

**120 MCQs**

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1. Which state implements the 'Ladli Behna Scheme'?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Goa
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh raised the financial aid given to women in the Ladli Behna Scheme from ₹1,000 to ₹1,250 per month. About 1.25 crore women will be benefited from this decision. Women in the 23-60 age group get the assistance if they are not income tax payees and the annual income of their families is less than ₹2.5 lakh annually. The Chief Minister also announced 35 percent reservation for women in government jobs.

2. Cabinet declared which day as 'National Space Day' in India?

- [A] August 20
- [B] August 23
- [C] August 25
- [D] August 27

Answer: August 23

Union Cabinet has declared August 23 as 'National Space Day' to commemorate Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the Moon. The Cabinet also applauded the designation of two moon locations as 'Tiranga Point' (the imprint of Chandrayaan-2) and ShivShakti Point (the landing site of Chandrayaan-3) in the release.

3. Which country's military force has unveiled the artificial intelligence robot 'Valkyrie' for aerial combat?

- [A] USA
- [B] UK
- [C] Germany
- [D] UAE

Answer: USA

The Valkyrie, a next-generation drone, is a prototype, has been introduced by the United States military force. It will serve as a supplement to the fleet of traditional fighter jets. The robot is powered into flight by a rocket engine and it can fly a distance equal to the width of China. It has a stealthy design and is capable of carrying missiles that can hit enemy targets far beyond its visual range.

4. Which state/UT inaugurated India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) school?

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Punjab

Answer: Kerala

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) school called as Santhigiri Vidyabhavan in Kerala's capital city, Thiruvananthapuram. The AI school is a result of a collaboration between iLearning Engines (ILE) USA and Vedhik eSchool.

5. Which racing driver clinched the Dutch Grand Prix for the third year in a row?

- [A] Lewis Hamilton



- [B] Max Verstappen
- [C] Charles Leclerc
- [D] Sebastien Vettel

Answer: Max Verstappen

Red Bull's Max Verstappen clinched the Dutch Grand Prix title for the third year in a row. He was followed by Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso and Alpine's Pierre Gasly. Verstappen secured his ninth consecutive victory in Formula One, matching Sebastian Vettel's 2013 record.

6. Simone Biles, who was seen in the news, is a popular gymnast of which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] China
- [C] Ukraine
- [D] USA

Answer: USA

Simone Biles wins a record eighth all-around title at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships, a full decade after her first national title. She won her first world title at the 2013 championships and she has won 25 medals at world championships, including 18 golds – higher than any men's or women's gymnasts in history.

7. An Se Young, who won the badminton world championships, is from which country?

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] South Korea
- [D] Singapore

Answer: South Korea

An Se-young defeated Carolina Marin to become the Republic of Korea's first women's singles world champion. The world number one played in her 11th final from 12 tournaments this year. Kunlavut Vitidsarn made history by becoming Thailand's first men's singles world champion after a final against Naraoka Kodai. He is now the sixth man to win both junior and senior world singles titles.

8. Which Union Ministry launched the sixth edition of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2023?

- [A] Ministry of Education
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of Electronics and IT

Answer: Ministry of Education

Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and the All-India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) have launched the sixth edition of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2023. Since its inception in 2017, the Smart India Hackathon has become a global model for hackathons and innovation frameworks. This event presents 239 problem statements, including 182 software challenges and 57 hardware challenges.

9. What is the name of India's first space-based observatory, to be launched in September 2023?

- [A] Arun-L1
- [B] Aditya-L1
- [C] Kathir-L1
- [D] Surya-L1

Answer: Aditya-L1

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch Aditya-L1 on September 2 to study the sun. The Aditya-L1 mission is the first space-based observatory-class Indian solar mission to study the Sun. It will be placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point (L1) of the Sun-Earth system.

10. Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) directed which state to release Cauvery water?



- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Karnataka

Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) has recommended Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu for the next 15 days. While Tamil Nadu sought 24,000 cusecs to be given, Karnataka had indicated it would be able to supply 3,000 cusecs.

11. Which city hosted the recent meeting of Western Zonal Council?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Gandhinagar
- [C] Jodhpur
- [D] Amritsar

Answer: Gandhinagar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently chaired 26th meeting of Western Zonal Council at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He also inaugurated an e-Resource web portal of Inter State Council Secretariat, Ministry of Home Affairs. This portal will facilitate functioning of Zonal Councils. The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Administrator of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

12. Kishore Jena, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Tennis
- [B] Javelin Throw
- [C] Badminton
- [D] Table Tennis

Answer: Javelin Throw

Odisha's javelin star Kishore Jena became the first from the state to represent India at the finals of the World Athletics Championship. At the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, he finished fifth with a personal best of 84.77 metres.

13. Which state raised the OBC quota to 27% in local bodies?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Assam
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Gujarat

The Gujarat government has increased the reservations for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the state's panchayats and urban local bodies from 10% to 27%. This decision was made based on recommendations of the K.S. Jhaveri Commission, which was formed based on a 2022 Supreme Court order on deciding the level of OBC quotas in Gujarat.

14. Goa Shipyard Ltd signed an MoU for capacity building and collaboration in ship design and construction with which country?

