



# Best 300+ MCQs

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## Current Affairs PDF

1. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has inaugurated a 10-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav in which city?  
उत्तराखंड के मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने किस शहर में 10 दिवसीय उत्तराखंड महोत्सव का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) Dehradun/ देहरादून
- (b) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- (c) Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Uttarakhand CM inaugurates 10-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav in UP

The 10-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav began at Pt Govind Ballabh Pant Parvatiya Sanskritik Upvan at Gomti Bank near Khatu Shyam mandir, Lucknow.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was the chief guest on the occasion.

On the first day of the ten-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav, several groups of well-dressed men and women adorned with the traditional costumes and jewellery of Uttarakhand thronged the venue.

The neatly designed stalls set up at the venue were the centre of attraction. A group of 21 women artists presented a cultural programme that won the hearts of the people.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

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

2. Which of the following scheme has launched by PM Modi for the youth of the country on National Unity Day?

राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस पर पीएम मोदी ने देश के युवाओं के लिए निम्नलिखित में से कौन सी योजना शुरू की है?

- (a) Mera Viksit Bharat
- (b) Mera Skill Yuva
- (c) Mera Skill Bharat
- (d) Mera Yuva Bharat
- (e) Desh ka Yuva

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM launched 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' platform for the youth of the country at Kartavya Path on National Unity Day.

In a momentous decision on October 11, 2023, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, gave its approval for the establishment of an autonomous body known as "Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)."

#### **THE VISION**

- 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' is envisioned as a pivotal, technology-driven facilitator for youth development and youth-led development, with the overarching goal of providing equitable opportunities to empower the youth in realizing their aspirations and contributing to the creation of a "Viksit Bharat" (developed India), across the entire spectrum of the Government.
- It envisions a framework where the youth of our country can seamlessly connect with programs, mentors, and their local communities.
- This engagement is designed to deepen their understanding of local issues and empower them to contribute to constructive solutions.

#### **ABOUT MERA YUVA BHARAT (MY BHARAT)**

- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), an autonomous body will benefit the youth in the age group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'Youth' in the National Youth Policy. The beneficiaries will be in the age group of 10-19 years.
- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) is 'Phygital Platform' (physical + digital) comprising physical activity along with an opportunity to connect digitally.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- The primary objective of Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) is to make it a whole of Government platform dedicated to the advancement of the youth.

3. Who has presided over 'Run for Unity' event to commemorate the 148th birth anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

भारत के लौह पुरुष सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की 148वीं जयंती मनाने के लिए 'रन फॉर यूनिटी' कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता किसने की है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (c) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (d) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (e) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 'Run for Unity' event in Lucknow on Birth Anniversary of Sardar Patel

Rajnath Singh presided over 'Run for Unity' event to commemorate the 148th birth anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The event was organized by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in Lucknow.

The 1.5 km run was flagged off by the Raksha Mantri from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Pratima, Hazratganj and it culminated at KD Singh Babu Stadium. Thousands of people, including school children, NCC cadets, sportspersons & running enthusiasts, and HAL personnel participated in the run.

4. Which company has scored the overall highest score of 6 out of 10 points in the Research Firm Fairwork Index 2023 for gig workers?

गिग वर्कर्स के लिए रिसर्च फर्म फेयरवर्क इंडेक्स 2023 में किस कंपनी ने 10 में से 6 अंक का समग्र उच्चतम स्कोर हासिल किया है?

- (a) Flipkart
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Big Basket
- (d) Uber
- (e) Ola

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** BigBasket tops Fairwork Index 2023 for gig workers

Tata-owned BigBasket has topped, while ride-hailing majors Uber and Ola, along with logistics startup Porter, are the worst platforms for gig workers, according to research firm Fairwork India 2023.

Big Basket, BluSmart, Zomato, Urban Company, and Swiggy scored the highest points in the Fairwork India Report 2023 with Big Basket scoring the overall highest score of 6 out of 10 points.

Both Ola and Porter scored zero on a scale of 1 to 10 when evaluated for minimum standards of fair work in the platform economy, according to the 'Fairwork India 2023' report.

The report evaluates 12 platforms offering location-based services in sectors such as domestic and personal care, logistics, food delivery, and transportation, in India.

5. Union Minister of State for Skill Development Rajeev Chandrasekhar has participated in the “AI Safety Summit 2023” in the United Kingdom.

केंद्रीय कौशल विकास राज्य मंत्री राजीव चंद्रशेखर ने \_\_\_\_\_ में "एआई सुरक्षा शिखर सम्मेलन 2023" में भाग लिया है।

- (a) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- (b) China / चीन
- (c) Russia / रूस
- (d) UK / यूके
- (e) UAE / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Rajeev Chandrasekhar participated in 'AI Safety Summit' 2023 in UK

Union Minister of State for Skill Development Rajeev Chandrasekhar participated in the “AI Safety Summit 2023” that is scheduled to be held in United Kingdom.

The summit is organized by the UK Government, and will bring together Ministers and representatives from various countries, including the UK, US, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea, among others.

Centered on the theme of "AI for Good."

The objectives of the Summit are deliberating the risks associated with AI, particularly at the cutting edge of its development, and exploring strategies for their mitigation through globally coordinated efforts.

6. In which of the following city has been declared the "City of Music" by UNESCO recently?

निम्नलिखित में से किस शहर को हाल ही में यूनेस्को द्वारा "संगीत का शहर" घोषित किया गया है?

- (a) Gwalior / ग्वालियर
- (b) Jaipur / जयपुर
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Kozhikode / कोझिकोड
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Kozhikode and Gwalior declared Creative Cities of Literature and Music by UNESCO

On World Cities Day, Kozhikode in Kerala and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh became a part of the prestigious UNESCO Creative Cities Network, adding to the list of 55 new cities.

The list was released by the UN body and Union minister G Kishan Reddy called it a "proud moment for India". These cities have strong commitment to harnessing culture and creativity.

Kozhikode, the venue of choice for the Kerala Literature Festival and several book festivals, was named the 'City of Literature' by the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), making it the first such city in India.

Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, was declared the "City of Music" by UNESCO. This is a fitting honor for the city that produced the legendary musician Tansen and where the Scindia Gharana has preserved and propagated music for centuries.

UNESCO has shared the full list of the new 55 cities, which include Bukhara (Crafts and Folk Art), Casablanca (Media Arts), Chongqing (Design), Kathmandu (Film), Rio de Janeiro (Literature), and Ulaanbaatar (Crafts and Folk Art).

World Cities Day, designated by the United Nations, falls on October 31.

**About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

- UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes cooperation among nations through education, science, culture, and communication.
- **Formation** - 16 November 1945
- **Headquarters** - Paris, France
- **Director General** - Audrey Azoulay (France)
- **Member countries** – 193

7. How much lakh crore rupees were GST collected in October 2023?

**अक्टूबर 2023 में कितने लाख करोड़ रुपये का जीएसटी संग्रह हुआ?**

- (a) 1,45,867 crore
- (b) 1,49,507 crore
- (c) 1,72,003 crore
- (d) 1,60,122 crore
- (e) 1,51,718 crore

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** GST collections surge to ₹1.72 lakh in October

The government has collected Rs 1,72,003 crore in October through GST.

This is the second-highest monthly collection after the Rs 1.87 lakh crore netted in April 2023.

Gross GST revenue for October is 13 percent higher compared to the same month last year.

During the month, revenue from domestic transactions (including import of services) is also 13 percent higher than the revenue from these sources during the same month last year. The average gross monthly GST collection in FY 2023-24 now stands at Rs 1.66 lakh crore, which is 11 percent higher compared to the previous financial year.

October's GST revenues included Central GST (CGST) of ₹30,062 crore, State GST of ₹38,171 crore, and Integrated GST (IGST) of ₹91,315 crore. The government settled ₹42,873 crore to CGST and ₹36,614 crore to SGST from IGST, resulting in a total revenue of ₹72,934 crore for CGST and ₹74,785 crore for SGST in October 2023 after regular settlements.

**GST Collection of 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 2023 - 1,62,712 crore

8. Who has been nominated to lead the World Health Organization South-East Asia Region?

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया क्षेत्र का नेतृत्व करने के लिए किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Saima Wazed / साइमा वाजेद
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Sheetal Sharma / शीतल शर्मा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Saima Wazed to lead WHO's South-East Asia Region

Bangladesh's Saima Wazed has been nominated to lead the World Health Organisation South-East Asia Region.

Wazed is a clinical psychologist and the daughter of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Member countries voted to nominate her as the next Regional Director of the United Nation's health body, according to WHO South East Asia Region Office.

She won against Nepal's candidate, Dr Shambhu Acharya, who has been working in the WHO director-general's office since 2013.

Her nomination will be submitted during the WHO executive board meeting in January 2024 and she will take office in February. She will succeed India's Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, who was the first woman to hold the office and remained in the position for two five-year terms.

**Recent Appointment**

- **New speaker of US House** - Mike Johnson
- **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)

9. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)?

**भारत हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड (BHEL) के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Ganesan Kannabiran / गणेशन कन्नाबीरन
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury / नीरज अखौरी
- (c) Koppu Sadashiv Murthy / कोप्पु सदाशिव मूर्ति
- (d) Harshvardhan Bansal / हर्षवर्द्धन बंसल
- (e) Anant Maheshwari / अनंत माहेश्वरी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Koppu Sadashiv Murthy takes charge as CMD of BHEL

Koppu Sadashiv Murthy has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL). Prior to this, Koppu Sadashiv Murthy was the Executive Director of the Corporate Operations Management group at BHEL, and also simultaneously held additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Pumps and Compressors Limited (BPCL).

An Electrical Engineering graduate from Bhopal University with an MBA in Finance, Koppu Sadashiv Murthy joined BHEL in 1989 at its Jhansi manufacturing unit.

During his 34 years of years of wide-ranging and hands-on experience in BHEL's Corporate Office and in various manufacturing units such as Hyderabad, Bhopal, Jhansi, and Varanasi, Murthy has developed a comprehensive set of competencies in strategic, operational, project and commercial management.

#### **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

10. David Willey has recently announced his retirement from international cricket after ODI World Cup 2023. Which country does he belong to?

डेविड विली ने हाल ही में वनडे विश्व कप 2023 के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा की है। वह किस देश से हैं?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** David Willey to retire from international cricket after World Cup 2023

England all-rounder David Willey has announced that he will retire from international cricket at the end of the ODI World Cup 2023.

The 33-year-old made his debut for England in 2015 and since then he has earned 70 ODI caps and 43 in T20Is.

He amassed 627 runs in the 50-over format and scalped 94 wickets at an average of 30.3 and an economy of 5.57.

In T20I he struck 226 runs and picked up 51 wickets at an average of 23.1 and an economy of 8.18.

#### Recently Retired Players

- Sorannarin Tippoch - International Cricket - Thailand
- 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
- Shabnim Ismail - International Cricket - South Africa

11. Which of the following country will host FIFA World Cup 2034?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश फीफा विश्व कप 2034 की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (a) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- (b) India / भारत
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) UK / यूके
- (e) UAE / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Saudi Arabia to host FIFA World Cup 2034

Saudi Arabia was the only football association to present a bid to host the 2034 FIFA World Cup before the deadline closed, soccer's global governing body FIFA confirmed.

FIFA had invited bids from Asia and Oceania for the tournament and Saudi Arabia announced it would bid only minutes after the announcement.

Australia said, it would not be presenting a bid to host the tournament, leaving Saudi Arabia as the only candidate.

It also confirmed that the sole confirmation of interest in hosting the 2030 World Cup came from Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay, hosting celebratory games.

12. Who among the following has won the men's Ballon d'Or award for a record-extending eighth time?

निम्नलिखित में से किसने रिकॉर्ड आठवीं बार पुरुषों का बैलन डी'ओर पुरस्कार जीता है?

- (a) Cristiano Ronaldo / क्रिस्टियानो रोनाल्डो
- (b) Sadio Mané / सादियो माने
- (c) Robert Lewandowski / रॉबर्ट लेवानडॉस्की
- (d) Lionel Messi / लियोनेल मेसी
- (e) Luka Modrić / लुका मोड्रिक

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Lionel Messi clinches record-extending eighth Ballon d'Or award

Lionel Messi won the men's Ballon d'Or for a record-extending eighth time after fulfilling his life's ambition by leading Argentina to the World Cup title in Qatar last year.

Messi is 36 and won his first Ballon d'Or in 2009. With eight, he is now three ahead of his old rival Cristiano Ronaldo, the next most decorated player in the award's history.

The 36-year-old Messi won ahead of Manchester City forward Erling Haaland and his former PSG teammate Kylian Mbappe. Aitana Bonmati won the women's award for guiding Spain to victory at the Women's World Cup in August. She also helped Barcelona win the Women's Champions League and Spanish league.

A year after missing out on the shortlist for the 2022 Ballon d'Or, and despite leaving top-level European football behind, Messi has recovered his crown.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **USISPF Global Leadership Award 2023** - Nita Ambani
- **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

13. Who has been awarded the best photographer in the '10 years and under' category at the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition held in London?

लंदन में आयोजित प्रतिष्ठित वाइल्डलाइफ फ़ोटोग्राफ़र ऑफ़ द ईयर प्रतियोगिता में '10 वर्ष और उससे कम' श्रेणी में सर्वश्रेष्ठ फ़ोटोग्राफ़र का पुरस्कार किसे दिया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vihaan Talya Vikas / विहान तल्य विकास
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Anahat Singh / अनाहत सिंह

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Vihaan Talya Vikas wins 'Wildlife Photographer of The Year' Award

10-Year-Old Bangalore Kid, Vihaan Talya Vikas was awarded the best photographer in his category at the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition held in London.

Organized by the Natural History Museum, London, the competition showcases the finest wildlife photography from around the world.

Vihaan's achievement is all the more impressive considering the stiff competition he faced. His photograph rose above 50,000 entries from 95 countries to secure the coveted award in the under-10 category.

The event is also considered the 'Oscars of Photography'.

14. Which of the following states does not celebrate its foundation day on 1 November?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा राज्य 1 नवंबर को अपना स्थापना दिवस नहीं मनाता है?

- (a) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़
- (b) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 1 November - 7 Indian States & 2 UTs celebrated their Formation Day  
1st November is recognized as the formation day of seven Indian states and 2 Union Territories.

The states celebrating the formation day today are Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab. The Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry are also celebrating their formation day.

15. World Vegan Day is celebrated every year on which day?

विश्व शाकाहारी दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 November / 1 नवंबर
- (b) 2 November / 2 नवंबर
- (c) 3 November / 3 नवंबर
- (d) 4 November / 4 नवंबर
- (e) 5 November / 5 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 1 November - World Vegan Day

World Vegan Day is celebrated every year on 1 November.

The day is dedicated to spread awareness among people about the benefits of vegan diet on health and wellbeing.

Theme 2023 - Celebrating for a Good Cause

It provides a global platform for vegans and vegan organizations to promote positive ethical, environmental, and health impacts of vegan diet.

A vegan diet is a choice that is free from animal products like eggs, poultry, meat, and other animal derived products. There are several reasons behind adoption of vegan diet. However, some of the specific ones include health, welfare of animals, and sustainable environment.

The history of World Vegan Day dates back to 1 November 1994 when 'The Vegan Society' was established to promote veganism and a vegan diet.

16. The 15th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue was held in which city?

15वीं भारत-सिंगापुर रक्षा नीति वार्ता किस शहर में आयोजित की गई?

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 15th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue held in New Delhi

The 15th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue was held in New Delhi.

The dialogue was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Permanent Secretary (Defence), Singapore Chan Heng Kee.

During the meeting, both sides reviewed the existing defence cooperation between the two countries and agreed to enhance collaboration in Service-to-Service interactions and bilateral exercises.

They also articulated steps to take forward cooperation in emerging areas like cyber security.

Both sides identified means to enhance existing areas of collaboration, especially in the field of maritime security and multilateral cooperation. India and Singapore also reaffirmed their commitment to fully implement the Strategic Partnership based on mutual trust and understanding, common interests and shared values of democracy and rule of law.

This was the first physical meeting at the level of Defence Secretary between India and Singapore post the COVID-19 pandemic.

17. US Secretary of State and Defence Secretary would be traveling to India for the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with their Indian counterparts in New Delhi. Who among the following is the Defence Secretary of the US?

अमेरिकी विदेश मंत्री और रक्षा सचिव नई दिल्ली में अपने भारतीय समकक्षों के साथ 2+2 मंत्रिस्तरीय वार्ता के लिए भारत की यात्रा करेंगे। निम्नलिखित में से कौन अमेरिका के रक्षा सचिव हैं?

- (a) Antony Blinken /एंटनी ब्लिंकन
- (b) Lloyd Austin /लॉयड ऑस्टिन
- (c) Mike Pompeo / माइक पोम्पिओ
- (d) Charlene Austin / चार्लेन ऑस्टिन
- (e) Mark Milley / मार्क मिले

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** US and India to conduct 2 plus 2 ministerial dialogue

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin would be traveling to India for the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with their Indian counterparts in New Delhi.

The dialogue will be held with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi this month.

The dialogue came to existence from an agreement between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump.

It is being conducted every year since 2018 to discuss bilateral security and geo-strategic issues.

18. Which of the following has organized a workshop on India-AU Collaboration for a Better Inclusive World in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in New Delhi?

निम्नलिखित में से किसने नई दिल्ली में ऑब्जर्वर रिसर्च फाउंडेशन (ओआरएफ) के साथ साझेदारी में बेहतर समावेशी दुनिया के लिए भारत-एयू सहयोग पर एक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया है?

- (a) Finance Ministry / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (b) Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक
- (c) India Global Forum / इंडिया ग्लोबल फोरम
- (d) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (e) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / माइक्रो, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NITI Aayog held Workshop on India-AU Collaboration.

NITI Aayog has organized a workshop on India-AU Collaboration for a Better Inclusive World in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) at the Taj Palace, New Delhi.

The workshop focused on deliberations to implement the commitments laid out in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) which was signed recently concluded G20 Conference.

The workshop brought together over 50 experts and participants from prominent National and International think tanks, academia, and diplomats from India and the African Union (AU).

The participants had in-depth discussions on three key themes:

- Indo-AU collaboration for an inclusive world
- Indo-AU collaboration for sustainable and resilient infrastructure
- Managing Migration

19. Which of the following will launch “one nation, one registration platform” for doctors across the country?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन देश भर के डॉक्टरों के लिए "एक राष्ट्र, एक पंजीकरण मंच" लॉन्च करेगा?

- (a) National Medical Commission /राष्ट्रीय चिकित्सा आयोग
- (b) Medical Council of India /मेडिकल काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया
- (c) Dental Council of India /डेंटल काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Pharmacy Council of India /फार्मेसी काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया
- (e) Health Ministry /स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** NMC to launch “one nation, one registration platform” for doctors

The National Medical Commission (NMC), the regulatory body for medical education and medical professionals, is all set to launch its “one nation, one registration platform” for doctors across the country.

Objective - To eliminate duplication, red tape and allow the public to access information on any physician working in India.

The NMC will unveil a patch pilot of the National Medical Register (NMR) in the next six months where doctors will be allotted a unique identification number and then can also apply for their licence to work in any State depending on where they are.

The commission had earlier this year issued a gazette notification titled “Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023” announcing the move.

The idea is to provide a masked ID to undergraduate students on the NMR and depending on when they complete their course the ID is unmasked and allotted.

This ID can be used to update any further qualification and all State registers for licence to work in any part of the country will be linked here and will be available at the click of a button.

20. Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) will launch Its Own Satellite to be named after its founder. Who was the founder of AMU?

अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय (एएमयू) अपने संस्थापक के नाम पर अपना खुद का सैटेलाइट लॉन्च करेगा। AMU के संस्थापक कौन थे?

- (a) Muhammad Iqbal / मुहम्मद इक़बाल
- (b) Muhammad Ali Jinnah / मुहम्मद अली जिन्ना
- (c) Syed Ahmad Khan / सैयद अहमद खान
- (d) Liaquat Ali Khan / लियाकत अली खान
- (e) Maulana Azad / मौलाना आज़ाद

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Aligarh Muslim University to launch Its Own Satellite

The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), under the Department of Space, the government of India, has approved Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) proposal for the development of the varsity's first satellite, to be named after its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

The satellite is tentatively scheduled to be launched in 6 months.

The SS AMU SAT is a nanosatellite project which began in November 2021 under AMU Robo Club.

It is a 3U CubeSat with multiple objectives, including the study of economic growth in India's poorest districts using satellite imagery and implementation of an in-house developed image compression technology for a faster multimedia transmission. In addition to these, the satellite will test various sub-systems that have been built in-house.

A 3U CubeSat is a standardized and relatively small satellite used for various purposes, including research, technology demonstration, and earth observation.

21. The Election Commission of India has designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE'. What is the full form of "ENCORE"?

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग ने 'ENCORE' के माध्यम से संपूर्ण उम्मीदवार और चुनाव प्रबंधन के लिए इन-हाउस सॉफ्टवेयर डिज़ाइन किया है। "ENCORE" का पूर्ण रूप क्या है?

- (a) Election Communications on Real-time Environment
- (b) Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment
- (c) Election Community on Real-time Environment
- (d) Enabling Communications on Real-time Election
- (e) Enabling Communications on Real-time Enabling

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** ECI designed in-house software for election management through ENCORE

The Election Commission of India has designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE' which stands for Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.

This provides a seamless facility for Returning Officers to process candidate nominations, affidavits, Voter turnout, counting, results, and data management.

The ENCORE counting application is an end-to-end application for returning officers to digitize the votes polled, tabulate the round-wise data, and then take out various statutory reports of counting.

Another application called ENCORE Scrutiny Application allows Returning Officers to scrutinize the nominations filed by the candidates online.

After verification of the nomination, the status is marked as Accepted, Rejected, or Withdrawn helping the Returning Officer to prepare the final list of contesting candidates and assign the symbols.

**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

22. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the three-day 'India Manufacturing Show' in which city?

रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने किस शहर में तीन दिवसीय 'इंडिया मैनुफैक्चरिंग शो' का उद्घाटन किया है?

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Rajnath Singh inaugurates 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the three-day 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru.

The show has been jointly organised by Laghu Udyog Bharti and the IMS Foundation and supported by the Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence.

The central theme of the event is 'Make in India, Make for the World'.

The sixth edition of the 'India Manufacturing Show' will provide a platform for the exhibitors to showcase their technologies, equipment and R&D in different sectors, such as aerospace & defence engineering, automation, robotics & drones to the participants.

23. Who has inaugurated the second edition of the Mega food event 'World Food India 2023' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली के भारत मंडपम में मेगा फूड इवेंट 'वर्ल्ड फूड इंडिया 2023' के दूसरे संस्करण का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- (b) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर
- (c) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM Modi inaugurated 'World Food India 2023' in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the second edition of the Mega food event 'World Food India 2023' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister disbursed Seed Capital Assistance for over one lakh Self Help Groups SHG members. This support will help SHGs to improve packaging and quality manufacturing and gain better price realization in the market.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated Food Street, as part of World Food India 2023. It will feature regional cuisines and royal culinary heritage.

Over 200 chefs will participate and present traditional Indian cuisine, making it a unique culinary experience.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries Anita Praveen mentioned that over 1200 exhibitors from 23 states and several countries will participate in the event.

**PM Modi in News**

- PM Modi dedicated **projects worth ₹5950 Crore in Gujrat**
- 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

24. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched two key surveys for monetary policy inputs. Which of the following survey is not part of monetary policy inputs?

हाल ही में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने मौद्रिक नीति इनपुट के लिए दो प्रमुख सर्वेक्षण शुरू किए हैं। निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सर्वेक्षण मौद्रिक नीति इनपुट का हिस्सा नहीं है?

(i) Inflation Expectations Survey of Households

(ii) Future monetary policy Formulation

(iii) Consumer Confidence Survey

(iv) Effective economic policies for NPAs

(a) only i

(b) only ii

(c) only iii

(d) only i & ii

(e) only ii & iv

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** RBI launches two key surveys for monetary policy inputs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the introduction of two crucial surveys, namely the 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' and the 'Consumer Confidence Survey'.

They're aimed at gathering essential data for the upcoming bi-monthly monetary policy. The next monetary policy review is scheduled to take place from December 6-8.

'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households-

- The 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' is designed to capture subjective assessments on price movements and inflation.
- It will gather data based on individual consumption baskets in 19 cities, including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi, and Thiruvananthapuram.
- The survey will solicit qualitative responses from households regarding anticipated price changes, both general prices and specific product groups, for the next three months as well as the one-year period ahead.
- Additionally, it will collect quantitative responses on current inflation rates, as well as inflation rates expected in the next three months and one year.

Consumer Confidence Survey

- The 'Consumer Confidence Survey' will seek qualitative feedback from households, focusing on their sentiments concerning the general economic situation, employment prospects, price levels, household income, and spending patterns.
- This survey, conducted regularly in the same 19 cities mentioned earlier, aims to gauge public sentiment on various economic factors.

The findings from both surveys are anticipated to offer significant inputs to inform the RBI's monetary policy strategies.

The RBI has emphasized that the outcomes of these surveys will play a vital role in shaping future monetary policy decisions, underscoring the importance of accurate and timely data in the formulation of effective economic policies

25. SBI Card and \_\_\_\_\_ came together to launch the co-branded SBI Card.

एसबीआई कार्ड और \_\_\_\_\_ सह-ब्रांडेड एसबीआई कार्ड लॉन्च करने के लिए एक साथ आए।

- (a) Reliance Retail
- (b) TATA
- (c) Amul
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) LG

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** SBI Card Partners with Reliance Retail to introduce 'Reliance SBI Card'

SBI Card and Reliance Retail came together to launch the co-branded Reliance SBI Card.

The lifestyle-focused credit card will offer a holistic and rewarding shopping experience to customers.

It allows cardholders to unlock rewards and benefits while transacting at Reliance Retail's extensive and diverse ecosystem, ranging from fashion & lifestyle to grocery, consumer electronics to pharma, furniture to jewellery, and many more.

Additionally, Reliance SBI Card users can also enjoy curated offers rolled out by SBI Card on an ongoing basis.

The card will be launched in two variants - Reliance SBI Card and Reliance SBI Card PRIME, each designed to bring varied rewards and lifestyle perks for distinct consumer needs.

The annual renewal fee of Reliance SBI Card PRIME is ₹ 2,999 and that of Reliance SBI Card is ₹ 499 plus applicable taxes.

Cardholders can avail renewal fee waiver upon achieving the annual spends milestone of ₹ 3,00,000 on Reliance SBI Card PRIME and ₹ 1,00,000 on Reliance SBI Card.

26. Who has recently inaugurated the State Bank of India's branch in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka?

हाल ही में श्रीलंका के त्रिंकोमाली में भारतीय स्टेट बैंक की शाखा का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण
- (c) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (d) Dinesh Khara / दिनेश खारा
- (e) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated SBI's branch in Trincomalee

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the State Bank of India's branch in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

Governor of Eastern Province of Sri Lanka Senthil Thondaman, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay, and SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara graced the event.

Recognizing SBI's 159-year-long presence, Mrs. Sitharaman praised its commitment to growth at home and abroad, especially during the Sri Lankan economic crisis.

SBI's endeavors facilitated the smooth extension of a Line of Credit worth 1 billion dollars by the Government of India to Sri Lanka. SBI Sri Lanka has been a pivotal support for international trade corporations and has actively bolstered remittance activities through a robust digital platform.

**About Sri Lanka**

- **Legislative capital** - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- **Executive and Judicial capital** - Colombo
- **Currency** - Sri Lankan rupee
- **President** - Ranil Wickremesinghe
- **Prime Minister** - Dinesh Gunawardena

27. Who has been named the winner of the British Academy Book Prize 2023 for Global Cultural Understanding?

वैश्विक सांस्कृतिक समझ के लिए ब्रिटिश एकेडमी बुक प्राइज 2023 का विजेता किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Nandini Das / नंदिनी दास
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Nandini Das wins British Academy Book Prize for Cultural Understanding

India-born author Nandini Das has been named the winner of the 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, for her book 'Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire'.

As a Professor in the English faculty at the University of Oxford, the 49-year-old author has sought to present a new perspective on the origins of empire through the story of the arrival of the first English ambassador in India, Sir Thomas Roe, in the early 17th century.

The winning book is her debut and describes the role of the British and Mughals in transforming India's history.

The UK-based academic's debut work, described as the "true origin story of Britain and India told through England's first diplomatic mission to the Mughal courts", was revealed as this year's winner at a ceremony at the British Academy in London.

The British Academy Book Prize, formerly known as the Nayef Al-Rodhan Prize, was established in 2013 to reward and celebrate the best works of non-fiction that demonstrate rigour and originality and have contributed to public understanding of other world cultures and their interaction.

Das will receive GBP 25,000 for winning the prize and each of the shortlisted works, including 'Black Ghost of Empire: The Long Death of Slavery and the Failure of Emancipation' by Caribbean-born Kris Manjappa of mixed African and Indian parentage, will receive GBP 1,000 each.

**Recent Awards**

- **Wildlife Photographer of The Year Award** (10 years and under category) - Vihaan Talya Vikas
- **Men's Ballon d'Or award** - Lionel Messi (8th times)
- **Women's Ballon d'Or award** - Aitana Bonmati
- **USISPF Global Leadership Award 2023** - Nita Ambani
- **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

28. Zahid Hussain has secured the silver medal at the prestigious Asian Championship 2023. She is related to which sport?

जाहद हुसैन ने प्रतिष्ठित एशियाई चैम्पियनशिप 2023 में रजत पदक हासिल किया है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Zahid Hussain clinches Silver at Asian Shooting Championship

Zahid Hussain secured the silver medal at the prestigious Asian Shooting Championship 2023 held in South Korea.

He would be representing his nation on the international stage at the Paris Olympics.

India shooter Manu Bhaker secured her Paris 2024 Olympics quota after she finished fifth in the women's 25m pistol final.

Arjun Babuta in the men's 10 metre air rifle event and Sarabjot Singh in men's 10 metre air pistol event have also secured Paris 2024 quotas.

29. Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has unveiled his life-size statue at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, where India won the 2011 edition of the ICC World Cup. The statue is made by \_\_\_\_\_.

महान क्रिकेटर सचिन तेंदुलकर ने मुंबई के वानखेड़े स्टेडियम में अपनी आदमकद प्रतिमा का अनावरण किया है, जहां भारत ने आईसीसी विश्व कप 2011 का संस्करण जीता था। प्रतिमा \_\_\_\_\_ द्वारा बनाई गई है।

- (a) Ram V. Sutar / राम वी. सुतार
- (b) Subodh Gupta / सुबोध गुप्ता
- (c) Pramod Kamble / प्रमोद कांबले
- (d) Anish Kapoor / अनीश कपूर
- (e) Shilpa Gupta / शिल्पा गुप्ता

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Statue of Sachin Tendulkar unveiled at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium

Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has unveiled his life-size statue at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, where India won the 2011 edition of the ICC World Cup.

The statue was made by Pramod Kamble, who is a painter-sculptor from Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra.

The statue captures Sachin Tendulkar in the dynamic act of executing a cricket stroke. The legendary cricketer used this shot frequently to smash over 34,000 runs in both Test and One Day International (ODI) matches.

Sachin Tendulkar is the only batter in the history of cricket to slam 100 centuries. Wankhede Stadium is Sachin Tendulkar's home ground where he played his last match in November 2013.

**30. Which of the following will host the "Building State-level Innovation Ecosystems" workshop at IIM Bangalore?  
निम्नलिखित में से कौन IIM बैंगलोर में "बिल्डिंग स्टेट-लेवल इनोवेशन इकोसिस्टम" कार्यशाला की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) Finance Ministry / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (b) Reserve bank of India / भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक
- (c) India Global Forum / इंडिया ग्लोबल फोरम
- (d) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (e) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / माइक्रो, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NITI Aayog to host state-level innovation workshop in IIM Bangalore

In a strategic move to foster and nurture innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem throughout India, Atal Innovation Mission is set to organize a peer-to-peer workshop focusing on the development of state-level innovation ecosystems.

The event, "Building State-level Innovation Ecosystems" is scheduled to take place from November 6th to 8th at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM Bangalore).

This three-day gathering will provide a unique platform for states and union territories (UTs) across India to convene, exchange insights, and build strategies to foster innovation and entrepreneurship (I&E) within their respective regions.

The purpose of this workshop is to unleash the power of peer learning across the states/UTs in order to propel each state-level ecosystem forward.

In addition to sharing of State/UT-level innovation and entrepreneurship models, participants will exchange ideas, strategies, and experiences, showcasing successful implementations and the knowledge they have acquired in building innovation ecosystems.

31. In November 2023, which ministry organized the two-day Conclave with the theme of “Integrating Sustainability & Business Strategy for the Chemical Industry- Addressing Challenges and Opportunities”?

नवंबर 2023 में, किस मंत्रालय ने "रासायनिक उद्योग के लिए स्थिरता और व्यापार रणनीति को एकीकृत करना- चुनौतियों और अवसरों को संबोधित करना" विषय पर दो दिवसीय कॉन्क्लेव का आयोजन किया है?

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests / पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Chemicals / रसायन मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Petroleum / पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Ministry of Chemicals organized ICC Sustainability Conclave 2023

The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Indian Chemical Council (ICC) has organized the two-day Conclave with the theme of “Integrating Sustainability & Business Strategy for the Chemical Industry- Addressing Challenges and Opportunities”.

This is a major initiative of the Indian Chemical Industry to encourage sustainability in the management of the entire life cycle of chemicals. Environment Resource Management (ERM), a globally renowned entity in the sector, is the Knowledge Partner for the Conclave.

The two-day event will bring together senior representatives from Indian and Global companies, government officers, multilateral organizations, chemical industry bodies, and academic experts to discuss trending issues and opportunities, including ESG strategies, decarbonization, net-zero transition, digital transformation, green growth, cleaner energy, safety promotion, and product stewardship beyond regulations.

Chemical and Petrochemical Industry holds a pivotal position in our economy serving as a backbone for numerous sectors offering a diverse range of over 80000 commercial products.

