्प्लीमेंटेशन (प्रगति) के किस संस्करण की अध्यक्षता की है?**

- (a) 41st
- (b) 42nd
- (c) 43rd
- (d) 44th
- (e) 45th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PM Modi chairs meeting of 43rd edition of PRAGATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired the meeting of the 43rd edition of PRAGATI involving Centre and State governments. PRAGATI is the ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.

He reviewed eight key projects spread across seven states having cumulative worth around 31 thousand crore rupees. Among these, four projects were concerned with water supply and irrigation, two projects for expanding National highways and connectivity, and two projects for rail and metro rail connectivity. These are Bihar, Jharkhand, Haryana, Odisha, West Bengal, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

The Prime Minister has emphasized that PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan Portal in conjunction with technologies such as satellite imagery can help address various issues of implementation and planning relating to location and land requirements for projects.

The Prime Minister also reviewed 'Mobile Towers and 4G Coverage under USOF Projects'. Under the Universal Service Obligation fund, USOF, 33 thousand 573 villages with 24 thousand 149 mobile towers are to be covered for saturation of mobile connectivity.

#### **PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi launched **Bengaluru Metro's Purple Line** operations
- PM Modi launched **511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras** in Maharashtra
- PM Modi released a new Garba song titled "**Maadi**".
- PM inaugurated **3rd edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023**
- PM inaugurated **141st International Olympic Committee Meeting** in Mumbai

**329. United Nations Forum on Forests Meeting has been organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in which city?**

**पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा वनों पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र फोरम की बैठक किस शहर में आयोजित की गई है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Dehradun / देहरादून
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India hosts United Nations Forum on Forests meet in Dehradun

In Uttarakhand, a two-day Country Led Initiative (CLI) event has been organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at Forest Research Institute in Dehradun.

Around 55 delegates from 30 countries and 41 representatives from 20 organizations participated both in-person and online in this Country Lead Initiative to discuss wildfires and forest certification.

The meeting is expected to come out with implementable frameworks and recommendations for the management of forest fires and forest certification, which will promote sustainable forest management.

These recommendations will be considered for discussion at the 19th session of the UNFF scheduled to be held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York in May 2024.

**330. The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) will conduct a 5G Hackathon VIMARSH 2023 to address the challenges faced by Law Enforcement Agencies. The Hackathon will be organized by which ministry?**

**पुलिस अनुसंधान और विकास ब्यूरो (बीपीआरडी) कानून प्रवर्तन एजेंसियों के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों का समाधान करने के लिए 5जी हैकथॉन विमर्श 2023 का आयोजन करेगा। हैकथॉन का आयोजन किस मंत्रालय द्वारा किया जाएगा?**

- (a) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / माइक्रो, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Defence / रक्षा मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** "Vimarsh" - National Hackathon on 5G technology conducted in New Delhi

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) will conduct a 5G Hackathon VIMARSH 2023 to address the challenges faced by Law Enforcement Agencies.

The students can submit their ideas between the 1st of November to the 9th of December this year. The grand finale of VIMARSH 2023 will be organized on the 28th of February next year.

The Hackathon will be jointly organized by the Home Ministry, the Department of Telecom, and Telecom Centres of Excellence India.

Nine Problem Statements have been formulated to conduct a Hackathon with students and startups.

A cash award of one lakh 50 thousand rupees will be given to each winning team. The Hackathon will involve three stages of ideas screening - Stages 1 and 2 will be done in virtual mode whereas Stage 3 in physical mode.

**331. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated which edition of the National Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa?**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में गोवा के जवाहरलाल नेहरू स्टेडियम में राष्ट्रीय खेलों के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) 36th
- (b) 37th
- (c) 38th
- (d) 39th
- (e) 40th

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** PM inaugurated 37th National Games in Goa

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 37th National Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa.

PM said, India is advancing in various domains and setting unprecedented benchmarks today. From Khelo India to TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme), the government has created a new ecosystem to support players in the country.

National Games is reflection of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The Prime Minister also appreciated the preparation for the National Games by the Goa government.

The October 26-November 9 extravaganza is set to witness about 10,000 athletes across various disciplines from all across the country.

The Governor of Goa Sreedharan Pillai, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant, Indian Olympic Association President P T Usha other dignitaries were present at the event. It featured performances by renowned artists, including Sukhwinder Singh and others.

**332. Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda, and Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel have inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav at Ahmedabad. What is the theme of this festival?**

केंद्रीय जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्री अर्जुन मुंडा और गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री भूपेन्द्र पटेल ने अहमदाबाद में आदि महोत्सव का उद्घाटन किया। इस उत्सव का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Marketing Development
- (b) Tribal Culture
- (c) Van Dhan Vikas Kendras
- (d) Celebration of Tribal Entrepreneurship, Crafts, Culture and Commerce
- (e) Celebration of Tribal, Crafts, Culture and Commerce

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Aadi Mahotsav started at Ahmedabad

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda, and Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel have inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav at Ahmedabad.

The Aadi Mahotsav is a 10-day mega event which is being organized by the TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs), at the Ahmedabad Haat, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.

The theme of the festival is 'Celebration of Tribal Entrepreneurship, Crafts, Culture and Commerce'.

The Aadi Mahotsav features the exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery, cuisine and much more through 100 stalls. More than 200 tribal artisans and artists from across the country are participating in the festival.

Van Dhan Vikas Kendras would be the major highlights that are displaying and selling their products. The festival is a conglomeration of a mini-India under one roof.

**333. Which bank has partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited to issue its inaugural electronic Bank Guarantee through its platform?**

किस बैंक ने अपने प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से उद्घाटन इलेक्ट्रॉनिक बैंक गारंटी जारी करने के लिए नेशनल ई-गवर्नेंस सर्विसेज लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kotak Bank partnered with NeSL to issue electronic Bank Guarantee

Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited to issue its inaugural electronic Bank Guarantee through its platform.

This collaboration is poised to usher in the era of digital trade, effectively eliminating the traditional paper-based issuance of Bank Guarantees.

The digital transformation encompasses the issuance, modifications, closures, digital stamping, and signing processes, resulting in a significant reduction in the guaranteed turnaround time (TAT).

This new approach enables guarantees to be processed in just a few hours, a stark improvement compared to the two to three working days required by the conventional paper-based method.

Additionally, the e-BG enhances security by mitigating authentication risks.

**About Kotak Mahindra Bank**

- **Founded** - 2003
- **Founders** - Uday Kotak
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Prakash Apte
- **MD & CEO** - Ashok Vaswani



**334. Which bank has collaborated with Viamericas Corporation to offer non-resident Indians (NRIs) in the US digital inward remittance services on its platform?**

किस बैंक ने अपने प्लेटफॉर्म पर अमेरिकी डिजिटल आवक प्रेषण सेवाओं में अनिवासी भारतीयों (एनआरआई) की पेशकश करने के लिए वियामेरिकस कॉर्पोरेशन के साथ सहयोग किया है?

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** IndusInd Bank partnered with Viamericas to enhance Fast Remit platform

IndusInd Bank has collaborated with Viamericas Corporation to offer non-resident Indians (NRIs) in the US digital inward remittance services on the 'Indus Fast Remit' platform.

The service will offer competitive exchange rates on remittances to India.

NRIs can initiate remittance transactions using the auto debit payment mode (automated clearing house - ACH) through their overseas bank accounts on the Fast Remit platform.

Viamericas Corporation will leverage its existing Vostro relationship with IndusInd Bank to credit beneficiary accounts in India, utilizing the RBI's RDA scheme. The digital remittance platform assures customers transparency of payment status, the exact INR amount to be received by the beneficiary, and the expected delivery time.

#### **IndusInd Bank**

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Founder** - S.P. Hinduja
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra,
- **MD & CEO** - Sumant Kathpalia
- **Tagline** - We Make You Feel Richer

#### **Recent MoU in Banking Sector**

- Karnataka Bank launches "Doorstep Gold loan facility" with SahiBandhu
- REC signs MoU with PNB to co-finance infrastructure projects
- Kotak Mutual Fund launches investor education program in partnership with CBSE
- SIDBI signed MoU with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector.
- UP New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) signed MoU SIDBI to promote green project

**335. Who among the following has been awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation 2023 by US President Joe Biden at the White House?**

निम्नलिखित में से किसे व्हाइट हाउस में अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति जो बिडेन द्वारा नेशनल मेडल ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी एंड इनोवेशन 2023 से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (i) Ashok Gadgil  
(ii) Pallavi Mishra  
(iii) Subra Suresh

- (a) Only i  
(b) Only ii  
(c) Only iii  
(d) Only i & ii  
(e) Only i & iii

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 2 Indian-Americans awarded with America's highest scientific award.