- [A] Australia
- [B] France
- [C] Kenya
- [D] UAE

Answer: Kenya

Goa Shipyard Ltd and Kenya Shipyard Ltd signed an MoU for capacity building and collaboration in ship design and construction. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Defence



Aden Bare Duale held bilateral talks in New Delhi to promote military industry cooperation and deepen maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.

15. Which Union Ministry extended the deadline for enabling Aadhaar-based payment for MGNREGA workers?

- [A] Ministry of Rural Development
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of MSME
- [D] Ministry of Electronics and IT

Answer: Ministry of Rural Development

As 42 per cent workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme still not eligible for Aadhaar-based payment system (ABPS), the deadline for enabling Aadhaar-based payment for MGNREGA workers was extended till December 31. Earlier, the deadline was September 1 and this is the fifth extension by the Centre. This was announced by the Ministry of Rural Development.

16. What is the new brand identity of Tata for its electric vehicle business?

- [A] TATA.ev
- [B] NEXON.ev
- [C] TEV
- [D] TATA Electro

Answer: TATA.ev

Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, a subsidiary of Tata Motors, has announced the introduction of its new brand identity, TATA.ev, for the EV business. Tata has also revealed a logo for its .ev brand. The .ev brand will be used by Tata Motors' Passenger Electric Mobility division and it will not cover Tata Motors' electric commercial vehicles, as of now.

17. Which was the first major sports event to offer equal prize money to men and women?

- [A] BWF world championship
- [B] US Open
- [C] Australia Open
- [D] NBA world championship

Answer: US Open

The 50th anniversary of the U.S. Open becoming the first sporting event to offer equal prize money to men and women was recently held. The ceremony was attended by former U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, former tennis player Billie Jean King, amateur player Gabby Bell, singer Sara Bareilles, and president of the United States Tennis Association Brian Hainline.

18. Which country has been recently hit by tropical storm Idalia?

- [A] Cuba
- [B] South Africa
- [C] Australia
- [D] India

Answer: Cuba

Western Cuba was lashed by tropical storm Idalia and is likely to turn into a major hurricane as it moves towards the Gulf Coast in Florida. Evacuations have been ordered by the officials. Idalia was churning around 80 miles off Cuba's western tip.

19. The ancient city of Kalhu is located in which present-day country?

- [A] Greece
- [B] China
- [C] Iraq



[D] USA

Answer: Iraq

In a new study published in the journal Nature Scientific Reports, researchers have successfully extracted ancient DNA from a 2,900-year-old clay brick, uncovering a wealth of information about the plant life cultivated during that era. The brick analyzed in this study was found in the palace of the Neo-Assyrian king Ashurnasirpal II, located in the ancient city of Kalhu, in modern day Iraq.

20. Which European country has announced a ban on wearing the abaya robes in schools?

[A] Germany

[B] France

[C] Spain

[D] Portugal

Answer: France

The French government announced its decision to ban children from wearing the abaya, the loose-fitting, full-length robes worn by some Muslim women, in state-run schools. France has enforced a ban on religious symbols in state schools since 2004, to uphold its strict brand of secularism, known as laïcité.

21. As per the annual lightning report, which state recorded the highest number of flashes in 2022-23?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Mizoram

[C] Madhya Pradesh

[D] Sikkim

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh is found to be the lightning hub of India with maximum flashes of 987,095 in 2022-23 and highest deaths of 340 per year, according to the fourth annual lightning report. It highlights that the country recorded more than 20 million lightning strikes in 2022-23, 60% increase in cloud-to-ground lightning from 2019-20. The Lightning Resilient India Campaign is a collaborative endeavour between the climate resilient observing systems promotion council (CROPC) and the India meteorological department (IMD).

22. 'Kampala Ministerial Declaration', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

[A] Cyber security

[B] Migration, Environment and Climate Change

[C] Artificial Intelligence

[D] Housing and Urban Infrastructure

Answer: Migration, Environment and Climate Change

A total of 48 African countries have agreed to adopt the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC) to address the nexus of human mobility and climate change in the continent. It was co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Uganda with support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

23. Shinon Meeras, a centre showcasing the history of Dard-Shina tribes, was opened in which state/UT?

[A] Jammu and Kashmir

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Goa

[D] Jharkhand

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

Recently, Shinon Meeras, a centre showcasing the history of Dard-Shina tribes, was opened to the public



at the Gurez Valley in Kashmir. Dard is a strong community of around 38000 people living in the valley, which speaks the rapidly fading Shina language. The first such cultural centre has been curated and developed by the Indian Army and the Lieutenant-Governor's administration.

24. Which state launched 'Gruha Lakshmi scheme'?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Karnataka

Karnataka government launches Gruha Lakshmi scheme, which aims to provide assistance of ₹2,000 every month to women head of families in the State. The scheme was launched by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. This is said to be India's largest money transfer scheme. Around 1.08 crore beneficiaries have been identified for the scheme.

25. Which company has launched a new mobile application called 'Share(dot)Market'?

- [A] PhonePe
- [B] Paytm
- [C] BharatPe
- [D] CRED

Answer: PhonePe

PhonePe has entered into stock broking business with the launch of a new mobile application called 'Share(dot)Market', under its subsidiary PhonePe Wealth Broking. It provides market intelligence and quantitative research-based WealthBaskets, a scalable technology platform. It will be available as a mobile app and a dedicated web platform, enabling retail investors to buy stocks, engage in intra-day trades, buy curated WealthBaskets and mutual funds.