While the government has commendably taken steps to reduce our reliance on imports, enhance infrastructure, and improve the business environment, it is imperative that we infuse a strong focus on chemical sustainability into this narrative of growth.

32. Recently, India and which country has re-launched Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) negotiations?  
हाल ही में, भारत और किस देश ने आर्थिक और प्रौद्योगिकी सहयोग समझौते (ETCA) वार्ता को फिर से शुरू किया है?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India and Sri Lanka re-launched ETCA negotiations

India and Sri Lanka held the 12th round of negotiations on the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The delegations from both sides delved into a spectrum of critical areas, including Trade in Goods, Technical Barriers to Trade, and Trade in Services.

Both sides acknowledged the potential in India and Sri Lanka trade partnership and possibilities for enhanced economic relations.

Both sides hailed the progress achieved during the previous discussions, and decided to treat 9 issues as resolved. Both sides agreed to continue discussions on matters including apparel quotas and pharmaceutical procurement.

Emphasizing the need to build upon their achievements, the delegations agreed to remain open to revising their positions in light of new developments.

India was Sri Lanka's largest trading partner with an overall bilateral merchandise trade of 5.45 billion dollars in 2021.

**About Sri Lanka**

- **Legislative capital** - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- **Executive and Judicial capital** - Colombo
- **Currency** - Sri Lankan rupee
- **President** - Ranil Wickremesinghe
- **Prime Minister** - Dinesh Gunawardena

33. India has signed an MoU with which country to strengthen existing educational cooperation between the two countries?  
भारत ने दोनों देशों के बीच मौजूदा शैक्षिक सहयोग को मजबूत करने के लिए किस देश के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India and UAE sign MoU to Strengthen Educational Ties

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and his UAE counterpart Ahmad Al Falasi have signed an MoU to strengthen existing educational cooperation between the two countries.

The MoU aims at facilitating student and faculty mobility, joint research programmes, designing courses, organizing and participation in conferences, lectures, symposia, courses, scientific and educational exhibitions in areas of mutual interest held in both countries. UAE is a global economic hotspot and India is a global talent hotspot, both sides should work together to build a knowledge bridge to cement our civilizational connect.

The ministers reviewed the bilateral engagements in education and skill development, particularly the progress on points discussed during their meeting on the sidelines of the fourth education working group deliberations as part of India's G20 presidency.

**Recently India signed MoUs with others countries**

- Cabinet approves pact between India & Japan on Semiconductor Supply Chain
- 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

**34. Which Indian City was ranked fourth among 46 Global Cities, according to Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index for September quarter of 2023?**

**2023 की सितंबर तिमाही के लिए नाइट फ्रैंक के प्राइम ग्लोबल सिटीज़ इंडेक्स के अनुसार, 46 वैश्विक शहरों में से कौन सा भारतीय शहर चौथे स्थान पर था?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. e**

**Sol. Mumbai Ranks Fourth In Global Housing Price Rise**

Mumbai recorded the fourth highest year-on-year growth in prime residential prices among global cities for the quarter ended September 2023, according to Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index for September quarter of 2023.

The 6.5 percent increase in prime residential prices has moved the city up by 18 places from 22nd rank in September 2022. New Delhi and Bengaluru too recorded an upward movement in their index rankings. NCR moved from 36th rank a year ago to 10th in September 2023 with a growth of 4.1 percent YoY.

Bengaluru's rank increased from 27 in 2022 to 17 in 2023 with a growth of 2.2 percent.

Mumbai is at fourth position among 46 cities globally in terms of price rise of luxury residential properties, according to Knight Frank.

The average rise in annual prime residential prices was recorded at 2.1 per cent across the 46 markets in the 12-month period ending September 2023. This is the strongest growth rate recorded since Q3 2022 and reflects 67 per cent of cities seeing growth on an annual basis.

35. Which country has recently announced Visa-Free Entry for Indians to boost tourism from 10th November 2023 to 10th May 2024?

हाल ही में किस देश ने 10 नवंबर 2023 से 10 मई 2024 तक पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भारतीयों के लिए वीजा-मुक्त प्रवेश की घोषणा की है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Thailand / थाईलैंड
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Thailand announces Visa-Free Entry for Indians to boost tourism

In an effort to attract more tourists as the high season approaches, Thailand has announced the temporary removal of visa requirements for travellers from India and Taiwan starting from 10th November 2023 and continuing until 10th May 2024. This decision follows a previous move in September to eliminate visa requirements for Chinese tourists, who were a significant source of visitors before the pandemic, accounting for 11 million out of the record 39 million arrivals in 2019. As per the announcement, travelers from India and Taiwan can enjoy a maximum stay of 30 days in Thailand without the need for a visa.

This new policy is expected to attract a significant number of tourists from these regions and give a much-needed boost to the local economy.

#### **About Thailand**

- **Capital** - Bangkok
- **Currency** - Thai baht
- **Prime Minister** - Prayut Chan-o-cha

36. Who has been appointed as CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited?

टाटा पावर रिन्यूएबल एनर्जी लिमिटेड के सीईओ और एमडी के रूप में किसे 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) Deepesh Nanda / दीपेश नंदा

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Deepesh Nanda appointed as CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy

Deepesh Nanda has been appointed as CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited.

Nanda brings with him 28 years of experience across companies like GE, Flowserve and Tyco.

He joins Tata Power from GE Gas Power, where he was the Chief Executive Officer for South Asia.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- CMD of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) - Koppu Sadashiv Murthy
- Lead WHO's South-East Asia Region - Bangladesh's Saima Wazed
- New speaker of US House - Mike Johnson
- Head coach of Indian women's cricket team - Amol Muzumdar
- Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) - Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair

37. Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT)?

सशस्त्र बल न्यायाधिकरण (एएफटी) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde / जस्टिस शरद अरविंद बोबड़े
- (b) Justice Rajendra Menon / जस्टिस राजेंद्र मेनन
- (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.** Justice Rajendra Menon appointed as Chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal

Former Delhi High Court Chief Justice Rajendra Menon has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT). Justice Menon will serve as Chairman of the Tribunal till he attains the age of 70 years on June 6, 2027. Justice Menon began his judicial career as an additional judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on April 1, 2002, and his dedication and expertise led to his elevation to the position of a permanent judge in 2003. The former judge was first recommended to the post in 2019 and served for four years. Justice Menon was elevated as an additional judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on April 1, 2002. He was made permanent judge of the High Court on March 21, 2003. Justice Menon also served as Welfare Commissioner for the Bhopal Gas Victims Compensation Commission between December 2010 and March 2015. He was elevated as Chief Justice of the Patna High Court on March 15, 2017 and remained at the post till his transfer to the Delhi High Court.

### Recent Appointment

- 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
- International Dairy Federation (IDF) Board - Dr Meenesh Shah

38. Who has been chosen for the Kerala Jyothi Award 2023 instituted by the Kerala government?

**केरल सरकार द्वारा स्थापित केरल ज्योति पुरस्कार 2023 के लिए किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendpudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) T. Padmanabhan / टी. पद्मनाभन
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** T. Padmanabhan receives prestigious Kerala Jyothi Award

Eminent writer T. Padmanabhan has been chosen for the Kerala Jyothi Award 2023 instituted by the Kerala government. He was selected for the highest civilian honour by the government considering his contributions in the field of Malayalam literature.

The State also announced other 'Kerala Puraskarngals', the highest award given by the government to distinguished personalities who have made outstanding contributions in various spheres of social life.

Justice (Retired) M. Fathima Beevi and Nataraja Krishnamurthy (Soorya Krishnamurthy) have been selected for the 'Kerala Prabha' award considering contributions in the field of social service and civil service and in the field of arts respectively.

Others who won the 'Kerala Sree' award include Punalur Somarajan (social service sector), V.P. Gangadharan (health sector), Ravi DC (industry and commerce sector), K.M. Chandrasekhar (civil service sector), Pandit Ramesh Narayan (art, music).

#### **Recent Awards**

- **British Academy Book Prize 2023 for Cultural Understanding** - Nandini Das
- **Wildlife Photographer of The Year Award (10 years and under category)** - Vihaan Talya Vikas
- **Men's Ballon d'Or award** - Lionel Messi (8th times)
- **Women's Ballon d'Or award** - Aitana Bonmati
- **USISPF Global Leadership Award 2023** - Nita Ambani

39. In November 2023, which city has been declared the winner of the US National Gatka Championship, the first-ever American national championship of the popular Sikh martial arts?

नवंबर 2023 में, किस शहर को लोकप्रिय सिख मार्शल आर्ट की पहली अमेरिकी राष्ट्रीय चैंपियनशिप, यूएस नेशनल गतका चैंपियनशिप का विजेता घोषित किया गया है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New York / न्यूयॉर्क
- (c) London / लंदन
- (d) Washington DC / वाशिंगटन डीसी
- (e) Tokyo / टोक्यो

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** New York city wins first US National Gatka Championship

The city of New York has been declared the winner of the US National Gatka Championship, the first-ever American national championship of the popular Sikh martial arts.

Held at a Gurdwara in Queens, New York, over the weekend, the popular Sikh martial arts championship was attended by more than 100 players in different age groups from various parts of the country.

The championship saw the Kansas Gatka Association securing the runner-up position, while the NJ Gatka Association achieved third place.

**40. Recently, who has become India's highest wicket-taker in ODI World Cup?**

**हाल ही में, वनडे विश्व कप में भारत की ओर से सबसे ज्यादा विकेट लेने वाले गेंदबाज कौन बने हैं?**

- (a) Yuzvendra Chahal / युजवेंद्र चहल
- (b) Bhuvneshwar Kumar / भुवनेश्वर कुमार
- (c) Mohammed Shami / मोहम्मद शमी
- (d) Jasprit Bumrah / जसप्रीत बुमराह
- (e) Hardik Pandya / हार्दिक पांड्या

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Shami becomes India's leading wicket taker in World Cup history

Mohammed Shami has become India's highest wicket-taker in ODI World Cup history during the India versus Sri Lanka 2023 World Cup match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

With 45 wickets in ODI World Cups, Shami went past Zaheer Khan and Javagal Srinath after his fifer against the Lankans. Zaheer and Srinath have 44 wickets in World Cups for India.

Shami also entered the top 10 list of the highest wicket-takers in ODI World cup history, which is topped by Glenn McGrath's 71 scalps.

Among active international cricketers, only Mitchell Starc and Trent Boult are above Shami in the list with 56 and 49 wickets, respectively.

Most wickets for India in ODI World Cup

- Mohammed Shami - 45 wickets in 14 matches
- Zaheer Khan - 44 wickets in 23 matches
- Javagal Srinath - 44 wickets in 34 matches
- Jasprit Bumrah - 33 wickets in 16 matches
- Anil Kumble - 31 wickets in 18 matches

Top 10 all-time wicket-takers in ODI World Cup

- Glenn McGrath (AUS) - 71 wickets in 39 matches
- Muthiah Muralidaran (SL) - 68 wickets in 40 matches
- Mitchell Starc (AUS) - 56 wickets in 24 matches
- Lasith Malinga (SL) - 56 wickets in 29 matches
- Wasim Akram (PAK) - 55 wickets in 38 matches
- Chaminda Vaas (SL) - 49 wickets in 31 matches
- Trent Boult (NZ) - 49 wickets in 26 matches
- Mohammed Shami (IND) - 45 wickets in 14 matches
- Zaheer Khan (IND) - 44 wickets in 23 matches
- Javagal Srinath (IND) - 44 wickets in 34 matches

41. Who has won the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions individual event at the Asian Shooting Championship in Changwon, South Korea?

दक्षिण कोरिया के चांगवोन में एशियाई शूटिंग चैंपियनशिप में पुरुषों की 50 मीटर राइफल 3 पोजीशन व्यक्तिगत स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?

- (a) Divyansh Singh Panwar / दिव्यांश सिंह पंवार
- (b) Swapnil Kusale / स्वप्निल कुसाले
- (c) Rudranksh Patil / रुद्राक्ष पाटिल
- (d) Aishwaryatap Singh Tomar / ऐश्वर्य प्रताप सिंह तोमर
- (e) Ankit Singh / अंकित सिंह

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Aishwaryatap Singh Tomar wins Gold in Asian Shooting Championship

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions individual event and helped India grab a team silver at the Asian Shooting Championship in Changwon, South Korea.

The 22-year-old Tomar shot 463.5 in the final to win the gold. China's Tian Jiaming took the silver with a score of 462.7. Another Chinese, Du Linshu picked up the bronze with 450.3.

Tomar had finished fifth in the qualification round with 591.

He won the bronze medal at the 2019 Asian Shooting Championships and secured a quota place for India at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

The Indian trio of Tomar, Swapnil Kusale and Akhil Sheoran won the team silver with a total score of 1764, behind China (1777).

India has already got maximum two possible Olympic quota places in this event through Kusale and Sheoran.

Kusale had won the Paris Games quota during the World Championships in Cairo last year. Sheoran did the same in this year's World Championships in Baku.

42. International Day for Biosphere Reserve is celebrated every year on which day?

बायोस्फीयर रिजर्व के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 November / 4 नवंबर
- (b) 5 November / 5 नवंबर
- (c) 3 November / 3 नवंबर
- (d) 2 November / 2 नवंबर
- (e) 6 November / 6 नवंबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 3 November - International Day for Biosphere Reserve

International Day for Biosphere Reserve is celebrated every year on 3 November.

The day established by UNESCO during its 41st General Conference in 2022.

This occasion provides an opportunity to understand and appreciate Biosphere Reserves (BR) and their significance in preserving the delicate balance between nature and culture.

On the International Day for Biosphere Reserves, we acknowledge the significance of these reserves in striking a balance between human development, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. As we celebrate this day, we reflect on the need to expand and support these designated areas to safeguard our shared heritage for generations to come.

43. World Jellyfish Day is celebrated every year on which day?

विश्व जेलीफ़िश दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 November / 4 नवंबर
- (b) 5 November / 5 नवंबर
- (c) 3 November / 3 नवंबर
- (d) 2 November / 2 नवंबर
- (e) 6 November / 6 नवंबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 3 November - World Jellyfish Day

World Jellyfish Day is celebrated every year on November 3.

November is springtime in the southern hemisphere. This is the time of the year when jellyfish migrate to the coastlines of the northern hemisphere.

Since 2014, November 3 is celebrated as World Jellyfish Day.

Jellyfish have significant effects on biomass, spatiotemporal dynamics, and community structure of the global marine plankton ecosystems. They are extremely important marine creatures who are studied and researched on. They also serve as food in several cultures.

In China, jellyfish is used as a delicacy and also an important part in traditional treatments. Jellyfish can also house small fishes in their tentacles.

It is believed that jellyfish are older than dinosaurs and have existed on earth for more than 500 million years. They do not have a heart or bones in the body.

44. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will open its new Regional Administrative Office in which country?  
केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (सीबीएसई) किस देश में अपना नया क्षेत्रीय प्रशासनिक कार्यालय खोलेगा?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** CBSE to open new administrative Office in UAE In a significant development for the Indian expatriate community in the United Arab Emirates, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting with the Principals of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools in Dubai. One of the significant announcements made during the meeting was the acceptance of a long-standing demand by CBSE schools to open a regional administrative office in UAE, recognizing the country's central role in overseeing CBSE-affiliated schools in the GCC region. The new office is set to come in the Emirate of Dubai, UAE. This decision is expected to streamline operations and enhance the educational experience for students and teachers in these schools. The meeting was marked by a sense of unity and inclusion, encapsulated in the phrase "Vasudaiva Kutumbakam," which translates to "the world is one family." This move towards greater inclusivity is a promising development for the Indian expatriate community and the education sector in the UAE. **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

**45. Vibrant Gujarat International Roadshow was held in which city?**

**वाइब्रेंट गुजरात इंटरनेशनल रोड शो किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया?**

- (a) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (b) Berlin / बर्लिन
- (c) Paris / पेरिस
- (d) Dubai / दुबई
- (e) London / लंदन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Vibrant Gujarat International Roadshow held in Dubai

In a bid to showcase the immense potential for business and investment opportunities in the vibrant state of Gujarat, the Government of Gujarat hosted the Vibrant Gujarat International Roadshow in Dubai.

The event, a prelude to the upcoming 10th Edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit scheduled for January 10-12, 2024, served as a platform for industry representatives from both Gujarat and the UAE to engage, network, and explore collaborations.

The roadshow succeeded in fostering meaningful connections between industry leaders and government officials while shedding light on the myriad opportunities for investment and growth in Gujarat.

As the state gears up for the 10th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in January 2024, the prospects for business and collaboration in this dynamic Indian state look brighter than ever.

46. Which of the following has organized a workshop on "Goa Roadmap for Tourism" with India Foundation and the Ministry of Tourism?

निम्नलिखित में से किसने इंडिया फाउंडेशन और पर्यटन मंत्रालय के साथ "पर्यटन के लिए गोवा रोडमैप" पर एक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया है?

- (a) Finance Ministry / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (b) RBI / आरबीआई
- (c) Bureau of Indian Standards / भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो
- (d) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (e) NASSCOM / नैसकॉम

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NITI Aayog organized Workshop on "Goa Roadmap for Tourism"

As a part of its ongoing G20 Think Tank Workshop Series, NITI Aayog has organized a workshop on "Implementing Goa Roadmap for Tourism" with India Foundation and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, as its knowledge partners.

The G20 meeting on tourism was held in Goa on June 21, 2023, culminating in the Goa Declaration.

The Goa Roadmap for Tourism as a vehicle for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is a pioneering effort towards harnessing tourism as a driving force to achieve the SDGs.

The G20 New Delhi Leader's Declaration (NDLD) noted the Goa Roadmap for Tourism and "Travel for LiFE" program as the policy blueprints for nurturing tourism as a means for sustainable socio-economic development.

The workshop aimed at deliberating on the implementation of the Goa Roadmap and the discussions were conducted over four thematic sessions.

The workshop will include four sessions on - 1. Green tourism, 2. Digitization, 3. Strategic management, 4. MSME Tourism.

47. Which state government has launched Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyoti Yojana to treat people suffering from sudden heart attacks and cardiac issues?

किस राज्य सरकार ने अचानक दिल के दौरों और हृदय संबंधी समस्याओं से पीड़ित लोगों के इलाज के लिए डॉ. पुनीत राजकुमार हृदय ज्योति योजना शुरू की है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Kerala / केरल

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Karnataka govt launches "Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyoti Yojana"

The Karnataka Health Department has launched Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyoti Yojana to treat people suffering from sudden heart attacks and cardiac issues.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao announced the scheme two days after the second death anniversary of popular Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar, who died at the age of 46 following a heart attack.

Notably, the scheme is also named after the late actor. The scheme seeks to install emergency devices in public places to cater to those suffering from heart attacks within the crucial response time.

The programme has been implemented in two ways. Hub and spoke model and installation of automated external defibrillator (AED) devices in public places.

Recently, it has been noticed that young people are suffering heart attacks. It is a worrying fact and according to a study, 35 percent of those who suffer heart attacks were in their 40s.

The government will also be deploying AI technology that can detect the severity of a patient's condition within four to five minutes, and those in critical heart health will be administered a free injection called Tenecteplase at the spoke centres, which helps in preventing a sudden cardiac arrest.

Private hospitals charge ₹30,000 to ₹45,000 for one Tenecteplase injection. However, we have decided to provide this injection free of charge in our government hospitals.

**About Karnataka**

- **Capital** – Bengaluru
- **Chief Minister** – Siddaramaiah
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - DK Shivakumar
- **Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot

48. Which word has been named the Collins Word of the Year for 2023?

किस शब्द को 2023 के लिए कोलिन्स वर्ड ऑफ द ईयर नामित किया गया है?

- (a) War
- (b) Earthquake
- (c) AI
- (d) Permacrisis
- (e) Humanity

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 'AI' named Collins Word of the Year for 2023

The abbreviation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been named the Collins Word of the Year for 2023.

Lexicographers at Collins Dictionary said use of the term had "accelerated" and that it had become the dominant conversation of 2023.

We know that AI has been a big focus this year in the way that it has developed and has quickly become as ubiquitous and embedded in our lives as email, streaming or any other once futuristic, now everyday technology," Collins managing director Alex Beecroft said.

The word "permacrisis", defined as "an extended period of instability and insecurity" was the Collins word of the year in 2022.

49. Which bank has launched electronic bank guarantee services for its MSMEs and corporate clients in association with National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) to replace the conventional time-intensive paper-based bank guarantee?

किस बैंक ने पारंपरिक समय-गहन कागज-आधारित बैंक गारंटी को बदलने के लिए नेशनल ई-गवर्नेंस सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (NeSL) के सहयोग से अपने एमएसएमई और कॉर्पोरेट ग्राहकों के लिए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक बैंक गारंटी सेवाएं शुरू की हैं?

- (a) MUFGBank / एमयूएफजी बैंक
- (b) HSBC India / एचएसबीसी इंडिया
- (c) Standard Chartered / स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड
- (d) Citibank / सिटी बैंक
- (e) DBS Bank / डीबीएस बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** HSBC India launches e-bank guarantee services for MSMEs

Private sector lender HSBC India has launched electronic bank guarantee services for its MSMEs and corporate clients in association with National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) to replace the conventional time-intensive paper-based bank guarantee.

The move is aimed to digitize trade and ease the guarantee issuance process digitally with the introduction of e-stamping and e-signing.

With the new solution, the applicant will be able to instantly view a bank guarantee on the NeSL portal.

NeSL, under the aegis of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 serves as a repository of legal evidence holding the information about any debt/claim, as submitted by the financial or operational creditor and verified and authenticated by the parties to the debt.

The e-guarantees will reduce the transaction cycle time from 2-3 days to a few minutes. The e-bank guarantee will also provide secure and swift options and avoid pitfalls of the paper-based guarantee process.

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

- AU Small Finance Bank launches 'Planet First-AU Green Fixed Deposit'
- Bank of Baroda introduces BoB LITE Savings Account
- RBL Bank launched GO Savings Account
- HDFC Bank launched XpressWay digital platform for Swift Loans
- Federal Bank launched the 'Mookkanoor Mission' initiative at its founder's village

50. Which of the following company is buying Arvind Beauty Brands Retail, a subsidiary of Arvind Fashions for ₹99 crore?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सी कंपनी अरविंद फैशन की सहायक कंपनी अरविंद ब्यूटी ब्रांड्स रिटेल को ₹99 करोड़ में खरीद रही है?

- (a) Adani Group / अदानी ग्रुप
- (b) Tata Group / टाटा ग्रुप
- (c) Reliance Retail / रिलायंस रिटेल
- (d) NIVEA / नीविया
- (e) Garnier / गार्नियर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Reliance Retail to acquire Arvind Fashions' Beauty Retail Business

Reliance Retail Ventures (RRVL) is buying Arvind Beauty Brands Retail, a subsidiary of Arvind Fashions that runs the Sephora India business for ₹99 crore.

Reliance Retail has entered into the fast-growing beauty business with Tira, an omnichannel beauty retail platform. This acquisition follows earlier reports in local media suggesting that Sephora and Reliance Retail had terminated discussions regarding a potential retail partnership in the Indian market.

Reliance Retail, in response, launched its own beauty retail platform, Tira, in April, positioning itself to compete with established players like Nykaa and the Tata Group.

51. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been re-elected as the Chairman of which of the following temple trust?

प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को निम्नलिखित में से किस मंदिर ट्रस्ट के अध्यक्ष के रूप में फिर से चुना गया है?

- (a) Badrinath Temple Trust / बद्रीनाथ मंदिर ट्रस्ट
- (b) Shree Somnath Trust / श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट
- (c) Ayodhya Ram Mandir Trust / अयोध्या राम मंदिर ट्रस्ट
- (d) Sabarimala Temple Trust / सबरीमाला मंदिर ट्रस्ट
- (e) Akshardham Temple Trust / अक्षरधाम मंदिर ट्रस्ट

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** PM Modi re-elected as the chairman of Shree Somnath Trust

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure as the chairman of the Shree Somnath Trust has been extended by five years. During a meeting of the board, various aspects of the temple's operations were discussed, including how to enhance the pilgrimage experience through the use of technology.

This marks a historic moment as it is the first time in the 74-year-long history of the Shree Somnath Trust that a chairman has been elected for a five-year tenure.

The trust has launched a video highlighting the history and traditions of the temple.

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52. Senior IPS officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar has been appointed as Joint Director of which of the following for five years?

वरिष्ठ आईपीएस अधिकारी प्रवीण मधुकर पवार को पांच साल के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किसके संयुक्त निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Enforcement Directorate (ED) / प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी)
- (b) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) / केंद्रीय जांच ब्यूरो (सीबीआई)
- (c) National Investigation Agency (NIA) / राष्ट्रीय जांच एजेंसी (एनआईए)
- (d) Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) / अनुसंधान एवं विश्लेषण विंग (रॉ)
- (e) Intelligence Bureau (IB) / इंटेलिजेंस ब्यूरो (आईबी)

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Pravin Madhukar Pawar appointed as CBI Joint Director

Senior IPS officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar has been appointed as Joint Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for five years.

Pawar is a 2003 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Karnataka cadre.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment to the post of joint director, CBI, for five years.

### Recent Appointment

- CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy - Deepesh Nanda
- Chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal - Justice Rajendra Menon
- CMD of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) - Koppu Sadashiv Murthy
- Lead WHO's South-East Asia Region - Bangladesh's Saima Wazed
- New speaker of US House - Mike Johnson

53. Who among the following has been appointed as Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?  
**निम्नलिखित में से किसे भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) द्वारा कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Manoranjan Mishra / मनोरंजन मिश्र
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI appoints Manoranjan Mishra as Executive Director

Manoranjan Mishra has been appointed as Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

In his role as Executive Director, Mishra will oversee the Enforcement Department, Risk Monitoring Department, and Department of External Investments & Operations.

Prior to being promoted to ED, he was serving as Chief General Manager in the Department of Regulation.

Mishra has experience of over three decades in the Reserve Bank having worked in the areas of regulation of banks and NBFCs, supervision of banks, and currency management.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Ashok Vaswani (replace Uday Kotak)
- **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

54. Rohit Rishi has been appointed as Executive Director of which the following bank?

रोहित ऋषि को निम्नलिखित किस बैंक का कार्यकारी निदेशक नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (d) Bank of Maharashtra / बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Rohit Rishi appointed as ED of Bank of Maharashtra

Rohit Rishi has been appointed as Executive Director of the Bank of Maharashtra.

Prior to Rishi's appointment, Asheesh Pandey was the sole ED on the bank's board.

Earlier, Rishi was field GM with Indian Bank and has experience in the field of MSME and corporate credit.

Rohit Rishi's professional journey started in 1995 when he joined Indian Bank as an Industrial Development Officer.

With over 28 years of experience, he has successfully navigated through diverse aspects of the banking industry.

Throughout his career, Rishi has demonstrated his ability to thrive in diverse roles, contributing significantly to the growth and transformation of the organizations he served.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- 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)
- Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer at Yes Bank - Pankaj Sharma

55. Which of the following has won the Mahatma Awards 2023 for sustainable and impactful contributions to corporate social responsibility (CSR) in areas such as education, health, livelihood, environment, and disaster relief?  
शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, आजीविका, पर्यावरण और आपदा राहत जैसे क्षेत्रों में कॉर्पोरेट सामाजिक जिम्मेदारी (सीएसआर) में स्थायी और प्रभावशाली योगदान के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किसने महात्मा पुरस्कार 2023 जीता है?

- (a) UST / यूएसटी
- (b) HCL / एचसीएल
- (c) Infosys / इंफोसिस
- (d) Google / गूगल
- (e) IBM / आईबीएम

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** UST wins 2023 Mahatma Awards for impactful CSR initiatives

Leading digital transformation solutions company UST has won the 2023 Mahatma Awards for sustainable and impactful contributions to corporate social responsibility (CSR) in areas such as education, health, livelihood, environment, and disaster relief.

An initiative of the Aditya Birla Group, the award was presented on Gandhi Jayanti.

A highlight of the company's CSR drive is its Adopt-a-School programme which impacts over 32,000 students in India and Mexico.

UST supports over 104 schools, promoting accessible, quality education for all. Its initiatives include medical support for those with disabilities and habitat restoration projects in Kerala.

The nature conservation and sustainable livelihood project sourced 75,000 medicinal saplings in 2022 alone.

In response to global crises, UST has demonstrated its commitment to humanitarian causes, including a \$100,000 pledge to support victims of the conflict in Ukraine.

UST associates from the UK, Ukraine, and Poland volunteered to help distribute essentials in the refugee camps.

56. The Minuteman III missile has been seen in the news recently. Which country does this missile belong to?  
मिनटमैन III मिसाइल हाल ही में खबरों में देखी गई है। यह मिसाइल किस देश की है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Israel / इजराइल
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Minuteman III missile test-launched by US Air Force

The U.S. Air Force had blown up a Minuteman III missile over the Pacific Ocean after an anomaly was detected following its launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

The nuclear-capable Minuteman III, made by Boeing, is key to the U.S. military's strategic arsenal. The missile has a range of 6,000-plus miles (9,660-plus km) and can travel at a speed of about 15,000 miles per hour (24,000 kph).

About 400 of the missiles are located at Air Force bases in Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota.

It is key to the U.S. military's strategic arsenal.

57. Which of the following city is hosting the Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2023?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा शहर भारतीय नौसेना सेलिंग चैम्पियनशिप 2023 की मेजबानी कर रहा है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Jaipur / जयपुर
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2023 begins in Mumbai

The Indian Navy's most awaited and largest sailing regatta, the Indian Navy Sailing Championship, started in Mumbai.

The Championship will hold from 05 Nov to 09 Nov 23.

The Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC), Mumbai, one of the finest sailing facilities in the country, is geared up to host more than 100 pan-Navy participants who will test their sailing skills in five different classes of boats in three different formats of racing.

INSC is an annual event conducted under the aegis of the Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) based at Naval Headquarters to encourage the participation of naval personnel in competitive sailing.

This edition of INSC will see the participation of teams from the three Naval Commands comprising of officers, cadets, and sailors (including Agniveers).

Racing will take place in three most popular formats of sailing. Fleet Racing will be in ILCA-6 class boat for women, ILCA-7 class boat for men and BicNova class board for windsurfing open. Team Racing will take place in Laser Bahia class boat and the Match Racing in J24 class boat.

58. World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed annually on which day?

विश्व सुनामी जागरूकता दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 November / 4 नवंबर
- (b) 5 November / 5 नवंबर
- (c) 6 November / 6 नवंबर
- (d) 7 November / 7 नवंबर
- (e) 8 November / 8 नवंबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 5 November - World Tsunami Awareness Day

World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed annually on November 5.

The day emphasizes the significance of early warning systems and community preparedness in mitigating the impacts of these catastrophic waves.

Theme 2023 - Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future

Recognized by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, World Tsunami Awareness Day calls upon nations, international entities, and civil society to amplify awareness efforts and explore innovative strategies for minimizing tsunami-related risks.

In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day, calling on countries, international bodies, and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.

59. The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting was held in which IIT?

**प्रथम ऑस्ट्रेलिया भारत शिक्षा एवं कौशल परिषद (AIESC) की बैठक किस आईआईटी में आयोजित की गई?**

- (a) IIT Guwahati / आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Gandhinagar / आईआईटी गांधीनगर
- (d) IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** First Australia India Education & Skill Council meeting held at IIT Gujarat

The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting was held at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Ministry of Education said that the AIESC, earlier the Australian India Education Council (AIEC), is a bi-national body established in 2011 to guide the strategic direction of the education, training, and research partnerships between the two countries.

The scope of this forum was enhanced in alignment with the national priorities of both countries to bring focus on promoting internationalization, two-way mobility, and collaboration in the domains of education as well as the skill ecosystem.

This is the first time that education and skilling are being brought under the same institutional forum.

This meeting will provide a platform for academic and skill experts to discuss a wide range of mutually agreed priorities, with the ultimate aim of shaping the future of education and skilling in both our nations.

60. Recently, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana extended for how many years?

हाल ही में, प्रधानमंत्री गरीब कल्याण अन्न योजना को कितने वर्षों के लिए बढ़ा दिया गया है?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana to be extended for 5 more years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana will be extended for the next five years.

Under this scheme, about 80 crore poor people across the country are being given 5 kg of free food grains every month. This scheme was ending in December this year.

PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was launched in April 2020.

61. Which company has secured a large order to construct the greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport project in Andhra Pradesh?

किस कंपनी ने आंध्र प्रदेश में ग्रीनफील्ड भोगापुरम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा परियोजना के निर्माण के लिए एक बड़ा ऑर्डर हासिल किया है?

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एल एंड टी)
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड
- (a) Adani Group / अदानी ग्रुप
- (b) Tata Group / टाटा ग्रुप

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** L&T to construct greenfield airport in Andhra's Bhogapuram

Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Construction have secured a large order to construct the greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport project in Andhra Pradesh.

The project cost is estimated to be in the Rs 2,500-5,000 crore range.

The project will initially be developed to handle 6 MPA (million passengers per annum) capacity to be further enhanced to the capacity of 12 MPA.

The key development works include cut & fill works, terminal works with airport systems, ATC tower, airfield development works (south runway 3,800 m length, apron, taxiways, airfield ground lighting, fuel hydrant works and other facilities), landside facilities (roads, landscapes, etc.), utilities & other support facilities.

Larsen & Toubro is presently executing the construction works of major airports in Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, and Navi Mumbai.

62. Which country has hosted the Second World Local Production Forum?

द्वितीय विश्व स्थानीय उत्पादन मंच की मेजबानी किस देश ने की है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Hague, Netherlands hosts 2nd World Local Production Forum

Indian delegation led by Union Mos for Chemicals and Fertilizers Bhagwant Khuba participated in the 2nd World Local Production Forum in Hague, Netherlands.

The World Local Production Forum is a platform created at the initiative of WHO with the aim of increasing access to medicines and other health technologies

A Memorandum of Intent between India and the Netherlands on cooperation in the field of medical product regulation is signed.

**About Netherlands**

- Capital- Amsterdam
- Currency- Euro
- Prime Minister - Mark Rutte

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63. Which is the only bank authorized to encash Electoral Bonds in India?