Two Indian American scientists were awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation by US President Joe Biden at the White House. The two Indian-Americans -- Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh -- were awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation and the National Medal of Science, respectively.

The scientists, who were honoured at the event, made discoveries enabling lifesaving medical treatments, helping fight the opioid epidemic, improving food security, advancing accessibility, and much more.

The National Medal of Science is the nation's highest scientific honour, established by the US Congress in 1959 and administered by the US National Science Foundation.

It is bestowed by the President of the United States on individuals deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contributions in biology, computer sciences, education sciences, engineering, geosciences, mathematical and physical sciences, and social, behavioural, and economic sciences.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Global Leadership Award** by the Harvard Law School - CJI DY Chandrachud
- **Golden Peacock Award** - REC Limited
- **UNWTO's Best Tourism Village 2023** - Gujarat's Dhordo Village
- **UN Award 2023** - Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- **Dalip Singh Saund Award for Political Leadership** -Raja Krishnamoorthi

**336. Rubina Francis has won the bronze medal in the Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China. She is related to which sport?**

**रुबिना फ्रांसिस ने चीन के हांगझू में आयोजित एशियन पैरा गेम्स में कांस्य पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Rubina Francis won Bronze in Women's 10m Air Pistol at Asian Para Games

Shooter Rubina Francis won the bronze medal in the P2 - Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event at the Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China.

Rubina Francis is currently ranked number five by the International Shooting Sport Federation in Women's World Shooting Para Sports Rankings.

She also participated in the 2018 Asian Para Games.

**337. India's Deepthi Jeevanji has clinched the gold medal in the women's \_\_\_\_\_ - T20 event at the Asian Para Games 2023.**

**भारत की दीप्ति जीवनजी ने एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में महिलाओं की \_\_\_\_\_ -टी20 स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है।**

- (a) 100m
- (b) 200m
- (c) 300m
- (d) 400m
- (e) 500m

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Deepthi Jeevanji won Gold in Women's 400m-T20 event at Asian Para Game India's Deepthi Jeevanji has clinched the gold medal in the women's 400m-T20 event at the Asian Para Games 2023.

Deepthi clocked a timing of 56.69 seconds to finish more than two whole seconds ahead of her nearest rival Orawan Kaising of Thailand, who secured the silver medal with a time of 59s.

Niina Knno of Japan finished third with a timing of 59.73s in Hangzhou.

**338. Prachi Yadav has won gold in the women's Para KL2 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China. She is related to which sport?**

**प्राची यादव ने चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में महिला पैरा केएल2 स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Canoe / कैनो
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Prachi Yadav won gold in women's Para Canoe event in Asian Para Games

Prachi Yadav has won gold in the women's Para Canoe KL2 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

Prachi had already secured a silver medal on Day 1 in the women's VL2 final, narrowly missing out on the gold. In the women's KL2 event, she finished on top with a timing of 54.962 seconds.

**339. Who has won the silver medal in the Men's Shotput F40 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 held in Hangzhou, China?**

**चीन के हांगझू में आयोजित एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में पुरुषों की शॉटपुट F40 स्पर्धा में रजत पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Ravi Rongali / रवि रोंगाली
- (b) Joginder Singh Bedi / जोगिंदर सिंह बेदी
- (c) Jagraj Singh Mann / जगराज सिंह मान
- (d) Bahadur Singh Sagoo / बहादुर सिंह सागू
- (e) Inderjeet Singh / इंद्रजीत सिंह

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Ravi Rongali won silver at Asian Para Games

Shot put athlete Ravi Rongali won the silver medal in the Men's Shotput F40 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 held in Hangzhou, China.

The 28-year-old, who suffers from dwarfism, secured his personal best of 9.92 meters and lost the gold to Garrah Tnaiash of Iraq as his attempt amounted to 10.80 meters.

**340. Shooter Manish Narwal has won the bronze medal in the P1 - Men's \_\_\_\_\_ SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 held in Hangzhou, China.**

**निशानेबाज मनीष नरवाल ने हांगझू, चीन में आयोजित एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में P1 - पुरुषों की \_\_\_\_\_ SH1 स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता है।**

- (a) 5m Air Pistol
- (b) 10m Air Pistol
- (c) 15m Air Pistol
- (d) 20m Air Pistol
- (e) 25m Air Pistol

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Manish Narwal won Bronze in Men's 10m air pistol at Asian Para Games.

Shooter Manish Narwal has won the bronze medal in the P1 - Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 held in Hangzhou, China.

Manish ranks fourth in the world in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 according to the World Shooting Para Sport Rankings.

In 2020, Manish took the Arjuna Award.

**341. Jammu and Kashmir has commemorated its \_\_\_\_\_ Accession Day on 26 October 2023.**

**जम्मू और कश्मीर ने 26 अक्टूबर 2023 को अपना \_\_\_ विलय दिवस मनाया है।**

- (a) 75th
- (b) 76th
- (c) 77th
- (d) 78th
- (e) 79th

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 26 October 2023 - 76th Accession Day

Jammu and Kashmir is commemorating its 76th Accession Day on 26 October 2023.

This day holds great significance as it marks the moment when the people of this former princely state firmly chose their destiny by merging with the Union of India.

Despite being an integral part of India's celebrated democratic journey, J&K has faced significant challenges due to persistent external interference of Pakistan that has aimed to disrupt its internal fabric.

At the time of India's independence in 1947, the Indian subcontinent was divided into two newly formed nations, India and Pakistan. Alongside these two dominions, there were 580 princely states that had previously accepted the paramountcy of the British Crown through subsidiary alliances.

As per the Indian Independence Act of 1947, these princely states were granted the choice to remain independent, join India, or join Pakistan. The process of accession involved the signing of an Instrument of Accession (IoA) that outlined the terms of the accession.



**342. The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व श्रव्य-दृश्य विरासत दिवस (WDAH) हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 26 October / 26 अक्टूबर
- (b) 27 October / 27 अक्टूबर
- (c) 28 October / 28 अक्टूबर
- (d) 29 October / 29 अक्टूबर
- (e) 25 October / 25 अक्टूबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 27 October - World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) is observed on October 27 every year to draw attention to the significance of audiovisual documents and to urge people to take immediate action.

We may learn about the lives and cultures of people from all around the world through audiovisual archives. They serve as invaluable testimony to our common history and a crucial source of knowledge.

Theme 2023 - Your Window to the World

The preservation and accessibility of audiovisual heritage are crucial goals for both memory institutions and the broader public.

On October 27, 1980, during the 21st General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Belgrade, Serbia, the Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images was adopted.

This recommendation marked a significant step in recognizing the importance of preserving and safeguarding audiovisual materials for their cultural and historical significance.

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**243. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated which edition of the Indian Mobile Congress 2023 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने नई दिल्ली के भारत मंडपम में भारतीय मोबाइल कांग्रेस 2023 के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PM Modi inaugurated 7th Edition of Indian Mobile Congress

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 7th Edition of the Indian Mobile Congress 2023 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

He will award 100 5G Use Case Labs to educational institutions across the country. These labs are being developed under the 100 5G labs initiative.

The 100 5G labs initiative, is an endeavour to realize the opportunities associated with 5G technology by encouraging the development of 5G applications that cater, both to India's unique needs as well as the global demands.

It will foster innovation across various socioeconomic sectors like education, agriculture, health, power, and transportation. The initiative is also a pivotal step for building a 6G-ready academic and start-up ecosystem in the country.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi chairs meeting of **43rd edition of PRAGATI**
- PM Modi launched **Bengaluru Metro's Purple Line** operations
- PM Modi launched **511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras** in Maharashtra
- PM Modi released a new Garba song titled "**Maadi**".
- PM inaugurated **3rd edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023**

**344. Which IIT has signed an MoU with Airbus to facilitate increased collaboration in developing education programmes with a focus on research to foster talent development in the Indian aerospace sector?**

**भारतीय एयरोस्पेस क्षेत्र में प्रतिभा विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए अनुसंधान पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने के साथ शिक्षा कार्यक्रमों के विकास में सहयोग बढ़ाने के लिए किस आईआईटी ने एयरबस के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Airbus tie-up with IIT Kanpur to promote aerospace education

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) and Airbus signed an MoU to facilitate increased collaboration in developing education programmes with a focus on research to foster talent development in the Indian aerospace sector.