26. Gabon, which was seen in the news, is located in which region?

- [A] Africa
- [B] Europe
- [C] Australia
- [D] Asia

Answer: Africa

Rebel soldiers in Central African nation Gabon claim to have ousted their President Ali Bongo Ondimba. Rebel officers in the oil-rich central African state of Gabon announced they had seized power following disputed elections in which President Ali Bongo Ondimba, in power since 2009, had been declared victorious.

27. Which country/countries are the hosts of Asia Cup 2023 tournament?

- [A] Sri Lanka and Pakistan
- [B] India and Bangladesh
- [C] Nepal and Bangladesh
- [D] Pakistan and Afghanistan

Answer: Sri Lanka and Pakistan

The Asia Cup 2023 tournament kicked off across four venues in Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The 16th edition of Asia Cup is all set to start on August 30 and will end on September 17. A total of six teams will be participating. The teams have been divided into two groups and are playing against each other in round-robin style.

28. Who was the founder of Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc)?

- [A] P C Mahalanobis
- [B] Alladi Ramakrishnan



[C] Ramanujan

[D] C V Raman

Answer: Alladi Ramakrishnan

The birth centenary of the eminent physicist Alladi Ramakrishnan is being celebrated in December 2023. He founded MATSCIENCE, The Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc), in Chennai, and served as its Director until his retirement in 1983 at the age of sixty. The Institute will pay homage to its Founder-Director, by conducting The Alladi Ramakrishnan Centenary Conference at its campus in Taramani, Chennai.

29. As per Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry, how many Khelo India Centres will be established within a year?

[A] 100

[B] 500

[C] 1000

[D] 2000

Answer: 1000

Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur announced that 1000 Khelo India Centres will be established within a year in the country. It will not only provide employment opportunities to former athletes but also give budding sportspersons a chance to take guidance from the veterans. To commemorate the National Sports Day, over 3500 events were observed across the nation.

30. Which team is the winner of FIDE World Rapid Team Championship?

[A] WR Chess

[B] Freedom

[C] MGD1

[D] Speed

Answer: WR Chess

WR Chess has triumphed as inaugural FIDE World Rapid Team Champions. Altogether, WR Chess secured 22 matchpoints, Freedom finished on 20, and third-placed MGD1 had 18. WR Chess had one Indian- R Praggnananda, Freedom had two Indian players and MGD1 eight. When it comes to individual medals for board prizes, as many as seven Indians won either a Silver or Bronze medal.

31. Which state has decided to create a fact-checking unit to curb fake news on social media?

[A] Karnataka

[B] Kerala

[C] Tamil Nadu

[D] West Bengal

Answer: Karnataka

In a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Cabinet approved the formation of fact-checking units to tackle 'fake news syndicates'. The government would introduce legislation against the propagation of fake news and propose punishment for the spread of fake news.

32. Which Indian has won the 2023 Ramon Magsaysay award?

[A] Ravi Kannan

[B] Gautam Adani

[C] Ghazal Alagh

[D] Kailash Vidyarthi

Answer: Ravi Kannan

Assam-based Oncologist Ravi Kannan has been named one of the four winners of the 2023 Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's equivalent of the Nobel prize. He is a recipient of India's fourth-highest civilian award Padma Shri and the director of Assam's Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC).



33. What is India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) percent in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal (2023-2024)?

- [A] 5.8 per cent
- [B] 6.8 per cent
- [C] 7.8 per cent
- [D] 8.8 per cent

Answer: 7.8 per cent

India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) registered a growth of 7.8 percent in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal (2023-2024), compared to a growth of 6.1 percent in the previous January-March quarter of fiscal 2022-23. According to official data shared by the National Statistical Office, India's nominal GDP or GDP at Current Prices in the first quarter showed a growth rate of 8 percent as compared to 27.7 percent in the previous year's first quarter.

34. What was India's goods and services tax collection in August 2023?

- [A] Rs 1.34 lakh crore
- [B] Rs 1.59 lakh crore
- [C] Rs 1.65 lakh crore
- [D] Rs 1.72 lakh crore

Answer: Rs 1.59 lakh crore

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues for August 2023 have shown a growth of 11 per cent year-on-year as it stands at Rs 1.59 lakh crore. The increase is due to increased compliance and reduced evasion. In August 2022, the collection from GST was Rs 1,43,612 crore. Out of the Rs 1.59 lakh crore GST collected, CGST accounted for Rs 28,328 crore, SGST for Rs 35,794 crore, IGST for Rs 83,251 crore, and cess for Rs 11,695 crore.

35. In the August, the number of UPI transactions performed which milestone?

- [A] 5 billion
- [B] 10 billion
- [C] 15 billion
- [D] 20 billion

Answer: 10 billion

10 billion UPI transactions were performed for the first time in August in India, according to data from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which runs the real-time payments platform. The real-time mobile payment platform is likely to end August with around 10.5 billion transactions with the cumulative value crossing the Rs 15-lakh-crore figure for the second consecutive month.

36. 'Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey', which got Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is from which State/UT?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Jammu and Kashmir
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] West Bengal

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags. In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had gifted organic Sulai honey to Queen Elizabeth during his visit to Britain.