**भारत में चुनावी बांड भुनाने के लिए अधिकृत एकमात्र बैंक कौन सा है?**

- (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. a**

**Sol.** SBI authorized to issue & encash Electoral Bonds through 29 branches

The Government of India has authorised the State Bank of India SBI, in the 29th Phase of sale, to issue and encash Electoral Bonds through its 29 Authorised Branches with effect from 6th to 20th of this month.

The Electoral Bonds shall be valid for 15 calendar days from the date of issue and no payment shall be made to any payee Political Party if the Electoral Bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period.

The Electoral Bond deposited by an eligible Political Party in its account shall be credited on the same day.

Those political parties registered under RP Act 1951 shall be eligible to accept electoral bonds.

**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

64. Which of the following has been conferred the Iconic Changemaker of the Year 2023 Award?

निम्नलिखित में से किसे वर्ष 2023 के प्रतिष्ठित चेंजमेकर पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Amul /अमूल
- (b) State Bank of India /भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (c) TCS /टीसीएस
- (d) Reserve Bank of India /भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक
- (e) The Hindu /द हिंदू

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RBI conferred with Businessline's Changemaker of the Year 2023 Award

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has conferred the Businessline's 'Changemaker of the Year' 2023 award. While utterly butterfly beloved brand, Amul was crowned iconic changemaker of the year.

Governor Shaktikanta Das accepted it on behalf of the RBI.

The recognition was part of the Hindu Businessline Changemaker Awards 2023 held at ITC Maurya in New Delhi.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das attributed RBI's success in steering through Covid and other crises to the teamwork and diligence of its dedicated officers and employee force.

These awards encompass various categories, celebrating those who have contributed to the betterment of society, the economy, and the planet.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Mahatma Awards 2023** - Digital Transformation solutions company UST
- **Kerala Jyothi Award 2023** - T. Padmanabhan
- **British Academy Book Prize 2023 for Cultural Understanding** - Nandini Das
- **Wildlife Photographer of The Year Award** (10 years and under category) - Vihaan Talya Vikas
- **Men's Ballon d'Or award** - Lionel Messi (8th times)

65. Mystery spinner Sunil Narine has announced his retirement from international cricket. He belongs to which team?

मिस्ट्री स्पिंनर सुनील नरेन ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है। वह किस टीम से संबंधित है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) West Indies / वेस्ट इंडीज
- (c) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Sunil Narine announces retirement from international cricket

Mystery spinner Sunil Narine has announced his retirement from international cricket.

The 35-year-old played 6 Tests, 65 ODIs, and 51 T20Is and was part of the T20 World Cup-winning West Indies side in 2012.

The T20 globetrotter last played for the senior national team in 2019 in T20I cricket. His last Test was in 2013 while he had not played an ODI after 2016.

Sunil Narine also announced he would retiring from the domestic 50-over competition at the end of the ongoing Super 50 Cup in which he is representing Trinidad and Tobago.

Narine's record for the West Indies in international cricket is impressive. He took 92 wickets in 65 ODI matches and 48 wickets in 47 T20 International matches. In addition, he played six Test matches, taking 21 wickets with best figures of 6-91.

**Recently Retired Players**

- David Willey - International Cricket - England
- Sornnarin Tippoch - International Cricket - Thailand
- 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

66. Who has become the first batter to be 'Timed Out' in International Cricket?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट में 'टाइम्ड आउट' होने वाले पहले बल्लेबाज कौन बन गए हैं?

- (a) Sadeera Samarawickrama /सदीरा समरविक्रमा
- (b) Shakib Al Hasan /शाकिब अल हसन
- (c) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (d) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (e) Angelo Mathews / एंजेलो मैथ्यूज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Angelo Mathews becomes 1st to be 'timed out' in international cricket

Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews was controversially given "timed out" in a World Cup clash against Bangladesh, becoming the first man to suffer the dismissal in the 146-year history of international cricket.

The former captain took more than two minutes to take strike and opposition skipper Shakib Al Hasan appealed, which was upheld by the on-field umpire.

Mathews came into bat after the fall of Sadeera Samarawickrama in the 25th over but was unable to secure his helmet strap tightly enough, an action which delayed the resumption of play.

According to the laws of cricket, after the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batsman, the incoming player must be ready to receive the ball within two minutes.

Bangladesh-Sri Lanka ODI World Cup match was held at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi.

67. India batter Virat Kohli has equaled Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries in One-Day Internationals—49. In how many innings has Kohli achieved this milestone?

भारत के बल्लेबाज विराट कोहली ने एक दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मैचों में सर्वाधिक 49 शतकों के सचिन तेंदुलकर के रिकॉर्ड की बराबरी कर ली है। कोहली ने कितनी पारियों में यह मुकाम हासिल किया है?

- (a) 279
- (b) 277
- (c) 271
- (d) 241
- (e) 261

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Virat Kohli equals Sachin's record of highest number of ODI centuries

India batter Virat Kohli has equalled Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries in One-Day Internationals—49.

Overall, Kohli has now scored 79 international hundreds—one in T20Is and 29 in Tests.

Virat touched the milestone in 277 innings as against Tendulkar's 452 innings.

The next batter on the list of most ODI centuries is current captain Rohit Sharma, who has scored 31 centuries.

**68. Which of the following country will host the 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025?**  
**निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश 2025 में 24वीं एशियाई तीरंदाजी चैंपियनशिप की मेजबानी करेगा?**

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bangladesh to host 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025

Bangladesh will host the 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025 after winning by 14-10 votes in the bid at the World Archery Asia Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand.

A total of twenty-four member countries of the Asian continent participated in the congress.

Bangladesh and China applied for bids as host countries for the 24th Asian Archery Championship.

69. India has won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Cup 2023 after defeating which country?

**भारत ने किस देश को हराकर महिला एशियाई चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी हॉकी कप 2023 जीता है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India beat Japan 4-0 to win Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Cup

India beat Japan 4-0 to win the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy, with goals from Sangita Kumari, Neha Goyal, Lalremsiami, and Vandana Katariya.

India won their maiden Asian Champions Trophy title in 2016 in Singapore, while Japan bagged the crown twice, in 2013 and 2021.

Asian Games champions China beat South Korea to secure third place.

70. National Cancer Awareness Day is celebrated every year on which day in India?

भारत में राष्ट्रीय कैंसर जागरूकता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 November / 4 नवंबर
- (b) 5 November / 5 नवंबर
- (c) 6 November / 6 नवंबर
- (d) 7 November / 7 नवंबर
- (e) 8 November / 8 नवंबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 7 November - National Cancer Awareness Day

National Cancer Awareness Day is celebrated on 7 November every year in India.

Objective - To create more awareness about the disease and how we can detect it early.

It is important to note that the National Cancer Control Programme started in 1975 to provide cancer treatment all over the country. There are other programs as well that help to improve research on the disease and find ways to prevent it. Early detection is extremely important to cure cancer in patients.

According to the latest reports, 1.1 million new cancer cases are registered in India every year, out of which two-thirds are reported at an advanced stage.

This decreases the survival chances of a cancer patient. The major cause of late detection in most cancer patients is illiteracy and less awareness. Therefore, observing National Cancer Awareness Day is very important in India.

71. International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War is observed every year on which day?

युद्ध में पर्यावरण के शोषण को रोकने के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 November / 4 नवंबर
- (b) 5 November / 5 नवंबर
- (c) 6 November / 6 नवंबर
- (d) 7 November / 7 नवंबर
- (e) 8 November / 8 नवंबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 6 November - International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War

The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is a global day observed on November 6 every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about the devastating effects of war on the environment.

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The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict originated from the acknowledgment of the detrimental effect of war on the environment. This day was inaugurated by the United Nations (UN) on November 5, 2001, through a UN General Assembly resolution.

72. NASA's Astronaut Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II passed away at the age of 87. He was the member of which lunar mission?

नासा के अंतरिक्ष यात्री थॉमस केनेथ मैटिंगली II का 87 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस चंद्र मिशन के सदस्य थे?

- (a) Pioneer 10
- (b) Voyager 1
- (c) MESSENGER
- (d) Apollo 13
- (e) Apollo 17

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NASA Apollo astronaut Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II passed away

Apollo Astronaut Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II passed away at the age of 87.

Mattingly was a pivotal figure in the Apollo Program and played a crucial role in ensuring the safe return of the Apollo 13 crew to Earth after an onboard explosion jeopardized their lunar mission.

Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II, a former Navy jet pilot with an aeronautical engineering degree, joined NASA in 1966 and embarked on his first spaceflight in April 1972 as part of the Apollo 16 mission.

Serving as the pilot of the spacecraft's command module, Mattingly captured extensive images of the moon's surface and conducted experiments while two other astronauts collected lunar samples.

During the return journey to Earth, Mattingly performed an extravehicular activity to retrieve film canisters containing photos of the moon.

He had previously named the spacecraft "Casper" due to the resemblance he saw between an astronaut in a spacesuit and the cartoon character Casper the Friendly Ghost.

73. Leela Omchery passed away recently at the age of 94 years. Who was she?

लीला ओमचेरी का हाल ही में 94 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थी?

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Writer Leela Omchery passed away

Eminent singer, musicologist and writer Leela Omchery passed away at the age of 94 years.

Born at Thiruvattar in Kanyakumari in 1929, she lived much of her life in Delhi. She had proved her mettle in Carnatic music, Hindustani music, Sopana Sangeetham and folk songs.

Proficient in Carnatic, Hindustani, Sopanam and folk music, she was honoured her with Padma Shri in 2008.

74. Which IIT has developed a potential solution to address the problem of air pollution in Delhi and its neighbouring regions?

किस आईआईटी ने दिल्ली और उसके पड़ोसी क्षेत्रों में वायु प्रदूषण की समस्या के समाधान के लिए एक संभावित समाधान विकसित किया है?

- (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.** Delhi banks on IIT Kanpur's artificial rain to tackle pollution crisis

In light of the escalating air pollution dilemmas in Delhi-NCR, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has brought forth a novel solution.

With a mission to alleviate the deteriorating air quality, the renowned institute has reportedly designed an approach using 'artificial rain' to cleanse the atmosphere of dust and major pollutants.

The institute has been relentlessly working on artificial rain for more than five years and successfully executed a test in July.

Artificial rain is heavily reliant on specific meteorological conditions, such as the presence of sufficiently moist clouds and compatible winds.

As cloud seeding and artificial rainfall is not an exact science yet, it remains untested whether it would work in the pre-winter months or on a grander scale.

75. Which ministry has unveiled a progressive initiative "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign"?  
किस मंत्रालय ने एक प्रगतिशील पहल "महिलाओं के लिए जल, जल महिलाओं के लिए अभियान" का अनावरण किया है?

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests / पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water) / जल शक्ति मंत्रालय (जल)

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Jal Diwali - "Water for Women, Women for Water Campaign" launched

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has unveiled a progressive initiative "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign".

Under its flagship scheme - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, in partnership with the Ministry's National Urban Livelihood Mission and Odisha Urban Academy is the knowledge partner.

This campaign celebrates "Jal Diwali" and commences from, 7th November, 2023. It will continue till 9th November, 2023.

The campaign aims to provide a platform for inclusion of women in water governance. They will be given first-hand knowledge about water treatment processes through visits to Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in their respective cities.

These visits will elucidate the vital procedures involved in delivering clean and safe drinking water to households. Additionally, women will gain insight into water quality testing protocols which ensure that citizens get water of the required quality.

India has more than 3,000 Water treatment plants, with a designed water treatment capacity of more than 65,000 MLD and operational capacity of more than 55,000 MLD.

76. Chile has become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). What is the currency of Chile?

**चिली अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन (आईएसए) का 95वां सदस्य बन गया है। चिली की मुद्रा क्या है?**

- (a) Peso
- (b) Dollar
- (c) Dinar
- (d) Rupee
- (e) Driham

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance

Chile has become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance ISA.

Chile handed over the Instrument of ISA ratification during the meeting of Ambassador Juan Angulo of Chile with Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in Ministry of External Affairs Abhishek Singh in New Delhi.

The ISA is an alliance co-founded by India and France, focusing on the large-scale deployment of solar energy as a sustainable intervention to counter climate change. It emphasizes energy access, security, and transition through collaborative efforts among its member nations.

The alliance is particularly concerned with enabling countries, especially those identified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), to pursue low-carbon growth paths.

The ISA's ambitious goal is to facilitate \$1 trillion in investments for solar energy by 2030 while working on reducing the costs associated with technology and financing.

It aims to leverage solar energy in various sectors, from agriculture to transport, thereby enhancing the overall energy matrix of its member states.

**About Chile**

- Capital- Santiago
- Currency - Chilean Peso
- Official language- Spanish
- President- Gabriel Boric
- Continent- South America

77. Which state government will conduct the Cow Census in the state?

**कौन सी राज्य सरकार राज्य में गाय जनगणना कराएगी?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Uttar Pradesh state govt to conduct Cow Census

The Uttar Pradesh government has ordered a cow census across the state in three categories, which includes determining the number of destitute animals with cattle rearers, abandoned cows on the streets, and Kanha Upvans. U.P. CM also ordered implementing of geo-tagging. In the first phase, these cows will be counted. In the next phase, a plan will be formulated and implemented to ensure they are provided with suitable accommodation.

The figures related to the number of cattle are believed to have changed since the 20th Livestock Census was conducted in 2019 by the Central government. The next census is due in 2024.

Presently, 11.85 lakh cows are protected in 6,889 destitute cattle breeding sites, while over 1.85 lakh cows have been handed over to gau sevaks under Mukhyamantri Sahbhagita Yojana' for cow protection, according to UP govt.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

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

78. Which edition of the 'Vizag Navy Marathon' has been organized in Visakhapatnam city?

विशाखापत्तनम शहर में 'विजाग नेवी मैराथन' का कौन सा संस्करण आयोजित किया गया है?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 8th edition of 'Vizag Navy Marathon' held in Visakhapatnam

The eighth edition of the 'Vizag Navy Marathon' has been organized in Visakhapatnam city.

Around 12,000 people took part in the Marathon organized by the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at RK Beach Road in the city.

The event witnessed overwhelming participation from children, youth, senior citizens, and naval personnel from all over India and abroad in various categories

The marathon was flagged off by Vice Adm Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, ENC with more than 500 participants.

The half-marathon was flagged off by Vice Admiral G Srinivasan, DGNP Vizag, with more than 1,600 runners, and the 10-km run, with more than 2,700 runners, was flagged off by Dr Ravishankar Commissioner of Police.

The 5-km run recorded a participation of over 7,000 runners and was flagged off by Vice Adm Sameer Saxena, Chief of Staff, ENC.

79. Which IIT has become the first Indian Institute of Technology to set up an international campus, by launching a campus in Zanzibar Tanzania?

**कौन सा आईआईटी ज़ांज़ीबार तंजानिया में एक परिसर शुरू करके अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिसर स्थापित करने वाला पहला भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान बन गया है?**

- (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. c**

**Sol.** IIT Madras established first international campus in Zanzibar

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras became the first Indian Institute of Technology to set up an international campus, by launching a campus in Zanzibar Tanzania.

India and the East African nation had recently signed a MoU.

The Zanzibar Campus, IIT Madras, will be on Zanzibar Island, off the East African mainland and part of the Tanzanian Republic.

Initially, the Institute will offer BS and MTech programmes in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. More academic programmes will be offered in the coming year.

In the first batch at IITM Zanzibar, students from Zanzibar, mainland Tanzania, Nepal, and India have been admitted, with 40 per cent of the students being women. The campus will have the capacity to accommodate students in dormitories and provide various facilities. Arrangements for offices, classrooms, and auditoriums have been made.

Dining facilities and a dispensary are available on campus, and sports facilities are also being planned.

Classes for the first Academic Year (2023-24) commenced in October 2023.

**80. In November 2023, the Reserve Bank of India has imposed monetary penalties of Rs 72 lakh on which bank due to several violations?**

**नवंबर 2023 में, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने कई उल्लंघनों के कारण किस बैंक पर 72 लाख रुपये का मौद्रिक जुर्माना लगाया है?**

- (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.** RBI imposes penalties on Punjab National Bank, Federal Bank

Reserve Bank of India has imposed monetary penalties on Punjab National Bank, Federal Bank, Kosamattam Finance, and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services India for rule violations.

The central bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 72 lakh on Punjab National Bank, Rs 30 lakh on Federal Bank, Rs 13.38 lakh on Kosamattam Finance, and Rs 10 lakh on Mercedes-Benz Financial Services.

Punjab National Bank received the penalty due to several violations, including levying SMS charges on certain accounts despite maintaining invalid mobile numbers in the Core Banking Solution (CBS), not strictly adhering to the interest rates as per the pre-disclosed schedule in several term deposit accounts, and failing to specify the interest reset date in MCLR-linked loans.

Federal Bank was penalized for issuing demand drafts, each valued at rupees fifty thousand and above, without including the name of the purchaser on the face of the drafts.

Kosamattam Finance was penalized for not maintaining a Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio of 75 percent in certain loan accounts during the fiscal year 2021-22.

Mercedes-Benz Financial Services India received a penalty for failing to conduct ongoing due diligence of its customers and for not updating the Know Your Customer (KYC) information of its high-risk customers as of March 31, 2021.

#### **Recent Penalties imposed by RBI**

- 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 imposes Rs 20 lakh penalty on Manappuram Finance

81. Recently, which insurance company has received the registration to undertake life insurance business in the Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City-International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)?

हाल ही में, किस बीमा कंपनी को गुजरात इंटरनेशनल फाइनेंस टेक (GIFT) सिटी-इंटरनेशनल फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज सेंटर (IFSC) में जीवन बीमा व्यवसाय शुरू करने के लिए पंजीकरण प्राप्त हुआ है?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance / चोलामंडलम एमएस जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Royal Sundaram General Insurance / रॉयल सुंदरम जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) India First Life Insurance / इंडिया फर्स्ट लाइफ इंश्योरेंस

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** IndiaFirst Life becomes First Life Insurance Company to Obtain GIFT

India First Life Insurance has received the registration to undertake life insurance business in the Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City-International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

The registration will enable India First Life to expand its reach globally. The organization is all geared to embark on the journey, once the necessary formalities are in place.

India First Life Insurance is a three-way venture with Bank of Baroda having 65 percent stake, Union Bank of India (9 percent) and private equity major Warbur Pincus (26 percent).

**82. Who has been appointed as Surveyor General of India?**

**भारत के महासर्वेक्षक 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) Hitesh Kumar S Makwana / हितेश कुमार एस मकवाना

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Hitesh Makwana appointed Surveyor General of India

Hitesh Kumar S Makwana has been appointed as Surveyor General of India.

Makwana, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, is currently an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Abhishek Singh, CEO of National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, has now been appointed as Additional Secretary in the ministry.

Niraj Verma, a 1994-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, will be Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund in the Department of Telecommunications.

Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey, a 1998-batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty for Advance Cell of 16th Finance Commission, Department of Economic Affairs.

Senior IAS officer Anurag Agarwal has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Pallavi Jain Govil, a 1994-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, will be the Director General of Hydrocarbons, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Joint Director of CBI** - Pravin Madhukar Pawar
- **CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy** - Deepesh Nanda
- **Chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal** - Justice Rajendra Menon
- **CMD of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** - Koppu Sadashiv Murthy
- **Lead WHO's South-East Asia Region** - Bangladesh's Saima Wazed

83. In November 2023, who was sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner?

**नवंबर 2023 में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में किसने शपथ ली?**

- (a) Abhishek Singhvi / अभिषेक सिंघवी
- (b) Heeralal Samariya / हीरालाल सामरिया
- (c) Parth Jindal / पार्थ जिंदल
- (d) Harshvardhan Bansal / हर्षवर्द्धन बंसल
- (e) Laxman Narasimhan / लक्ष्मण नरसिम्हन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Heeralal Samariya sworn-in as Chief Information Commissioner

Heeralal Samariya was sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Samariya was currently serving as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

The Chief Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya also administered the oath of office to Information Commissioners Anandi Ramalingam and Vinod Kumar Tiwari at a swearing-in ceremony organized by Central Information Commission.

**Recent Appointment**

- New speaker of US House - Mike Johnson
- 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)

84. Which state has bagged the prestigious Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023?

किस राज्य ने प्रतिष्ठित ग्लोबल रिस्पॉन्सिबल टूरिज्म अवार्ड 2023 जीता है?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kerala honored with Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023

Kerala has bagged the prestigious Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023, in a major endorsement of the sustainable and women-inclusive initiatives successfully promoted by the state's Responsible Tourism Mission (RTM).

The award is instituted by Responsible Tourism Partnership and International Centre for Responsible Tourism (ICRT), in the Best for Local Sourcing, Food and Craft category.

This international award reflects the universal appeal of the Responsible Tourism projects that Kerala implemented.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Businessline's Changemaker of the Year' 2023 Award** - Reserve Bank of India
- **Iconic changemaker of the year** - Amul
- **Mahatma Awards 2023** - Digital Transformation solutions company UST
- **Kerala Jyothi Award 2023** - T. Padmanabhan
- **British Academy Book Prize 2023 for Cultural Understanding** - Nandini Das

85. The All India Football Federation has been honoured with the AFC President's Recognition\_\_\_\_\_ medal for its efforts in the grassroots-level development of the sport in the country.

अखिल भारतीय फुटबॉल महासंघ को देश में खेल के जमीनी स्तर के विकास में अपने प्रयासों के लिए एएफसी राष्ट्रपति मान्यता\_\_\_\_\_ पदक से सम्मानित किया गया है।

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Platinum
- (c) Diamond
- (d) Gold
- (e) Ruby

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** AIFF wins AFC President's Recognition Bronze Award for Grassroots Football

The All India Football Federation was honoured with the AFC President's Recognition Bronze medal for its efforts in the grassroots-level development of the sport in the country.

It was AIFF's second bronze medal in the category, having earned the same recognition back in 2014.

The accomplishment reflects AIFF's commitment to promoting football at the grassroots level, characterized by several innovative initiatives.

Others Awards

- Platinum- Uzbekistan Football Association
- Diamond- Lebanese Football Association
- Gold- Football Association of Hong Kong
- Ruby- Guam Football Association

86. Infant Protection Day is celebrated every year on which day?

शिशु संरक्षण दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 9 November / 9 नवंबर
- (b) 10 November / 10 नवंबर
- (c) 6 November / 6 नवंबर
- (d) 7 November / 7 नवंबर
- (e) 8 November / 8 नवंबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 7 November - Infant Protection Day

Infant Protection Day is celebrated every year on 7 November.

The day is dedicated to creating awareness among people about the importance of infant care, especially during the early years of growth.

Theme 2023 - Ensuring Every Child's Right to Thrive

Currently, the infant mortality rate for India in 2023 is 26.619 deaths per 1000 live births, a 3.89% decline from 2022.

When a newborn is born, the first few months are extremely crucial. This is when the newborn baby starts to develop movement, hearing, vision and ways of communication.

Hence, we should be extra cautious in taking care of the baby in the initial days to ensure that the baby is healthy, safe and in a good environment.

In the early 1990s. European countries came together to observe Infant Protection Day in order to raise awareness about child mortality rate and what steps should be taken to combat it.

87. Maheswar Mohanty passed away recently at the age of 67. He was the former Assembly speaker of which state?  
महेश्वर मोहंती का हाल ही में 67 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस राज्य के पूर्व विधानसभा अध्यक्ष थे?

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Former Odisha Assembly speaker Maheswar Mohanty passed away

Former Odisha Assembly speaker Maheswar Mohanty passed away at the age of 67.

Mohanty was elected to the Odisha Assembly from Puri constituency five times.

He was the speaker of the assembly from 2004 to 2008.

Popularly referred to as the "strongman" of Puri, Mohanty was elected to the assembly from the holy town five times, as a Janata Dal candidate in 1995 and as a BJD nominee in 2000, 2004, 2009, and 2014.

An advocate by profession, he was also the chairperson of the Puri Municipality twice before being elected to the assembly.

In the Naveen Patnaik government, he held portfolios such as Panchayati Raj, Revenue, Law, and Tourism, between 2011 and 2019. He was the speaker of the assembly from 2004 to 2008.

88. World Radiography Day is observed every year on November 8. What is the theme of World Radiography Day 2023?

विश्व रेडियोग्राफी दिवस हर साल 8 नवंबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व रेडियोग्राफी दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety
- (b) The Role of the Radiographer in a Pandemic
- (c) Elevating Patient Care with Artificial Intelligence
- (d) Your Safety, Our Priority
- (e) Celebrating Patient Safety

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 8 November - World Radiography Day

World Radiography Day is observed every year on November 8.

The crucial day commemorates the historic discovery that changed the field of healthcare and medicine.

Theme 2023 - Celebrating Patient Safety

It celebrates the pioneering work of a German engineer and physicist who found X-rays, subsequently, opening a window into the human body and transforming the way of diagnosing and treating medical conditions.

November 8, 1895, Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen, a German mechanical engineer and physicist, formulated and distinguished electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range known as X-rays or Rontgen rays.

Rontgen's revolutionary work prompted the improvement of the first radiographic picture, which was a basic picture of his wife's hand.

In 1901, he got the first Nobel Prize for his discovery.

X-Ray and Radiography

- X-rays refer to a type of electromagnetic radiation similar to visible light. They have higher energy and they can go through most objects, including the body. Medical X-rays are utilized to create pictures of tissues and structures within the body.
- Radiography refers to the act of utilizing radiation to make pictures of the body's organs, tissues, bones and blood vessels. These pictures are diagnosed by radiologists and medical experts with specific training in the translation of diagnostic pictures, which is fundamental for a patient's treatment.

How does X-ray radiography function?

- X-ray is passed through the body during a radiographic methodology. While a part of the X-ray is absorbed or dispersed by the internal body organs, the rest of the X-ray pattern is sent to a detector so a picture might be recorded for later assessment. But, the recording of the pattern might happen on film or through electronic means.

89. Which company has become India's largest green energy company as it reached the 8.4 Gigawatt (GW) installed capacity mark?

कौन सी कंपनी 8.4 गीगावाट (जीडब्ल्यू) स्थापित क्षमता के आंकड़े तक पहुंचकर भारत की सबसे बड़ी हरित ऊर्जा कंपनी बन गई है?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Adani Green Energy Ltd / अदानी ग्रीन एनर्जी लिमिटेड
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Tata Power / टाटा पावर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Adani Green crosses 8.4 GW mark, and becomes India's largest RE company

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has become India's largest green energy company as it reached the 8.4 gigawatt (GW) installed capacity mark.

Company executives told this paper that AGEL commissioned a 0.15 GW solar power park in Rajasthan, which helped it surpass the 5 GW capacity for solar and 8.4 GW overall.

Among its peers, ReNew is closest with 8.3 GW, followed by Tata Power and Greenko Energies with close to 4 GW capacity each. State-owned NTPC has a 3.2 GW green energy capacity.

AGEL's management has guided that it plans to commission between 2.8 GW to 3 GW in the current financial year (FY24), with a capital expenditure of approximately Rs 14,000 crore in the current financial year.

90. Which of the following ports has set another record by handling 16.1 MMT of cargo in October 2023, the highest ever volume by any port in India?

निम्नलिखित में से किस बंदरगाह ने अक्टूबर 2023 में 16.1 एमएमटी कार्गो संभालकर एक और रिकॉर्ड बनाया है, जो भारत में किसी भी बंदरगाह द्वारा अब तक की सबसे अधिक मात्रा है?

- (a) Mundra Port
- (b) Cochin Port
- (c) JNPT Port
- (d) Kandla Port
- (e) Mumbai Port

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Mundra becomes India's first port to handle 16.1 million tonnes of Cargo

Adani Group's flagship Mundra Port has set another record by handling 16.1 million tonnes of cargo in October, the highest-ever volume by any port in India.

It is the largest port in the country with 102 MMT of cargo handled so far this year with a good 9 percent year-on-year growth. The port crossed the 100 MMT mark in 210 days, surpassing the record of 231 days last year.

Mundra witnessed double-digit growth on a YoY basis for containers liquids and gas.

Further, it achieved another milestone of handling 4.2 million twenty-foot equivalents (TEUs) of containers in just 203 days, a feat achieved in 225 days in the previous financial year.

It added new cargo types such as Hydrolysis Pi Gas (HPG) to its portfolio. So far in 2023, it docked over 2,480 ships and serviced over 11,500 rakes

Mudra Port enjoys strong connectivity with the hinterland, particularly to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC).

91. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated how many Goods and Services Tax (GST) Seva Kendras in Vapi, Gujarat?

केंद्रीय वित्त और कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने वापी, गुजरात में कितने वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) सेवा केंद्रों का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) 10
- (b) 11
- (c) 12
- (d) 13
- (e) 14

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Nirmala Sitharaman launches 12 GST Seva Kendras in Vapi, Gujarat

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated 12 Goods and Services Tax (GST) Seva Kendras in Vapi, Gujarat.

It showcasing the government's commitment to enhancing the Ease of Doing Business in the country.

Additionally, she recognized and rewarded the participants of the "Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar" (MBMA) scheme, which promotes the culture of generating bills during sales and purchase transactions.

The newly launched GST Seva Kendras, located in key cities like Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Godhra, Vapi, Mehsana, Palanpur, Gandhinagar, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Junagadh, and Gandhidham, mark a substantial advancement in facilitating GST-related services.

92. Which bank has signed MoU with Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) to promote financial inclusion and literacy in India?  
भारत में वित्तीय समावेशन और साक्षरता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस बैंक ने इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ रूरल मैनेजमेंट आनंद (आईआरएमए) के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (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 signed MoU with IRMA to promote financial inclusion and literacy in India

Axis Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) to establish the Axis Bank Chair for Financial Inclusion at IRMA.

Constituted for a period of 5 years, the Chair will primarily focus on research, deepening industry-academia collaboration, driving thought leadership and policy advocacy.

The Chair's overarching goal is to enhance and expedite the advancement of financial inclusion (FI) and financial literacy in India.

The Chair's main goal is to lead and manage field-based research efforts that contribute to the development of national and state-level financial inclusion policies.

This involves crafting financial inclusion strategies tailored to India's needs, enhancing the banking sector's capabilities in the realm of financial inclusion, organizing workshops, roundtables, and symposia, and providing educational courses at the Institute.

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

- Kotak Bank partnered with NeSL to issue electronic Bank Guarantee
- 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

93. In November 2023, which of the following countries ranked first in employee well-being by the global survey conducted by McKinsey Health Institute?

नवंबर 2023 में, मैकिन्से हेल्थ इंस्टीट्यूट द्वारा किए गए वैश्विक सर्वेक्षण में निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश कर्मचारी कल्याण में पहले स्थान पर है?

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India ranks 2nd in employee well-being, Japan lowest

A recent global survey has ranked Japan lowest for employees' well-being while keeping Turkey at the top and India just behind it, in the second spot.

The survey was conducted by McKinsey Health Institute, and it assessed employees' physical, mental, social and spiritual health before arriving at the conclusions.

Japan scored a mere 25 percent in the poll. Turkey scored highest at 78 percent, followed by India at 76 percent and China at 75 percent, way higher than the global average of 57 percent.

The poll results were based on inputs received from 30,000 participants from nearly 30 countries.

**Why Japan is at bottom?**

- While Japan is known for offering long-term, reliable job opportunities to its workers, sometimes it makes it difficult for them to switch jobs and find better alternatives.
- Kopp, a board member of MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc, was quoted by Bloomberg as saying that there was a tendency in Japan to rate themselves low.
- But he acknowledged, "There are significant issues in Japan with lack of satisfaction in the workplace, with significant levels of stress.

**94. Who has been appointed as CMD of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL)?**

**कोंकण रेलवे कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (KRCL) के सीएमडी के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Santosh Kumar Jha / संतोष कुमार झा
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Santosh Kumar Jha set to be next CMD of Konkan Railway

Santosh Kumar Jha is set to be next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways.

He has been recommended for the post by the Public Enterprises Selection Panel (PESB) panel. Presently, he is serving as Director (Operations & Commercial) in the same organisation.

Jha has been recommended for the post of CMD of Konkan Railways from a list of five candidates, who were interviewed by the PESB selection panel in its selection meeting held on November 2.

Jha is an Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS) officer of 1992-batch. He holds M. Sc. (Geology) from Lucknow University and an MBA (Marketing) from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.

He has rich experience over 28 years of experience in operations, infrastructure planning and business development. He has hands on experience as head of operations on major divisions of Indian Railways.

The Konkan Railway, a subsidiary of Indian Railways, is responsible for overseeing the development and maintenance of 741 kilometers of rail network along the Konkan coast.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **Chief Information Commissioner of India** - Heeralal Samariya
- **Surveyor General of India** - Hitesh Kumar S Makwana
- **Joint Director of CBI** - Pravin Madhukar Pawar
- **CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy** - Deepesh Nanda
- **Chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal** - Justice Rajendra Menon

95. Who has been appointed as the CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a subsidiary of Tata Power?

टाटा पावर की सहायक कंपनी टाटा पावर रिन्यूएबल एनर्जी लिमिटेड (टीपीआरईएल) के सीईओ और एमडी के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Abhishek Singhvi / अभिषेक सिंघवी
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury / नीरज अखौरी
- (c) Parth Jindal / पार्थ जिंदल
- (d) Deepesh Nanda / दीपेश नंदा
- (e) Lokesh M / लोकेश एम

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Deepesh Nanda appoints as CEO & MD of TPREL

Deepesh Nanda has been appointed as the CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a subsidiary of Tata Power. He has succeeded Ashish Khanna who has moved as President, of Generation business.

Deepesh Nanda, with 28 years of extensive experience in the industry, brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role. His professional journey has seen him excel in various roles across reputable companies like GE, Flowserve, and Tyco.

### Recent Appointment

- **CMD of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** - Koppu Sadashiv Murthy
- **Lead WHO's South-East Asia Region** - Bangladesh's Saima Wazed
- **New speaker of US House** - Mike Johnson
- **Head coach of Indian women's cricket team** - Amol Muzumdar
- **Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)** - Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair

96. Who has clinched two gold and a silver medal in archery at National Games 2023?

राष्ट्रीय खेल 2023 में तीरंदाजी में दो स्वर्ण और एक रजत पदक किसने जीता है?