Under the collaboration, both entities will promote research in advanced technologies and develop programmes and activities to enhance technical capabilities for aerospace students in India.

Both organizations will also explore collaboration opportunities with global institutes where students will get to work on projects relevant to the sector.

IIT Kanpur has been relentlessly pursuing its vision to support innovation, research, and entrepreneurial activities in technology-based fields, and Aerospace is one of the key thrust areas in this endeavor.

This MoU will harness Airbus' expertise and IIT Kanpur's capabilities in education, research and training to nurture the next generation of technology leaders and will unlock the potential of the fast-evolving aerospace landscape in the country.

#### **IITs in News**

- IIT Guwahati 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
- University of Jaffna & IIT Madras sign MoU for promote research initiatives
- IIT Kanpur successfully conducts test flight for cloud seeding
- YES Bank collaborates with IIT Kanpur to offer support to Incubated Startups

**345. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with CM of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar have dedicated how many PM-Shri schools to Haryana?**

शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने हरियाणा के सीएम मनोहर लाल खट्टर के साथ मिलकर कितने पीएम-श्री स्कूल हरियाणा को समर्पित किए हैं?

- (a) 75
- (b) 100
- (c) 125
- (d) 124
- (e) 129

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 124 PM Shri schools dedicated to Haryana

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan along with Chief Minister of Haryana Shri Manohar Lal Khattar have dedicated 124 PM-Shri schools to Haryana.

These schools will have ICT labs and Smart Classrooms also.

Ministers also launched the Accreditation of the Schools app and Mobile Application (NIPUN). Books and Learning Materials for Balvatika-3rd were also unveiled during the occasion.

PM-Shri Schools will be a symbol of excellence with 21st-century modern education based on skill-based, people-life-culture and mother tongue.

The launch of PM Shri School will increase the potential of school education in Haryana and the children of Haryana will benefit for the initiative.

**About Haryana**

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Manohar Lal Khattar
- **Governor** – Bandaru Dattatreya

**346. Which state government will set up ₹200 crore Graphene production facility in public-private partnership in the state?**  
**कौन सी राज्य सरकार राज्य में सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी में ₹200 करोड़ की ग्राफीन उत्पादन सुविधा स्थापित करेगी?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Kerala / केरल

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kerala to set up ₹200 crore Graphene production facility in public-private partnership

The Kerala Government has decided to set up a pilot production facility of Graphene. The production facility will cost ₹200 crores.

Graphene is called a wonder material for its extraordinary electrical and electronic properties, in the state.

The facility is designed to operate on a public-private partnership model and will require an estimated investment of ₹237 crore.

The Kerala Digital University will be the implementing agency, while the Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) has been assigned the role of a special-purpose vehicle for infrastructure development.

**About Kerala**

- **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram
- **Chief Minister** – Pinarayi Vijayan
- **Governor** – Arif Mohammad Khan

**347. 'Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023' has been organized by which of the following?**

**'चाणक्य रक्षा संवाद 2023' निम्नलिखित में से किसके द्वारा आयोजित किया गया है?**

- (a) Indian Navy / भारतीय नौसेना
- (b) Indian Air Force / भारतीय वायु सेना
- (c) Indian Army / भारतीय सेना
- (d) ISRO / इसरो
- (e) DRDO / डीआरडीओ

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023 to hold discussion on security challenges

Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023' is being organized by the Indian Army in partnership with Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).

The first edition of Chanakya Defence Dialogue will be held on 3rd & 4th November 2023 in Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. This is the first event of its kind being organized by the Indian Army.

This Dialogue will carry out a comprehensive analysis of security challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific. It will focus on crafting a roadmap for collaborative security measures in the region to fortify India's position as a ready, resurgent, and relevant stakeholder among the nations of this region.

Indian Army has been closely working with 340 indigenous defence industries towards the fructification of 230 contracts by the year 2025. The COAS also mentioned that Indian Army has identified 45 niche technologies in the field of military applications.

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**348. Which of the following has launched its Maiden Mutual Fund Schemes - Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund, ELSS Tax Saver Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने अपनी पहली म्यूचुअल फंड योजनाएं - निफ्टी लार्जमिडकैप 250 इंडेक्स फंड, ईएलएसएस टैक्स सेवर निफ्टी लार्जमिडकैप 250 इंडेक्स फंड लॉन्च की है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Zerodha Fund House / ज़ेरोधा फंड हाउस
- (d) HDFC Mutual Fund / एचडीएफसी म्यूचुअल फंड
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Zerodha Fund House launches its Maiden Mutual Fund Schemes

Zerodha Fund House has launched its maiden funds – Zerodha Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund and Zerodha ELSS Tax Saver Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund, open-ended, passive, index equity mutual fund schemes.

The NFO opened on 20th October 2023 and will remain open till 3rd November 2023.

It is a joint venture between Zerodha Broking Limited and Smallcase Technologies Pvt Ltd.

Zerodha Fund House (ZFH) is a passive-only AMC which aims to build simple, transparent, and affordable mutual funds. ZFH will leverage technology at every touchpoint to provide building blocks for every investor's portfolio.

The Index Fund is an open-ended scheme replicating Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index. And the ELSS is an open-ended passive equity-linked savings scheme with a statutory lock-in period of 3 years and tax benefit replicating Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index.

Zerodha Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund and Zerodha ELSS Tax Saver Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund will be benchmarked against Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index TRI (Total Returns Index).

The schemes will adopt a passive investment strategy and will endeavour to invest in stocks in proportion to the weightage of the stocks in the Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index.

**349. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a committee of 12 members to simplify insurance policy wording. Who will chair this committee?**

**भारतीय बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (IRDAI) ने बीमा पॉलिसी के शब्दों को सरल बनाने के लिए 12 सदस्यों की एक समिति का गठन किया है। इस समिति की अध्यक्षता कौन करेगा?**

- (a) L Viswanathan / एल विश्वनाथन
- (b) Sunil Bajpai / सुनील बाजपेयी
- (c) Sanjay Agrawal / संजय अग्रवाल
- (d) Adarsh Kumar Goel / आदर्श कुमार गोयल
- (e) Chandra Prakash Goyal / चंद्र प्रकाश गोयल

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** IRDAI forms panel to simplify insurance policy wordings

The 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, a member of the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC), will also include the Secretary Generals of the Life Insurance and General Insurance Council along with the president of the Insurance Brokers Association of India (IBAI) and the Principal Officer, State Bank of India (Corporate Agent) as well as other senior members of the insurance industry.

This decision comes in the backdrop of Irdai's observation that policyholders often find it difficult to understand the terms and conditions in insurance policy contracts due to the complex language used in the policy, stopping them from making informed decisions while purchasing an insurance policy.

As a step towards Irdai's goal of Insurance for all by 2047, the regulator is putting efforts towards creating a progressive, supportive, facilitative and forward-looking architecture, which will foster a healthy environment leading to wider choice, accessibility and affordability to the policyholders.

The eight-member committee has been asked to submit its recommendations within 8-10 weeks.

#### **Recent Committees**

- One Nation, One Election Committee; chaired by - Ram Nath Kovind
- SEBI reconstitutes panel on alternative investment policy; chaired by - N R Narayana Murthy
- Government sets up high power committee to review DRDO; chaired by - Prof K Vijay Raghavan
- Government forms new panel to review all official data; chaired by - Pronab Sen
- Chairman of the research advisory committee of ICAR - B Neeraj Prabhakar
- Government sets up panel to recommend reforms in arbitration law; Headed by - T K Vishwanathan (Former law secretary)



**350. Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the senior women's team by the BCCI?**

**बीसीसीआई ने सीनियर महिला टीम का नया मुख्य कोच किसे नियुक्त किया है?**

- (a) Ravi Shastri / रवि शास्त्री
- (b) Chetan Sharma / चेतन शर्मा
- (c) Rahul Dravid / राहुल द्रविड़
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Amol Muzumdar / अमोल मजूमदार

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Amol Muzumdar appointed head coach of Indian women's cricket team

Amol Muzumdar, a stalwart of Indian domestic cricket, has been appointed as the new head coach of the senior women's team by the BCCI.