37. What is the name of the World's Most Advanced Arabic Large Language Model, which was released recently?

- [A] Gyaan
- [B] Ruez



- [C] Jais
[D] Rooh

Answer: Jais

Inception, a unit of Abu Dhabi AI company G42, has released 'Jais', the world's most advanced Arabic large language model. Jais is a bilingual Arabic-English model that has been trained on a massive dataset of text and code. It can be used for a variety of tasks, such as machine translation, text summarization, and question answering. It was trained on the Condor Galaxy, the world's largest AI supercomputer, using 116 billion Arabic tokens and 279 billion English tokens.

38. Nilachal Flyover, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- [A] Assam
[B] Sikkim
[C] Arunachal Pradesh
[D] West Bengal

Answer: Assam

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the State's longest flyover, named Nilachal Flyover after the Nilachal Hills near which it stands. It measures a total of 2.63 kilometres and starting from Maligaon Chariali to Kamakhya Gate in Guwahati. The flyover was built at a cost of ₹420.75 crore.

39. Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform (RETAP) is associated with India and which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
[B] USA
[C] Russia
[D] France

Answer: USA

The new U.S. - India Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform (RETAP) under the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership has been launched. RETAP was announced meeting in Washington D. C., between His Excellency Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, when the two leaders announced the expansion of collaboration on new and emerging technologies to accelerate the clean energy transition.

40. 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah' is observed in which month in India?

- [A] August
[B] September
[C] October
[D] November

Answer: September

Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah throughout September 2023. Several activities are organised across the country with themes like 'Improving Nutrition through Mission LiFE & 'Exclusive Breastfeeding & Complimentary Feeding'.

41. Which institution launched the 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0' programme?

- [A] NITI Aayog
[B] Archaeological Survey of India
[C] Union Culture Ministry
[D] Union External Affairs Ministry

Answer: Archaeological Survey of India

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) launched the "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" programme under which corporates are invited to fund amenities at monuments from their corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds. The aim of "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" programme is to enhance the visitor experience at centrally



protected monuments, improve amenities, and bolster the culture and heritage value of the country.

42. Tharman Shanmugaratnam has been elected as President of which country?

- [A] Singapore
- [B] Malaysia
- [C] Maldives
- [D] Mauritius

Answer: Singapore

Tharman Shanmugaratnam is the president-elect of Singapore. He was born on February 25, 1957. He is a popular politician who has won several parliamentary elections. In 2023, he resigned from all government positions and the PAP to run for the Singaporean presidential election. He won the election with 70.4% of the votes. Shanmugaratnam was previously the Senior Minister of Singapore from 2019 to 2023. He also served as Deputy Prime Minister for eight years. He studied at the London School of Economics, Cambridge University, and Harvard University.

43. Which space agency helps India in tracking the Solar mission Aditya-L1?

- [A] NASA
- [B] ESA
- [C] JAXA
- [D] ROCOSMOS

Answer: ESA

The European Space Agency (ESA) is helping India in tracking the Solar mission Aditya-L1. It is offering deep space communication services and assisting with the validation of new flight dynamics software developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

44. What is the name of the seventh and last stealth frigate of Project 17A, that was recently launched?

- [A] Kailashgiri
- [B] Mahendragiri
- [C] Sivagiri
- [D] Bharatgiri

Answer: Mahendragiri

The seventh and last stealth frigate of Project 17A, Mahendragiri, was launched at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL) in Mumbai. Under Project 17A, a total of seven ships were constructed, four at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. , Mumbai and three at Garden Reach Ship Builders Limited (GRSE), Kolkata.

45. Which state launched the 'Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protshan Yojana (MMCPY)'?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Bihar

Answer: Odisha

The government of Odisha has launched the Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana (MMCPY) to provide financial assistance to scheduled tribe (ST) and scheduled caste (SC) students pursuing higher studies in medical and engineering. Under the scheme, the government will reimburse the entire course fees.

46. Which country's central bank Governors topped the 'Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023'?

- [A] India
- [B] Sri Lanka



[C] USA

[D] UK

Answer: India

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked as the top central banker globally by US-based Global Finance magazine. Das has been rated 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023. Das has been placed at the top of the list of three central bank governors who have been rated A+.

47. 'International Literacy Day' is observed on which day?

[A] July 8

[B] August 8

[C] September 8

[D] October 8

Answer: September 8

The Government of India has decided to organise a literacy week from 1st September to 8th September 2023 to celebrate International Literacy Day. UNESCO will celebrate International Literacy Day (ILD) on 8 September 2023 under the theme 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'.

48. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is an autonomous organisation functioning under which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Education

[B] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer: Ministry of Education

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been granted the deemed-to-be-university status by the Ministry of Higher Education, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan. It was announced on the 63rd Foundation Day of the apex decision-making body for school education. He suggested setting up Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence labs in all seven regional centres of NCERT.

49. Which country has launched a new type of frigate named the Type 054B?

[A] China

[B] USA

[C] Russia

[D] Israel

Answer: China

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy has launched a new type of frigate, the Type 054B, China's Ministry of National Defense. Type 054B is the larger and more advanced version of Type 054A, which currently forms the backbone of the PLAN (People's Liberation Army Navy).