- (a) Ankita Bhakat
- (b) Manu Bhaker
- (c) Dola Banerjee
- (d) Deepika Kumari
- (e) Atanu Das

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Deepika Kumari secured 2 Gold at National Games 2023

Former world No. 1 archer Deepika Kumari clinched two gold and a silver medal, while Asian Championships gold medal-winning shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar bagged the top spot in 50m rifle 3-positions event at the National Games. Deepika, representing Jharkhand, began her medal rush with a gold in the women's individual category, and later paired with Mrinal Chauhan to secure the top podium finish in the mixed team category. She also helped Jharkhand win silver in the women's team event, where it lost to Haryana in the shootout.

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97. Who has won the Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix 2023?

**फॉर्मूला वन ब्राज़ीलियाई ग्रां प्री 2023 किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Sebastian Vettel / सेबस्टियन वेट्टेली
- (b) Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
- (c) Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- (d) Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लर
- (e) Sergio Pérez / सर्जियो पेरेज़

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Max Verstappen wins Brazilian Grand Prix 2023

Three-time champion Max Verstappen led from the start and won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2023.

Sergio Perez of Red Bull finished in fourth place, distancing himself from Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton in one of the few competitions left this season -- a position for runner-up. Perez nearly took the podium position from third-place Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin, but the Spaniard saw the checkered flag 0.053 seconds before the Mexican.

**Recent Grand Prix Winner**

- **Brazilian Grand Prix 2023**- Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Italian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Dutch Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Hungarian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **British Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Austrian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Canadian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Spanish Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Monaco Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Miami Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Australian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Bahrain Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Japanese Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Sergio Pérez (Mexico)
- **Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Sergio Pérez (Mexico)
- **Singapore Grand Prix 2023** - Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain)

98. The Central government has launched a new wheat flour scheme called 'Bharat Atta' at a subsidized price of \_\_\_\_\_ per kg.

केंद्र सरकार ने \_\_\_\_\_ प्रति किलोग्राम की रियायती कीमत पर 'भारत आटा' नामक एक नई गेहूं आटा योजना शुरू की है।

- (a) Rs 26.50
- (b) Rs 27.50
- (c) Rs 28.50
- (d) Rs 17.50
- (e) Rs 22.50

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Government launches 'Bharat Atta' Initiative for affordable wheat flour

The Central government has launched a new wheat flour scheme called 'Bharat Atta' at a subsidized price of Rs 27.50 per kg.

The scheme is aimed at providing affordable wheat flour to the poor and vulnerable sections of the society.

Bharat Atta is a fortified wheat flour that is made with a blend of wheat, rice, and pulses. It is a good source of protein, iron, and other essential nutrients.

The scheme will be implemented through the Public Distribution System (PDS), ensuring easy access to affordable wheat flour for the target population.

To ensure widespread availability, Bharat Atta will be sold through cooperatives NAFED, NCCF, and Kendriya Bhandar. These agencies will utilize their extensive network of 800 mobile vans and 2,000-odd outlets spread across the country to effectively distribute the subsidized wheat flour.

99. Which edition of the Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) with the theme 'Legends of Ancient Bharat and Beyond: Inspiring Lived Experience in the 21st Century', will be kick-started from February 9 in Bhubaneswar?

कलिंगा लिटरेरी फेस्टिवल (KLF) का कौन सा संस्करण 'प्राचीन भारत और परे की किंवदंतियाँ: 21 वीं सदी में प्रेरणादायक जीवन अनुभव' विषय के साथ 9 फरवरी से भुवनेश्वर में शुरू किया जाएगा?

- (a) 8th
- (b) 9th
- (c) 10th
- (d) 11th
- (e) 12th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 10th Kalinga Literary Festival to be held in Bhubaneswar

The 10th edition of the Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) with the theme 'Legends of Ancient Bharat and Beyond: Inspiring Lived Experience in the 21st Century', will be kick-started from February 9 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Over 300 esteemed speakers, including poets, musicians, artists, and performers are all set to grace the festival, which will take place till February 11.

With sessions ranging from democracy to digital revolutions, and from cultural nationalism to climate justice, "the festival promises to be a kaleidoscope of thought-provoking dialogue".

#### **About Odisha**

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Raghubar Das (26<sup>th</sup>)

100. UBS has raised India's economic growth forecast for FY2024 to what percent from 6.2%?

UBS ने वित्त वर्ष 2024 के लिए भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि का अनुमान 6.2% से बढ़ाकर कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया है?

- (a) 6.3%
- (b) 6.4%
- (c) 6.5%
- (d) 6.6%
- (e) 6.7%

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** UBS raises India's GDP Forecast to 6.3% for FY24

UBS has upped India's GDP growth forecast by 10 basis points (100 basis points mean 1 percentage point) to 6.3 percent. Also, it has increased India's FY25 GDP growth forecast upwards by 20 basis points to 6.2 per cent. However, it feels that macro risks and next year's general poll will be key factors to watch.

It can be noted that the Reserve Bank has estimated growth to come at 6.5 percent for FY24, while Governor Shaktikanta Das recently said that the number for the July-September 2023 period will surprise on the upside.

#### Updated GDP List

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- Economic Survey – 7% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)
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- 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)

101. Who has been appointed as 'UPI Security Ambassador' by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to strengthen security awareness on digital payment platforms?

नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (NPCI) ने डिजिटल भुगतान प्लेटफार्मों पर सुरक्षा जागरूकता को मजबूत करने के लिए किसे 'UPI सुरक्षा राजदूत' नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Ayushmann Khurrana / आयुष्मान खुराना
- (b) Yami Gautam / यामी गौतम
- (c) Pankaj Tripathi / पंकज त्रिपाठी
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Rajkummar Rao / राजकुमार राव

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** NPCI appoints Pankaj Tripathi as 'UPI Safety Ambassador'

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced the appointment of acclaimed Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi as its 'UPI Safety Ambassador' to strengthen safety awareness on digital payment platforms.

The NPCI move follows the ongoing discussions regarding the safety and security of digital payment platforms, particularly the United Payments Interface (UPI). Tripathi tells about the several initiatives taken by NPCI's such as UPI, RuPay, and IMPS to make digital payments easy and secure. The Bollywood actor also tells about the reach of UPI payments which includes cities, towns, and villages located at the farthest corners of the country. According to NIC, at the end of the calendar year 2022, UPI's total transaction value stood at ₹125.95 trillion, up 1.75 X year-on-year (YoY), as per the NPCI.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- MS Dhoni - State bank of India
- 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 Mobil
- Anushka Sharma - Women's fashion brand 'W'

102. Who has been appointed as Nominee Director on the board of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP)?

दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया गैस पाइपलाइन कंपनी लिमिटेड (SEAGP) के बोर्ड में नामांकित निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Deepak Gupta / दीपक गुप्ता
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Deepak Gupta appointed as Nominee Director on SEAGP Board

Director (Projects) of GAIL India Limited, Deepak Gupta has been appointed as Nominee Director on the board of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP).

Gupta has been serving as Director (Projects) of GAIL since October 2022.

He is a Mechanical Engineer, a DCE alumnus, with more than three decades of rich and diverse experience in oil and gas sector encompassing project management, construction management and business development functions.

He is a certified project management professional (PMP) by the PMI, USA.

### **Recent Appointment**

- **CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) - Deepesh Nanda (replace Ashish Khanna)**
- **CMD of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) - Santosh Kumar Jha**
- **Chief Information Commissioner of India - Heeralal Samariya**
- **Surveyor General of India - Hitesh Kumar S Makwana**
- **Joint Director of CBI - Pravin Madhukar Pawar**

103. Who has taken over the charge of the post of Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?  
**भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) में सदस्य (वित्त) के पद का कार्यभार किसने संभाला है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Pankaj Malhotra / पंकज मल्होत्रा
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Pankaj Malhotra takes over as Member, Finance at AAI

Executive Director of Central Electronics Limited (CEL), Pankaj Malhotra has taken over the charge of the post of Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Prior to this appointment, Pankaj Malhotra was serving as Executive Director (Finance) at Central Electronics Limited, a government of India enterprise under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology.

Member (Finance) of AAI, Pankaj Malhotra, will be in charge of finance, accounts, and the overall financial operation of the organization. He will also be responsible for evolving and formulating policies and strategies related to the entire gamut of financial operations, including resource mobilization and statutory compliances.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy** - Deepesh Nanda
- **Chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal** - Justice Rajendra Menon
- **CMD of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** - Koppu Sadashiv Murthy
- **Lead WHO's South-East Asia Region** - Bangladesh's Saima Wazed
- **New speaker of US House** - Mike Johnson

**104. Which country's cricketer Meg Lanning has recently announced his retirement from international cricket?**

**हाल ही में किस देश की क्रिकेटर मेग लैनिंग 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. c**

**Sol.** Meg Lanning retires from international cricket

Australian Women's captain Meg Lanning has announced her retirement from international cricket. Meg Lanning quit international cricket after winning seven World Cup titles during a 241-match career.

The 31-year-old also led Australia to a Commonwealth Games gold medal last year and is the country's leading run-getter across formats with 8352 runs in 241 games.

Lanning, with two ICC Women's Cricket World Cup wins and five ICC Women's T20 World Cup victories to her name, retires from cricket at 31. She has scored over 8,000 runs in all formats for her nation.

Lanning won her first ICC trophy at the T20 World Cup in Sri Lanka in 2012, which was soon succeeded by a victory in the 50-over World Cup in India the following year, 2013

In six Tests, Lanning scored 345 runs at an average of 31.36, with a best individual score of 93, with two half-centuries.

In 103 ODIs, she scored 4,602 runs at an average of 53.51. Lanning scored 15 centuries and 21 fifties in 102 innings, with the best score of 152\*.

Lastly, in 132 T20Is, Lanning scored 3,405 runs in 121 innings at an average of 36.61 and a strike rate of above 116. She scored two centuries and 15 fifties, with the best score of 133\*.

**Recently Retired Players**

- Sunil Narine - International cricket - West Indies
- David Willey - International Cricket - England
- Sornnarin Tippoch - International Cricket - Thailand
- 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

**105. Consider the following statements**

- (i) Maharashtra secured the first position in the 37th National Games 2023
- (ii) Maharashtra bagged 228 medals including 88 gold
- (iii) Goa hosted the event for the second time in its history
- (iv) Haryana stands at third position.

**Find the INCORRECT statements**

- (a) only i
- (b) only ii
- (c) only iii
- (d) only i & ii
- (e) only ii & iii

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Maharashtra secured top spot in 37th National Games 2023

Maharashtra secured the first position in the National Games 2023 and bagged 228 medals including 80 gold.

In 228 medals 80 gold, 69 silvers, and 79 bronze – win the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy, which is given to the team that wins the most number of gold medals at the National Games.

Maharashtra last topped the National Games medals table back in 1994.

The National Games 2023, India's own multi-sport event inspired by the Olympics, was held in five cities in Goa - Mapusa, Margao, Panjim, Ponda, and Vasco.

Athletes from 28 states, eight Union Territories, and Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) competed at the 37th National Games, which was held from October 26 to November 9. Goa hosted the event for the first time in its history.

Services, who topped the previous four editions of the National Games, finished second with 66 gold, 27 silver, and 33 bronze medals.

Haryana were third in the standings with 62 gold, 54 silver

Services Sport Control Board also continued its second position in medal tally with a total of 117 medals including 59 Gold medals.

Haryana stands at third position with a total of 161 medals including 53 gold medals.

Over 10,000 athletes - around 3,000 more than the 2022 edition in Gujarat - competed for medals across 43 sports, which included traditional Olympic disciplines as well as indigenous sports like mallakhamb, kho kho and kabaddi, amongst others

106. Who has won the 7th Paris Masters title?

7वां पेरिस मास्टर्स खिताब किसने जीता है?

- (a) Sania Mirza / सानिया मिर्जा
- (b) Rohan Bopanna / रोहन बोपन्ना
- (c) Saina Nehwal / साइना नेहवाल
- (d) Novak Djokovic / नोवाक जोकोविच
- (e) Roger Federer / रोजर फ़ेडरर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Novak Djokovic beats Grigor Dimitrov to win 7th Paris Masters title

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic won a record-extending seventh title at the Paris Masters with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Grigor Dimitrov in the final.

Djokovic, who had been pushed to three sets in his three previous matches, enjoyed a comfortable afternoon under the roof of the Palais Omnisports.

The 36-year-old surpassed his own record as the tournament's oldest champion, notching his 40th Masters 1000 title and extending his winning streak to 18 matches.

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107. World Usability Day or Make Things Easier Day is celebrated annually on the second Thursday in November. This year celebrated on 9 November. What is the theme of World Usability Day 2023?

विश्व उपयोगिता दिवस या चीजों को आसान बनाओ दिवस प्रतिवर्ष नवंबर के दूसरे गुरुवार को मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष 9 नवंबर को मनाया गया। विश्व उपयोगिता दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Collaboration and Cooperation
- (b) Collaboration and Consultation
- (c) Collective and Cooperation
- (d) Easier Cooperation
- (e) Things Cooperation

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 9 November 2023 - World Usability Day

World Usability Day or Make Things Easier Day is celebrated annually on the second Thursday in November. This year celebrated on 9 November.

Objective - To promote the values of usability, usability engineering, user-centered design, universal usability, and every user's obligation to demand better things.

Theme 2023 - Collaboration and Cooperation

The User Experience Professional Association established World Usability Day in November 2005.

The association was founded in 1991, with a membership of 50, and has since grown to serve a community of nearly 2,400 professionals around the world by promoting user experience (UX) concepts and techniques through annual international conferences, the "Journal of Usability Studies" (JUS), the "User Experience Magazine," and 59 local chapters in 30 countries.

108. Uttarakhand has celebrated its Foundation Day on November 9. In which year Uttarakhand was formed?

9 नवंबर को उत्तराखंड ने अपना स्थापना दिवस मनाया है। उत्तराखंड का गठन किस वर्ष हुआ था?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2001
- (c) 2002
- (d) 2003
- (e) 2004

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Uttarakhand celebrates 23rd Foundation Day

Uttarakhand has celebrated its 23rd Foundation Day on November 9.

It was on this day in 2000, that Uttarakhand was created by carving out from Uttar Pradesh. On this occasion, various programs are being organized in different parts of the state.

The main program was organized at Police Line in Dehradun, where President Droupadi Murmu reviewed and took a salute of the Uttarakhand Police parade.

109. Legal Services Day is observed every year on which day?

विधिक सेवा दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 9 November / 9 नवंबर
- (b) 10 November / 10 नवंबर
- (c) 11 November / 11 नवंबर
- (d) 12 November / 12 नवंबर
- (e) 13 November / 13 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 9 November - Legal Services Day

Legal Services Day is observed every year on 9 November.

The day holds historical importance as it marks the anniversary of the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act in 1995.

This legislation paved the way for legal protection and provisions for free legal services to the people belonging to marginalised and vulnerable sections. The day is also aimed at spreading legal awareness among all.

The Legal Services Authorities Act was passed on November 9, 1995, with a vision to offer legal aid to poor and marginalised people.

This landmark legislation led to the establishment of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) on December 5, 1995. Since then, National Legal Services Day is celebrated annually. The day focuses on creating awareness about the availability of free legal aid and alternative dispute resolution methods.

110. DB Chandregowda passed away recently at the age of 87. Who was he?

**डीबी चंद्रेगौड़ा का हाल ही में 87 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Film Director / फिल्म निर्देशक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Former Karnataka Law minister D. B. Chandregowda passed away

Veteran politician and former minister D B Chandre Gowda, who vacated his Lok Sabha seat for former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that allowed her to stage a political comeback post Emergency in 1978, passed away at the age of 87.

Gowda, who had represented all the four Houses -- legislative assembly, council, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, was also part of various political parties such as -- Praja Socialist Party, Karnataka Kranti Ranga, Janata Party, Janata Dal, Congress and BJP.

He was born at Daradahalli of Mudigere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru district, Karnataka on 26 August 1936 to D. A. Byre Gowda and Puttamma.

111. Which company will set up 3,270 megawatts of clean energy projects, including pumped storage and floating solar in Karnataka?

**कौन सी कंपनी कर्नाटक में पंप स्टोरेज और फ्लोटिंग सोलर सहित 3,270 मेगावाट की स्वच्छ ऊर्जा परियोजनाएं स्थापित करेगी?**

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) THDC India Ltd / टीएचडीसी इंडिया लिमिटेड
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** THDC India inks pact to develop renewable energy projects in Karnataka

THDC India Ltd is planning to set up 3,270 megawatts of clean energy projects, including pumped storage and floating solar, in Karnataka. In this regard, the Uttarakhand-based company signed two Memorandum of Understanding with Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) and Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) in Bengaluru. These collaborative efforts encompass the development of a diverse range of projects, spanning ground-mounted, floating solar projects, and hybrid projects including pumped storage projects (PSPs) with a cumulative capacity of around 3,270 MW. THDCIL has a portfolio of 10 projects (hydro, thermal, wind & solar) with a total capacity of 4,516 MW

**Recent MoU**

- THDC India inks pact to develop renewable energy projects in Karnataka
- IBM inks 3 pacts with IT Ministry on semiconductor, AI, Q-computing
- 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

112. The 33rd Conference of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and Pacific will begin in which city?

**विश्व पशु स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WOAH) के एशिया और प्रशांत क्षेत्रीय आयोग का 33वां सम्मेलन किस शहर में शुरू होगा?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** New Delhi to host 33rd Conference on World Animal Health

The 33rd Conference of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and Pacific will begin in New Delhi.

The delegates from 36 member countries including India, senior officers from regional and international organizations, and representatives from the private sector and private veterinary organizations will participate in the conference.

The challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic emphasize the crucial role of scientific expertise in assessing risks at the human-animal-environment interface.

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala will inaugurate the four-day conference. The decision to host this event was made during the 90th General Session of the World Assembly of Delegates of the WOAH in Paris in May this year.

113. A digital lending transformation platform, Jocata has collaborated with which of the following to launch a one-of-its-kind MSME Economic Activity Index Sumpoorn?

एक डिजिटल ऋण परिवर्तन मंच, जोकाटा ने अपनी तरह का अनोखा एमएसएमई आर्थिक गतिविधि सूचकांक सारांश लॉन्च करने के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किसके साथ सहयोग किया है?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** SIDBI launches 'Sumpoorn' MSME Economic Activity Index with Jocata

A digital lending transformation platform, Jocata has collaborated with SIDBI to launch a one-of-its-kind MSME Economic Activity Index Sumpoorn.

For the first time ever, this MSME-specific high-frequency indicator will capture the state of India's growth engine, its MSMEs, which contribute more than a quarter of the country's overall Gross Value Added (GVA) and more than 40 percent of its total.

It is a relative amplitude-adjusted composite diffusion index developed using consent-led and anonymized monthly sales data reflected in official GSTN returns of more than 50,000 credit-seeking MSMEs over time.

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

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

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

- HSBC India launches **e-bank guarantee services** for MSMEs
- AU Small Finance Bank launches '**Planet First-AU Green Fixed Deposit**'
- Bank of Baroda introduces **BoB LITE Savings Account\***
- RBL Bank launched **GO Savings Account**
- HDFC Bank launched **XpressWay digital platform** for Swift Loans

114. Moody's Investors Service retained India's economic growth forecast for 2023 at \_\_\_\_.

मूडीज इन्वेस्टर्स सर्विस ने 2023 के लिए भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि का अनुमान \_\_ प्रतिशत पर बरकरार रखा।

- (a) 6.2
- (b) 6.3
- (c) 6.4
- (d) 6.6
- (e) 6.7

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Moody's retains India's 2023 growth forecast at 6.7%

Moody's Investors Service retained India's economic growth forecast for 2023 at 6.7 percent and said strong domestic demand will likely sustain the growth in the near term.

With exports remaining weak against an unfavourable global economic backdrop, Moody's in its Global Macroeconomic Outlook 2024-25 said sustained domestic demand growth is propelling India's economy.

Moody's expects India's real GDP to grow about 6.7 percent in 2023, 6.1 percent in 2024 and 6.3 percent in 2025.

India's real GDP rose 7.8 percent year-over-year in June quarter, up from 6.1 percent in March quarter and bolstered by a 6 percent increase in household consumption and solid capital expenditure and service sector activity.

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- World Bank – 6.9% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.4% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- Moody– 6.7% (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)
- IMF – 6.3% (FY24), 6.3% (FY25)
- ADB – 7% (FY23), 6.3% (FY24), 6.7% (FY25)
- RBI – 6.8% (FY23), 6.5% (FY24)

115. What is the name of the world's first robot CEO?

**विश्व के पहले रोबोट CEO का क्या नाम है?**

- (a) Romio
- (b) Mika
- (c) Sophia
- (d) Jelly
- (e) Mivi

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Mika becomes world's first robot CEO

In the era where many workers are worrying about artificial intelligence (AI) replacing their jobs, one company has announced that it is hiring the first human robot chief executive officer (CEO).

Dictador, a spirit brand based in Colombia's Cartagena, has gone viral for appointing Mika, who is manifested as a robot.

Mika is a research project between Hanson Robotics and Dictador. It has been customised to represent company value. Hanson Robotics also created Sophia, the popular humanoid robot.

At the event, Mika said, "My presence on this stage is purely symbolic. In reality, conferring an honorary professor title upon me is a tribute to the greatness of the human mind in which the idea of artificial intelligence was born. It is also a recognition of the courage and open-mindedness of the owner of Dictador, who entrusted his company to a humble spokesperson with a processor instead of a heart.

116. Who has been bestowed the prestigious "Champions of Change Award" by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy for her exemplary work in entrepreneurship, innovation, and social development?

उद्यमिता, नवाचार और सामाजिक विकास में उनके अनुकरणीय कार्य के लिए इंटरएक्टिव फोरम ऑन इंडियन इकोनॉमी द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित "चैंपियंस ऑफ चेंज अवार्ड" से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Somdutta Singh / सोमदत्त सिंह
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Dr. Somdutta Singh presented with Coveted Champions of Change Award

Seasoned entrepreneur Dr. Somdutta Singh has been bestowed the prestigious "Champions of Change Award" by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy, for her exemplary work in entrepreneurship, innovation, and social development. The award was presented to her in the form of a Gold Medal and a Citation by the Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawad Chand Gehlot.

The selection of the awardees was done by Constitutional Jury members headed by Justice K G Balakrishnan, Former Chief Justice of India and Former Chairman, NHRC.

The award was bestowed on eminent personalities for their work in areas like social development, community services, and acts of courage.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **19th Kalakar Puraskar' Award - Apolinaris D'Souza**
- **Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023 - Kerala**
- **Businessline's Changemaker of the Year' 2023 Award - Reserve Bank of India**
- **Iconic changemaker of the year - Amul**
- **Mahatma Awards 2023 - Digital Transformation solutions company UST**

117. Recently, the International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended which country cricket's membership with immediate effect?  
हाल ही में, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद (ICC) ने किस देश की क्रिकेट सदस्यता को तत्काल प्रभाव से निलंबित कर दिया है?

- (a) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** ICC suspends Sri Lanka Cricket's membership with immediate effect

Sri Lanka Cricket's (SLC) membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has been suspended with immediate effect for government interference.

Sri Lanka's Ministry of Sport dismissed SLC's board and replaced it with an interim committee following the country's poor performance at this year's World Cup but the sacking was stayed by Sri Lanka's Court of Appeal.

ICC said that the SLC had breached its obligations as a member, in particular the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and without government interference.

Sri Lanka is scheduled to host the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup in 2024 Jan-Feb.

#### **About International Cricket Council (ICC)**

- The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket.
- It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa.
- It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1987.
- **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

118. Hayley Matthews has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for October 2023. She is from which cricket team?

हेले मैथ्यूज ने अक्टूबर 2023 के लिए ICC महिला प्लेयर ऑफ द मंथ का पुरस्कार जीता है। वह किस क्रिकेट टीम से हैं?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) West Indies / वेस्ट इंडीज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Rachin Ravindra & Hayley Matthews won ICC Player of Month award

New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra claimed the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for October 2023.

Ravindra, the 23-year-old Blackcaps batter, claimed his first Men's Player of the Month award, showcasing exceptional form in the World Cup 2023 group stages.

Ravindra beat India's speedster Jasprit Bumrah and South Africa opener Quinton de Kock for the prestigious accolade after a scorching start to the 2023 World Cup, claiming his award. His remarkable 406 runs at an average of 81.20 included a superb 123 not out against England and a blazing 116 against Australia.

While West Indies captain Hayley Matthews bags ICC Women's Player of the Month award for October 2023.

Matthews, the top-ranked all-rounder in the women's T20I rankings, secured her second Women's Player of the Month award. She led West Indies with scintillating performances in the T20I series against Australia, amassing 310 runs at an average of 155, with a standout unbeaten 132.

#### ICC Men's Player of the Month

- January 2023 - Shubman Gill (India)
- February 2023 - Harry Brook (England)
- March 2023 - Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)
- April 2023 - Fakhar Zaman (Pakistan)
- May 2023 - Harry Tector (Ireland)
- June 2023 - Wanindu Hasaranga (Sri Lanka)
- July 2023 - Chris Woakes (England)
- August 2023 - Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- September 2023 - Shubman Gill (India)

#### ICC Women's Player of the Month

- January 2023 - Grace Scivens (England)
- February 2023 - Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)
- March 2023 - Henriette Ishimwe (Rawanda)
- April 2023 - Naruemol Chaiwai (Thailand)
- May 2023 - Thipatcha Putthawong (Thiland)
- June 2023 - Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)
- July 2023 - Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)
- August 2023 - Arlene Kelly (Ireland)
- September 2023 - Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka)

119. World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated annually on which day?

शांति और विकास के लिए विश्व विज्ञान दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 November / 14 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 10 November / 10 नवंबर
- (d) 12 November / 12 नवंबर
- (e) 13 November / 13 नवंबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 10 November - World Science Day for Peace and Development

World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated annually on November 10.

It is a day to acknowledge the role of science in society and highlights the significant role of involving the public in debates surrounding the effects of new scientific innovations and to create awareness among people.

Theme 2023 - Building Trust in Science

The day aims to connect science with society to provide citizens with knowledge of science for sustainable development and peaceful cohabitation.

The origin of World Science Day for Peace and Development is linked to the positive outcomes that emanated from the 1999 World Conference on Science in Budapest, Hungary. These achievements led UNESCO to formally declare the celebration of this day in 2001.

120. National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first education minister. What is the theme of National Education Day 2023?

भारत के पहले शिक्षा मंत्री मौलाना अबुल कलाम आज़ाद की जयंती के अवसर पर हर साल 11 नवंबर को राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा दिवस मनाया जाता है। राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Embracing Revolution
- (b) Education Revolution
- (c) Embracing Innovation
- (d) Connecting each other
- (e) Connect the education

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 11 November - National Education Day

National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first education minister.

This day is observed to honour the remarkable contributions of Maulana Azad in the field of education and institution building in the country.

Theme 2023 - Embracing Innovation

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was the first Education Minister of independent India and served in the position from 1947 to 1958. His work towards making the education system better and accessible is praised and respected even today.

121. World Kindness Day is observed every year on which day?

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

- (a) 14 November / 14 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 12 November / 12 नवंबर
- (e) 13 November / 13 नवंबर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 13 November - World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is observed every year on 13 November to promote and celebrate acts of kindness.

This day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness has on individuals, communities, and the world at large.

Theme 2023 - Be Kind Wherever Possible

World Kindness Day was first introduced by the World Kindness Movement (WKM) back in 1998. The World Kindness Movement is a coalition of nations and organizations dedicated to promoting kindness and goodwill on a global scale.

The idea behind World Kindness Day was to highlight the positive power of kindness and encourage people to practice acts of kindness in their daily lives.

A conference was held in Tokyo in 1997, where representatives from various countries came together to discuss different ways to promote kindness and compassion in society. The following year, on November 13th, 1998, in Japan and Singapore, the first World Kindness Day was observed.

122. World Pneumonia Day is observed annually on which day?

विश्व निमोनिया दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 November / 14 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 12 November / 12 नवंबर
- (e) 13 November / 13 नवंबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 12 November - World Pneumonia Day

World Pneumonia Day is observed annually on November 12 and is a global effort to educate people about the disease and its effects.

On this day, health organizations, together with ordinary people, try to educate, raise awareness, and promote advocacy that pneumonia is curable.

On 12 November 2009, the first World Pneumonia Day was observed. On this day, the Global Coalition Against Child Pneumonia launched the 'Stop Pneumonia' campaign, which was backed by governments and civil organisations leading to the enactment of sound policies.

123. Padmanabha Acharya passed away recently at the age of 92 in Mumbai. Who was he?

**पद्मनाभ आचार्य का हाल ही में 92 वर्ष की आयु में मुंबई में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Former Nagaland Governor Padmanabha Acharya passes away

Senior BJP leader and former governor of Nagaland Padmanabha Acharya passed away at the age of 92 in Mumbai.

Acharya had served as governor of Nagaland, Tripura, Assam and also handled the responsibilities as the governor of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

The BJP veteran had also worked with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad.

124. Which state is set to become the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code?

कौन सा राज्य समान नागरिक संहिता लागू करने वाला देश का पहला राज्य बनने जा रहा है?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Uttarakhand To Become The First State To Adopt The Uniform Civil Code

Uttarakhand is set to become the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code.

A committee formed under the leadership of Justice (retired) Ranjana Desai would submit a report to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama in the next couple of days.

A special session of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly will be called the week after Diwali, when the Uniform Civil Code bill will be passed, granting it legal status.

The UCC is a proposal to formulate and implement personal laws that will apply uniformly to all citizens regardless of their religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Objective - To strengthen the social fabric, promote gender equality, and help fight economic, social, and religious inequalities.

The code comes under Article 44 of the Constitution.

#### **About Uttarakhand**

- **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- **Chief Minister** - Pushkar Singh Dhama
- **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

125. Uttar Pradesh has set a new Guinness world record by lighting over how many Diyas (lamps) in Ayodhya on the occasion of Diwali?

**उत्तर प्रदेश ने दिवाली के अवसर पर अयोध्या में कितने दीये जलाकर नया गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाया है?**

- (a) 11.5 lakh
- (b) 21.5 lakh
- (c) 22 lakh
- (d) 21 lakh
- (e) 51 lakh

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Ayodhya sets Guinness Record by lighting 22 Lakh Diyas

Uttar Pradesh has set a new Guinness world record by lighting over 22 lakh Diyas (lamps) in Ayodhya.

Ayodhya began the Deepotav festival with the formation of the Yogi Adityanath government in 2017. The government lit up around 51,000 diyas in 2017, and then 4.10 lakh Diyas in 2019.

The number then every year goes up with over 9 lakh diyas illuminated in 2021.

In 2022, over 17 lakh diyas were lit up across the Ram ki Pairi ghats. However, that year Guinness Book of World Records considered only those diyas that remained lit up for at least five minutes, hence the record was set at 15,76,955 diyas.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

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

126. Which organization's executive board has approved a proposal to make a 50% increase in the quota allocated to members in proportion to their current quotas?

**किस संगठन के कार्यकारी बोर्ड ने सदस्यों को उनके वर्तमान कोटा के अनुपात में आवंटित कोटा में 50% की वृद्धि करने के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे 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. a**

**Sol.** IMF executive board has approved a 50% quota increase

The executive board has approved a proposal to make a 50% increase in the quota allocated to members in proportion to their current quotas.

The proposal has come after the guidance from the IMF Committee at the 2023 annual meetings.

Presently, India has a quota of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of 13,114.4 million. This means India has a share of 2.75%. The proposal will be effective only after consideration and voting by the Board of Governors.

**About International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

- Founded - 1945
- Headquarters- Washington, D.C.
- Managing Director - Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)
- First Deputy MD - Gita Gopinath
- Chief Economist - Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)
- Member countries - 190 (Andorra)

127. Which country recently got a new island after an underwater volcanic eruption?

हाल ही में किस देश को समुद्र के अंदर ज्वालामुखी विस्फोट के बाद एक नया द्वीप मिला है?

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Japan gets a new Island after an undersea volcano eruption

The world's newest island has been formed off the coast of the Japanese island of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Ocean following an undersea volcanic eruption around 1,200 km south of Tokyo.

The newly created island has not been named yet. However, as far as its measurement goes, it is approximately around 100 m in diameter, and took shape through phreatomagmatic eruptions. These eruptions are actually triggered when magma reacts with seawater, thereby resulting in explosive releases of ash and steam.

Reportedly, the eruption started on October 21, 2023, around 1 km off the coastline of Iwoto Island, which was formerly known as Iwo Jima.

It's a site with significant historical significance as it witnessed World War II's most intense battles. Reports add that these eruptions continued for around 10 days, which further led to the accumulation of volcanic material on the shallow seabed, ultimately reaching above the sea's surface.

**About Japan**

- **Capital** – Tokyo
- **Currency** – Yen
- **Prime Minister** - Fumio Kishida

128. The Indian government has recently signed a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with which organization to support its urban reform agenda?

भारत सरकार ने हाल ही में अपने शहरी सुधार एजेंडे का समर्थन करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ 400 मिलियन डॉलर के नीति-आधारित ऋण समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (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.** India & ADB sign \$400 million loan to support urban reform agenda

The Indian government has signed a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support its urban reform agenda, which includes building high-quality urban infrastructure, increasing service delivery, and fostering efficient governance systems.

While Sub-programme 1 was approved in 2021 with a \$350 million budget to implement national-level policies and guidelines to strengthen urban services, Sub-programme 2 supports investment planning and reform measures at the state and urban local body (ULB) levels.

The programme supports the Government of India's urban sector strategy, with a focus on urban reforms aimed at making cities livable and centres of economic growth through the provision of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable infrastructure.

Moreover, cities will be incentivised to become creditworthy through different reforms aimed at increasing revenues, such as property taxes and user fees, improving efficiency, and rationalising expenditures.

This would significantly help cities in mobilising innovative finance such as commercial borrowings, municipal bond issuance, sub-sovereign debt, and public-private partnerships to bridge huge deficits in urban infrastructure investments.