Muzumdar was a right-handed batter who has had an illustrious career in first-class cricket, scoring 11,167 runs in 171 matches. Despite his impressive record, he was never selected to play for the Indian national team, largely due to the presence of cricketing legends like Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, and VVS Laxman during his prime.

Muzumdar's coaching career has been equally noteworthy. He served as a batting coach for the Rajasthan Royals and even took up an interim role for the South Africa national cricket team during their tour of India.

Prior to his appointment as the head coach of the senior women's team, he was the head coach for the Mumbai squad.

His coaching experience also extends to the India Under-19 and Under-23 cricket teams, and he has worked as a batting consultant for the Netherlands cricket team.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)** - Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair
- **Election Commission's national icon** - Rajkummar Rao
- **SVP & MD for HP India** - Ipsita Dasgupta
- **CMD of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** - Sanjay Kumar Jain (replace Mahendra Pratap Maal)
- **CMD of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)** - Sanjay Kulshreshtha

**351. Richa Chadha has been honored with the title of 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' by the government of which country for her significant contribution in the field of art?**

ऋचा चड्ढा को कला के क्षेत्र में उनके महत्वपूर्ण योगदान के लिए किस देश की सरकार ने 'शेवेलियर डान्स एल' ऑर्ड्रे डेस आर्ट्स एट डेस लेट्रेस' की उपाधि से सम्मानित किया है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Richa Chadha receives award from Consul General of France

Richa Chadha has been awarded the title of 'Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres' by the French government for her significant contributions in the field of arts.

Jean-Marc Sere-Charlet, the Consul General of France in Mumbai, presents the award to Chadha on the sidelines of the Jio MAMI Mumbai International Film Festival.

The actresses' 2015 critically-acclaimed film, 'Masaan' was an Indo-French co-production that was screened in the 'Un Certain Regard' section at the Cannes Film Festival the same year and had won two awards.

For her maiden home production film, 'Girls Will Be Girls' she has received both, the French grant 'Aide aux Cinemas du Monde' (ACM) as well as the new incentives introduced by the Indian authorities.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **National Medal of Technology and Innovation Award by US President** - Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh
- **Global Leadership Award** by the Harvard Law School - CJI DY Chandrachud
- **Golden Peacock Award** - REC Limited
- **UNWTO's Best Tourism Village 2023** - Gujarat's Dhordo Village
- **UN Award 2023** - Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

**352. Simran Vats has won the silver medal in the women's \_\_\_\_\_ - T12 event at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023.**

**सिमरन वत्स ने हांगजो एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में महिलाओं की \_\_\_\_\_ - T12 स्पर्धा में रजत पदक जीता है।**

- (a) 100m
- (b) 200m
- (c) 300m
- (d) 400m
- (e) 500m

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Simran Vats won Silver in women's 200m - T12 at Asian Para Games

Simran Vats for clinching a silver medal in the women's 200m - T12 event at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023.

Simran clocked timings of 26.12 seconds to finish the race.

She finished behind Iran's Hagar Safarzadeh Ghahderijani, who clocked the timings of 25.87 seconds.

The bronze medal went to China's Yaqin Shen.

**353. Sheetal Devi has become the first Indian woman to win two gold medals in a single edition of the Asian Para Games by claiming the top honours in the women's individual compound event. She is related to which sport?**

शीतल देवी महिलाओं की व्यक्तिगत कंपाउंड स्पर्धा में शीर्ष सम्मान हासिल करके एशियाई पैरा खेलों के एक ही संस्करण में दो स्वर्ण पदक जीतने वाली पहली भारतीय महिला बन गई हैं। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Archer Sheetal Devi wins two gold medals at Asian Para Games 2023

Teenaged armless archer Sheetal Devi has become the first Indian woman to win two gold medals in a single edition of the Asian Para Games by claiming the top honours in the women's individual compound event.

It is a hat-trick of medals for the 16-year-old from Jammu and Kashmir, who holds her bow with her foot.

Earlier this week, Sheetal won gold in the compound mixed team event and silver in the women's doubles.

Sheetal, who became the first armless woman to win a Para World Archery Championships medal in July, defeated Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah 144-142 in the gold medal match

Ankur Dhama had become the first Indian to win two gold medals in a single edition earlier this week.

Archers Rakesh Kumar defeated Iran's Alisin Manshaezadeh in 144(10)–144(9) in a shoot-off to win the silver medal in the men's compound event.

**354. Sachin Sajerao Khilari has won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China. He is related to which sport?**

**सचिन साजेराव खिलारी ने चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है**

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Boxing / बॉक्सिंग

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Sachin Sajerao won Gold in Men's Shot Put in Asian Para Games

Sachin Sajerao Khilari has won the gold medal in the Men's Shot Put-F46 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

He has not only clinched the gold but also set a new Asian record with an impressive throw of 16.21m. He breached the Games Record mark by registering 16.03m.

Joshua Cinnamo from the USA narrowly missed out on the top spot by 0.21m.

Another Indian athlete, Rohit Kumar, won bronze with a best throw of 14.56m.

**355. Who has won the gold medal in Mixed 50m Rifles Prone SH-1 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China?**

**चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में मिश्रित 50 मीटर राइफल्स प्रोन एसएच-1 स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Mairaj Ahmad Khan / मैराज अहमद खान
- (b) Apurvi Chandela / अपूर्वी चंदेला
- (c) Sidhartha Babu / सिद्धार्थ बाबू
- (d) Saurabh Chaudhary / सौरभ चौधरी
- (e) Manu Bhaker / मनु भाकर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sidhartha Babu won Gold in 50m Rifles SH-1 event at Asian Para Games

Sidhartha Babu has won gold medal in the Mixed 50m Rifles Prone SH-1 event at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

Sidhartha Babu is an Indian self-taught, international rifle shooter from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

He also won Bronze for India in Para Shooting World Cup 2017.

**356. Ashok has won the bronze medal in which category at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China?**

**अशोक ने हांगझू, चीन में एशियाई पैरा गेम्स 2023 में किस श्रेणी में कांस्य पदक जीता है?**

- (a) 52kg
- (b) 48kg
- (c) 56kg
- (d) 60kg
- (e) 65kg

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Ashok bagged Bronze in men's 65 kg event at Asian Para Games 2023

Ashok, hailing from Haryana, has secured a well-deserved bronze medal in the 65 kg weight category at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

Ashok's incredible performance saw him lifting an impressive 192 kg in his second attempt, solidifying his place on the victory podium.

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**357. In October 2023, who addressed the 7th Edition of Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, रियाद में फ्यूचर इन्वेस्टमेंट इनिशिएटिव (FII) के 7वें संस्करण को किसने संबोधित किया?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Suresh Prabhu / सुरेश प्रभु
- (e) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya / डॉ. मनसुख मंडाविया

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Piyush Goyal attends 7th 'Future Investment Initiative' in Riyadh

Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, Piyush Goyal attended the 7th Edition of Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh.

He met several dignitaries from the host country of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) including the energy minister His Royal Highness (HRH) Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman Al-Saud, Commerce Minister His Excellency (H.E.) Majid bin Abdullah AlKassabi, and Investment Minister H.E. Khalid A. Al Falih.

Goyal addressed the 7th Edition of FII in one of the plenary sessions titled "The Coming Investment Mandate".

He also co-chaired a conclave session on the theme "From Risk to Opportunity: Strategies for Emerging Economies in the New Industrial Policy Era" along with the KSA Investment Minister.



**358. Who has launched a logo, website, and brochure of a newly established National Cooperative for Exports Limited (NCEL) at a national symposium in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में एक राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में नव स्थापित नेशनल कोऑपरेटिव फॉर एक्सपोर्ट्स लिमिटेड (एनसीईएल) का लोगो, वेबसाइट और ब्रोशर किसने लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Sarbananda Sonowal / सर्बानंद सोनोवाल
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Amit Shah launched Logo, Website and Brochure of NCEL

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched a logo, website and brochure of a newly established National Cooperative for Exports Limited (NCEL) at a national symposium in New Delhi.