50. Which country is set to send its representatives to China to stabilise its relationships?

[A] India

[B] Australia

[C] USA

[D] UK

Answer: Australia

Australia will send a delegation of industry, government, academic, media and arts representatives to Beijing for a dialogue with their Chinese counterparts next week to stabilise its relationship with China, as per Australia's Foreign Ministry. Trade, investment, people-to-people links as well as regional and



international security are among the issues up for discussion in the next talks. The high-level dialogue had been held annually from 2014 until it was stopped in 2020.

51. Which cities are the host of India's first two FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifiers?

- [A] Kolkata and Durgapur
- [B] Bhubaneswar and Guwahati
- [C] Mysuru and Bengaluru
- [D] Chennai and Puducherry

Answer: Bhubaneswar and Guwahati

Bhubaneswar and Guwahati will host India's opening two home matches in the FIFA World Cup 2026 and AFC Asian Cup 2027 Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2, the All India Football Federation announced. India have been drawn in Group A of the Asian qualifiers, alongside Qatar, Kuwait, and the winners of the Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 1 fixture between Afghanistan and Mongolia.

52. Which company has launched 'ALT ID' solution for guest checkout transactions?

- [A] Paytm
- [B] PhonePe
- [C] Mastercard
- [D] VISA

Answer: Mastercard

Mastercard, technology company in the payments industry, has launched ALT ID solution for guest checkout transactions. ALT ID is a custom-made capability to create an alternate identifier for the real card numbers provided by cardholders during guest checkout transactions on e-commerce platforms.

53. Dr Shanta Thoutam, who received the World Innovation Award, is the Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) of which state?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Odisha
- [D] New Delhi

Answer: Telangana

Telangana Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Dr Shanta Thoutam received the World Innovation Award at the first BRICS Innovation Forum hosted in Moscow. The award is given for outstanding contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal-4 that ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong opportunities for all. The award was instituted by World Organisation for Development.

54. Who is the chair of the Committee set up to assess the viability of the "one nation, one election" concept?

- [A] Amit Shah
- [B] Ranjan Gogoi
- [C] Ramnath Kovind
- [D] Pratibha Patil

Answer: Ramnath Kovind

The Union government has formed a committee under former President Ram Nath Kovind to assess the viability of the "one nation, one election" concept. The members of the panel include Union home minister Amit Shah, ex-J&K chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Finance Commission chairman N K Singh, Constitution expert Subhash C Kashyap, senior advocate Harish Salve, and ex-Chief Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari.

55. Which country has emerged champions in the Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup?

- [A] Pakistan
- [B] India



- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Bangladesh

Answer: India

India emerged champions in the Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup, beating arch-rivals Pakistan 2-0 in a shootout after both teams were locked at 4-4 in regulation time. With the win, India have booked their place in the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup 2024.

56. Avinash Sable, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Shooting
- [B] Archery
- [C] Steeplechase
- [D] Tennis

Answer: Steeplechase

In Athletics, India's Avinash Sable qualified for his maiden Diamond League Final after finishing fifth in the men's 3000m steeplechase race at the Xiamen Diamond League 2023 in China. Morocco's Soufiane El Bakkali, the reigning Olympic and world champion, won the Xiamen track and field event with a meet record. India's Neeraj Chopra (men's javelin throw) and Murali Sreeshankar (men's long jump) have already entered the Diamond League Final.

57. Satkosia Tiger Reserve, that was recently making news, is in which state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Jharkhand

Answer: Odisha

In the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, two highly decomposed elephant carcasses were recently discovered. This reserve is situated in the Odisha, spanning across four districts: Angul, Cuttack, Boudh, and Nayagarh. The reserve covers a vast area of 1136.70 sq km, with 523.61 sq km designated as the core area. It's also part of the Mahanadi Elephant Reserve and serves as the confluence of two significant bio-geographic regions in India: the Deccan Peninsula and the Eastern Ghats. Satkosia's terrain is characterized by hills, moderate to steep slopes, and narrow valleys. The forest primarily consists of North Indian tropical moist deciduous forests and Moist peninsular low-level sal. Sal trees dominate the landscape, often growing in dense clusters, alongside species like Asan, Dhaura, Bamboo, and Simal. The reserve is home to a variety of wildlife, including tigers, leopards, elephants, spotted deer, sambar, chowsingha, barking deer, bison, wild dogs, sloth bears, jackals, giant squirrels, and porcupines. It also provides a natural habitat for two endangered species: the freshwater crocodile and the gharial.

58. The 12 feet high statue of Mahatma Gandhi was inaugurated recently along with 'Gandhi Vatika' in which city?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Surat
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] Kolkata

Answer: New Delhi

On September 4, 2023, President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, unveiled a 12-foot statue of Mahatma Gandhi and inaugurated 'Gandhi Vatika' at Gandhi Darshan, New Delhi. She praised Gandhi's global influence, highlighting his non-violence principles during times of world turmoil like the world wars. The President cited leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., and Barack Obama who followed Gandhi's path for world welfare. She emphasized the role of institutions like Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in promoting his teachings through various media.