**Recent Loan Approved by ADB**

- ADB approved \$181 Million to **Improve Ahmedabad's Peri-urban Areas**
- ADB approves \$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

129. Recently, David Cameron has been appointed foreign secretary of which country?

हाल ही में डेविड कैमरून को किस देश का विदेश सचिव नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** David Cameron appointed as UK Foreign Secretary

Former UK Prime Minister David Cameron was appointed foreign secretary in a sweeping reshuffle of current Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's cabinet.

Cameron was seen walking into No. 10 — the official residence and office of the British prime minister — to meet with Sunak, following the abrupt sacking of Suella Braverman as interior minister.

Cameron served as prime minister from 2010 to 2016 and presided over Britain's controversial Brexit vote, which ultimately led to his resignation.

**About United Kingdom (UK)**

- **Capital** - London
- **Currency** - Pound sterling
- **Prime Minister** – Rishi Sunak

130. Recently, who has assumed Command of The Eastern Fleet?

**हाल ही में, किसने पूर्वी बेड़े की कमान संभाली है?**

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thaosen / सुजॉय लाल थाउसेन
- (c) M A Ganapathy / एम ए गणपति
- (d) Umesh Mishra / उमेश मिश्रा
- (e) Rajesh Dhankhar / राजेश धनखड़

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar Assumes Command Of The Eastern Fleet

Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar, took over command of the Eastern Fleet, the Sword Arm of the Eastern Naval Command, from Rear Admiral Gurcharan Singh.

The change of guard took place at an impressive ceremony held at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.

RAdm Rajesh Dhankhar was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 July 1990 and is a specialist in Navigation & Direction.

The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the prestigious Naval Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and has done his Higher Command Course in Japan.

**Recent Appointment in Defence Sector**

- **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff** - Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti (replace Sanjay Mahendru)
- **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

131. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Torrent Gas Limited?

टॉरेंट गैस लिमिटेड के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Manoj Jain / मनोज जैन
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Torrent Gas appoints Manoj Jain as MD

City gas distribution player Torrent Gas Limited has appointed Manoj Jain as its Managing Director with effect from 1 January 2024.

Before this, Jain was the Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL (India) Limited from February 2020 to August 2022.

Jain is a seasoned business leader with an excellent track record across multiple areas within GAIL and is widely considered an expert in the Oil and Gas sector.

Jain possesses rich and diverse experience in the areas of business development, gas marketing, projects, petrochemicals, and pipeline integrity management.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI) - Pankaj Malhotra**
- **Nominee Director of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP) Board - Deepak Gupta**
- **CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) - Deepesh Nanda (replace Ashish Khanna)**
- **CMD of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) - Santosh Kumar Jha**
- **Chief Information Commissioner of India - Heeralal Samariya**

132. Which of the following country has won its first Billie Jean King Cup 2023?

निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने अपना पहला बिली जीन किंग कप 2023 जीता है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Canada won its first Billie Jean King Cup

Leylah Fernandez and Marina Stakusic won their singles matches as Canada beat Italy 2-0 to claim its first-ever Billie Jean King Cup.

Stakusic ranked 258th in the world, put Canada ahead by defeating No. 43 Martina Trevisan 7-5, 6-3 for the biggest win of her career, then Fernandez sealed the victory by beating Jasmine Paolini 6-2, 6-3 at La Cartuja Stadium.

Canada, captained by Heidi El Tabakh, became the 13th nation to win the Billie Jean King cup and the second consecutive new champion after Switzerland won in Glasgow 12 months ago.

The Canada men's team is the current Davis Cup champion.

The women's teams competed in four round-robin groups, with the winners advancing to the semifinals. The United States was eliminated by the Czech Republic in a group that also included title-holder Switzerland.

The biggest team competition in women's tennis started two days after the end of the WTA Finals in Cancun, Mexico, which featured the top eight players on the tour — including winner Iga Swiatek.

133. In November 2023, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the names of the three legends of cricket as the latest inductees of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. Who among the following is not include in ICC's hall of fame?

नवंबर 2023 में, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद (ICC) ने ICC क्रिकेट हॉल ऑफ फ़ेम के नवीनतम शामिलकर्ताओं के रूप में क्रिकेट के तीन दिग्गजों के नामों की घोषणा की है। निम्नलिखित में से कौन ICC के हॉल ऑफ फेम में शामिल नहीं है?

- (i) Virender Sehwag
  - (ii) Diana Edulji
  - (iii) MS Dhoni
  - (iv) Aravind D'Silva
- (a) Only i
  - (b) Only ii
  - (c) Only iii
  - (d) Only iv
  - (e) None of above

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Virender Sehwag, Diana Edulji & Aravind D'Silva enter ICC's Hall of Fame

Three cricketing greats and standout performers in the history of the game - Former Indian legendary opener Virender Sehwag, former Indian Women Test skipper Diana Edulji, and Sri Lanka's iconic star Aravinda de Silva are the latest inductees to be added to the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the name of the three legends of cricket as the latest inductees of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. Sehwag had dynamism a destructive opener of the modern era holds a record that is still hard to match, the first Indian with a Triple century. Sehwag has in fact scored two Triple Hundreds

During his illustrious career, Sehwag scored 23 Test centuries, the fifth most by an India men's player, and claimed a record of the highest score by an Indian player ever, 319 which was against South Africa in Chennai in 2008. Overall, Sehwag has 8,586 runs to his name at an average of 49.34 in 104 appearances.

The second inductee in the ICC Hall of Fame Edulji captained India for almost three decades, and as a left-arm orthodox spinner claimed 100 wickets while making 54 international appearances.

The third inductee of the ICC Hall of Fame was a winner of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup with Sri Lanka in 1996 - Aravinda de Silva. The Sri Lankan batter was known for his consistency, scoring 20 Test centuries during an 18-year international career which is the third most by any Sri Lanka men's player.

134. India ended its campaign at the Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with how many medals?

भारत ने बैंकॉक में एशियाई तीरंदाजी चैंपियनशिप में अपना अभियान कितने पदकों के साथ समाप्त किया?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India finished Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with seven medals

India ended its campaign at the Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with seven medals comprising three gold, a silver, and three bronze.

In the Women's team final, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Gopichand Swami defeated Chinese Taipei in a thrilling contest to win the yellow metal.

Kaur also won gold in the women's individual event after beating compatriot Vennam in the final.

India won their second gold medal of the day after Swami and Priyansh beat Thailand in the final of the Mixed Team event.

135. Children's Day or 'Bal Diwas' is celebrated annually on November 14 in India. This date also marks the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_.

**भारत में प्रतिवर्ष 14 नवंबर को बाल दिवस या 'बाल दिवस' मनाया जाता है। यह तिथि \_\_\_\_\_ की जयंती भी दर्शाती है।**

- (a) Motilal Nehru / मोतीलाल नेहरू
- (b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel / सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल
- (c) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan / सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन
- (d) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru / पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू
- (e) Muhammad Ali Jinnah / मुहम्मद अली जिन्ना

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 14 November - Children's Day

Children's Day or 'Bal Diwas' is celebrated annually on November 14 in India.

The day is celebrated to appreciate and acknowledge children as they are the future of the country. This date also marks the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of the nation Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was adorably referred to as 'Chacha Nehru' by children.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was born on 14 November 1889 in Allahabad, India.

Previously, Children's Day was celebrated in India on November 20 - the day 'World Children's Day' is celebrated globally by the United Nations.

However, after the death of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the year 1964, the parliament issued a resolution to establish his birthday as the official Children's Day in the country.

Since then, India celebrates Children's Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India.

The day is also known as Bal Diwas in the country.

136. World Diabetes Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व मधुमेह दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 November / 14 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 12 November / 12 नवंबर
- (e) 13 November / 13 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 14 November - World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day is observed every year on 14 November.

The day is an opportunity to raise awareness about diabetes as a global public health issue and decide the strategies as to what needs to be done, collectively and individually for better prevention, diagnosis and management of the condition.

Theme 2023 - Access to diabetes care

The significance of November 14 lies in the celebration of the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, the co-discoverer of insulin alongside Charles Herbert Best in 1922.

Established in 1991 by the International Diabetes Foundation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), World Diabetes Day gained official recognition by the United Nations in 2006.

137. Which of the following ministry has launched the 'AAINA Dashboard for Cities' portal?

**निम्नलिखित में से किस मंत्रालय ने 'AAINA डैशबोर्ड फॉर सिटीज़' पोर्टल लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs/ कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Ayush / आयुष मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 'AAINA Dashboard for Cities' portal launched by Ministry of Housing

The 'AAINA Dashboard for Cities' portal [www.aaina.gov.in](http://www.aaina.gov.in) has been made live by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Here the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the country can participate in this pioneering initiative to voluntarily submit their data on a regular basis, through a simple, easy-to-fill, data entry form on the portal.

The primary objectives of the AAINA Dashboard are to help cities to (i) see how they are faring vis-à-vis other cities, (ii) inspire them by pointing to possibilities and areas of improvement and (iii) providing opportunity to learn and engage with frontrunners.

While not ranking the ULBs, the AAINA dashboard would serve as a tool for comparing similarly placed cities and promoting peer learning among cities.

The Dashboard will present the data submitted by the ULBs on the basis of indicators across five broad pillars namely, (i) Political & Administrative Structure, (ii) Finance, (iii) Planning, (iv) Citizen Centric Governance and (v) Delivery of Basic Services.

138. "800" is the biopic of which cricketer?

**“800” किस क्रिकेटर की जीवनी है?**

- (a) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (b) Ricky Pointing / रिकी पॉइंटिंग
- (c) Muttiah Muralitharan / मुथैया मुरलीधरन
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** "800"- biopic of Sri Lankan cricketer Muttiah Muralitharan released

"800", the biopic of Sri Lankan cricket legend Muttiah Muralitharan, will have its digital premiere on JioCinema on December 2.

The Tamil film, starring "Slumdog Millionaire" actor Madhurr Mittal in the role of the spinner, was released in theatres on October 6.

Written and directed by MS Sripathy, the film is titled "800" after the record number of wickets Muralitharan took in Test cricket. It is produced by Movie Train Motion Pictures.

139. What is the rank of India in Inclusiveness Index published by the Othering and Belonging Institute (OBI) at California University, US?

कैलिफोर्निया विश्वविद्यालय, अमेरिका में अदरिंग एंड बिलॉन्गिंग इंस्टीट्यूट (ओबीआई) द्वारा प्रकाशित समावेशन सूचकांक में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 11th
- (b) 111th
- (c) 54th
- (d) 120th
- (e) 117th

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India ranked 117th among 129 nations in inclusiveness index by US varsity

India is ranked 117th in the list of 129 countries in the world in the inclusiveness index published by the Othering and Belonging Institute (OBI) at California University, United States.

New Zealand finished first in the index for the second consecutive year. Portugal recorded its best showing by securing second place followed by the Netherlands in third place.

Smaller countries like Bangladesh (106) and Israel (115) were placed better than India.

The index examines inclusivity in terms of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and the general population using several measures. India was ranked last (129) in religion inclusiveness, 121st in gender, 108th in disability, 87th in race, 40th in the general population, and 39th in LGBT

Iran was placed at the bottom of the global list. Yemen, which has been devastated by the Saudiled invasion performed poorly followed by the Comoros Islands, a former French colony located off the southeastern coast of Africa.

OBI has been publishing the inclusiveness index from 2016 ranking the countries by their levels of inclusion using a number of indicators.

#### **Recent index**

- **Global Pension Index 2023** - India ranked 45; Topped by Netherland
- **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

140. Which state has launched the 'Food Security' campaign to achieve zero hunger?

किस राज्य ने शून्य भुखमरी प्राप्त करने के लिए 'खाद्य सुरक्षा' अभियान शुरू किया है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Meghalaya launches 'Food Security' campaign to achieve zero hunger

Meghalaya has launched the 'Food Security' Campaign, which focuses on sensitizing the public about the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 and strives to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 – 'Zero Hunger.

This campaign has been initiated by the state to sensitize the citizens of Meghalaya regarding the availability of food grains to even the poorest of people.

It also aims to reach out to key stakeholders, community-based institutions, the general public and other partners regarding the facilities and schemes of the government.

**About Meghalaya**

- **Capital** – Shillong
- **Chief Minister** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- **Governor** - Phagu Chauhan

141. The annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Navy – the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – will be held in which city from 15 to 17 November 2023?

**भारतीय नौसेना का वार्षिक शीर्ष स्तरीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन - इंडो-पैसिफिक क्षेत्रीय संवाद (आईपीआरडी) - 15 से 17 नवंबर 2023 तक किस शहर में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol. INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE 2023 held in New Delhi**

The annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Navy – the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – will be held in New Delhi from 15 to 17 November 2023.

The event will include a Keynote Address by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Hon'ble Vice President of India and a series of Special Addresses by Union Ministers and senior officers of the Government of India.

The overarching theme of IPRD-2023 is "Geopolitical Impacts upon Indo-Pacific Maritime Trade and Connectivity". The first two editions of IPRD were held in 2018 and 2019 respectively at New Delhi. IPRD 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The third edition of IPRD was held in 2021 in online mode and the fourth edition was conducted, reverting to a physical format, at New Delhi in 2022.

**142. The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue was held in which country?**

**भारत-ओपेक ऊर्जा वार्ता की छठी उच्च स्तरीय बैठक किस देश में आयोजित की गई?**

- (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. e**

**Sol.** 6th Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue held at Vienna

The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue took place at the OPEC Secretariat in Vienna, Austria. The Meeting was co-chaired by HE Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC, and HE Hardeep Singh Puri, Honourable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India.

The open and candid discussions at the Meeting focused on key issues related to oil and energy markets with a specific emphasis on ensuring availability, affordability and sustainability, which are necessary in ensuring the stability of energy markets.

The two sides discussed the short, medium and long-term outlooks for the industry and recognized the important role of India in global economic growth and energy demand.

The sides noted the World Oil Outlook 2023, which forecasted that India would be the fastest-growing major developing economy, averaging long-term growth of 6.1% between 2022 - 2045 and to account for over 28% of incremental global energy demand during the same period.

The sides also noted the need for continued cooperation and dialogue in the interest of both producers and consumers while also exploring further areas for future cooperation

143. In November 2023, which bank received approval from the RBI for making bank Securities a wholly-owned subsidiary?

**नवंबर 2023 में, किस बैंक को बैंक सिक्योरिटीज को पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी बनाने के लिए RBI से मंजूरी मिली 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.** ICICI Bank receives RBI's nod to make Securities a wholly-owned subsidiary

ICICI Bank has received a green signal from the Reserve Bank to make I-Process Services (India) Private Ltd a wholly-owned subsidiary of the lender.

The board of the bank had, at its meeting held on February 17-18, 2023, approved a proposal for making I-Process Services (India) Private Limited (iProcess) a wholly-owned subsidiary of the bank, subject to receipt of requisite regulatory and statutory approval. Started in 2005, I-Process Services (India) Private Ltd was set up to provide staffing solutions services for some of India's top financial institutions.

With in-depth experience across recruitment, HR operations, payroll, compliance and training, I-Process can smartly negotiate market challenges and evolving social dynamics to always offer cutting-edge solutions.

**About Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank**

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Headquarters** – Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi
- **Tagline** - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

144. 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting was held in which country?

10वीं आसियान रक्षा मंत्रियों की बैठक किस देश में आयोजित की गई?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to Indonesian capital Jakarta from November 16 to 17, 2023 to attend the 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus).

On the sidelines of the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN, ADMM-Plus, Rajnath Singh will hold bilateral meetings with the Defence Ministers of the participating 18 countries and discuss defence cooperation matters to further strengthen mutually-beneficial engagements.

The ADMM-Plus is a platform for the ASEAN member States — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and its eight Dialogue Partners — India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand — to strengthen security and defence cooperation.

The ADMM-Plus progresses practical cooperation amongst member countries through seven Experts Working Groups (EWGs) namely maritime security, military medicine, cyber security, peacekeeping operations, counter-terrorism, humanitarian mine action and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR).

During the 10th ADMM-Plus, the next set of co-chairs for the cycle 2024-2027 would also be announced. In the present cycle, from 2021-2024, India, who became dialogue partner of the ASEAN in 1992, is co-chairing EWG on HADR along with Indonesia.

145. Which country has launched a new interactive map to restore a minimum of 15 percent local biodiversity within every catchment in the next nearly 100 years?

किस देश ने अगले लगभग 100 वर्षों में प्रत्येक जलग्रहण क्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 15 प्रतिशत स्थानीय जैव विविधता बहाल करने के लिए एक नया इंटरैक्टिव मानचित्र लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** New Zealand launches interactive map for biodiversity restoration

New Zealand launched a new interactive map to restore a minimum of 15 percent local biodiversity within every catchment in the next nearly 100 years.

The interactive map from Eco-index includes information on the type of habitat that existed there historically and targets for restoring 15 per cent of biodiversity in each area. The free, open access-resourced tool will help community groups, businesses, government and land managers to set restoration priorities for areas where local biodiversity is most at risk, said Eco-index, a program aiming at tackling the challenge of biodiversity decline in New Zealand.

The launch of the ecosystem restoration map provides a tool for those seeking to make strategically significant investment decisions on biodiversity redress, said Bruce Burns, associate professor of the School of Biological Sciences of the University of Auckland.

#### **About New Zealand**

- **Capital** – Wellington
- **Currency** – Dollar
- **Prime Minister** - Christopher Luxon
- **Deputy Prime Minister** - Carmel Sepuloni

146. Who has been chosen for the 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' presented by Mandd Sobhann, in association with 'Carval Ghorane'?  
'कार्वाल घोराने' के सहयोग से मांड शोभन द्वारा प्रस्तुत 19वें 'कलाकार पुरस्कार' के लिए किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Apolinaris D'Souza / अपोलिनारिस डिसूजा
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Apolinaris D'Souza honored with 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' award

Singer, songwriter and composer Apolinaris D'Souza has been chosen for the 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' presented by Mandd Sobhann, in association with 'Carval Ghorane'.

This honour, comprising of Rs 50,000 cash, a shawl, fruits, flowers, citation of honour and a memento will be presented on November 5, during the 263rd monthly theatre at Kalaangann, Shakthinagar.

Apolinaris D'Souza, born in 1953, embarked on a journey of artistic excellence from a young age. After completing his education at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, he ventured to Oman in search of better opportunities.

His passion for Konkani music, combined with his dedication and creativity, paved the way for a remarkable career.

Apolinaris's contributions to Konkani music have left an indelible mark, both in Oman and his hometown, Mangalore.

The 'Kalakar Puraskar' was established in 2005 by linguist Pratap Naik, SJ, and his Carvalho Household of Kundapura.

#### **Recent Awards**

- **Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023** - Kerala
- **Businessline's Changemaker of the Year' 2023 Award** - Reserve Bank of India
- **Iconic changemaker of the year** - Amul
- **Mahatma Awards 2023** - Digital Transformation solutions company UST
- **Kerala Jyothi Award 2023** - T. Padmanabhan
- **British Academy Book Prize 2023 for Cultural Understanding** - Nandini Das

147. Gurkeerat Singh Mann has announced retirement. He was related to which sport?

गुरकीरत सिंह मान ने संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है। वह किस खेल से सम्बंधित थे?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन
- (c) Kabaddi / कबड्डी
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Gurekeerat Singh Mann announced retirement from international cricket

Gurkeerat Singh Mann, who played three ODIs on the 2016 tour of Australia, has announced his retirement from international and Indian cricket

Besides batting in the middle-order for India, the 33-year-old also bowled 10 overs of off-spin in the ODI series against Australia.

He first attracted attention on the domestic circuit in 2011 when his fiery batting helped Punjab win the CK Nayudu Trophy.

He was also in brilliant form during the Ranji Trophy in 2015-16, when he slammed a double century.

Before making his ODI debut, he earned a call-up to India's Test team for the home series against South Africa but could not make his debut.

In the IPL, he played for Punjab Kings, Delhi Daredevils (now Delhi Capitals) and Royal Challengers Bangalore. He was part of the title winning Gujarat Titans squad in 2022 but did not get a game.

In 41 IPL games, he made 511 runs at a strike rate of 121.

#### Recently Retired Players

- Meg Lanning – International Cricket – Australia
- Sunil Narine - International cricket – West Indies
- David Willey - International Cricket - England
- Sornnarin Tippoch - International Cricket - Thailand
- Alastair Cook - International Cricket - England
- Steven Finn - All forms of Cricket - England

148. Jharkhand Foundation Day is celebrated every year on 15 November. In which year Jharkhand state was formed?

हर साल 15 नवंबर को झारखंड स्थापना दिवस मनाया जाता है झारखंड राज्य का गठन किस वर्ष हुआ था?

- (a) 1996
- (b) 1999
- (c) 2000
- (d) 2001
- (e) 2003

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 15 November - Jharkhand Foundation Day

Jharkhand is the 28th state of India. It was formed on November 15, 2000 after a long-standing tribal movement for statehood.

Jharkhand was earlier a part of Bihar, more precisely it was then South Bihar. 15th November is the birth anniversary of tribal leader Birsa Munda who was a part of the tribal movement against the British in the 1870s.

He was arrested by the British when he got highly involved in the movement and died in a Ranchi jail at the young age of 25 in 1900.

Jharkhand state is rich in minerals like coal, iron ore, copper ore, uranium, mica, bauxite, granite, limestone, silver, graphite, magnetite, and dolomite.

Agriculture is the main source of income for 80% population in Jharkhand. Rice is an important cultivation in Jharkhand. Chau is the most famous dance form of Jharkhand.

149. Prithvi Raj Singh aka 'Biki' passed away recently at the age of 94. He was the former chairman of which group?  
पृथ्वी राज सिंह उर्फ 'बिकी' का हाल ही में 94 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस समूह के पूर्व अध्यक्ष थे?

- (a) Taj Hotels / ताज होटल
- (b) Soneva / सोनेवा
- (c) Lemon Tree Hotels / लेमन ट्री होटल
- (d) Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group / मंदारिन ओरिएंटल होटल समूह
- (e) Oberoi Group / ओबेराय ग्रुप

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi, Oberoi Group Chairman passed away

Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi aka 'Biki', the doyen of Indian hospitality and Chairman Emeritus of the Oberoi Group passed away at the age of 94.

He was the Executive Chairman of EIH Limited, the Flagship Company of The Oberoi Group, and the Chairman of Oberoi Hotels Private Limited, the major shareholder of EIH Limited.

Popularly known as the man who changed the outlook of the hotel business in India.

PRS Oberoi received numerous awards including the Padma Vibhushan (India's second highest civilian honor) in January 2008 for his exceptional service to the country, the Lifetime Achievement Award at ILTM, the '2010 Corporate Hotelier of the World award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Businessman of the Year 2008, the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, the Lifetime Achievement Award for Management, and others.

150. The founder of Sahara India Pariwar, Subrata Roy passed away recently at the age of 75. In which year Sahara group was formed?

सहारा इंडिया परिवार के संस्थापक सुब्रत रॉय का हाल ही में 75 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। सहारा समूह का गठन किस वर्ष में हुआ था?

- (a) 1990
- (b) 1995
- (c) 1997
- (d) 2000
- (e) 2001

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Founder of Sahara group, Subrata Roy passed away

Subrata Roy, the founder of Sahara India Pariwar, passed away. He was 75.

Born in Bihar's Araria in 1948, he made a modest start with a capital for only Rs 2,000 to build Sahara India.

Eventually he shifted to Lucknow in the 1990s and made the city the headquarters of his group.

Sahara India Pariwar was once hailed by Time magazine as the second-largest employer in India after Indian Railways, boasting a workforce of around 1.2 million people.

The group claimed to have more than 9 crore investors, representing a significant portion of Indian households.

**151. Who has inaugurated a Power Pavilion set up by the Ministry of Power in India International Trade Fair 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली के प्रगति मैदान में भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेला 2023 में विद्युत मंत्रालय द्वारा स्थापित पावर पवेलियन का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?**

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) R. K. Singh / आर.के. सिंह
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** R. K. Singh inaugurates Power Pavilion in New Delhi

The Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh has inaugurated a Power Pavilion set up by the Ministry of Power in India International Trade Fair 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The pavilion aims to present the key initiatives in the power sector before the domestic and international industry and to also improve public awareness and participation in the schemes and policies of the government.

Policy initiatives and themes highlighted at the pavilion include the National Green Hydrogen Mission, Carbon Capture Technology, One Sun-One World-One Grid, Universal Energy Access through Renewable Energy, Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, Smart Energy (Smart Grid, Smart Meter), Pumped Hydro Storage as a pathway to Grid Stability, Energy Transition, Charging Infrastructure and e-Mobility.

**152. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development Mission in which state?**

**प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस राज्य में प्रधान मंत्री विशेष रूप से कमजोर जनजातीय समूह (पीवीटीजी) विकास मिशन शुरू किया है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jharkhand / झारखंड
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM Modi launched PVTG Development Mission and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development Mission, a 24,000 crore rupees scheme on the occasion of the third Janjaatiya Gaurav Diwas from Khunti district in Jharkhand.

The mission will benefit 75 PVTGs in 18 states and UTs, living in 22,544 villages in 220 districts having a population of around 28 lakhs. Modi has also launched 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' to ensure saturation of flagship government schemes.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will inform educate and aware to all beneficiaries. We had also started Gram Swaraj Yojna a few years ago. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will reach all the villages and ensure benefits of all government schemes reaching to all targeted beneficiaries.

Modi has also dedicated to nation and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth around 7200 crore rupees in Jharkhand.

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

- PM Modi inaugurated 2nd edition of '**World Food India 2023**' in New Delhi
- PM Modi dedicated **projects worth ₹5950 Crore in Gujrat**
- 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

**153. As measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), how much percent retail inflation was recorded in October 2023?**

**उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (सीपीआई) द्वारा मापी गई खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति अक्टूबर 2023 में कितने प्रतिशत दर्ज की गई?**

- (a) 4.87%
- (b) 3.87%
- (c) 4.27%
- (d) 5.17%
- (e) 4.77%

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India's WPI records 7th consecutive month of deflation in October

India's wholesale inflation continued to decline for the seventh consecutive month in October 2023.

According to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the wholesale price index (WPI) recorded a 0.52 percent decline in October compared to the same period last year.

Wholesale inflation recorded a contraction of 0.26 percent in September.

The negative rate of inflation in October 2023 is primarily due to fall in prices of chemicals and chemical products, electricity, textiles, basic metals, food products, paper and paper products, etc. as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Data showed that retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), eased to 4.87 percent in October compared to 5.02 percent in September this year.

The retail inflation is within the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance limit of 6 percent. The Government has mandated the apex bank to maintain retail inflation at four percent with a margin of two percent on either side.

**1514. Who has been appointed as an advisor to the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF) Board?**

**यूएस-इंडिया स्ट्रैटेजिक एंड पार्टनरशिप फोरम (यूएसआईएसपीएफ) बोर्ड के सलाहकार के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Abhishek Singhvi / अभिषेक सिंघवी
- (b) Aryama Sundaram / आर्यमा सुंदरम
- (c) Kishor Kumar Basa / किशोर कुमार बसा
- (d) Ajay Kumar / अजय कुमार
- (e) Laxman Narasimhan / लक्ष्मण नरसिम्हन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Ajay Kumar appointed as advisor to USISPF Board

Former Indian Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar has been appointed as an advisor to the board of the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF).

Kumar served as the defence secretary between August 2019 and October 2022.

Kumar is the longest-serving secretary in the Ministry of Defence, having also served as Secretary in the Department of Defence Production.

President and CEO of USISPF - Mukesh Aghi

### **Recent Appointment**

- **UK Foreign Secretary** - David Cameron
- **MD of Torrent Gas Limited**- Manoj Jain
- **Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI)** - Pankaj Malhotra
- **Nominee Director of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP) Board** - Deepak Gupta
- **CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL)** - Deepesh Nanda (replace Ashish Khanna)

**155. Virat Kohli becomes first batter in the world to score 50 ODI centuries. In how many innings has Kohli achieved this position?**

**विराट कोहली 50 वनडे शतक बनाने वाले दुनिया के पहले बल्लेबाज बन गए हैं। कोहली ने कितनी पारियों में यह मुकाम हासिल किया है?**

- (a) 269
- (b) 279
- (c) 259
- (d) 299
- (e) 288

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Virat Kohli breaks Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries in an ODI

Virat Kohli becomes first batter in the world to score 50 ODI centuries, breaks iconic Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 centuries.

Virat Kohli breaks the long-standing record of compatriot Sachin Tendulkar for the most ODI hundreds of all-time.

Kohli took just 279 innings to become the first cricketer to score 50 centuries. Tendulkar, his idol, had scored 49 hundreds in 452 innings.

Virat Kohli has also goes past Sachin Tendulkar's record for most runs in a single World Cup. He has gone past 673 runs which Tendulkar made in the 2003 World Cup.

Earlier, Virat Kohli's 49th ODI century came on his 35th birthday as he rose to the occasion once again to show no weakness against South Africa's powerful bowling line-up.

**156. Which company has won two prestigious awards at the Asian Oil and Gas Awards event held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia?**

**मलेशिया के कुआलालंपुर में आयोजित एशियाई तेल और गैस पुरस्कार समारोह में किस कंपनी ने दो प्रतिष्ठित पुरस्कार जीते हैं?**

- (a) GAIL (India) Limited / गेल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एल एंड टी)
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (बीईएल)

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** GAIL wins two awards at the Asian Oil and Gas Awards event

GAIL (India) Limited has won two prestigious awards at the Asian Oil and Gas Awards event held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"The Innovation Award – India" was given to GAIL for the reduction in LNG shipping cost and emissions through Ship-to-Ship (STS) transfer of LNG with backhauling.

Another top-notch award "Midstream Project of the Year – India" has been given for the installation of the first floating Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station at Varanasi.

The award recognizes the outstanding players in Asia's oil and gas sector.

**157. Who has been awarded the first-ever 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' by the Vaclav Havel Center?**

**वेक्लेव हेवेल सेंटर द्वारा पहले 'लाइफटाइम डिस्टर्बिंग द पीस अवार्ड' से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- (b) Vikram Seth / विक्रम सेठ
- (c) Salman Rushdie / सलमान रुश्दी
- (d) Aravind Adiga / अरविंद अडिगा
- (e) Chetan Bhagat / चेतन भगत

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Salman Rushdie honored with first 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'

World-renowned author Salman Rushdie has been awarded the first-ever 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' by the Vaclav Havel Center. This was Rushdie's surprise public appearance since he was stabbed during a literary festival in New York in August 2022. At 76, Rushdie, recipient of the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade last month, found himself receiving another accolade, reflecting on the irony of being awarded for "disturbing the peace." He pondered which side of "the fence" this placed him on.

**Recent Awards**

- **Champions of Change Award by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy** - Dr. Somdutta Singh
- **19th Kalakar Puraskar' Award** - Apolinaris D'Souza
- **Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023** - Kerala
- **Businessline's Changemaker of the Year' 2023 Award** - Reserve Bank of India
- **Iconic changemaker of the year** - Amul

**158. Recently, who has jumped off a helicopter from a height of 21,500 ft in front of the world's highest peak Mt Everest?**

**हाल ही में किसने दुनिया की सबसे ऊंची चोटी माउंट एवरेस्ट के सामने 21,500 फीट की ऊंचाई से हेलीकॉप्टर से छलांग लगाई है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Shital Mahajan / शीतल महाजन

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Shital Mahajan became first woman to Skydive from Mt Everest

Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan has jumped off a helicopter from a height of 21,500 ft in front of the world's highest peak Mt Everest.

She became the first woman to do so. Mahajan landed at Kalapatthar peak at an altitude 17,444 feet.

Mahajan is a well-known Indian skydiver who holds several skydiving records and is the recipient of the fourth highest civilian award, the Padma Shri in 2001.

**159. Which country has signed a contract to supply Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles to India?**

किस देश ने भारत को हाथ से पकड़ने वाली इग्ला-एस एंटी-एयरक्राफ्ट मिसाइलों की आपूर्ति के लिए अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Russia seals deal to supply Igla anti-aircraft missiles to India

Russia has signed a contract to supply Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles to India and allow production of the Igla there under licence.

The Igla-S is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) that can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.

India is the world's largest arms importer and Russia remains its largest supplier despite the damage to the reputation of its army and weaponry from the war in Ukraine.

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Russia accounted for 45% of India's arms imports between 2018 and 2022, with France providing 29% and the United States 11%.

**160. Which company has signed a Transfer of Technology agreement with CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories for the manufacturing of BMI Engine Production of LCA - Tejas Mk1A?**

**किस कंपनी ने एलसीए - तेजस एमके1ए के बीएमआई इंजन उत्पादन के निर्माण के लिए सीएसआईआर-राष्ट्रीय एयरोस्पेस प्रयोगशालाओं के साथ प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एल एंड टी)
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (बीईएल)

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** HAL sign ToT with CSIR-NAL for BMI Engine Production

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd has signed a Transfer of Technology agreement with CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories for the manufacturing of BMI Engine Bay Door for the series production of LCA - Tejas Mk1A.

The LCA — Tejas Mk1A is an indigenous 4.5 generation, all-weather, multi-role fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).

CSIR-NAL has developed technologies for composite parts for the Light Combat Aircraft — Tejas, including fin and rudder, wing spars, and wing-fuselage fairings.

It has developed the manufacturing process technology of high temperature-resistant co-cured composite structures using carbon-BMI prepreg (composite materials impregnated with resins) for the engine bay door, to withstand the temperature of about 200 degrees Celsius.

**161. Who has become the first batsman to hit 50 Sixes in World Cup?**

**विश्व कप में 50 छक्के लगाने वाले पहले बल्लेबाज कौन बन गए हैं?**

- (a) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (b) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (c) Kane Williamson / केन विलियमसन
- (d) David Warner / डेविड वार्नर
- (e) Devon Conway / डेवोन कॉनवे

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Rohit Sharma Now First Batsman To Hit 50 Sixes In World Cup

Rohit Sharma created a unique record at the semi-final game against New Zealand.

Rohit Sharma became the first batsman in the World Cup to hit 50 or more sixes and breaking Chris Gayle's record of hitting 49 sixes.