Shah also distributed membership certificates to NCEL members at the symposium to be organized at the Pusa complex here.

NCEL has been established to serve as a national-level multi-state cooperative society that will act as an umbrella organization for exports within the cooperative sector.

This visionary initiative is set to open up new avenues for cooperatives, fostering economic growth and inclusivity.

NCEL is committed to empowering farmers, laborers, and traders by providing them with opportunities for integrated growth. NCEL is poised to make a substantial impact on the export landscape, benefiting both cooperatives and the nation.

It aims to focus on exporting the surplus available in the Indian cooperative sector by accessing wider markets beyond the geographical contours of the country. NCEL boasts an authorized share capital of Rs 2,000 crore, reflecting the significant financial backing it has received to fulfill its mission.

#### **Amit Shah in News**

- Amit Shah inaugurated India's first nano DAP plant in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Amit Shah chairs review meeting on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi
- Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar
- Amit Shah chaired Northern Zonal Council at Amritsar
- Amit Shah launches "Amrit Kalash Yatra" under 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh' campaign in New Delhi.

**359. Which oil company has launched India's first gasoline and diesel reference fuel, used by automobile manufacturers for testing vehicles?**

किस तेल कंपनी ने भारत का पहला गैसोलीन और डीजल संदर्भ ईंधन लॉन्च किया है, जिसका उपयोग ऑटोमोबाइल निर्माताओं द्वारा वाहनों के परीक्षण के लिए किया जाता है?

- (a) Hindustan Petroleum / हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम
- (b) Indian Oil Corporation / इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन
- (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation / तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस निगम
- (d) Reliance Petroleum / रिलायंस पेट्रोलियम
- (e) Bharat Petroleum / भारत पेट्रोलियम

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Indian Oil launched country's first reference fuel

State-run Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has launched India's first gasoline and diesel reference fuel, used by automobile manufacturers for testing vehicles.

The production of this specialized fuel by Indian Oil not only reduces India's dependence on imports but also catapults country's energy industry to the select global players armed with exclusive competencies.

This is the first time that India is venturing into the production of Reference Gasoline and Diesel Fuels. The home-grown development of these products in-line with international benchmarks testifies to the brilliance and relentless hard work of Indian Oil.

Reference fuels are required by automobile manufacturers for developing engines and assessing vehicles' performance to ensure operability in all the global climatic conditions. Currently, these reference fuels are being imported by India from select companies of Europe and the US.

As per the latest SIAM projection, the current demand in the country for gasoline or petrol reference fuel is around 120 KL (kilo litre) per annum and demand for diesel reference fuel is around 15 KL per annum.

**360. Which bank has partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) on the latter's platform?**

**किस बैंक ने नेशनल ई-गवर्नेंस सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (NeSL) के प्लेटफॉर्म पर अपनी पहली इलेक्ट्रॉनिक बैंक गारंटी (e-BG) जारी करने के लिए उसके साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kotak Bank partnered with NeSL to issue electronic Bank Guarantee

Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) on the latter's platform.

The tie-up enables the digitization of Trade, thus helping eliminate the paper-based issuance of Bank Guarantees.

The digitization includes issuance, amendment, closure, digital stamping, and signing, significantly reducing the Guarantee turnaround time (TAT) to a few hours compared to 2-3 working days for the paper-based process. The e-BG also mitigates the authentication risks.

#### **Recent MoU in Banking Sector**

- IndusInd Bank partnered with Viamericas to enhance Fast Remit platform
- Karnataka Bank launches "Doorstep Gold loan facility" with SahiBandhu
- REC signs MoU with PNB to co-finance infrastructure projects
- Kotak Mutual Fund launches investor education program in partnership with CBSE
- SIDBI signed MoU with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector.

**361. Who has been elected as the Speaker of the US House of Representatives?**

**अमेरिकी प्रतिनिधि सभा के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Clay Higgins / क्ले हिगिंस
- (b) Mike Johnson / माइक जॉनसन
- (c) Kevin Hern / केविन हर्न
- (d) Ken Buck / केन बक
- (e) Lauren Boebert / लॉरेन बोएबर्ट

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** US House of representative elected its new speaker

Republican Congressman from Louisiana Mike Johnson has been elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The position of Speaker of the House of Representatives is one of the most powerful political chairs in the country and is third in the line of succession after the US President.

Johnson was elected by 220 to 209 votes in a bitterly divided Congress, three weeks after his predecessor Kevin McCarthy was unceremoniously voted out of the seat for the first time in US history. In the 435-member House, the Republicans hold a slender majority with 221 seats against 212 of the Democrats.

The 56th Speaker of the House of Representatives, Johnson, 51, a lawyer by profession, is a four-term Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Head coach of Indian women's cricket team** - Amol Muzumdar
- **Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)** - Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair
- **Election Commission's national icon** - Rajkummar Rao
- **SVP & MD for HP India** - Ipsita Dasgupta
- **CMD of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** - Sanjay Kumar Jain (replace Mahendra Pratap Maal)

**362. Swiss Watchmaker 'Rado' appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as its Global Brand Ambassador.**

**स्विस घड़ी निर्माता 'राडो' ने \_\_\_\_\_ को अपना वैश्विक ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है।**

- (a) Anushka Sharma / अनुष्का शर्मा
- (b) Alia Bhatt / आलिया भट्ट
- (c) Priyanka Chopra / प्रियंका चोपड़ा
- (d) Katrina Kaif / कैटरीना कैफ
- (e) Aishwarya Rai / ऐश्वर्या राय

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Swiss Watchmaker 'Rado' appoints Katrina Kaif as Global Brand Ambassador

Luxury Swiss watch brand 'Rado' has appointed Bollywood Superstar Katrina Kaif as Global Brand Ambassador.

This exciting partnership reinforces Rado's commitment in creating memories that last a lifetime.

Katrina Kaif's timeless beauty and international appeal make her the perfect choice to represent Rado's enduring commitment to precision, innovation, and craftsmanship. Known for her versatile talent and charisma, Katrina Kaif embodies the values that Rado holds.

CEO of Rado - Adrian Bosshard

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Chetan Bhagat - Henry Harvin Education
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Lay's
- Mohammed Shami - Sports brand Puma
- Neeraj Chopra - Laureus Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Reliance Retail's Jio Mart
- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobilil

**363. Robert Fico has been appointed as prime minister of which of the following country for the fourth time?**

**रॉबर्ट फिको को चौथी बार निम्नलिखित में से किस देश का प्रधान मंत्री नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Slovakia / स्लोवाकिया
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- (e) Oman / ओमान

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Slovakia's Fico appointed prime minister for 4th time

Robert Fico has been appointed as prime minister of Slovakia for the fourth time.

He will attend an EU summit in Brussels where the nation-first populist's fellow leaders should get an early indication.

President Zuzana Caputova appointed Fico and his cabinet after his SMER-SSD party won the Sept. 30 election and formed a coalition with the centre-left HLAS and nationalist SNS parties.

Fico quit as prime minister in 2018 amid mass public protests against corruption after a journalist was murdered.

**About Slovak Republic (Slovakia)**

- Capital-** Bratislava
- Currency-** Euro
- President** - Zuzana Čaputová
- Prime Minister** - Robert Fico

**Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President**

- President of Ecuador - Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon – Gen Brice Oligui
- President of Singapore - Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Indian origin)
- President of Zimbabwe – Emmerson Mnangagwa (2nd term)
- PM of Thailand – Srettha Thavisin
- PM of Pakistan - Anwarul Haq Kakar (caretaker PM)
- PM of Greece - Kyriakos Mitsotakis (2nd term)

**364. Which bank has appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the bank's official Brand Ambassador to strengthen its connection, especially with the younger population?**

**किस बैंक ने विशेषकर युवा आबादी के साथ अपना संबंध मजबूत करने के लिए महेंद्र सिंह धोनी को बैंक का आधिकारिक ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है?**

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** SBI ropes in MS Dhoni as brand ambassador

The country's largest lender, State Bank of India has roped in cricketing legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the bank's official Brand Ambassador to strengthen its connection, especially with the younger population.

In his role as the brand ambassador for SBI, MS Dhoni will take centre stage in the bank's various marketing and promotional campaigns.