59. MQ-9B Predator Drone, that was in news recently, was developed by which country?

- [A] Israel
- [B] Russia
- [C] United States
- [D] Germany

Answer: United States

India is finalizing a Letter of Request (LoR) to the US government to acquire 31 MQ-9B Predator drones from General Atomics. These drones, a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper," offer remote or autonomous flight capabilities and also carry strike missiles for precise target elimination. Developed by General Atomics, the MQ-9B comes in two versions, SkyGuardian and SeaGuardian. The Indian Navy already operates the MQ-9B Sea Guardian since 2020. With a payload of up to 5,670 kg, the drone can fly above 40,000 feet for 40 hours, making it valuable for surveillance, warfare, and expeditionary roles, including integration into civil airspace.

60. Which Railway Station was recently awarded the 'Green Railway Station' certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council?

- [A] Chengalpattu Railway Station, Tamil Nadu
- [B] Hubballi Railway Station, Karnataka
- [C] Kalyan Railway Station, Maharashtra
- [D] Vijaywada Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Vijaywada Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh

Vijayawada Railway Station achieved the prestigious 'Green Railway Station' certification, receiving the highest Platinum rating from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), a division of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) founded in 2001. IGBC serves as India's foremost certification body, offering services such as green building rating programs, certification, and training. They host the annual Green Building Congress and actively participate in global discussions on environmental issues. The station's rating considers six key environmental categories: sustainable facilities, health and sanitation, energy and water efficiency, smart and green initiatives, and innovation. IGBC's headquarters are located in Hyderabad.

61. 'Kinzhal Missile', that was recently making news, is developed by which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] France
- [C] Russia
- [D] Israel

Answer: Russia

The first Su-34 bomber crew to launch a Kinzhal missile in Ukraine received state awards. The Kh-47M2, known as "Kinzhal" (Dagger), is a Russian air-launched hypersonic ballistic missile capable of carrying conventional or nuclear warheads with a 480 kg payload, including a 10-50 kt thermonuclear option. It achieves speeds up to Mach 10 (12,350 km/hr) and has a range of 1,500-2,000 km. With an 8 m length, 1 m body diameter, and 4,300 kg launch weight, it's launched from MiG-31 jets at 18 km altitude, maneuvering throughout its flight to evade air defense.

62. *Tharosaurus indicus*, dinosaur fossils from the Middle Jurassic period, was recently discovered in which region?

- [A] Deccan Plateau, India
- [B] Thar Desert, India
- [C] Gobi Desert, China
- [D] Indus Valley, Pakistan

Answer: Thar Desert, India



Recently, scientists from IIT Roorkee made a discovery by characterizing dinosaur fossils from the Middle Jurassic period, unearthed in the Thar Desert near the Jaisalmer Basin, by the Geological Survey of India. The fossils belong to a species known as *Tharosaurus indicus*, a member of the *Dicraeosauridae* family within the superfamily *Diplodocoidea*. These fossils represent the first *dicraeosaurid* sauropods ever found in India and are approximately 167 million years old, making them the world's oldest known *diplodocoid* fossils. The scientists coined the name *Tharosaurus indicus*, drawing from "Tharo" (referring to the Thar desert), "sauros" (Greek for lizard), and "indicus" (indicating its Indian origin). These dinos were distinct within their family, characterized by smaller size and shorter necks and tails compared to their long-necked sauropod counterparts. Sauropods originated during the Jurassic period around 200 million years ago and were a dominant group of dinosaurs, surviving until the late Cretaceous period, when dinosaurs met their demise. While *dicraeosaurid* fossils have been found in other parts of the world, this discovery sheds new light on prehistoric India's biodiversity.

63. Koraput Kalajeera Rice, which got Geographical Indication (GI) status, is cultivated in which state?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Odisha

Koraput Kalajeera Rice, known as the 'Prince of Rice,' recently received Geographical Indications status. Indigenous to Odisha's Koraput district, this aromatic rice has been cultivated for generations by local farmers. Resembling coriander seeds, it boasts excellent nutritional and cooking qualities. The rice, grown by the region's tribal communities for thousands of years, is celebrated for its black color, enticing aroma, and rich taste. Traditional wisdom suggests it aids memory, diabetes control, raises hemoglobin levels, and boosts metabolism. Moreover, this fragrant grain possesses various medicinal properties, including being antispasmodic, stomachic, carminative, antibacterial, astringent, and sedative. It thrives in areas like Tolla, Patraput, Pujariput, Baliguda, and Mohuli in Koraput district.

64. Gilbert Hill, a monolith column of black basalt rock, lies in which state of India?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Kerala

Answer: Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Government has proposed to transform Gilbert Hill, a 200-foot monolithic column of black basalt rock in Mumbai, into a tourist attraction similar to Dubai's Burj Khalifa. This geological wonder, formed around 66 million years ago during the Mesozoic Era, stands as a unique heritage site. Declared a National Park in 1952 and categorized as a Grade II heritage structure by the Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation in 2007, Gilbert Hill is one of only three volcanic rock outcrops globally. The site features temples and a small garden atop the rock, accessible via a steep carved staircase. This project aims to boost tourism and conservation efforts, preserving this ancient relic for future generations. The Mesozoic Era, during which Gilbert Hill was formed, spans from 252 million to 66 million years ago. It's known as the "Age of Dinosaurs," characterized by the emergence and domination of various dinosaur species across three periods: Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous. The era ended with a mass extinction event, marking a critical transition in Earth's history.