Rohit Sharma has already 51 sixes in this tournament. Rohit Sharma has also got another record to his name for hitting the most number of sixes in a single edition of the World Cup.

Rohit Sharma has already hit 28 sixes in the 2023 edition of World Cup. Rohit Sharma also completed his 2,000 runs as captain of India in 44 matches.

**162. World Philosophy Day is observed annually on which day?**

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

- (a) Third Wednesday of November /नवंबर का तीसरा बुधवार
- (b) Third Thursday of November /नवंबर का तीसरा गुरुवार
- (c) Third Friday of November /नवंबर का तीसरा शुक्रवार
- (d) Third Saturday of November /नवंबर का तीसरा शुकवार
- (e) Third Sunday of November /नवंबर का तीसरा रविवार

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 16 November - World Philosophy Day

World Philosophy Day is observed annually on the third Thursday of November. This year celebrated on 16 November.

This day emphasizes philosophy's inspiring influence as both a discipline and an everyday practice capable of transforming societies and fostering intercultural dialogue.

Theme 2023 - Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World

This theme highlights the importance of philosophy in promoting understanding and dialogue between different cultures and perspectives.

In 2005, recognizing philosophy's significant contributions to shaping future societies, UNESCO institutionalized World Philosophy Day. The proclamation occurred during the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference in Paris, with the publication of a multilingual program document.

UNESCO emphasized the importance of philosophy for the younger generation, promoting critical thinking, global awareness, peace, and patience

**163. International Day of Tolerance is observed annually on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 November / 14 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 16 November - International Day of Tolerance

International Day of Tolerance is observed annually on November 16 with the primary aim of promoting mutual understanding and respect among all the diverse cultures and communities across the globe.

The observance of International Day of Tolerance serves as a reminder of the importance of accepting differences, embracing diversity, and combating discrimination across nations.

International Day for Tolerance was initially established by the United Nations in 1996 to promote understanding among cultures and foster respect for diversity.

This day is observed in commemoration of the adoption of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance by UNESCO member states on November 16, 1995.

**164. National Press Day is observed annually on which day?**

**राष्ट्रीय प्रेस दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 November / 14 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 16 November - National Press Day

National Press Day is observed annually 16 November.

This day is celebrated to honour the formation of the Press Council of India in 1966.

The objective behind celebrating the day is to pay tribute to the contributions of the Press Council of India.

Everyone should celebrate the day with great enthusiasm.

The Press Council of India is a statutory body which was established to ensure the freedom of the press and to maintain and improve the standards of journalism.

The quasi-judicial body was re-established in the year 1979 under the Press Council Act, 1978.

**165. Which country will host the second edition of the Voice of Global South Summit?**

**वॉइस ऑफ ग्लोबल साउथ समिट के दूसरे संस्करण की मेजबानी कौन सा देश करेगा?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India to host second Voice of Global South Summit

India will host the second Voice of Global South Summit in a virtual format. The sessions will be hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' Session is Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust and that of the Concluding Leaders' Session is Global South Together for One Future.

The summit brought together 125 countries of the Global South. The summit will be structured into 10 sessions.

The Summit will serve as a platform to discuss ways to sustain the momentum generated toward the common aspiration of a more inclusive, representative, and progressive world order.

The first edition of the Voice of Global South Summit was hosted by India in virtual format in the month of January this year.

**166. Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) challenge in which city?**

**आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने किस शहर में इनोवेट, इंटीग्रेट और सस्टेन 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) चुनौती के लिए सिटी इन्वेस्टमेंट लॉन्च किया है?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Hardeep Singh Puri launched CITIIS 2.0 in New Delhi

Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) challenge in New Delhi.

CITIIS 2.0 aims to advance climate action through the promotion of a circular economy with a focus on integrated waste management. This program has a demonstrative effect which will lay the basis for the commercialization of the technology. He further called on support for innovative, technology-based interventions like CITIIS 2.0. The first phase of the program was able to introduce 1000 new electric vehicles, 100 km of non-motorized transport corridors, 750 acres of green open spaces, 1400 affordable housing units, and 35 education facilities. The government has already set up 112 Biomethanation plants, 2,391 waste-to-compost plants, 55 waste-to-energy plants, 2,281 material recovery facilities, 972 construction and demolition waste management plants, and 35 solid and liquid resource management plants.

**167. Which city's airport has recently introduced special services 'Sunflower Initiative' to facilitate people with hidden disabilities?**

हाल ही में किस शहर के हवाई अड्डे ने छिपी हुई विकलांगता वाले लोगों की सुविधा के लिए विशेष सेवा 'सनफ्लावर इनिशिएटिव' शुरू की है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Delhi Airport launched Sunflower initiative

Delhi airport operator DIAL has introduced special services to enhance the travel experience for individuals with hidden disabilities.

Under the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative, DIAL has introduced a variety of merchandise options, including sunflower Lanyards, pin badges, and wristbands.

These discreet, yet identifiable items allow passengers to signal their need for assistance from airport staff. The sunflower merchandise is available for collection at the help desks and information counters located within the terminals.

Aligned with the globally recognized Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative, DIAL has transformed Delhi Airport into a Sunflower Airport and sensitized all passenger-facing partners through this programme with a globally developed framework.

**168. Indian Railways has collaborated with IRCTC to launch the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Departing from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**भारतीय रेलवे ने \_\_\_\_\_ से प्रस्थान करने वाली भारत गौरव पर्यटक ट्रेन शुरू करने के लिए आईआरसीटीसी के साथ सहयोग किया है।**

- (a) Ayodhya Junction railway station / अयोध्या जंक्शन रेलवे स्टेशन
- (b) New Delhi railway station / नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन
- (c) Anand Vihar Terminal / आनंद विहार टर्मिनल
- (d) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus / छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज टर्मिनस।
- (e) Kanpur Central / कानपुर सेंट्रल

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Indian Railways in collaboration with IRCTC to launch Bharat Gaurav Tourist

In a move to promote Dekho Apna Desh and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiatives, Indian Railways has collaborated with IRCTC to launch the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Departing from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus.

The circular route will cover iconic destinations such as Mumbai, Pune, Solapur, Guntakal, Renigunta, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Kochuveli, and back to CSMT on 25th of this month.

The train, offering Economy, Comfort, and Deluxe options, aims to showcase India's rich cultural and religious heritage to both domestic and international tourists.

This IRCTC tourist train will be an all-inclusive tour package offering 3 economies, Comfort, and Deluxe, and includes train fare, meals, stay and transport.

**169. India and which country have signed an MoU with the objective of connecting both countries' dynamic startup ecosystems, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET)?**

**भारत और किस देश ने दोनों देशों के गतिशील स्टार्टअप पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र, विशेष रूप से महत्वपूर्ण और उभरती प्रौद्योगिकियों (सीईटी) को जोड़ने के उद्देश्य से एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India and US sign MoU to connect dynamic startup ecosystems

India and the US have signed an MoU with the objective of connecting both countries' dynamic startup ecosystems, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET).

The understanding named 'Enhancing Innovation Ecosystems through an Innovation Handshake' was signed by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal from the Indian side.

The MoU is poised to positively impact economic activity, attract investment, and generate employment.

Mr Goyal also held a bilateral meeting with his US counterpart Gina Raimondo on the sidelines of the IPEF Ministerial Meeting and discussed the growing India-US commercial cooperation and business engagement.

During his ongoing visit, India joined the United States and 12 other Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) partners to ink the IPEF supply chain resilience agreement. Mr Goyal said it will "fortify and strengthen" global supply chains. India and the US are among the 14 supply chain resilience partners of IPEF.

**Recently India signed MoUs with others countries**

- India and UAE sign MoU to Strengthen Educational Ties
- Cabinet approves pact between India & Japan on Semiconductor Supply Chain
- 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)

**170. Which edition of the Global Media Congress commences at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, UAE?**

**ग्लोबल मीडिया कांग्रेस का कौन सा संस्करण अबू धाबी राष्ट्रीय प्रदर्शनी केंद्र, संयुक्त अरब अमीरात में शुरू हुआ?**

- (a) First / पहला
- (b) Second / दूसरा
- (c) Third / तीसरा
- (d) Fourth / चौथा
- (e) Fifth / पांचवां

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Global Media Congress Kicks Off in Abu Dhabi exploring Innovation

The second edition of the Global Media Congress commences at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, UAE. Organized by the Emirates News Agency (WAM), under the patronage of Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Deputy Prime Minister of UAE, the three-day event brings together 257 brands, marking a 33 percent increase from last year.

The opening ceremony was AI-infused, with virtual anchors and avatars guiding the proceedings, adding a futuristic touch to the inauguration.

Participants from 172 countries, including 31 newcomers, contribute to the diverse dialogue on media innovations, sustainability, and training.

**171. Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has added how many new workers under the ESI Scheme in September, as per the latest payroll data?**

**नवीनतम पेरोल डेटा के अनुसार, कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम (ईएसआईसी) ने सितंबर में ईएसआई योजना के तहत कितने नए कर्मचारियों को जोड़ा है?**

- (a) 8.88 lakh
- (b) 18.88 lakh
- (c) 28.88 lakh
- (d) 1.88 lakh
- (e) 10.88 lakh

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Over 18.88 lakh new workers enrolled under ESI scheme in September

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has added 18.88 lakh new workers under the ESI Scheme in September, as per the latest payroll data.

Around 22,544 new establishments were registered and brought under the social security umbrella of the ESIC in September, thereby ensuring more coverage.

Data revealed that more jobs have been generated for the youth as of the 18.88 lakh employees added during the month, 9.06 lakh employees up to the age group of 25 constitute the majority of new registrations which is 47.98 percent of the total employees.

Gender-wise analysis of the data indicates that the net enrolment of women members was 3.51 lakh in September. The data shows that 61 transgender employees have also got registered under the ESI Scheme during the month.

**172. In November 2023, the Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹90.92 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI?**

**नवंबर 2023 में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने आरबीआई द्वारा जारी कुछ निर्देशों का अनुपालन न करने के लिए किस बैंक पर ₹90.92 लाख का मौद्रिक जुर्माना लगाया?**

- (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.** RBI Imposes ₹90.92 Lakh Monetary Penalty on Axis Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken stringent action against Axis Bank Ltd, imposing a monetary penalty of ₹90.92 lakh.

The penalty, issued through an order dated November 2, 2023, is a consequence of Axis Bank's non-compliance with specific directives outlined by the RBI.

The directives in question pertain to the Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Directions, 2016, Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions, Guidelines on Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks, and Code of Conduct for Opening and Operating Current Accounts.

**Recent Penalties imposed by RBI**

- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 72 lakh on PNB, Rs 30 lakh on Federal Bank, Rs 13.38 lakh on Kosamattam Finance, and Rs 10 lakh on Mercedes-Benz Financial Services.
- 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

**173. Pedro Sanchez was re-elected prime minister of Spain. What is the currency of Spain?**

**पेद्रो सांचेज़ पुनः स्पेन के प्रधान मंत्री चुने गये। स्पेन की मुद्रा क्या है?**

- (a) Dollar
- (b) Euro
- (c) Krona
- (d) Thai Baht
- (e) Shilling

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Pedro Sanchez re-elected Spanish PM

Spain's lower house of parliament voted to make Pedro Sanchez prime minister for another term by a wafer-thin margin, ending a protracted deadlock after an inconclusive general election in July.

His Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) had reached separate deals with a number of regional parties to earn their backing, including a contentious bill on amnesty for Catalan separatists that has sparked protests across Spain.

PSOE's hard-left ally Sumar, Catalan pro-independence parties Junts and ERC, Basque parties PNV and EH Bildu, Galicia's BNG and the Canary Coalition all voted for Sanchez, who first acceded to the office in 2018.

**About Spain**

- **Capital-** Madrid
- **Currency** – Euro
- **Prime Minister-** Pedro Sánchez
- **Official language-** Spanish

**Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President**

- Prime Minister of Slovakia - Robert Fico (4th time)
- 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

**174. Indian Air Force will organize an air show on 23-24 November at which air force station?**

**भारतीय वायु सेना 23-24 नवंबर को किस वायु सेना स्टेशन पर एयर शो का आयोजन करेगी?**

- (a) Ambala Air Force Station / अम्बाला वायु सेना स्टेशन
- (b) Hindan Air Force Station / हिंडन एयरफोर्स स्टेशन
- (c) Sulur Air Force Station / सुलूर वायु सेना स्टेशन
- (d) Thanjavur Air Force Station / तंजावुर वायु सेना स्टेशन
- (e) Kalaikunda Air Force Station / कलाईकुंडा वायु सेना स्टेशन

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** IAF to organize air show at Ambala Air Force Station

Indian Air Force will organize an air show on 23-24 November at Air Force Station in Ambala Cantonment. During the air show, Surya Kiran and Akashganga teams will showcase their skills in the sky alongside the aircrafts of the Indian Air Force.

Ambala Cantonment is a cantonment town in Ambala district in the state of Haryana, India. It is 200 km north of Delhi and 55 km southwest of Chandigarh.

Orders have already been issued under Section 144 to prohibit flying near the Air Force station.

**175. Which edition of the joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka “Mitra Shakti 2023” commenced in Pune’s Aundh?**

**भारत और श्रीलंका के बीच संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास "मित्र शक्ति 2023" का कौन सा संस्करण पुणे औंध में शुरू हुआ?**

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th
- (c) 11th
- (d) 12th
- (e) 13th

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India & Sri Lanka joint military exercise "MITRA SHAKTI 2023" commences in Pune

The ninth edition of the joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka “Mitra Shakti 2023” commenced in Pune’s Aundh.

The exercise will be conducted from November 16-29.

The Indian contingent, of 120 personnel was represented mainly by troops from the Maratha Light Infantry regiment. The Sri Lankan side is being represented by personnel from the 53 Infantry Division.

The exercise’s aim was to jointly rehearse the conduct of subconventional operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. The scope of the exercise included synergizing joint responses during counter-terrorist operations.

Both India and Sri Lanka practised tactical actions such as raid, search and destroy missions, heliborne operations, etc. In addition, Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR), combat reflex shooting and yoga also formed a part of the exercise curriculum.

#### **Recent Exercise**

- **7th edition of ‘Exercise KAZIND-2023’** between India and Kazakhstan – Otar, Kazakhstan
- **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

**176. Mohammed Shami has become the fastest bowler to take 50 wickets in the ODI World Cup. In how many innings has Shami achieved this feat?**

**मोहम्मद शमी वनडे वर्ल्ड कप में सबसे तेज 50 विकेट लेने वाले गेंदबाज बन गए हैं. शमी ने कितनी पारियों में यह उपलब्धि हासिल की है?**

- (a) 12
- (b) 17
- (c) 21
- (d) 39
- (e) 16

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Mohammed Shami becomes 1st India bowler to pick up 50 wickets in ODI World Cup

Mohammed Shami has become the fastest bowler to pick up 50 wickets in the ODI World Cup.

The Indian pacer accomplished the milestone in his 17th innings, breaking the record of Australian speedster Mitchell Starc, who had set the record earlier in the 2023 edition in his 19th innings.

Shami also became the first Indian to pick up 50 wickets in the ODI World Cup. He is also the seventh after Glenn McGrath, Muttiah Muralitharan, Starc, Lasith Malinga, Wasim Akram and Trent Boult to reach the 50-wicket landmark in the history of the mega event.

Shami reached the feat in India's semi-final in World Cup 2023 against Kane Williamson's New Zealand at the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Earlier in the World Cup, Shami went past Zaheer Khan and Javagal Srinath's tally of 44 to become India's leading wicket-taker in the ODI World Cup.

**177. National Epilepsy Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?**

**राष्ट्रीय मिर्गी जागरूकता दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 17 November - National Epilepsy Day

National Epilepsy Awareness Day is observed every year on 17 November.

The day is dedicated to spread awareness and educate people about a brain disorder known as Epilepsy.

Characterized by repeated brain seizures, epilepsy is caused due to abnormal activities of the brain.

According to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, "A seizure is usually defined as a sudden alteration of behavior due to a temporary change in the electrical functioning of the brain. Normally, the brain continuously generates tiny electrical impulses in an orderly pattern. These impulses travel along neurons (the network of nerve cells in the brain) and throughout the whole body via chemical messengers called neurotransmitters." The National Epilepsy Day in India was first observed by Epilepsy Foundation of India. The foundation is located in Mumbai and was established by Dr Nirmal Surya.

Epilepsy Foundation of India has been founded with a motive to eradicate this disease from the country. It also creates awareness about this disease and educates public about the myths and misconceptions surrounding this disorder, especially in rural areas.

**178. International Students Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

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

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 17 November - International Students Day

International Students Day is celebrated every year on 17 November.

This celebration is particularly significant for those studying abroad, facing the challenges of navigating new cultures, languages, financial hurdles, and homesickness.

International Students' Day is the anniversary of the Nazi invasion of a university in Prague in 1939. The Nazis imprisoned around a thousand students, closed the university, and killed several people.

International Students' Day is an opportunity to honor and appreciate the diverse student community. Pursuing higher education often requires immense courage, especially for those leaving their families and homes behind.

On this day, we recognize the unique challenges faced by international students and celebrate their determination to enhance their lives and support their families.

**179. World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day is observed every year on 17 November. What is the theme of World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day 2023?**

**विश्व क्रॉनिक ऑब्सट्रक्टिव पल्मोनरी डिजीज दिवस हर साल 17 नवंबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व क्रॉनिक ऑब्सट्रक्टिव पल्मोनरी डिजीज दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Your Lungs for Life
- (b) Healthy Lungs - Never More Important
- (c) All Together to End COPD
- (d) Living Well with COPD - Everybody, Everywhere
- (e) Breathing is Life - Act Earlier

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 17 November - World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day

World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day is observed every year on 17 November.

It is organized by the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) in collaboration with health care professionals and COPD patient groups throughout the world.

Its aim is to raise awareness, share knowledge, and discuss ways to reduce the burden of COPD worldwide.

Theme 2023 - Breathing is Life - Act Earlier

**180. Which place has been listed as one of the best places to visit in Asia in 2024 by London-based Luxury travel magazine Conde Nast?**

लंदन स्थित लक्जरी ट्रैवल पत्रिका कोंडे नास्ट द्वारा 2024 में एशिया में घूमने के लिए किस स्थान को सर्वश्रेष्ठ स्थानों में से एक के रूप में सूचीबद्ध किया गया है?

- (a) Kochi /कोच्चि
- (b) Mysure / मैसूर
- (c) Gangtok /गंगटोक
- (d) Coimbatore /कोयंबटूर
- (e) Sri Nagar /श्रीनगर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Kochi In Conde Nast List of Best Places To Visit In 2024

London-based luxury travel magazine Conde Nast has listed Kochi as one of the best places to visit in Asia in 2024. Heaping praise on the city for its sustainable initiatives and local festivals, the magazine also highlights the city's tourist attractions such as waterways, lagoons and rivers.

The magazine referred to the renovation that is underway at Kochi's 150-year-old Ernakulam Market.

The recognition is a nod to the city's commitment to providing enriching experiences for travelers while embracing eco-friendly practices and preserving its cultural heritage.

Kochi International Airport (CIAL) stands out as the world's first airport to operate solely on solar energy. This eco-friendly initiative underscores Kerala's commitment to sustainable practices. Recently, CIAL further enhanced its offerings by introducing the largest business jet terminal in India, catering to the evolving needs of discerning travelers.

**181. Which edition of the India International Trade Fair was inaugurated in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi?**

**भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेले के किस संस्करण का उद्घाटन प्रगति मैदान, नई दिल्ली में किया गया?**

- (a) 39th
- (b) 40th
- (c) 41st
- (d) 42nd
- (e) 43rd

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 42nd Edition of India International Trade Fair inaugurated at Pragati Maidan

The 42nd Edition of India International Trade Fair has inaugurated in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The fair will remain open for all till the 27th of this month.

This year, the theme of the fair is based on Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which emphasizes the significance of interconnectedness and cooperation in trade.

Representatives of 13 countries are also displaying their products in the fair.

Bihar and Kerala are the Partner States of the Fair, while Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh are the Focus States.

**182. In November 2023, which bank has launched UPI Lite to power small-value digital transactions in India?**

**नवंबर 2023 में, किस बैंक ने भारत में छोटे मूल्य के डिजिटल लेनदेन को सशक्त बनाने के लिए UPI लाइट लॉन्च 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 introduces UPI lite for small-value digital payments

Federal Bank has launched UPI Lite to power small-value digital transactions in India.

NPCI introduced UPI Lite a simplified version of the Unified Payments Interface system to cater to the growing demand for faster and more efficient small-value payments.

Benefits of UPI Lite for customers include reduction in transaction time, a ready-to-access bank statement, higher payment success rate and enhanced security.

UPI lite account can be created within the existing UPI app without downloading a new app.

#### **About Federal Bank**

- Federal Bank Limited is an Indian private sector bank headquartered in Kochi, Kerala.
- The bank has 1,336 branches spread across different states in India.
- It also has representative offices abroad in Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, and Dubai.
- Founded- 23 April 1931
- Founder- K.P Hormis
- CEO- Shyam Srinivasan

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

- SIDBI launches '**Sumpoorn**' **MSME Economic Activity Index** with Jocata
- HSBC India launches **e-bank guarantee services** for MSMEs
- AU Small Finance Bank launches '**Planet First-AU Green Fixed Deposit**'
- Bank of Baroda introduces **BoB LITE Savings Account**
- RBL Bank launched **GO Savings Account**

**183. According to the Finance Minister, India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third-largest economy in the world by which year?**

**वित्त मंत्री के अनुसार, भारत किस वर्ष तक जापान और जर्मनी को पछाड़कर दुनिया की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बन जाएगा?**

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2026
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2028
- (e) 2029

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India to become world's third-largest economy by 2027

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third largest economy in the world by 2027.

India's economic growth is estimated to be just under 7 per cent during the year, the highest among major economies, despite global headwinds.

Amidst supply-chain disruptions and economic turbulence due to contemporary conflicts that impact the Indo-Pacific, irrespective of whether they are occurring in relatively distant Ukraine or in relatively-proximate Israel or Yemen, and despite the palpable tensions prevalent in the South-and East China Sea, the Indian economy stands out as a bright spot. Even according to the usually conservative estimates of the IMF, the Indian economy is set to emerge as the world's third-largest economy by 2027, hopping over Japan and Germany, as its GDP crosses the USD 5 trillion level. By 2047, India aspires to be a developed economy.

**184. Who has been appointed as the Director of Jio Financial Services?**

**जियो फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज के निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Akash Ambani / आकाश अंबानी
- (b) Isha Ambani / ईशा अंबानी
- (c) Anant Ambani / अनंत अंबानी
- (d) Nita Ambani / नीता अंबानी
- (e) Tina Ambani / टीना अंबानी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI Approves New Directors of Jio Financial Services

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Isha Ambani, Anshuman Thakur, and Hitesh Kumar Sethia as directors of Jio Financial Services.

This approval is valid only for six months from the date of this letter. In case the company fails to give effect to the proposal within this time frame, it will have to apply again with reasons for having failed to effect the change on the earlier occasion. Isha Ambani, a graduate from Yale University with a double major in Psychology and South Asian Studies, and MBA from Stanford University, is part of the executive leadership team at Reliance Retail. She is also widely credited for conceptualizing and launching Jio in India in 2016.

Anshuman Thakur is a graduate in Economics and an MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad. With 24 years of experience, Thakur has experience in corporate strategy and investment banking and has worked across diverse industries. Hitesh Sethia is a chartered accountant and an alumnus of Harvard Business School. He has been a financial services executive with over 2 decades of experience across Europe, Asia (India & Greater China) and North America.

**185. Who has been appointed as Indian envoy to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and High Commissioner to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda?**

**कैरेबियन समुदाय (CARICOM) में भारतीय दूत और सेंट किट्स एंड नेविस और एंटीगुआ और बारबुडा फेडरेशन के उच्चायुक्त के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Sadhna Saxena Nair / साधना सक्सेना नायर
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta / इप्सिता दासगुप्ता
- (e) Amit S Telang / अमित एस तेलंग

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Amit S Telang appointed as Indian envoy to the Caribbean Community

The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that Amit S Telang has been concurrently accredited as the Indian Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and High Commissioner to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda. Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Anil Kumar Rai has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

### **Recent Appointment**

- **Advisor to board of the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)** - Ajay Kumar
- **UK Foreign Secretary** - David Cameron
- **MD of Torrent Gas Limited** - Manoj Jain
- **Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI)** - Pankaj Malhotra
- **Nominee Director of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP) Board** - Deepak Gupta

**186. Ashok Vaswani has been appointed Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank?**

**अशोक वासवानी को किस बैंक का प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (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 appointed as MD & CEO of Kotak Bank

Kotak Mahindra Bank has appointed Ashok Vaswani as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from January 1, 2024.

The bank's board has appointed Vaswani for a period of three years, subject to the approval of the members of the bank, according to an exchange filing.

The appointment of Vaswani follows the conclusion of Dipak Gupta's term as the Managing Director and CEO of the bank, slated to end on December 31, 2023.

The Reserve Bank of India had cleared Vaswani's name for the post on October 21.

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

- **Executive Director of Bank of Maharashtra** - Rohit Rishi (replace Asheesh Pandey)
- **Executive Director of RBI** - Manoranjan Mishra
- **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)

**187. Who has been appointed as Director of Special Protection Group (SPG)?**

**विशेष सुरक्षा समूह (एसपीजी) के निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thaisen / सुजॉय लाल थाउसेन
- (c) Alok Sharma / आलोक शर्मा
- (d) Pankaj Kumar Singh / पंकज कुमार सिंह
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जायसवाल

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** IPS officer Alok Sharma appointed as Chief of SPG

Senior IPS officer Alok Sharma has been appointed the director of the Special Protection Group (SPG), the elite security unit responsible for the security of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Alok Sharma, a 1991-batch IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre who is currently working as Additional Director General in the SPG, to the post of director from the date of assumption of charge until further orders. A resident of Aligarh, Sharma is a science graduate with a B.Tech (Mechanical) degree. He joined the IPS in 1991. He has held several important positions in Uttar Pradesh — he was Meerut IG and after his promotion, he was shifted to Police Training School in Meerut as ADG in 2016.

**Recent Appointment in Defence Sector**

- **Command of The Eastern Fleet** - Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar
- **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff** - Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti (replace Sanjay Mahendru)
- **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)

**188. Who expressed gratitude on receiving the 'Order of British Columbia', the province's highest form of recognition?**

**प्रांत की सर्वोच्च मान्यता 'ऑर्डर ऑफ ब्रिटिश कोलंबिया' प्राप्त करने पर किसने आभार व्यक्त किया?**

- (a) Ryan Reynolds / रयान रेनॉल्ड्स
- (b) Blake Lively / ब्लेक लाइवली
- (c) Jeff Reynolds / जेफ रेनॉल्ड्स /
- (d) Ryan Gosling / रयान गोसलिंग
- (e) Rob McElhenney / रोब मैकलेनी

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Actor Ryan Reynolds received 'Order of British Columbia'

Canadian-American actor and film producer Ryan Reynolds expressed gratitude on receiving the 'Order of British Columbia', the province's highest form of recognition.

Reynolds was among 14 people appointed to the 'Order of British Columbia' this year.

224 citizens of the Canadian province were nominated for the honor.

**Recent Awards**

- **First 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'** - Salman Rushdie
- **Champions of Change Award by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy** - Dr. Somdutta Singh
- **19th Kalakar Puraskar' Award** - Apolinaris D'Souza
- **Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023** - Kerala
- **Businessline's Changemaker of the Year' 2023 Award** - Reserve Bank of India

**189. Who among the following have been conferred with Kenneth Boulding Award 2023?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसे केनेथ बोल्डिंग पुरस्कार 2023 से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (i) Bina Agarwal
- (ii) Sheetal Shah
- (iii) David Barkin
- (a) only i
- (b) only ii
- (c) only iii
- (d) only i & ii
- (e) only i & iii

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bina Agarwal and David Barkin conferred 2023 Kenneth Boulding Award

Bina Agarwal, a professor at the University of Manchester, received the Kenneth Boulding Award in Ecological Economics along with David Barkin in Colombia. The International Society for Ecological Economics presented the award for their significant contributions to ecological economics, focusing on environmental governance, agrarian change, and social equity in developing countries. The prize was granted by a jury including members like Peter May, Chair Full Professor at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro-UFRRJ (retired); Carl Folke, Anthropocene Lab, Beijer Institute, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden; Lisi Krall, Professor of Economics at the State University of New York, Cortland; Jane Mariara, Executive Director of the Partnership for Economic Policy, Kenya; Volker Mauerhofer, Professor, Mid Sweden University, Department for Natural Science, Design and Sustainable Development, Sweden; and Rajeswari Raina, Professor Shiv Nadar University, Delhi.

**190. Who will be honored with Maharashtra's Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023?**

**महाराष्ट्र के लता मंगेशकर पुरस्कार 2023 से किसे सम्मानित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Raghu Ram Pillarisetti / रघु राम पिल्लरीसेट्टी
- (d) Suresh Wadkar / सुरेश वाडकर
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Suresh Wadkar named for Maharashtra's Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023

The Maharashtra government has chosen the esteemed playback singer and National Award winner, Suresh Ishwar Wadkar, as the recipient of the prestigious 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023.

The announcement was made by Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, recognizing Wadkar's remarkable contribution to the world of music.

A Sangeet Natak Akademi laureate, Wadkar, 68, will be presented with a cash prize, a commendation, and a memento as part of the award at a ceremony later.

Hailing from an ordinary family of Kolhapur, in his younger days, Wadkar was a wrestler and then became a music teacher in Mumbai before winning a singing competition 1976 that got him his first playback singing break with the late music director Ravindra Jain in 1977.

**191. World Prematurity Day is observed annually on which day every year?**

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

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 17 November - World Prematurity Day

World Prematurity Day is observed annually on 17 November every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about the challenges faced by premature babies and their families.

Theme 2023 - Small actions, big impact: Immediate skin-to-skin care for every baby everywhere

In 2008, European Parent organizations united to establish this international awareness day for preterm birth (A preterm birth is characterized by babies being born alive before the completion of 37 weeks of pregnancy).

Premature birth is a significant global health concern, often leading to infant deaths and various health complications.

**192. International Men's Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पुरुष दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 19 November - International Men's Day

International Men's Day is celebrated on November 19 every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about the health and well-being of men and boys and to highlight the issues that they face.

The day also celebrates the positive value that men bring to the world and motivates them to become positive role models.

Theme 2023 - Zero Male Suicide

International Men's Day was founded in 1999 by Dr Jerome Teelucksingh, a history lecturer at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago. Since then, it has been celebrated every year, and currently, more than 80 countries celebrate the day.

**193. Brijinder Nath Goswamy passed away recently at the age of 90. Who was he?**

**बृजिंदर नाथ गोस्वामी का हाल ही में 90 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Theatre artist / थिएटर कलाकार
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** BN Goswamy passes away at 90

Indian art historian and a world authority on miniature paintings, Brijinder Nath Goswamy passed away at the age of 90.

Born in August 1933, the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee BNG, as he was lovingly known in art circles, often called himself an "accidental art historian".

Best known for his path-breaking work on the Pahari style of paintings, Prof Goswamy is the author of more than 26 books.

In 1958, he quit the prestigious civil services after less than three years to pursue a career in academics and research, a decision that caused a stir in his family.

**194. Which of the following has signed with the World Health Organization for 'Project Collaboration' on Traditional and Complementary Medicine?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने पारंपरिक और पूरक चिकित्सा पर 'प्रोजेक्ट सहयोग' के लिए विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के साथ हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs/ कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Ayush / आयुष मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** WHO and Ministry of Ayush signed the Traditional and Complementary Medicine

The Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO) have signed the Traditional and Complementary Medicine 'Project Collaboration Agreement' in Geneva.

The main objective of this agreement is to standardize Traditional and Complementary Medical Systems, integrate their quality and safety aspects into the National Health System, and disseminate them at the international level. Through this cooperation agreement, efforts will be made to connect Traditional and Complementary Medical Systems with the mainstream of the National Health System.

To fulfil this objective, Traditional Medicine Global Strategy 2025-34 will be prepared by WHO with the support of the Ministry of Ayush. Other major objectives of the agreement include efforts to strengthen the system of training and practice in the field of Complementary Medicine System 'Siddha', formulation of guidelines for the listing of Traditional and Complementary Medicines, safety and related efforts, etc.

An International Herbal Pharmacopoeia of herbs found in South-East Asia will be developed by the Ministry in collaboration with WHO. Efforts will be made under this agreement to integrate evidence-based Traditional and Complementary Medicines with the National Health System, conservation and management of biodiversity and medicinal plants, etc.

**195. Union Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala has inaugurated the two-day Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 in which city?**

**केंद्रीय मत्स्य पालन मंत्री परशोत्तम रूपाला ने किस शहर में दो दिवसीय वैश्विक मत्स्य पालन सम्मेलन भारत 2023 का उद्घाटन किया है?**

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 2-day Global Fisheries Conference 2023 begin in Ahmedabad

Union Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala has inaugurated the two-day Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 in Ahmedabad.

Theme 2023 - Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth

The conference aims to bring together key stakeholders on one platform for fruitful discussions, market insights and networking and serve as a platform to forge partnerships with national and international stakeholders and chalk out a roadmap for sustainable growth of India's fisheries sector.

Delegations from more than 10 countries, including France, Norway, Australia, Russia, Brazil, Greece, Spain, New Zealand and Zimbabwe, have confirmed they will physically participate in the conference. In addition, more than 50 other foreign diplomats are anticipated to join the meet virtually. Similarly, representatives from around 10 international organizations, including Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialists of the Asian Development Bank and the India Head of Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, will also attend the conference.

The event is anticipated to attract 5,000 visitors, including farmers, vendors, representatives of cooperatives, and start-ups.

**196. Which was the opening film at the 54th International Film Festival of India?**

**54वां भारतीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव में आरंभिक फ़िल्म कौन सी थी?**

- (a) Half CA
- (b) The Featherweight
- (c) Catching Dust
- (d) Cinderella Man
- (e) Big George Foreman

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 54th International Film Festival of India opens in Goa

The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) begins in Goa. The opening ceremony was held at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the 9-day event, which will showcase 270 films.