Among public sector banks, Bank of Baroda had appointed Rahul Dravid as its brand ambassador.

At present, badminton players P V Sindhu, K Srikanth, and cricketer Shafali Verma are BOB's brand ambassadors.

Delhi-based Punjab National Bank had also taken Virat Kohli on board as its brand ambassador.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Katrina Kaif - Swiss Watchmaker 'Rado'
- Chetan Bhagat - Henry Harvin Education
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Lay's
- Mohammed Shami - Sports brand Puma
- Neeraj Chopra - Laureus Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Reliance Retail's Jio Mart
- Katrina Kaif - Uniqlo India
- Hrithik Roshan - Exxon Mobilil

**365. Yogesh Kathuniya has won the silver medal at the Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China. He is related to which sport?**

**योगेश कथुनिया ने चीन के हांगझू में आयोजित एशियाई पैरा गेम्स में रजत पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन
- (c) Discus Throw / डिस्कस थ्रो
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Club throw / क्लब थ्रो

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Yogesh Kathuniya won Silver in Men's Discus Throw at Asian Para Games

Yogesh Kathuniya won the silver medal in the Men's Discus Throw-F54/55/56 at the Asian Para Games 2023 held in Hangzhou, China.

Yogesh represented India at Summer Paralympics 2020 where he won a silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 event.

He hails from Delhi.



**366. Which company has become the official sponsor for the 37th National Games?**

**कौन सी कंपनी 37वें राष्ट्रीय खेलों की आधिकारिक प्रायोजक बन गई है?**

- (a) Paytm / पेटीएम
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) Dream 11 / ड्रीम 11
- (e) Reliance / रिलायंस

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Paytm becomes official sponsor for 37th National Games

India's renowned fintech giant, Paytm is the official sponsor for the 37th National Games in Goa.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Games at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda.

The National Games, which bear a striking resemblance to the Olympics, are taking place from October 26 to November 9, 2023, and feature over 10,000 athletes from across the nation competing in 43 different sports disciplines across 28 venues.

This edition is unique, boasting the participation of 28 Indian states and 8 union territories.

**367. Who has won the silver medal in Men's High Jump T63 event at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China?**

**चीन के हांगझू में एशियाई पैरा गेम्स में पुरुषों की ऊंची कूद टी63 स्पर्धा में रजत पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Mariyappan Thangavelu / मरियप्पन थंगावेलु
- (b) Devendra Jhajharia / देवेन्द्र झाझरिया
- (c) Deepak Malik / दीपक मलिक
- (d) Pramod Bhagat / प्रमोद भगत
- (e) Varun Singh Bhati / वरुण सिंह भाटी

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Mariyappan Thangavelu wins silver in High Jump at Asian Para Games

Mariyappan Thangavelu has won the silver medal in Men's High Jump T63 event at the Asian Para Games 2022 in Hangzhou, China.

Thangavelu leaping the mark of 1.86m.

This is his second medal at the Games, having already won a gold in Rio Paralympics 2016.

In 2017 the Government of India conferred him with the Padma Shri award for his contribution towards sports and in the same year, he was also awarded the Arjuna Award.

He was awarded with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in 2020.

**368. Which edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' between India and Kazakhstan has begun in Otar, Kazakhstan?**  
**भारत और कजाकिस्तान के बीच संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास 'काजिंद-2023' का कौन सा संस्करण कजाकिस्तान के ओटार में शुरू हुआ है?**

- (a) 4th
- (b) 5th
- (c) 6th
- (d) 7th
- (e) 10th

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2023 begins

Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel departed for Kazakhstan to take part in the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023'.

The Exercise will be conducted at Otar in Kazakhstan from 30 October to 11 November.

Indian Army contingent comprises 90 personnel led by a Battalion from the DOGRA Regiment. The Kazakhstan contingent is represented by personnel from Regional Command South of Kazakh Ground Forces.

Thirty personnel of the Air Force from both sides will also participate in the current edition of the Exercise alongside the Army contingents.

The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in 2016. After the second edition, the Exercise was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as 'Exercise KAZIND'.

**Recent Exercise**

- **Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach** - Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry
- **Cambrian Patrol 2023 Military Exercise in UK** - Indian Army won gold medal
- Indian Navy hosts **HADR CHAKRAVAT Exercise 2023 - Goa**
- **11th edition of SAMPRITI** between India and Bangladesh - Umroi, Meghalaya
- **30th edition of SIMBEX** between Indian Navy and Singapore Navy - South China Sea.
- **21st edition of Varuna 2023** between Indian Navy and French Navy - Arabian Sea

**369. Deep Narayan Nayak has been awarded the Global Teacher Prize 2023. He is from which state?**

**दीप नारायण नायक को वैश्विक शिक्षक पुरस्कार 2023 से सम्मानित किया गया है। वह किस राज्य से हैं?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Global Teacher Prize 2023: West Bengal teacher among top 10 finalists

A teacher from West Bengal, Deep Narayan Nayak has been announced as a top 10 finalist from across 130 countries in the USD 1 million Global Teacher Prize 2023.

Deep Narayan, from Tilka Manjhi Adivasi Free Primary School in Jamuria, Asansol, earned the title of "Teacher of the Streets" during the COVID-19 lockdown when he moved classrooms outside and helped bridge the digital divide for disadvantaged children living below the poverty line in remote communities, empowering those with learning disabilities, counseling students and their parents, and improving literacy rates among adult learners. Now in its eighth year, the annual prize is organized by the UK-based Varkey Foundation in collaboration with UNESCO and in strategic partnership with Dubai Cares, a UAE-based global philanthropic organization. The prize was created to recognize an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession as well as to shine a spotlight on the important role teachers play in society.

Deep Narayan Nayak made the cut for developing innovative teaching methods that have transformed the lives of underprivileged children facing educational and social challenges.

Amidst the pandemic, he turned mud walls into blackboards and roads into classrooms, bridging the digital divide for marginalised students.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Title of 'Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres' by the French govt** - Richa Chadha
- **National Medal of Technology and Innovation Award by US President** - Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh
- **Global Leadership Award** by the Harvard Law School - CJI DY Chandrachud
- **Golden Peacock Award** - REC Limited
- **UNWTO's Best Tourism Village 2023** - Gujarat's Dhordo Village

**370. World Stroke Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व स्ट्रोक दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 29 October / 29 अक्टूबर
- (b) 30 October / 30 अक्टूबर
- (c) 31 October / 31 अक्टूबर
- (d) 27 October / 27 अक्टूबर
- (e) 28 October / 26 अक्टूबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 30 October - World Stroke Day

World Stroke Day is celebrated every year on 30 October.

This day is dedicated to raising awareness about strokes, their prevention, treatment, and the importance of timely intervention.

Strokes, often referred to as brain attacks, are a leading cause of disability and death worldwide.

Theme 2023 - Together we are #Greater Than Stroke

The European Stroke Initiative came up with the concept of organizing a day of awareness in the 1990s. But due to budgetary constraints, the endeavour could only be conducted in Europe.

The World Stroke Congress in Vancouver, Canada, in 2004 established World Stroke Day, which falls on October 29. Dr. Vladimir Hachinski led the formation of a working group, which in October 2006 became a World Stroke Proclamation.

The World Stroke Organization, which assumed control of World Stroke Day, was formed at about the same time that the International Stroke Society and the World Stroke Federation combined.

**371. Richard Roundtree passed away recently at the age of 81. Who was he?**

**रिचर्ड राउंडट्री का हाल ही में 81 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) First Captain of England cricket team / इंग्लैंड क्रिकेट टीम के पहले कप्तान
- (b) First Black Action Hero / पहला ब्लैक एक्शन हीरो
- (c) First Chief of NASA / नासा के प्रथम प्रमुख
- (d) First head of WHO / डब्ल्यूएचओ के पहले प्रमुख
- (e) First Transgender Hero / प्रथम ट्रांसजेंडर हीरो

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** First Black Action Hero, Richard Roundtree Passed Away

Richard Roundtree, the trailblazing actor who starred as the ultra-smooth private detective in several Shaft films beginning in the early 1970s, has passed away at the age of 81.

He was born in New Rochelle, New York, was considered as the first Black action hero.

He became one of the leading actors in the blaxploitation genre through his New York street-smart John Shaft character in the Gordon Parks-directed film in 1971.