65. What is the primary purpose of the National Carbon Registry launched by the UNDP in August 2023?



- [A] To facilitate carbon credit trading between countries
- [B] To track emissions and invest in emission-reducing projects
- [C] To provide customizable software for carbon management
- [D] To promote digital public infrastructure for climate challenges

Answer: To track emissions and invest in emission-reducing projects

National Carbon Registry is open-source software that allows countries to manage their carbon credit trading data and processes. The software was launched by the UNDP in August 2023. It is the first of its kind to allow countries to customize the code to their specific needs. The registry is supported by the Digital4Climate Working Group, which includes the UNDP, World Bank, UNFCCC, and EBRD. The group aims to build a digital public infrastructure to address climate challenges and carbon markets. The carbon registry system allows companies to track their emissions and then offset them by investing in emission-reducing projects. For example, a company might invest in a project that captures methane from a landfill or replaces high-emitting lightbulbs with low-emitting LED lights. The registry's framework is based on globally recognized ISO standards. Independent verification bodies ensure that carbon reduction projects follow strict rules in offsetting.

66. What is the conservation status of “Stump Tailed Macaque”, as per the IUCN Red List?

- [A] Near Threatened
- [B] Endangered
- [C] Critically Endangered
- [D] Vulnerable

Answer: Vulnerable

Eight stump-tailed macaques were recently relocated to the Delhi Zoo from Aizawl Zoological Park in Mizoram. Also known as bear macaques, these monkeys belong to the Old-World monkey species, *Macaca arctoides*. They are primarily found in the tropical and subtropical evergreen forests of South Asia. Their natural habitat spans Cambodia, southwest China, northeast India, Laos, Myanmar, northwest Peninsular Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. In India, they inhabit regions south of the Brahmaputra River, including Assam, Meghalaya, eastern Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura. Stump-tailed macaques sport thick, dark brown fur, short tails (3.2-69 mm), and distinctive pink or red faces that darken as they age. Males are larger than females, with longer canine teeth used for social dominance. Their diet comprises fruits, leaves, seeds, insects, and small animals, often stored in cheek pouches. They move primarily on the ground due to limited tree agility. These macaques are classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and are protected under India's Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972 (Schedule II). Conservation efforts are crucial to safeguard their population.

67. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR) for which of these reasons?

- [A] To encourage banks to increase their lending to the public.
- [B] To absorb surplus liquidity resulting from the return of Rs 2000 currency notes.
- [C] To reduce the reserve requirement for banks.
- [D] To promote digital payment methods.

Answer: To absorb surplus liquidity resulting from the return of Rs 2000 currency notes.

I-CRR was introduced as a temporary measure to manage the excess liquidity in the banking system, which occurred due to the return of Rs 2000 currency notes. This reserve required banks to maintain 10% of the increase in their net demand and time liabilities between May and July 2023 to absorb the surplus liquidity. The RBI has decided to discontinue the I-CRR in a phased manner by releasing impounded funds in installments, as mentioned in the text, to ensure that the system liquidity is not subject to sudden shocks and that money markets function smoothly.



68. What is one of the primary objectives of the Aditya-L1 mission regarding the Sun's upper layers?

- [A] To explore the Sun's core
- [B] To investigate the solar wind
- [C] To study the chromosphere and corona
- [D] To measure the Sun's magnetic field

Answer: To study the chromosphere and corona

One of the primary objectives of the Aditya-L1 mission is to study the upper layers of the Sun, specifically the chromosphere and corona, to gain a better understanding of their behavior and interaction with each other.

69. What does the Language Diversity Index (LDI) measure?

- [A] The total number of languages spoken in a country
- [B] The decline in the number of mother-tongue speakers worldwide
- [C] The probability that two people chosen at random have the same mother tongue
- [D] The linguistic diversity of a country's population

Answer: The probability that two people chosen at random have the same mother tongue

The Language Diversity Index (LDI) measures the probability that two people selected from a population at random will have different mother tongues, indicating the linguistic diversity of a country's population. It ranges from 0 (everyone has the same mother tongue) to 1 (no two people have the same mother tongue).

70. The Viability Gap Funding for development of BESS aims to generate 4,000 MWh of BESS projects by?

- [A] 2024-25
- [B] 2030-31
- [C] 2035-36
- [D] 2040-41

Answer: 2030-31

The Union Cabinet has approved the Scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) aimed at fostering the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). This scheme aspires to generate 4,000 MWh of BESS projects by 2030-31, backed by up to 40% capital cost support in the form of VGF. The scheme seeks to provide clean, reliable, and cost-effective electricity to citizens. With an initial outlay of Rs. 9,400 crores, it aims to achieve a Levelized Cost of Storage (LCoS) ranging from Rs. 5.50-6.60 per kWh.

71. Which city is the host of Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) Conference?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Gandhi Nagar
- [D] Bengaluru

Answer: New Delhi

In preparation for the 18th G20 Summit, a Conference titled Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) took place in New Delhi. Organized by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), this event highlighted the significance of cross-border grid interconnections in the context of global energy sustainability.