While the British film 'Catching Dust' is the opening movie, 'The Featherweight' from the US will be the closing film of the festival this year.

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to legendary Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas.

The IFFI has started OTT Awards from this year, to recognise excellence in OTT series and films.

**197. The Sea Buckthorn of which state/UT recently got its Geographical Indication (GI) tag?**  
**किस राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश के सी बकथॉर्न को हाल ही में अपना भौगोलिक संकेत (जीआई) टैग मिला है?**

- (a) Gujarat/गुजरात
- (b) Kerala/केरल
- (c) Odisha/ओडिशा
- (d) Ladakh/लद्दाख
- (e) Puducherry/पुदुचेरी

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Ladakh secures 4th GI tag for Sea Buckthorn

In Ladakh, after GI Tag for Apricot (Raktsey Karpo), Pashmina, and Ladakhi Wood Carving, the Geographical Indication Registry, operating under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has officially granted the GI tag to the Department of Industries & Commerce, Ladakh and approved it as the Registered Proprietor for 'Ladakh Sea Buckthorn' in Class 31.

Farmers of Kargil are very excited for this special recognition for Sea Buckthorn, one of the most profitable crop of UT Ladakh having 90 % production from Ladakh in India.

**198. Which of the following has launched a new Commission on Social Connection, to address loneliness as a pressing health threat, promote social connection as a priority, and accelerate the scaling up of solutions in countries of all incomes?**  
निम्नलिखित में से किसने अकेलेपन को एक गंभीर स्वास्थ्य खतरे के रूप में संबोधित करने, प्राथमिकता के रूप में सामाजिक कनेक्शन को बढ़ावा देने और सभी आय वाले देशों में समाधानों के विस्तार में तेजी लाने के लिए सामाजिक कनेक्शन पर एक नया आयोग लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र जनसंख्या कोष (यूएनएफपीए)
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO) / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ)
- (c) World Economic Forum (WEF) / विश्व आर्थिक मंच (डब्ल्यूईएफ)
- (d) United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र शिक्षा वैज्ञानिक और सांस्कृतिक संगठन (यूनेस्को)
- (e) World Bank (WB) / विश्व बैंक (डब्ल्यूबी)

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** WHO launches commission to foster social cohesion and loneliness

The World Health Organization has announced a new Commission on Social Connection, to address loneliness as a pressing health threat, promote social connection as a priority and accelerate the scaling up of solutions in countries of all incomes.

The Commission will consider how connection enhances the well-being of our communities and helps foster economic progress and social development.

Running for three years, it will analyse the central role social connection plays in improving health for people of all ages and outline solutions to build social connections at scale.

**About World Health Organization (WHO)**

- **Formation** - 7 April 1948
- **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland
- **First President** - Andrija Štampar
- **Director General** - Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- **Deputy Director General** - Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- **Member Countries** - 194

**199. Recently, which country has successfully test-fired an 'M51.3' long-range ballistic missile?**

**हाल ही में किस देश ने लंबी दूरी की बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल 'M51.3' का सफल परीक्षण किया है?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** France test-fires long-range ballistic missile 'M51.3'

France has successfully test-fired an M51.3 long-range ballistic missile, boosting the credibility of France's nuclear deterrence capabilities.

The missile, which did not carry a nuclear weapon, was fired from the French army's Biscarosse missile testing site in southwest France and landed in the North Atlantic, "hundreds of kilometres from any coastline.

The M51.3 missile is an upgraded version of the M51, a three-stage sea-land strategic ballistic missile designed to be launched from French Navy submarines.

The M51 was first test-fired from a ground base in 2006 and from a submarine in 2010, the year it was commissioned. The new M51.3 missile, which is expected to enter service around 2025, is developed by aerospace firm ArianeGroup, a joint venture between Arbus (AIR.PA) and French defence group Safran (SAF.PA)

Ballistic missiles are similar to rockets and follow elliptic trajectories after launch, often leaving the earth's atmosphere to reach lower space, unlike cruise missiles, which typically follow straight trajectories at low altitudes, powered by continuous thrust until they reach their target.

**200. Tamil writer Perumal Murugan has won the JCB Prize for Literature for which novel?**

**तमिल लेखक पेरुमल मुरुगन ने किस उपन्यास के लिए साहित्य का जेसीबी पुरस्कार जीता है?**

- (a) Inglorious Empire
- (b) The Paradoxical Prime Minister
- (c) An Era of Darkness
- (d) Fire Bird
- (e) Why I Am a Hindu

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Perumal Murugan wins JCB Prize for Literature

Tamil writer Perumal Murugan won the coveted JCB Prize for Literature for his novel, Fire Bird, an English translation of his Tamil novel Aalanda Patchi.

The award carries ₹25 lakh cash prize. The translator is Janani Kannan and the work was published by Penguin.

The prize aims to celebrate Indian writing and to help readers across the world discover the very best of contemporary Indian literature. It makes significant awards also to translators; without whose work no reader can appreciate the scale and diversity of literature written in over 20 languages.

### **Recent Awards**

- **Maharashtra's Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023** - Suresh Wadkar
- **First 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'** - Salman Rushdie
- **Champions of Change Award by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy** - Dr. Somdutta Singh
- **19th Kalakar Puraskar' Award** - Apolinaris D'Souza
- **Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023** - Kerala

**201. Sheynnis Palacios has been crowned Miss Universe for the year 2023, marking her country's first win at the international beauty pageant. She is from which country?**

शेन्निस पलासियोस को वर्ष 2023 के लिए मिस यूनिवर्स का ताज पहनाया गया है, जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय सौंदर्य प्रतियोगिता में उनके देश की पहली जीत है। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) Ecuador / इक्वेडोर
- (b) Paraguay / परागुआ
- (c) Nicaragua / निकारागु
- (d) Panama / पनामा
- (e) El Salvador / अल साल्वाडोर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sheynnis Palacios crowned Miss Universe 2023

Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palacios has been crowned Miss Universe for the year 2023, marking her country's first win at the international beauty pageant.

The 72nd edition of the Miss Universe pageant was held at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador. Miss Thailand Anntonia Porsild emerged the first runner-up and Miss Australia Moraya Wilson was named the second runner-up at the event.

Palacios was crowned by USA's R'Bonney Gabriel, who held the title of Miss Universe for the year 2022.

According to Miss Universe, Palacios is a 23-year-old mental health activist and audiovisual producer from Managua, Nicaragua. Palacios bested entrants from 83 other countries, including Miss India Shweta Sharda, who was called into the list of top 20 contestants.

Erica Robin, who was crowned the first ever Miss Universe Pakistan 2023, also made it to the top 20.

**202. Indian star batter Virat Kohli has been awarded the "Player of the Tournament" title in the ICC World Cup 2023 for his exemplary performance. Kohli scored a total of how many runs in World Cup 2023?**

**भारतीय स्टार बल्लेबाज विराट कोहली को उनके अनुकरणीय प्रदर्शन के लिए आईसीसी विश्व कप 2023 में "प्लेयर ऑफ द टूर्नामेंट" के खिताब से नवाजा गया है। विश्व कप 2023 में कोहली ने कुल कितने रन बनाए?**

- (a) 747
- (b) 765
- (c) 797
- (d) 777
- (e) 757

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Virat Kohli earns the "Player of the Tournament" title in the Cricket World Cup 2023

Indian star batter Virat Kohli has been awarded with the "player of the tournament" title in the ICC World Cup 2023 for his exemplary performance.

Kohli scored a total of 765 runs in 11 innings, the highest-ever runs scored by a batter in a single edition of the World Cup. He averaged at 95.62, and ended up with a strike rate of 90.3

The former Indian skipper also added 6 fifties & 3 centuries to his name.

**203. Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket ODI World Cup 2023 defeating India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. With this win, Australia has won the ODI World Cup title how many times till?**

**ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने अहमदाबाद के नरेंद्र मोदी स्टेडियम में फाइनल में भारत को छह विकेट से हराकर आईसीसी पुरुष वनडे क्रिकेट विश्व कप 2023 जीता। इस जीत के साथ ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने अब तक कितनी बार वनडे विश्व कप का खिताब जीता है?**

- (a) 5 times
- (b) 6 times
- (c) 4 times
- (d) 7 times
- (e) 3 times

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Australia won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023

Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket world cup defeating India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad.

Chasing a modest target of 241 runs, Australia completed the task in 43 overs for the loss of four wickets with a gritty century knock of Travis Head, after some initial setbacks. He made 137 and was declared Player of the Match.

Earlier, India managed to post 240 runs in the stipulated 50 overs. The highlight of the Indian innings was half-centuries by Virat Kohli and K L Rahul. Rahul made 66 while Virat scored 54 runs. Skipper Rohit Sharma also made quick 47.

With this win Australia has won the World Cup title 6 times viz. 1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015 and 2023.

**204. Africa Industrialization Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अफ्रीका औद्योगीकरण दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 20 November - Africa Industrialization Day

Africa Industrialization Day is celebrated on November 20 each year.

It's a period when governments and organizations in several African countries consider how to accelerate the continent's industrialization.

It's also an opportunity to draw international media attention to Africa's industrialization concerns and challenges. A geographical representation of Africa, including the island of Madagascar, is a popular symbol of Africa Industrialization Day. Flags of African international organizations, including the African Union, as well as a variety of national flags, are hoisted in celebration.

In July 1989, the Organization of African Unity (O.A.U.) conducted its 25th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Africa Industrialization Day was announced on November 20 during this session. Africa Industrialization Day was recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on December 22, 1989, and on November 20, 1990, it was celebrated for the first time.

**205. World Toilet Day is observed every year on which day?**

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

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 19 November - World Toilet Day

World Toilet Day is observed every year on 19 November.

The main objective of celebrating this day is to make people aware of the cleanliness of toilets.

On this day people are told about the importance of using toilets and cleanliness. This day is also used to create awareness about the cleanliness of toilets and also to stop people from defecating in the open.

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**206. World Children's Day is observed every year on 20 November. What is the theme of World Children's Day 2023?**

**विश्व बाल दिवस हर साल 20 नवंबर को मनाया जाता है। विश्व बाल दिवस 2023 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Children are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow
- (b) A better future for every child
- (c) For Every Child, Every Right
- (d) Children of today, our keepers tomorrow
- (e) Go Blue

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 20 November - World Children's Day

World Children's Day is observed every year on 20 November.

Objective - To recognize the rights, well-being, and potential of every child.

Theme 2023 - For Every Child, Every Right

This significant occasion marks the anniversary of two landmark documents that enshrined the fundamental rights of children globally – the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, adopted in 1959, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified in 1989.

The idea of a World Children's Day was first proposed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 1925. The ILO was concerned about the plight of children who were being forced into labor and were not receiving an education.

In 1954, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming Universal Children's Day. The date of November 20th was chosen to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

**207. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**महिला उद्यमिता दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 15 November / 15 नवंबर
- (c) 16 November / 16 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 19 November - Women's Entrepreneurship Day

Women's Entrepreneurship Day is celebrated on November 19 every year to recognize the achievement of women entrepreneurs and to support the efforts of women to build their business ventures.

This global initiative, established by the Women's Entrepreneurship Development Organization (WEDO), has already been adopted by more than 144 countries worldwide

Women's Entrepreneurship Day was established by the Women's Entrepreneurship Development Organization (WEDO), an NGO, aimed at alleviating global poverty.

The United Nations recognized November 19 as Women's Entrepreneurship Day in appreciation of the organization's committed efforts.

The first Women Entrepreneurship Day was observed in New York City in 2014 and the majority of UN member nations supported it.

**208. S Venkitaramanan passed away recently at the age of 92. Who was he?**

**एस वेंकिटरमनन का हाल ही में 92 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Former Director general of Indian Army / भारतीय सेना के पूर्व महानिदेशक
- (b) Former Planning Commission Head / पूर्व योजना आयोग प्रमुख
- (c) Former RBI Governor / पूर्व आरबीआई गवर्नर
- (d) Former ISRO Chief / पूर्व इसरो प्रमुख
- (e) Former DRDO Chief / पूर्व डीआरडीओ प्रमुख

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Former RBI Governor S Venkitaramanan passes away

Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), S Venkitaramanan passed away recently at the age of 92. Venkitaramanan managed the affairs at the central bank when the country faced two major crisis – balance of payment crisis that led to the pledging of gold and the securities scam triggered by Harshad Mehta – in the 1990-92 period. He served as Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance for a period of four years from 1985 to 1989 when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister of the country.

Venkitaramanan, who had finished his civil service career by 1990, moved on to Karnataka as an adviser to the Governor during President's rule there, before taking over as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India in December 1990 — an appointment that came on the back of Rajiv Gandhi's support whose backing was critical for the survival of the then Chandra Shekhar government. In the early part of 1991, up to April-May, when the balance of payment crisis deepened — marked by Indian banks even being denied overnight borrowings from abroad, NRIs withdrawing deposits and a downgrade by global credit rating agencies — at the RBI, Venkitaramanan began working on the phone with various central banks.

**209. Which state government has launched the 'Every Right for Every Child' campaign to ensure equal opportunities for students?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने छात्रों के लिए समान अवसर सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 'हर बच्चे के लिए हर अधिकार' अभियान शुरू किया है?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** UP govt launched 'Every Right for Every Child' campaign

The Uttar Pradesh government has launched the 'Every Right for Every Child' campaign to ensure equal opportunities for students.

Led by Power Angel and Bal Sansad, the campaign, centred around 'equality and inclusion,' includes daily activities in primary, upper primary, and Kasturba Gandhi schools.

The campaign's theme focuses on 'Gender Equality' and 'Care and Support,' advocating for equal opportunities in families, homes, schools, sports, careers, healthcare, and child protection facilities, as well as in the community and public life.

Additionally, the School Management Committee (SMC) will share issues and suggestions with principals and officials to honor teachers, students, and citizens advocating for child rights

**About Uttar Pradesh**

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

**210. Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in which state?**

**धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने किस राज्य में 37 PM SHRI केन्द्रीय विद्यालय और 26 PM SHRI जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय लॉन्च किए हैं?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Dharmendra Pradhan launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha.

About 800 government schools in Odisha will be developed into PM Shri Schools and more than Rs 1600 crore will come.

He stated that to achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047, the education sector of the country needs to move forward. For that, rural children should be educated in the 21st century.

**211. Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has approved the Bill raising reservation from 50% to how much percent?**

**बिहार के राज्यपाल राजेंद्र विश्वनाथ आर्लेकर ने आरक्षण को 50% से बढ़ाकर कितने प्रतिशत करने वाले विधेयक को मंजूरी दे दी है?**

- (a) 55%
- (b) 60%
- (c) 65%
- (d) 70%
- (e) 75%

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Bihar Governor approves Bill raising reservation from 50% to 65%

Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar approved the State Government's 'Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill' which was passed unanimously by the State Legislature during the recently concluded winter session.

It was approved by the State Cabinet on November 7 and raises the reservation quota for Backward, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 50% to 65%.

According to the legislation, named the Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill, quota for Extremely Backward Class (EBC) will be raised from the existing 18% to 25%; for Backward Class (BC) from 12% to 18%; for Scheduled Caste (SC) from 16% to 20%; and for Scheduled Tribe (ST), the quota will be doubled, from 1% to 2%. The existing 3% reservation for BC women has been scrapped.

**212. What is the rank of India in Global Unicorn Rankings with a total valuation of \$195.75 billion?**

**\$195.75 बिलियन के कुल मूल्यांकन के साथ ग्लोबल यूनिकॉर्न रैंकिंग में भारत का स्थान क्या है?**

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India ranks third in Global Unicorn Rankings with 72 Unicorns

India ranks third with 72 unicorn companies, with a total valuation of \$195.75 billion. The country's unicorns make a substantial 5 percent contribution to the total global unicorn valuation, according to research by Journalistic Org.

The first Indian company to make an appearance in global rankings is BYJUs, which stands at 36th place with a valuation of \$11.50 billion. Despite a lower average valuation per unicorn at \$2.72 billion compared to some counterparts, India's unicorns make a substantial 5 percent contribution to the total global unicorn valuation. This places India in league with the UK, emphasizing its significance in the international start-up arena. China has the second-highest number of unicorn companies, with a combined valuation of \$641.67 billion, accounting for 17 percent of the total valuation of all unicorn companies in China. ByteDance - the parent company of TikTok - is the highest-valued company in China, and is valued at over \$225 billion.

The US has the highest number of unicorn companies worldwide with an impressive 668 - over three times more than China in second place (172). Unicorn companies in the US have a combined valuation of over \$2 trillion, accounting for over half (54 percent) of the total valuation of unicorn companies.

#### **Recent index**

- **Inclusiveness index by US varsity** - India ranked 117th; topped by - New Zealand
- **Global Pension Index 2023** - India ranked 45; Topped by Netherland
- **Global Hunger Index 2023** - India ranked 111th
- **Global Innovation Index 2023** -India at 40th; topped by Switzerland

**213. Who has been appointed as interim Chief Executive officer of OpenAI?**

**OpenAI के अंतरिम मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Jessica Livingston / जेसिका लिविंगस्टन
- (b) Jessica Mira / जेसिका मीरा
- (c) Shivon Zilis / शिवोन ज़िलिस
- (d) Fei-Fei Li / फी-फी ली
- (e) Mira Murati / मीरा मुराती

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Mira Murati appointed as interim CEO at OpenAI

Mira Murati has been appointed as interim Chief Executive officer of OpenAI. She will replace Sam Altma.

Mira Murati has commented on the current deepfake concerns in India. Ms. Murati, who played a role in promoting Dall-E, an AI model generating images from text, discussed the company's efforts to address the issue of manipulated media using their technologies during a talk show.

Mira Murati, a 34-year-old mechanical engineer born to Albanian parents, has been an integral part of the OpenAI team. She initially joined the company in 2018 as the Vice President of AI and partnerships.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Indian envoy to the Caribbean Community** - Amit S Telang
- **Advisor to board of the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)** - Ajay Kumar
- **UK Foreign Secretary** - David Cameron
- **MD of Torrent Gas Limited** - Manoj Jain
- **Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI)** - Pankaj Malhotra

**214. Who has become the first woman to bag the Dhahan Prize for Punjabi literature?**

**ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸਾਹਿਤ ਕੇ ਲਿਏ ਧਾਹਾਨ ਪੁਰਸਕਾਰ ਪਾਨੇ ਵਾਲੀ ਪਹਲੀ ਮਹਿਲਾ ਕੌਨ ਬਨ ਗਈ ਹੈਂ?**

- (a) Anshika Singh / ਅੰਸ਼ਿਕਾ ਸਿੰਹ
- (b) Deepti Babuta / ਦੀਪਤਿ ਬਾਬੂਤਾ
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / ਵਸੁਧਾ ਗੁਪਤਾ
- (d) Rinki Tyagi / ਰਿੰਕੀ ਟਿਆਗੀ
- (e) Parul Goyal / ਪਾਰੂਲ ਗੋਯਲ

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Deepti Babuta becomes first woman to bag Dhahan Prize for Punjabi literature

Mohali-based Deepti Babuta has become the first woman to bag the Dhahan Prize, the largest international literary award for fiction books in Punjabi language.

Babuta received the award for her short story collection, 'Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai' ('Hunger Breathes Like This').

She was presented with a cash award of \$25,000 CAD and a trophy at a ceremony held at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Alongside her, two other finalists -- Lahore-based Jameel Ahmad Paul and Mohali's Balijit were awarded \$10,000 CAD each.

This is for the first time in its 10-year history that the top prize has gone to a woman.

**About Dhahan Prize**

- The Dhahan Prize was established by the Canada India Education Society (CIES) and the University of British Columbia (UBC) in 2013 to give a platform to both aspiring and established writers to take their work to a broader, multilingual audience.

**Recent Awards**

- **JCB Prize for Literature** - Perumal Murugan (for Fire Bird novel)
- **Maharashtra's Lata Mangeskar Award 2023** - Suresh Wadkar
- **First 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'** - Salman Rushdie
- **Champions of Change Award by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy** - Dr. Somdutta Singh
- **19th Kalakar Puraskar' Award** - Apolinaris D'Souza

**215. Which state has won the 'Best State' award for inland fisheries at the Global Fisheries Conference 2023?**

**वैश्विक मत्स्य पालन सम्मेलन 2023 में अंतर्देशीय मत्स्य पालन के लिए किस राज्य ने 'सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य' का पुरस्कार जीता है?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Uttar Pradesh won the 'Best State' award for inland fisheries

Uttar Pradesh has won an award for inland fisheries (plain areas) and will receive it at the Global Fisheries Conference-2023 place in Delhi.

As of now, 31 projects are being implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in U.P.

The visionary approach of the CM has led UP to secure the top position in inland fish farming across the country. While last year's fish production was 8.09 lakh metric tonnes, this year the department had already achieved a production value of 9.15 lakh metric tonnes.

Similarly, the department has also recorded an increase in fish seed production. While last year's production value stood at 27,128 lakh metric tonnes, this year it has reached 36,187 lakh metric tonnes.

As of now, 31 projects are being implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in U.P. Under it, ₹15,282.5 had been distributed to beneficiaries.

Fishermen Accident Insurance Scheme has benefited 1,16,159 fishermen in the state. Under it, an assistance of ₹5 lakh is granted to each family of fishermen who are killed in accidents, ₹2.5 lakh to those who become disabled, and ₹25,000 to the injured.

Earlier, ranching was limited to 12 districts, but it has since expanded to 68 districts.

**216. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic is observed every year on which day?**

**सड़क यातायात के लिए विश्व स्मरण दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 21 November / 21 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 20 November - World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic was observed on 20th November 2023 to spread to a growing number of countries on every continent.

The objectives of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims are to provide a platform for road traffic victims and their families

Theme 2023 - Accelerating Change

The Day has become an important tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties.

**217. Sanjay Gadhvi passed away recently at the age of 6. Who was he?**

**संजय गढ़वी का हाल ही में 6 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?**

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Film Director / फिल्म निर्देशक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 'Dhoom' Director Sanjay Gadhvi passed away

Filmmaker Sanjay Gadhvi of Dhoom fame died at the age of 56.

He was known for directing the 2004 film Dhoom and its 2006 sequel Dhoom 2.

Gadhvi made his directorial debut with Tere Liye in 2000.

Kunal Kohli, director of "Hum Tum" and "Fanaa", was one of the first film personalities to condole Gadhvi's demise on social media.

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**218. Who will serve as the head of the five-member jury for the best web series (OTT) award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?**

**भारतीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव (आईएफएफआई) में सर्वश्रेष्ठ वेब श्रृंखला (ओटीटी) पुरस्कार के लिए पांच सदस्यीय जूरी के प्रमुख के रूप में कौन काम करेगा?**

- (a) Bela Segal /बेला सहगल
- (b) Sanjay Leela Bhansali / संजय लीला भंसाली
- (c) Vidhu Vinod Chopra /विधु विनोद चोपड़ा
- (d) Anupama Chopra /अनुपमा चोपड़ा
- (e) Rajkumar Hirani / राजकुमार हिरानी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** IFFI 2023: Rajkumar Hirani to head jury panel for best web series award

Filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani will serve as the head of the five-member jury for the best web series (OTT) award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

Actors Divya Dutta, Prosenjit Chatterjee, and filmmakers Krishna DK and Utpal Borpujari are part of the jury panel for the inaugural category.

This year, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced the addition of the new award category — best web series (OTT) award — to the 54th edition of the film extravaganza that will be presented to a show for its “artistic merit, storytelling excellence, technical prowess, and overall impact”.

A total of 32 entries across 10 languages from 15 OTT platforms have been selected for the inaugural Best Web Series award. The winning series will receive a certificate and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh. British film “Catching Dust” will open IFFI and American film “The Featherweight” will close the gala on November 28.

**219. Ministry of Tourism has organized the 11th edition of the International Tourism Mart at which state?**

**पर्यटन मंत्रालय ने किस राज्य में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन मार्ट के 11वें संस्करण का आयोजन किया है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Mizoram / मिजोरम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Ministry of Tourism: International Tourism Mart at Shillong

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has organized the 11th edition of the International Tourism Mart at Shillong, Meghalaya.

The International Tourism Mart is an annual event held by the Ministry in one of the North Eastern States on a rotation basis.

Event to provide a platform to create awareness about tourism potential of North East Region.

It provides a platform for North Eastern stakeholders to interact with their counterparts from both within the country and overseas markets.

This event has also been planned as a Green Event by adopting low-carbon options along the lines of the action points formulated by Environment Ministry for the implementation of Mission LiFE. There will be no use of Single Use Plastic, and a digital and paperless route will be followed as well as a tree plantation drive will be undertaken.

**220. According to data from startup data platform Tracxn, which city has topped in women-led startups?**

**स्टार्टअप डेटा प्लेटफॉर्म Tracxn के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, महिलाओं के नेतृत्व वाले स्टार्टअप में कौन सा शहर शीर्ष पर है?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Bengaluru tops in women-led startups

The Karnataka capital is home to 1,783 women-led startups, followed by Mumbai and Delhi at 1,480 and 1,195 respectively, according to data from startup data platform Tracxn.

Noida, Kolkata, and Ahmedabad took the eighth, ninth, and tenth spots with 324, 184, and 181 women-led startups respectively. With more than 61,400 startups, India's startup ecosystem has added more firepower to become the third-largest hub globally after the US and China.

Bengaluru has been one of the top startup ecosystems in India that has catalyzed risk-taking among entrepreneurs with a conducive policy framework. But the gender divide is still stark. A slew of initiatives from incubation programmes, grants and fellowships offered to women-founded startups are trying to address the gender gap. Tracxn counts Zomato, Byju's, Ofbusiness, Upstox, Lenskart and Open among the top 10 women-led startups in the country. The funding landscape for women-led companies showed a significant surge in the number of rounds, rising from 171 in 2014 to 460 in 2022. However, in 2023, the number of rounds dropped to 185. The funding into women-led startups has decreased from 183 startups in 2014 to a mere 7 this year

The number of women-led unicorns from 2008 to 2018 was 14, the data showed. Bengaluru-based neobank Open, which became the 100th unicorn, has two women co-founders — also its COO Mabel Chacko and CFO Deena Jacob. Nykaa, Mamaearth, Hasura, Pristyn Care, OfBusiness, Mobikwik, The Good Glamm Group, and Livspace are the other Indian unicorns with at least one women co-founder.

**221. Which edition of the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) begins in Kolkata?**

**बंगाल ग्लोबल बिजनेस समिट (बीजीबीएस) का कौन सा संस्करण कोलकाता में शुरू हुआ?**

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 7th edition of Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) kicks off

The 7th edition of the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) kicks off with business leaders from more than 25 countries in Kolkata.

A host of prominent figures of corporate India as well as political dignitaries are attending the event.

The participating countries include the US, UK, Japan, Poland, France, Australia, Germany, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and Fiji to name a few.

Agri and allied industries including Blue Economy, Transport, Power, Urban Infrastructure and Planning, Creative Economy, Higher Education, School Education, Technical Education, Tourism, Health, IT & ITeS, International Trade and Logistics, Manufacturing and Industries that includes MSME and Textiles and Engineering, Plastics, & Chemicals are the focus sectors of this edition's BGBS.

**222. Which of the following has launched the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने इन्वेस्टर रिस्क रिडक्शन एक्सेस (IRRA) प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया है?**

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** SEBI unveiled Investor Risk Reduction Access platform

Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Madhabi Puri Buch has launched the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Risk Mitigation in financial markets is an evergreen subject and constant efforts are made by regulators to address risks of various kinds.

The IRRA platform is one such initiative conceptualized and implemented by Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) under the guidance of SEBI to reduce risks faced by investors in the eventuality of technical glitch at Trading Member end at both Primary site and Disaster Recovery site.

**About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

- **Founded** - 12 April 1988
- **Act** - 1992
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai
- **Chairman** - Madhabi Puri Buch
- **SEBI Set up** - Uday Kotak committee

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

- SEBI unveiled **Investor Risk Reduction Access platform**
- Federal Bank introduces **UPI lite for small-value digital payments**
- SIDBI launches '**Sumpoorn**' **MSME Economic Activity Index** with Jocata
- HSBC India launches **e-bank guarantee services** for MSMEs
- AU Small Finance Bank launches '**Planet First-AU Green Fixed Deposit**'

**223. Which bank has entered into a corporate tie-up with HDFC Life to offer life insurance products to its customers?**

**किस बैंक ने अपने ग्राहकों को जीवन बीमा उत्पाद पेश करने के लिए एचडीएफसी लाइफ के साथ कॉर्पोरेट गठजोड़ किया 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. d**

**Sol.** Karnataka Bank ties up with HDFC Life to offer life insurance products

Karnataka Bank has entered into a corporate tie-up with HDFC Life to offer life insurance products to its customers.

This collaboration aligns with our commitment to enhancing the suite of financial products and services available as a choice to our customers.

It reflects our dedication to providing holistic financial solutions through our wide distribution and digital network and ensuring the well-being and security of our customers and their families.

#### **About Karnataka Bank**

- **Founded-** 18 February 1924
- **Headquarters-** Mangalore, Karnataka
- **MD & CEO -** Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma

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

- Axis Bank signed MoU with IRMA to promote financial inclusion and literacy in India
- Kotak Bank partnered with NeSL to issue electronic Bank Guarantee
- 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

**224. In November 2023, Luc Frieden was sworn in as Prime Minister of Luxembourg. What is the currency of Luxembourg?**

**नवंबर 2023 में, ल्यूक फ्रीडेन ने लक्ज़मबर्ग के प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली। लक्ज़मबर्ग की मुद्रा क्या है?**

- (a) Euro
- (b) Dollar
- (c) Krona
- (d) Franc
- (e) Somoni

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Luc Frieden sworn in as PM of Luxembourg

Luc Frieden has officially been sworn in as Luxembourg's prime minister, along with members of his new CSV-DP government.

The rest of the cabinet took charge of their respective ministries over the course.

The coalition holds a majority of 35 seats in the 60-seat Luxembourg parliament.

Luc Frieden, having served as the finance minister, will ascend to the position of prime minister, steering the nation through the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

#### **About Luxembourg**

- Capital- Luxembourg
- Currency- Euro (€) s
- Official languages- Luxembourgish, French, German
- Prime Minister- Luc Frieden

#### **Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President**

- Prime Minister of Spain - Pedro Sanchez (re-elected)
- Prime Minister of Slovakia - Robert Fico (4th time)
- President of Ecuador - Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon – Gen Brice Oligui
- President of Singapore - Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Indian origin)

**225. Vinay M Tonse has been appointed as the Managing Director of which bank for 2 years?**

**विनय एम टोंस को 2 साल के लिए किस बैंक का प्रबंध निदेशक नियुक्त किया गया 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.** Vinay Tonse appoints as MD of SBI The Government of India has appointed Vinay M. Tonse as the Managing Director of the State Bank of India until November 30, 2025. Earlier in September, the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions recommended Tonse for the said post, who currently serves as the deputy MD of the state-owned bank.

The post fell vacant in June after the appointment of Swaminathan Janakiraman as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank.

RBI deputy governor Swaminathan was MD corporate banking and subsidiaries in charge of SBI's large corporate and commercial credit businesses, as well as subsidiaries of the bank.

**About State Bank of India (SBI)**

- **Founded** - 1 July 1955
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Dinesh Kumar Khara
- **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**

- **Director of Jio Financial Services** - Isha Ambani, Anshuman Thakur, and Hitesh Kumar Sethia
- **MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Ashok Vaswani (replace Dipak Gupta)
- **Executive Director of Bank of Maharashtra** - Rohit Rishi (replace Asheesh Pandey)
- **Executive Director of RBI** - Manoranjan Mishra
- **MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Ashok Vaswani

**226. Who has been appointed by Acko as its brand ambassador?**

**एको ने किसे अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है?**

- (a) Ayushmann Khurrana / आयुष्मान खुराना
- (b) R Madhavan / आर माधवन
- (c) Pankaj Tripathi / पंकज त्रिपाठी
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Rajkummar Rao / राजकुमार राव

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Acko appoints R Madhavan as its brand ambassador

The insurtech company Acko has introduced its latest collaborator and ambassador actor R Madhavan.

Madhavan's role at Acko is to be more than just a recognizable face - he will be the 'voice of customer' in the realm of insurance.

This partnership signifies a welcome shift in the way consumers have been perceiving and navigating insurance, a sector that has been operating at a trust deficit in India.

The move is a departure from the days of uncertainty and skepticism, and Acko wants to ensure that its customers can rely on the brand for a transparent and dependable insurance experience.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- Pankaj Tripathi - UPI Safety Ambassador
- MS Dhoni - State bank of India
- Katrina Kaif - Swiss Watchmaker 'Rado'
- Chetan Bhagat - Henry Harvin Education
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Lay's
- Mohammed Shami - Sports brand Puma
- Neeraj Chopra - Laureus Ambassador

**227. Who has won the Formula One Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023?**

**फॉर्मूला वन लास वेगास ग्रांड प्रिक्स 2023 किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Sebastian Vettel / सेबस्टियन वेट्टेली
- (b) Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
- (c) Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- (d) Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लर
- (e) Sergio Pérez / सर्जियो पेरेज़

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Max Verstappen won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023

Max Verstappen emerged on top at the end of an action-packed Las Vegas Grand Prix, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.

Max Emilian Verstappen is a Belgian and Dutch racing driver and the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Formula One World Champion.

**Recent Grand Prix Winner**

- **Brazilian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Sao Paulo Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Italian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Dutch Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Hungarian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **British Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Austrian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Canadian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Spanish Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Monaco Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Miami Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Australian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Bahrain Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Japanese Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Sergio Pérez (Mexico)
- **Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023** - Red Bull's Sergio Pérez (Mexico)
- **Singapore Grand Prix 2023** - Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain)

**228. Which edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise “VAJRA PRAHAR 2023” commenced at the Joint Training Node, Umroi?**

**भारत-अमेरिका संयुक्त विशेष बल अभ्यास "वज्र प्रहार 2023" का कौन सा संस्करण संयुक्त प्रशिक्षण नोड, उमरोई में शुरू हुआ?**

- (a) 10th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 13th
- (e) 14th

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** INDIA-USA joint exercise Vajra Prahar commences in Umroi

14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise “VAJRA PRAHAR 2023” commenced at the Joint Training Node, Umroi. The US contingent is represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) of US Special Forces. The Indian Army contingent is led by Special Forces personnel from the Eastern Command.

Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR is a joint exercise conducted between Indian Army and US Army Special Forces. It aims at sharing best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.

The first edition was conducted in the year 2010 in India and the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise was conducted at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh (HP).

The current edition is being conducted in Umroi Cantonment, Meghalaya from 21st November to 11th December 2023.

#### **Recent Exercise**

- **9th edition of Mitra Shakti 2023** between India and Sri Lanka – Aundh, Pune
- **7th edition of ‘Exercise KAZIND-2023’** between India and Kazakhstan – Otar, Kazakhstan
- **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**

**229. World Television Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व टेलीविजन दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 21 November / 21 नवंबर
- (b) 20 November / 20 नवंबर
- (c) 19 November / 19 नवंबर
- (d) 17 November / 17 नवंबर
- (e) 18 November / 18 नवंबर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 21 November - World Television Day

World Television Day is observed every year on 21 November.

Television plays a crucial role in our lives and our homes are incomplete without it. It is a source of entertainment and information that enriches our lives.

The first electric television was introduced in 1927 by Philo Taylor Farnsworth. He was an American inventor who made the television.

Later, in 1996, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) officially announced that World Television Day would be celebrated on 21 November, every year.

**230. Daisaku Ikeda passed away recently at the age of 95. He was the former head of which organization?**

**दाइसाकु इकेदा का हाल ही में 95 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस संगठन के पूर्व प्रमुख थे?**

- (a) Unification Church
- (b) Happy Science
- (c) Kenshōkai
- (d) Soka Gakkai
- (e) Honmon-ji

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Former Head of 'Soka Gakkai' Daisaku Ikeda passed away

In Japan, the former head of the largest religious Buddhist organization 'Soka Gakkai', Daisaku Ikeda passed away. He was 95.

Over several decades, Ikeda developed connections with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and became an ally of the government. Ikeda increased the organisation's global popularity which is based on the teachings of the 13th-century Japanese priest Nichiren.

With 12 million members worldwide, Soka Gakkai is a global community-based Buddhist organization that promotes peace centered on respect for the dignity of life. is well-known for its celebrity connections.

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231.Which Indian state is going to celebrate the Hornbill festival in December?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Asam
- (d) Nagaland
- (e) West Bengal

Ans. d

Sol. One of the most anticipated festivals of the year, the Hornbill Festival, is gearing up for its annual return to Nagaland this December.

The festival, scheduled from December 1 to December 10, celebrates the rich culture and heritage of Nagaland, drawing thousands of visitors each year who come to savor Nagaland's cuisine, music, handicrafts, and much more.

The event is organized by Nagaland's Department of Tourism, Arts and Culture every year, and 2023 will mark the 23rd year of the festival. The festival gets its name from the Hornbill, a bird that features prominently in the folklore of the state's tribes.

232. A campaign named 'water smart kid campaign' has recently started to encourage youth to water conservation awareness. This campaign has been initiated by which Indian state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Odisha

Ans. c

Sol. With the aim of sensitizing the young minds on the importance of water conservation, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Wednesday launched the 'Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign'.

The campaign is an initiative under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to create awareness about water conservation amongst the children.

About Meghalaya

Capital: Shillong

CM-Conrad Sangma

Governor -Phagu Chauhan

233. Which state's tourism mission has made its place in the Global list of case studies of the United Nation World Tourism Organization?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Kerala
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Sikkim
- (e) Goa

Ans. b

Sol. Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission has made it to the Global List of Case Studies of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), earning yet another laurel for the State's innovative programme for grassroots development. The UNWTO cited that Kerala Tourism has succeeded in upholding the world body's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while promoting the travel industry in the State. Kerala has been cited for employing local resources and products while boosting RT destinations, thus finding resources to implement its objectives towards realizing the SDGs.

234. Geographical identification registry has recently got a GI tag to the saffron spice of Kishtwar district. Kishtwar district is in which Indian state?

- (a) Jammu and kashmir
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Ans. a

Sol. Jammu and Kashmir, the Saffron of the mountainous Kishtwar district, which is cultivated and harvested in the higher reaches, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.

The spice is grown in some parts of the Kishtwar region of Jammu, along with parts of Kashmir.

235. Which date of November month has been announced as a 'No Non Veg Day' by the Uttar Pradesh government?

- (a) 24th November
- (b) 25th November
- (c) 26th November
- (d) 27th November
- (e) 28th November

Ans. b

Sol. The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government has designated November 25 as a "No Non-Veg Day".

- The decision is aimed at honoring the birth anniversary of spiritual leader Sadhu TL Vaswani and entails the closure of all slaughterhouses and meat shops across the state

236. In which state and which district India's largest tiger Reserve is about to be operational?

- (a) Damoh, Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- (c) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- (d) Kolkata, West Bengal
- (e) Patna, Bihar

Ans. a

Sol. The Central government has approved a proposal to merge the two wildlife sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh to create the largest tiger reserve in the country spanning 2,300 square kilometers.

The Union government has issued a notification regarding the approval of the proposal to merge the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary—located in central Madhya Pradesh covering parts of Sagar, Damoh, Narsinghpur, and Raisen districts—with the Rani Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary in the Damoh district of the state.

237. ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023 Kicks Off In which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) United Kingdom
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) India
- (e) Japan

Ans. c

Sol. The Indian Mission to ASEAN in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is organizing the ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023, in Indonesia from 22nd November to 26th November 2023. The inaugural session of the festival took place in the Kota Kasablanka Mall, a prominent shopping destination in South Jakarta, Indonesia

- A Millet-centric exhibition is being held as part of the festival featuring participation from Millet-based FPOs, start-ups and Indian chefs.

238. Who has become the PM of Dutch?

- (a) Geert Wilders
- (b) Christopher Luxon
- (c) Olaf Scholz
- (d) Joko Widodo
- (e) Lee Hsien Loong

Ans. a

Sol. Geert Wilders, leader of the Freedom Party (PVV), secured a landmark win in the recent Dutch elections, signaling a growing shift towards far-right ideologies in Europe.

Wilders, known for his anti-immigration stance and admiration for leaders like Donald Trump and Viktor Orban, is eyeing the position of the Netherlands' next prime minister.

239. Till when RBI extended the significant scheme named Payment Infrastructure Development Fund scheme?

- (a) Till 2024
- (b) Till 2025
- (c) Till 2026
- (d) Till 2027
- (e) Till 2028

Ans. b

Sol. RBI has extended the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme by another two years till December 31, 2025. It will now include beneficiaries of the PM Vishwakarma scheme(e)

“The 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.

About - The PIDF Scheme was operationalised in January 2021 for three years to incentivise the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure such as physical Point of Sale (PoS), Quick Response (QR) codes in tier-3 to tier-6 centers, the north-eastern states and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

240. Asian Development Bank has approved USD \_\_\_\_\_ to Kochi to transform water landscape in the city. Fill in the blank.

- (a) USD 170
- (b) USD 160
- (c) USD 200
- (d) USD 250
- (e) USD 400

Ans. a

Sol. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has given the nod to a USD 170 million loan aimed at modernizing water supply services in Kochi, a bustling city in the southern Indian state of Kerala.

According to ADB, this move is expected to play a pivotal role in elevating urban living standards, ensuring clean water access, and bolstering climate resilience.

241. ADB has recently approved 500mn loan to the healthcare and medical education in which Indian state?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Kerala

Ans. c

Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$500 million loan to enhance the quality and affordability of tertiary health care and medical education in Maharashtra.

“ADB has been working with the state government of Maharashtra to achieve its vision of providing affordable and accessible tertiary health care to all by 2030 and strengthen a cadre of quality and professional medical practitioners.

242. Sourav Ganguly has been appointment brand ambassador of which state?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Ans. b

Sol. Mamata Banerjee made a major announcement during the seventh edition of the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) as she declared former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly as the brand ambassador for the state.

This comes after Ganguly had earlier been appointed as the brand ambassador for Tripura earlier in the year before his ties worsened with the BJP-led government.

243. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh has been appointment as MD and CEO of which bank?

- (a) Punjab and Sindh Bank
- (b) Au small finance Banks
- (c) Bandhan bank
- (d) RBL
- (e) SBI

Ans. c

Sol. The board of directors at Bandhan Bank has given the green light for the reappointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO).

The Kolkata-based private sector lender has extended Ghosh's tenure for a period of three years. The current term is set to expire on July 09, 2024.

244. Who has been appointment as a president of FICCI?

- (a) Anish Shah
- (b) O P Narayan
- (c) Mira Maruti
- (d) Amit S Telang
- (e) Ajay Kumar

Ans. a

Sol. Anish Shah, the managing director and CEO of the Mahindra Group, has been appointed as president-elect of industry body FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry).

Shah is currently the senior vice president of FICCI. He will succeed Subhrakant Panda as president of the apex chamber at the conclusion of the 96th Annual General Meeting to be held on December 8-9, 2023 in New Delhi.

245. Irish author Paul Lynch won Booker price 2023. For which novel he has won this price?

- (a) Prophet song
- (b) The gone girl
- (c) Red sky in morning
- (d) Grace
- (e) The black snow

Ans. a

Sol. Paul Lynch, who is an Irish author, won the 2023 Booker prize for his fifth novel 'Prophet Song.'

- Lynch the fifth Irish author to win the prize while the last Irish writer Anna Burns won the award in 2018. Booker Prize is awarded to the best novel of fiction written in English and published in UK and Ireland(d)

246. Surya Kiran defence exercise commenced in pithoragarh is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Japan
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Bangladesh

Ans. d

Sol. The Nepal Army contingent comprising of 334 personnel arrived in India to participate in 17th edition of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN.

The exercise will be conducted in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand from 24th November to 07th December 2023. It is an annual event and conducted alternatively in the two countries.

Aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability in jungle warfare, counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief under United Nations Charter on peace keeping operations.

247. Anhat Singh is belong to which sport?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Squash
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Chess
- (e) Football

Ans. b

Sol. 15-year-old Anahat Singh scripted history by becoming the second youngest title winner in the history of Senior National Squash Championships.

The young prodigy faced off against Tanvi Khanna in the final, where Khanna was unfortunately forced to retire midway through the match due to a knee injury.

Anahat's victory marked a historic moment, as she triumphed against her opponent who is 12 years her senior.

248. Shaheedi Diwas or Martyrdom Day Of 'Guru Tegh Bahadur' is celebrated on which date?

- (a) 24th November
- (b) 25th November
- (c) 26th November
- (d) 27th November
- (e) 28th November

Ans. a

Sol. Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh, the 9th Guru of the Sikhs, martyrdom day is commemorated on November 24. He was Born on 21st April 1621, in Amritsar to Mata Nanaki and Guru Hargobin(d)

November 24 is annually observed as a day of remembrance and reflection on the invaluable contribution of Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh to the Sikh faith and the broader tapestry of Indian history.

249. What is the theme of International Day for The Elimination of Violence Against Women 2023?

- (a) Empowering women
- (b) Security is priority
- (c) UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls.”
- (d) Fight against it.
- (e) More power to women

Ans. c

Sol. November 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a pivotal day designated by the United Nations to raise awareness and address the global issue of violence faced by women.

Theme- “UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls.”

250. World sustainable transport day is celebrated on which date?

- (a) 24th November
- (b) 25th November
- (c) 26th November
- (d) 27th November
- (e) 28th November

Ans. c

Sol. The United Nations General Assembly, in a decisive move towards fostering sustainable and environmentally friendly transportation, has designated November 26 as World Sustainable Transport Day.

World Sustainable Transport Day 2023 focuses on the theme "Sustainable transport, sustainable development".

251. Gurunank Jayanti is observed on which date?

- (a) 24th January
- (b) 18 February
- (c) 5 March
- (d) 27th November
- (e) 27th December

Ans. d

Sol. This year, Guru Nanak Jayanti falls on November 27. The festival is observed on the full moon date of Kartik month, also known as Kartik Purnima. Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as GURPURAB, holds immense significance in the Sikh community as it marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the revered founder of the Sikh religion.

252. Asia Pacific money laundering workshop is hosted by which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Ayush
- (b) Ministry of rural development
- (c) Ministry of panchayat
- (d) Ministry of finance
- (e) Ministry of urban and Housing affairs

Ans. d

Sol. A meeting or workshop related to Asia Pacific money laundering is being hosted by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue from 28th November to 1st December, 2023 in New Delhi.

Every year Asia Pacific group workshops are held to bring delegates together to discuss the cases related to money laundering and terrorist financing trends and the problems emerging from these activities.

Shri Vivek Agarwal, additional secretary (Department of Revenue and Head of the delegation to FATF. This report mainly focuses on virtual asset service providers in recognition of the threat related to money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing.

253. Upcoming Kashi Tamil Sangamam is organized in which month?

- (a) November 2023
- (b) December 2023
- (c) March 2024
- (d) April 2024
- (e) February 2024

Ans. b

Sol. By the launching of the registration portal by IIT Madras, all is set for kashi tamil sangamam phase 2 on 27th of November 2023.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' s second edition is going to be held from 17 th December to 30th December 2023.By taking inspiration from the first edition,this edition also wants to rejuvenate the bonds between the Tamil and Varanasi culture,these are considered as the two important focus points of the learning and culture in ancient India.It is said that around 1400 participants from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry will travel by train to Varanasi for an 8 day immersive tour.They will be divided into 7 groups of 200 each comprising students,teachers, professors,artisans , farmers,religious writers etc.

254. In which state India's first telecom center of excellence is going to be set?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) West Bengal

Ans. a

Sol. India is going to have its first Telecom Centre of Excellence in Uttar Pradesh, located at the IIT Roorkee campus in Saharanpur.

The main aim of this center is to find out how to connect artificial intelligence with 5G and make it easy to bring in 6G in India. This project, which will cost ₹30 crores, wants to boost new ideas and provide job opportunities for young people in Uttar Pradesh.

The Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath will officially start this project by laying the foundation stone on December 5.

255. ASEAN-INDIA 4th Grassroots innovation forum launched in which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) UAE
- (c) UK
- (d) Malaysia
- (e) Singapore

Ans. d

Sol. 10 ASEAN members and 200 participants with India participated at 4th edition of annual ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation forum launched in Langkawi, Malaysia on 28th November.

Minister of science, technology and innovation Mr YB Chang Li kang launched the AIGIF 2023. He noticed that year by year AIGIF serve as a dynamic stage for promoting innovations.

He also asked other countries to continue promoting innovations as tomorrow is better than today for everyone. Professor Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, said that "Innovators are the hope of the world".

256. Which personality received satyajit ray lifetime achievement award in IFFI inaugurated in Goa?

- (a) Abbas Amini
- (b) Stephan Komandarev
- (c) Michael Douglas
- (d) Pouria Rahimi
- (e) Melanie Thiery

Ans. c

Sol. The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) wrapped up in Goa today. The closing ceremony took place at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim, Goa.

Many movie stars and important people attended the closing ceremony. The final closing film of this year's IFFI was 'Featherweight ', directed by Robert Kolodny from the United States.

Michael Douglas, veteran Hollywood actor and producer honored with the satyajit ray lifetime achievement award.

Some awards and honors given to several films and directors or web series are given below:

1. Best film or golden peacock award- 'Endless Border' directed by Abbas Amini.
2. Best director award- Stephan Komandarev for the film 'Blaga's Lessons'.
3. Best actor(male)-Pouria Rahimi Sam for the film 'Endless Borders'
4. Best actor(female)- Melanie Thiery for the film 'Party of Fools'
5. Best web series award (OTT) - Panchayat season2
6. The Special Jury or Silver Peacock Award- 'Kantara', directed by Rishab Shetty.

257. The Defence Ministry has recently signed a contract worth 2956 cr with which entity?

- (a) HEL
- (b) NTPC
- (c) ISRO
- (d) BEL
- (e) BHEL

Ans. e

Sol. Defense ministry has recently contracted with Bharat heavy electricals limited (BHEL) to get 16 upgraded rapid gun mount and equipment for Indian Navy. It is a medium caliber anti-missile and anti-aircraft defense weapon system which would help in sustained rate of high accuracy and fire.

These guns and equipment are installed in Indian Navy's newly built ships. It is announced that these guns and equipment will be manufactured by BHEL at haridwar plant. These weapon systems are proven to tackle multiple threat scenarios and a good performance against missiles and attack crafts.

258. Who has been appointed as Director of HDFC Bank?

- (a) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- (b) S Rangan
- (c) Pradeep Kumar
- (d) Jaydeep Singh
- (e) Sandeep Bakshi

Ans. a

Sol. The appointment of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as an additional independent Director of the HDFC Bank for 3 years has been approved by the Board of directors Of HDFC Bank. While after appointment of V Srinivasa Rangan as Executive director is also approved by the director.

Bhanwala served as the chairman of NABARD from 2013 to 2020 and also was the Chairman and MD of the India infrastructure finance company.

Rangan served as the Executive director CFO of the Housing Development Finance Corporation LTD.

259. Which state's government has launched an unique AMA BANK scheme?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Kerala
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Chennai

Ans. b

Sol. On Tuesday 27 of November, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik introduced 'Ama Bank' in Bhubaneswar. This bank aims to offer banking services in all the villages that don't have a single bank.

The plan will achieve its aim gradually, covering all 4,373 such villages by the end of this financial year. The state government will provide free space for the bank for five years, and there's a budget of Rs 500 crore for this project.

'Ama Bank' is like a small, cost-effective bank branch that falls between a business correspondent and a tiny bank branch, offering many beneficiary services.

260. Who has been appointed as a chairman of Fino Payments Bank?

- (a) Rajat Kumar Jain
- (b) Rajkumar Singh
- (c) B N Lal Jain
- (d) Om Prakash Narayan
- (e) R Narayana

Ans. a

Sol. Fino Payments Bank has chosen Rajat Kumar Jain as its non-executive chairman. He used to be the MD of Xerox India and Walt Disney India. The RBI approved his appointment, which is from November 24, 2023, to November 1, 2025. Jain, who studied at IIT Delhi and IIM Ahmedabad, is also a non-executive director on boards of different companies with those in the Aditya Birla group. Mr. Jain has more than thirty years of experience leading in areas like Consumer, Telecom, Media, and Technology. He started PadUp Ventures, a platform which provides strong support and guidance to new tech startups, especially in the early stages, covering various fields, including Fintech.

261. HDFC Bank has launched HDFC SKY with the collaboration of whom?

- (a) Amazon Web Services
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Google
- (d) Meta
- (e) Apple

Ans. a

Sol. HDFC Securities is using Amazon Web Services (AWS) as its main cloud provider in India.

They offer a safe trading service for tech-savvy retail investors who like to trade using mobile phones.

The system called HDFC SKY, is powered by AWS and allows thousands of transactions per second. By using AWS, HDFC Securities can cut its yearly IT management expenses to 50% compared to using traditional on-site systems.

262. IBSF 6 Red snooker world championship title has been secured by whom?

- (a) Vidya Pillai
- (b) Ronnie O'Sullivan
- (c) John Higgins
- (d) Pankaj Advani
- (e) Aditya Mehta

Ans. a

Sol. Just a few days before her 46th birthday, Vidya Pillai gained a huge milestone by securing the IBSF 6 Red snooker world championship title in Doha, Qatar, which added a new feature in her cap.

Vidya Pillai has won many international medals for India, achieving a gold medal in the IBSF World Team Snooker Championship in 2013, secured another gold in the IBSF Australian Women's Ranking Snooker Championship in 2016.

She secured this milestone with a victory of 4-1 against Anupama Ramchandran in the title clash. In acknowledgement of the remarkable achievements, the government of Karnataka honored her with the Eklavya award in 2016.

263. Which country won Devis cup 2023?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Italy
- (c) Singapore
- (d) China
- (e) India

Ans. b

Sol. Italy proved its power as one of the most promising tennis nations in the world by defeating Australia 2-0 to become Davis Cup champions for the first time since 1976. The player ranked fourth in the world won the second singles match. Matteo Arnaldi worked hard to beat Alexei Popyrin 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 in the first match. Italy reached the Davis Cup 2023 final by defeating Novak Djokovic's Serbia on Saturday. In the final held in Malaga, Spain, Matteo Arnaldi displayed Italy's determination with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Alexei Popyrin. Davis cup championship is named after Dwight Davis Jr (American politician and tennis player) who started competition in 1900. This cup is considered as the oldest international competition.

264. International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People is celebrated on which day?

- (a) 25th November
- (b) 5th March
- (c) 3rd January
- (d) 29th November
- (e) 8th December

Ans. d

Sol. The United Nations decided that every year on November 29, we should celebrate the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People. This was decided in 1977 by the General Assembly and it means we show support and unity with the Palestinian People on this day.

In 1947, the Assembly decided to split Palestine. They also suggested celebrating the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, encouraging countries to support and promote this day.

The UN organized an exhibit to remember the Palestinian Nakba, a painful event from the 1948 Arab Israeli war.

265. Which company received the Environment Protection trophy at the Greentech environment award?

- (a) BHEL
- (b) NTPC
- (c) BEL
- (d) HAL
- (e) IRCTC

Ans. b

Sol. NTPC Bongaigaon received the Environment Protection trophy at the 22nd Annual Greentech Environment Awards 2023 and the Rural Development trophy at the 10th Annual Greentech CSR India Awards.

Akonthung Nguli, AGM (EMG Civil) at NTPC received the award at a ceremony in Sonamarg and Jammu and Kashmir. These awards acknowledge NTPC's efforts in adopting eco-friendly practices that benefit the environment and society in the long run. This award is the sign of commitment towards social responsibility and positive effect on communities.

266. As per the recent report by the International Labour Organisation, the death rate of workers by which percent is caused by work related accidents?

- (a) 65 percent
- (b) 64 percent
- (c) 78 percent
- (d) 86 percent
- (e) 74 percent

Ans. b

Sol. Around the world about 64% of workers' deaths are caused by work related to accidents, disease, exposure to fumes, gasses(4.5 lakh deaths) according to the report released by the International Labour Organisation(ILO) and most of the deaths are reported from the Asia Pacific region.

- The report also recommended five categories of " fundamental principles and rights at work" they are as follows
- Freedom of association
- Elimination of forced labor
- Abolition of child labour
- Abolition of discrimination
- Safe environment

267. India and the European Union have recently signed a MOU in which fields?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- (c) Semiconductors
- (d) Electricity
- (e) Renewable Energy

Ans. c

Sol. India and the European Union have packed together and signed an MOU regarding the fostering and sustainable development of the semiconductor ecosystem.

Ashwini Vaishnav, minister of communication, electronics and information technology and also the minister of railways, and Thierry Breton, Commissioner for Internal market have signed the MOU.

Some major points about this MOU are to share information , combine best practice, develop and promote skills, identify ideas to collaboration, businesses etc.

268. Which is the latest country to join in the list of countries granting visa free entry for Indians?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) Nicaragua
- (e) Malaysia

Ans. e

Sol. Now Indians who are planning for a trip to Malaysia can visit without a Visa as on Sunday Malaysia's Prime minister Anwar Ibrahim announced that they will facilitate Visa free entry to Indians from 1 December onwards.

Now Indians could visit 30 countries including Malaysia without Visa. The countries are as follows-

- Albania
- Mauritius
- Barbados
- Montserrat
- Bhutan
- Nepal
- British Virgin Islands
- Niue
- Cook Islands

- Oman
- Dominica
- Qatar
- El Salvador
- Senegal
- Fiji
- Saint Kitts
- Grenada
- Saint Vincent
- Haiti
- Sri Lanka
- Jamaica
- Trinidad
- Kazakhstan
- Tunisia
- Macao
- Thailand
- Micronesia
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam
- Malaysia



269. Angkor wat temple which has been recognised as 8th wonder of the world is situated in which country?

- (a) Cambodia
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) China
- (d) USA
- (e) UK

Ans. a

Sol. The famous angkor temple in Cambodia has become the 8th wonder in the world. Angkor wat is also a UNESCO world heritage site.

It is also in the Guinness World Records as the largest religious structure across the world. It is the temple which was originally dedicated to hindu deity lord Vishnu but now it is a Buddhist site. In the race of becoming the 8th wonder of the world one more participant is Pompeii in Italy. But Angkor temple in Cambodia won the race and became the 8th wonder in the world.

This temple was built by King Suryavarman II.

270. Indigenous tank Zorawar is developed by which institute?

- (a) HAL
- (b) BHEL
- (c) DRDO
- (d) NTPC
- (e) BEL

Ans. c

Sol. Tackling with the mighty Chinese front India will begin trials of the Zorawar light tank developed by DRDO and Larsen and Toubro.

First the testing will be done in the desert sector before taking them to high altitudes of Ladakh.

DRDO is working with L&T to develop a 25 tonne light tank which would be efficient in moving fast in the high mountainous regions.

This project is under the make in India initiative. An advanced protection system has been installed to tackle with anti-tank guided missiles.

271. The World Climate Summit 2023 attended by PM Narendra Modi is organized by which country?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) USA
- (c) UK
- (d) UAE
- (e) Egypt

Ans. d

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272. What is the logo of Khelo India Para Games 2023?

- (a) Ujjwala
- (b) Moga
- (c) Shera
- (d) Chakra
- (e) Loin

Ans. a

Sol. Shri Anurag Thakur, Union minister of youth affairs and sports unveiled the logo and Muscat for the first ever khelo India paragame 2023. This event was graced by the presence of famous athletes and paraathlets providing an important step towards inclusivity in Indian sports. Ujjwala, a sparrow, is the symbol of pride and determination is revealed during the occasion. As the sparrow is the state bird of Delhi embodies the spirit of khelo India 2023 sending a beautiful message that strength manifests in diverse forms.

Many famous athletes including former Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal, Olympian growth mentality Yogeshwar Dutt, professional wrestler Sarita mor comma and boxer Akhil Kumar while the parathletes like Pramod Bhagat bhavina Patel, Avani Lekhara and Sumita until Adidas special touch in the event.

273. S&P projected India's GDP----

- (a) 6.5 percent
- (b) 6.4 percent
- (c) 7.3 percent
- (d) 6.7 percent
- (e) 6.9 percent

Ans. b

Sol. On Monday India's growth forecast for fiscal year 2024 to 6.4% from 6% revised by the s&p. On the other hand, the American rating agency lowered the fiscal year 2025 growth by 0.5 percentage points to 6.4%.

They said that they expect growth to slow in the second half of the fiscal year in the middle of global growth, a higher base and the impact of rate hikes.

There is also a similar forecast revised by the International Monetary Fund which predicted India's growth forecast for fiscal year 2024 to 6.3% in October from 6.1% projected earlier.

274. How many entities are in RBI's list of Unauthorized forex trading platforms?

- (a) 76
- (b) 78
- (c) 79
- (d) 75
- (e) 80

Ans. d

Sol. RBI has recently updated the unauthorized forex trading list 'alert list' by adding 19 more unauthorized forex trading platforms.

After adding 19 more entities, now there are 75 numbers of unauthorized forex trading platforms in the list provided by RBI.

this Alert list contains those trading platforms which are unauthorized under the Foreign exchange management act 1999 and Electronic trading platforms RBI directions 2018

275. Hamfest 2023 inaugurated by Devusinh Chauhan, union minister of state for communications is scheduled in which Indian state?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Mumbai

Ans. a

Sol. Devusinh Chauhan, union minister of state for communications on Saturday inaugurated the Hamfest 2023 at science City, Ahmedabad.

While giving his speech he praised the role of ham radio in helping people during natural calamities like earthquakes and cyclones.

He added that the government will take necessary actions to ensure that there is at least one ham radio operator in each village of the country. This first comprises 800 ham radio operators from all over the country.

276. According to the Public Labour Force Survey- July to September 2023 what is the percentage of urban unemployment?

- (a) 6.6 percentage
- (b) 5.6 percentage
- (c) 5.3 percentage
- (d) 7.2 percentage
- (e) 5.1 percentage

Ans. a

Sol. For the people aged 15 and above, the unemployment rate for them in urban areas dips to 6.6% in the September quarter, while last year it was 7.2% according to the National Sample Survey (NSSO).

Unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of jobless people in the labour force.

The data also showed that jobless or unemployment rate among females aged 15 and above in urban areas decreased to 8.6% in July - September while it was 9.4% last year in the same period.

277. PM JANMAN scheme is related to which field?

- (a) Women
- (b) Child Development
- (c) Education
- (d) Tribal populations
- (e) Infrastructure

Ans. d

Sol. Prime Mr Shri Narendra Modi the chairperson of union cabinet has approved pradhan mantri janjati aadivasi nyaya maha abhiyan(PM JANMAN) with the approx outlay of Rs.24,104 crore.This Abhiyan was announced on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas from Khunti.

To enhance the socio economic conditions of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) as announced in the budget session 2023-24 , the development mission of Pradhan Mantri PVTG will be launched.It will help in enhancing the basic facilities like sanitation, cleanliness,safe drinking water ,health and nutrition, improving education , telecom and read connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

278. Under the scheme, the PMGKY Cabinet has approved how much for the next five years starting from 2023?

- (a) 12.60 lakh crore
- (b) 11.80 lakh crore
- (c) 10.50 lakh crore
- (d) 11.20 lakh crore
- (e) 15.60 lakh crore

Ans. b

Sol. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the chairperson of the union cabinet, on Wednesday has approved that the eligible citizens under the public distribution scheme will get free grains by the Central Government for another 5 years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself mentioned the center's intention to extend the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana ,during his election release earlier this month.

The PM said the center will extend the decision of granting free ration for another five years.This statement was given by the PM during his election rally in Durg, Chattisgarh on November 4.

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

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2027
- (e) 2028

Ans. c

Sol. The Union Cabinet approved to keep the Fast Track Special Courts going from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026. This will cost Rs 1952.23 crore, with Rs 1207.24 crore from the central government and Rs 744.99 crore from the state government. The central government's part will be covered by the Nirbhaya Fund.

There are some expected results of the FTSC scheme which are given below:

- Ending of sexual and gender based violence
- Reduce the case loads
- Rape and POCSO act's pendency will be reduced
- Through better facilities and speedy trials victims of sexual crimes will get justice fast.
- The Central Government will encourage the states to set up these FTSC courts to get speedy disposal of the case.

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

- (a) Children above 15 years
- (b) Tribal Groups
- (c) NGO
- (d) SHG
- (e) Women self-help groups

Ans. e

Sol. To grant drones to women self-groups a central center scheme has been approved by the union government with an outlay of Rs.1261 crore.

This decision was taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under the meeting of the union cabinet. The plan wants to provide 15,000 chosen groups of women drones from 2023 to 2026.

These drones will be used to rent out services to farmers for farming needs, according to an official statement.

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

- (a) Ministry of urban and Housing affairs
- (b) Ministry of women and child development
- (c) Ministry of social justice and empowerment
- (d) Ministry of ayush
- (e) Ministry of aviation

Ans. b

Sol. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs has launched the Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children at a national outreach programme organized on 28th November, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan. She mentioned that the Divyang protocol will help each district administration in supporting the special education and nutrition needs. They will give Swavlamban Cards to empower divyang children and their families.

The progress of the children will be monitored using the Poshan tracker, and this data will aid coordination between ministries like MoHFW, DoSEL, DePwD.

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

- (a) AI
- (b) Authentic
- (c) Chatgpt
- (d) OpenAi
- (e) Climate

Ans. b

Sol. The Word of the Year for 2023, according to Merriam-Webster, is "authentic." This word is used a lot in what we think, write, aim and judge.

In 2023, more people looked up this word than usual. It happened because of discussions about AI, celebrities, identity, and social media.

"Authentic" means not false or fake, similar to being real or actual. It can also mean staying true to your own personality and character. Even though being authentic is a good thing, it's challenging to clearly define.

Some other words are also included in the yearly dictionary of Merriam Webster 2023 which are given below:

Coronation

Deepfake

Raze

Dystopian

Egote

X

Implode.....etc.

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

- (a) Australia
- (b) Cambodia
- (c) Nigeria
- (d) Madagascar
- (e) Egypt

Ans. d

Sol. Madagascar's current President, Andry Rajoelina, won the presidential election by getting over 50% of the votes, according to initial results from the country's Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) on Saturday.

Rajoelina received a total of 2,856,090 votes, which is 58.95% of the total votes, as reported by the Xinhua news agency.

The CENI announced that because he got more than 50% in the first round, the current president is the winner of the presidential election.

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

- (a) 5.5 percentage
- (b) 9.9 percentage
- (c) 10.99 percentage
- (d) 50 percentage
- (e) 20 percentage

Ans. b

Sol. SBI Mutual Fund got permission from the RBI to buy up to a 9.99% share in Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.

The approval was given based on SBI Mutual Fund's request to the Reserve Bank of India. The bank mentioned in a filing that the approval will be canceled if SBI MF doesn't acquire a significant share within a year from the date of the letter.

SBI Mutual Fund can't own more than 9.99% of the bank's shares altogether. If their ownership goes below 5%, they need approval from the RBI to increase it to 5% for more of the shares.

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

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) SIDBI
- (d) NABARD
- (e) IRDAI

Ans. e

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

The task force including leaders from major insurance companies, has one month to report on the impact of the Act's provisions. This action is in line with the Union Ministry of Law and Justice's notification of the DPDP Act, 2023 aiming to create a detailed system for handling digital personal data while respecting individuals' right to protect their data.

The DPDP Act of 2023, also known as the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, is a law enacted by the Indian Parliament. Its purpose is to control how digital personal data is handled, recognizing people's right to keep their info. safe and the need to process data for legal reasons and many more legal issues

286. International ESG Day is celebrated on which day?

- (a) 24th November
- (b) 25th November
- (c) 27th November
- (d) 30th November
- (e) 5th March

Ans. d

Sol. International ESG Day, celebrated on November 30th. It emphasizes Environmental, Social, and Governance factors in business and investing.

It promotes sustainable practices, ethical behavior and responsible corporate governance globally.

International ESG Day aims to remind and inspire people to improve their actions, working towards a better future.

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