In 2011, he secured the African-American Film Critics Association award, while in 1994, he claimed the MTV Movie + TV Award for his role in "Shaft."

Additionally, he earned a nomination for the Golden Globe Awards in 1972 and was recognized at the Soap Opera Digest Awards, among other accolades.

**372. Who has inaugurated the Higashi Autism School in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में हिगाशी ऑटिज़्म स्कूल का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Arvind Kejriwal / अरविंद केजरीवाल
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates Higashi Autism School in New Delhi

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has called for the convergence of all efforts to ensure a life of dignity for children with special needs.

The Higashi Autism School has been set up in collaboration with Musashino Higashi Gakuen School of Japan.

The school aims to provide autistic students education in individualized 1:1 teaching as well as in small group classes of six students each.

The school is India's first, and world's third autism school, run by the Higashi Trust.

**373. Which state government has launched the Swayampurna e-bazaar online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women?**

किस राज्य सरकार ने स्वयं सहायता समूहों और महिलाओं द्वारा बनाए गए विभिन्न प्रकार के उत्पादों को बाजार देने के लिए स्वयंपूर्ण ई-बाज़ार ऑनलाइन प्लेटफ़ॉर्म लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Punjab / पंजाब

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches 'Swayampurna e-bazaar'

Goa Government has launched the Swayampurna e-bazaar online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women.

The Swayampurna e-bazaar is an extension of the successful Swayampurna Chavath Bazar.

Goan entrepreneurs and self-help groups can contact 9262626262 to join this platform and sell their products online, One can also shop via [www.goaebazaar.com](http://www.goaebazaar.com), thereby supporting rural Goans' artisans and craftsmanship.

**About Goa**

- **Formation** – 30 May 1987
- **Capital** – Panaji
- **Chief Minister** – Pramod Sawant
- **Governor** – P.S. Sreedharan Pillai



**374. In October 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated various developmental projects in which state valued at ₹5,950 crore?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस राज्य में ₹5,950 करोड़ मूल्य की विभिन्न विकासात्मक परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन किया?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** PM Modi dedicated projects worth ₹5950 Crore in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated various developmental projects in Gujarat's Mehsana district, valued at ₹5,950 crore.

The development works include the inauguration of two railway projects in Mehsana and Ahmedabad districts, including a 77-km long western dedicated freight corridor section and double tracks of 182-km railway line from Viramgam to Samkhiali.

The prime minister also launched a project of the Gujarat Railway Infrastructure Development Corporation that will benefit companies operating within the Mandal-Becharaji Special Investment Zone.

He also dedicated projects related to the recharging of lakes and construction of a barrage on the Sabarmati River, and Panam reservoir-based lift irrigation project in Mahisagar district.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi inaugurated **7th Edition of Indian Mobile Congress**
- PM Modi chairs meeting of **43rd edition of PRAGATI**
- PM Modi launched **Bengaluru Metro's Purple Line** operations
- PM Modi launched **511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras** in Maharashtra
- PM Modi released a new Garba song titled "**Maadi**".
- PM inaugurated **3rd edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023**

**375. Which state has become the first state in India to have hallmarking centres in all districts of the state?**

**राज्य के सभी जिलों में हॉलमार्किंग केंद्र खोलने वाला भारत का पहला राज्य कौन सा बन गया है?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Kerala / केरल

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kerala becomes first state with Hallmarking Centers in every district

With the inauguration of a hallmarking centre in Idukki, Kerala became the first state in India to have hallmarking centres in all 14 districts.

The opening of hallmarking centres across the districts will make Kerala a hub of gold business and further strengthen its claim to being the most reliable market in the country to buy gold ornaments.

The gold business in Kerala is worth more than ₹1 lakh crore with annual sales of around 250 tonnes. There are about 12,000 gold merchants in the State with the majority holding BIS registration.

Though BIS hallmarking was applicable only to pieces above 2 grams in weight, gold merchants gave hallmarking and hallmarking unique identification numbers even for pieces with weight below two grams.

However, there are some practical difficulties involved in getting single pieces hallmarked. Hallmarking was now done on a collection of pieces submitted to the centre for hallmarking. But there were situations in which the buyer might require only a custom-made single piece like a gold ring.

**About Kerala**

- **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram
- **Chief Minister** – Pinarayi Vijayan
- **Governor** – Arif Mohammad Khan

**376. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed the offshore tax haven Cayman Islands from its 'grey list'. Where is the headquarters of FATF?**

**फाइनेशियल एक्शन टास्क फोर्स (FATF) ने ऑफशोर टैक्स हेवन केमैन आइलैंड्स को अपनी 'ग्रे लिस्ट' से हटा दिया है। FATF का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?**

- (a) Nyon, Switzerland / न्योन, स्विट्जरलैंड
- (b) Berlin, Germany / बर्लिन, जर्मनी
- (c) Paris, France / पेरिस, फ्रांस
- (d) Sofia, Bulgaria / सोफिया, बुल्गारिया
- (e) Vienna, Austria / वियना, ऑस्ट्रिया

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** FATF removes Cayman Islands from its 'Grey List'

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed offshore tax haven Cayman Islands from its 'grey list'.

Besides Cayman, Panama, Jordan, and Albania have been removed from the list, which requires jurisdictions to be placed under increased monitoring until the identified deficiencies are resolved in their framework.

FATF has added Bulgaria in the grey list. Cayman was added to the grey list in 2021. The Caribbean Island was in the news during the probe into charges made by Hindenburg Research against the Adani group. Some foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) linked to the investigation were domiciled there. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body responsible for setting international standards to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing.

#### **The FATF's Grey List**

- The FATF maintains a 'grey list,' which consists of jurisdictions that do not meet the organization's anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorism financing (CFT), and proliferation financing standards.
- Countries placed on this list are subject to increased monitoring until identified deficiencies in their regulatory frameworks are resolved.

#### **About Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

- **Founded** - 1989
- **Headquarters** - Paris, France
- **Membership** - 39
- **President** - T Raja Kumar (Singapore)

**377. Which small finance bank is set to be amalgamated into AU Small Finance Bank, effective February 1, 2024?**

**1 फरवरी 2024 से किस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक का AU स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक में विलय होने जा रहा है?**

- (a) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited / ESAF स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited / फिनकेयर स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited / ESAF स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Fincare SFB to merge with AU Small Finance Bank

Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB) is set to merge with AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) from 1 February 2024.

As per the terms of the merger, the share exchange ratio for the amalgamation shall be 579 equity shares of face value of ₹10 each of AU SFB for every 2,000 equity shares of face value of ₹10 each of Fincare SFB.

Following the transaction, it is expected that existing shareholders of Fincare SFB will maintain approximately 9.9% ownership in AU SFB.

Fincare Small Finance Bank, a digitally enabled small finance bank, offers a broad range of deposit and asset solutions to its customers, with a total customer base of approximately 54 lakh.

It has 1,292 banking branches in 23 states and Union territories and is expected to have a total branch count of 2,334 by the completion of the merger.

The merged entity is expected to serve approximately 98 lakh customers and employ around 43,000 people by the end of September 2023, with a combined balance sheet size of more than Rs 1,1 lakh crores.

**378. In October 2023, Which bank has launched the LITE Savings Account, a lifetime zero-balance savings bank account?**

**अक्टूबर 2023 में, किस बैंक ने LITE बचत खाता, आजीवन शून्य-शेष बचत बैंक खाता लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Bank of Baroda introduces BoB LITE Savings Account

Bank of Baroda has launched the Bob LITE Savings Account, a lifetime zero-balance savings bank account, as part of its festive campaign.

Bob LITE offers customers a hassle-free banking experience without any minimum balance requirement.

The account also includes a lifetime free RuPay Platinum Debit Card for account holders who maintain a nominal Quarterly Average Balance (QAB) in the account. Additionally, eligible account holders can avail of a lifetime free credit card.

The BoB LITE Savings Account with the dual objective of making banking more accessible with an account that has minimal charges, while also adding more joy to our customers during this festive season.

The account can be opened by any resident individual, including minors above the age of 10 years. bob LITE opens the doors to the formal banking ecosystem for a new generation of aspiring Indians and aims to fulfill their previously unmet banking needs.

**Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- RBL Bank launched **GO Savings Account**
- HDFC Bank launched **XpressWay digital platform** for Swift Loans
- Federal Bank launched the '**Mookkannoor Mission**' initiative at its founder's village
- ICICI Bank launched '**iFinance**, a One-Stop Solution
- Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer '**ONDC Network Gift Card**'

**379. Which Small Finance Bank has launched Planet Green Fixed Deposit?**

**किस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक ने प्लैनेट ग्रीन फिक्स्ड डिपॉजिट लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited / फिनकेयर स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** AU Small Finance Bank launches 'Planet First-AU Green Fixed Deposit'

AU Small Finance Bank has introduced its first Green Fixed Deposit called Planet First – AU Green Fixed Deposit.

This innovative financial product has been meticulously crafted to direct its entire proceeds towards bolstering renewable and environmentally friendly initiatives, such as solar power generation and electric mobility solutions.

Introducing the Planet First - AU Green Fixed Deposit, presenting an appealing interest rate reaching up to 8.50 percent, requiring a minimum investment of just ₹5,000.

This innovative opportunity enables both existing and new customers of AU Small Finance Bank to effortlessly secure their Green Fixed Deposit via Video Banking, the AU 0101 App, Net Banking, or by visiting their nearest AU Small Finance Bank branch.

**About AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

- Founded - 1996
- Founder - Sanjay Agarwal
- Headquarters - Jaipur, Rajasthan
- MD & CEO - Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline - Chalo Aage Badhein

**380. Who was honored with the USISPF Global Leadership Award 2023 for Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility?**

**परोपकार और कॉर्पोरेट सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व के लिए यूएसआईएसपीएफ ग्लोबल लीडरशिप अवार्ड 2023 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?**

- (a) Nita Ambani / नीता अंबानी
- (b) Nina Kothari / नीना कोठारी
- (c) Roshni Nadar / रोशनी नादर
- (d) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw / किरण मजूमदार-शॉ
- (e) Purnima Dalal / पूर्णिमा दलाल

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Nita Ambani receives USISPF Global Leadership Award

Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani was honored with the 2023 USISPF Global Leadership Award for Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility.

The award was presented by John Chambers, Chairman of USISPF, at a reception in New Delhi attended by prominent figures from the USISPF, Indian business leaders, and Government of India officials.

Nita Ambani, an acclaimed philanthropist and businesswoman, has impacted millions of lives in India through Reliance Foundation's initiatives in education, arts, sports, and healthcare.

She champions women's and children's causes, contributing significantly to bridging the gender divide and enhancing women's roles in India's economy.

**Recent Awards**

- **Global Teacher Prize 2023** - West Bengal's Teacher Deep Narayan Nayak
- **Title of 'Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres' by the French govt** - Richa Chadha
- **National Medal of Technology and Innovation Award by US President** - Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh
- **Global Leadership Award** by the Harvard Law School - CJI DY Chandrachud
- **Golden Peacock Award** - REC Limited

**381. Who is the author of the book titled "Breaking the Mould"?**

**"ब्रेकिंग द मोल्ड" नामक पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?**

- (a) Amartya Sen / अमर्त्य सेन
- (b) Arvind Subramanian / अरविंद सुब्रमण्यम
- (c) Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन
- (d) Dr. Manmohan Singh / डॉ मनमोहन सिंह
- (e) Pulapre Balakrishnan / पुलाप्रे बालकृष्णन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Raghuram Rajan's new book 'Breaking the Mould'

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Raghuram Rajan's new book 'Breaking the Mould' will be released on December 7. Rajan's latest book, written in collaboration with fellow economist Rohit Lamba, will discuss the future of India's economic development.

The book is being published by Penguin Random House India.

The former central banker's latest book - his third since he exited the RBI governor's office in September 2016.

**Recent Books**

- **The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success** - Vivek Agnihotri
- **The Day I Became a Runner** – S Chattopadhyay
- **Tales from the Home of Wags & Wiggles** – V Raghavan
- **The Autobiography of God** – Leena Kumar
- **The Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras** - Radhika Iyengar
- **Irrfan: A life in Movies** – Shubhra Gupta



**382. Who has released three books named Panini Ashtadhyayi Bhashya, Ramanandacharya Charitam, and Rashtraleela of Lord Shri Krishna, written by Rambhadracharya Maharaj in Madhya Pradesh?**

मध्य प्रदेश में रामभद्राचार्य महाराज द्वारा लिखित पाणिनि अष्टाध्यायी भाष्य, रामानंदाचार्य चरितम् और भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की राष्ट्रलीला नामक तीन पुस्तकों का विमोचन किसने किया है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PM Modi released 3 books at Tulsi Peeth in Chitrakoot

PM Modi has released three books named Panini Ashtadhyayi Bhashya, Ramanandacharya Charitam, and Rashtraleela of Lord Shri Krishna, written by Rambhadracharya Maharaj.

Ashtadhyayi is a thousand-year-old text of India's linguistics, India's intellectuality, and our research culture."

Tulsi Peeth is an important religious and social service institution in Chitrakoot, MP established by Jagadguru Rambhadracharya in 1987.

It is one of the leading publishers of Hindu religious literature.

**383. National Unity Day is celebrated every year on October 31 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was \_\_\_\_\_.**

**सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की जयंती मनाने के लिए हर साल 31 अक्टूबर को राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस मनाया जाता है। सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल \_\_\_\_\_ थे।**

- (a) India's first Finance Minister / भारत के पहले वित्त मंत्री
- (b) India's first Home Minister / भारत के पहले गृह मंत्री
- (c) India's first Education Minister / भारत के पहले शिक्षा मंत्री
- (d) India's first Law Minister / भारत के पहले कानून मंत्री
- (e) India's first Foreign Minister / भारत के पहले विदेश मंत्री

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 31 October - National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

National Unity Day, also known as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' is celebrated every year on October 31 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Home Minister.

For his iron will and nerves of steel, he earned the title 'Iron Man of India'. For his astute leadership and compassion, his people lovingly called him Sardar.

The Narendra Modi government has been observing Sardar Patel's birth anniversary as the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" since 2014.

Patel was born on October 31, 1875 in Gujarat's Nadiad. He is credited for the merger of over 560 princely states into the Union of India.

**384. Central Vigilance Commission is observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**केंद्रीय सतर्कता आयोग \_\_\_\_\_ से \_\_\_\_\_ तक सतर्कता जागरूकता सप्ताह 2023 मना रहा है।**

- (a) 29 October to 5 November / 29 अक्टूबर से 5 नवंबर
- (b) 30 October to 5 November / 30 अक्टूबर से 5 नवंबर
- (c) 31 October to 5 November / 31 अक्टूबर से 5 नवंबर
- (d) 30 October to 6 November / 30 अक्टूबर से 6 नवंबर
- (e) 31 October to 6 November / 31 अक्टूबर से 6 नवंबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 30 Oct To 5 Nov 2023 - Vigilance Awareness Week 2023

Central Vigilance Commission is observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 from 30 October to 5 November.

Every year Vigilance Awareness Week is observed as an outreach measure to create greater awareness about the importance of integrity and ethics in public life.

Theme 2023 - Say no to corruption; Commit to the Nation.

The Commission had sought the participation of all Central Government authorities and organizations to undertake a three-month campaign (16th August to 15th November) on preventive vigilance activities as focus areas.

As a means of eliciting public participation while also disseminating information on vigilance matters, the Commission has launched a quiz on vigilance matters.

**385. World Thrift Day or World Savings Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व बचत दिवस या विश्व बचत दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 29 October / 29 अक्टूबर
- (b) 30 October / 30 अक्टूबर
- (c) 31 October / 31 अक्टूबर
- (d) 27 October / 27 अक्टूबर
- (e) 28 October / 26 अक्टूबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 30 October - World Thrift Day

World Thrift Day or World Savings Day is celebrated every year on 30 October.

Objective - To raise awareness to people about their financial security, savings, and freedom.

Theme 2023 - Preparing for the future through saving

In 1934, at the first International Savings Bank Congress, Filippo Ravizza – an Italian professor – proposed the idea of World Thrift Day.

This day and the awareness it raised gained more prominence and understanding between 1955 to 1970 as people started watching the horror of the two World Wars and became increasingly conscious about their financial security and savings.

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