72. India has imported Date Palm tree from which country, as part of sapling planting event under G-20 Summit?

- [A] Saudi Arabia
- [B] UAE
- [C] Oman



[D] Bahrain

Answer: Saudi Arabia

India is set to host the G20 Summit, and as part of the event, visiting leaders will plant saplings of native trees from 17 different countries. It aims to promote environmental awareness and symbolize cooperation among nations. Saplings of native plants have been imported from both G20 member countries and other invitee nations. India has imported trees like the Date Palm from Saudi Arabia, Olive from Italy and Turkey, and Camphor Laurel from China and Japan. For the invitee countries, saplings include the Ghaf tree from the UAE, Frankincense from Oman, Frangipani from Mauritius, and Mango tree from Bangladesh.

73. Which institution launched 'Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI'?

[A] NASSCOM

[B] NPCI

[C] RBI

[D] SEBI

Answer: NPCI

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched a set of innovative digital payment products during the Global Fintech Fest 2023 in Mumbai. 'Credit Line on UPI' enables pre-sanctioned credit lines from banks via the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), providing users with access to instant credit. 'UPI LITE X' facilitates offline payments, while 'UPI Tap & Pay' enhances digital payments through Near Field Communication (NFC) technology for QR code-based transactions. 'Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI' allows voice-enabled UPI payments in Hindi and English through UPI apps, telecom calls, and IoT devices.

74. Zhen Hua 15, a project cargo vessel, which has commenced its maiden voyage from the East China Sea to the coast of Kerala, is from which country?

[A] Japan

[B] Hong Kong

[C] Taiwan

[D] South Korea

Answer: Hong Kong

The Zhen Hua 15, a project cargo vessel flying the Hong Kong flag, has commenced its maiden voyage from the East China Sea to the coast of Kerala. This vessel carries one quay crane and two-yard cranes is destined for the Vizhinjam international seaport in Kerala. Port authorities in Kerala ordered eight quay cranes and 24-yard cranes from Zhenhua Port Machinery Company in Shanghai, China.

75. Which country's Supreme Court has decriminalized abortion across the country?

[A] Qatar

[B] Mexico

[C] Chile

[D] Italy

Answer: Mexico

Mexico's Supreme Court has made a decision by ruling that all federal criminal penalties for abortion are unconstitutional, effectively decriminalizing abortion across the country. This decision does not automatically guarantee access to abortion for all Mexican women, as the country has a federal system with varying state laws. Some 20 Mexican states still criminalize abortion, necessitating further legal efforts to remove penalties and ensure access.

76. Which institution issued guidelines to strengthen cyber security and cyber resilience framework for stock exchanges?

[A] RBI



- [B] SEBI
- [C] IRDAI
- [D] PFRDA

Answer: SEBI

SEBI issued guidelines to strengthen cyber security and cyber resilience framework for stock exchanges and other market infrastructure institutions (MIs). As per the guidelines, MIs shall maintain offline, encrypted backups of data and shall regularly test these backups at least on a quarterly basis to ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability.

77. Which company is the official sponsor of Indian contingent at Hangzhou Asian Games?

- [A] Byju's
- [B] Amul
- [C] Odisha state
- [D] Tata

Answer: Amul

Amul will be the Official Sponsor of the Indian Contingent for the XIX Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8 2023. As part of this association, Amul will use the integrated logo in its communication to celebrate the efforts of the sportsperson. The XIX Asian Games 2022 will feature 482 events across 40 sports.

78. Divya Deshmukh, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Golf
- [B] Chess
- [C] Squash
- [D] Tennis

Answer: Chess

Divya Deshmukh recently clinched the women's rapid title at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament. The 17-year-old chess player from Nagpur earned the title of woman grandmaster in the year 2021 at the age of 15. She won the Asian Women's Chess Championships title this year. She is currently ranked 7th in the list of the nation's women's players.

79. 'Kala Jeera Rice' is a famous food product from which state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Punjab

Answer: Odisha

A private company, Jaivik Shree Farmers Producers Company (JSFPC), applied for the GI tag for 'Kala Jeera Rice' of Koraput, Odisha. The M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in Jeypore, Odisha, has raised concerns over potentially excluding local farmers from its benefits. MSSRF argued that only government agencies should apply for GI tags to ensure broad benefits to the farming community.

80. Which city topped the 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 Clean Air Survey'?

- [A] Indore
- [B] Mysuru
- [C] Kochi
- [D] Panjim

Answer: Indore

Union Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the results of the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 (clean air survey). Indore, Madhya Pradesh, claimed the top spot among million-plus population cities. The survey, in its second year, included 130 identified cities under the



National Clean Air Programme. Agra, Uttar Pradesh, secured the second rank, followed by Thane, Maharashtra, in third place.

81. Which institution released a report highlighting Growth of Online Gig Work in Developing Nations?

- [A] IMF
- [B] WEF
- [C] World Bank
- [D] NITI Aayog

Answer: World Bank

A recent report from the World Bank reveals that online gig work is on the rise globally, particularly in developing countries. The report estimates that approximately 435 million people worldwide engage in online gig work, with demand for such work increasing by 41% between 2016 and 2023. The report underscores the need for social protections and labor standards to address the challenges faced by gig workers worldwide.

82. Which institution has developed the 'Military Combat Parachute System' of India?

- [A] HAL
- [B] BHEL
- [C] DRDO
- [D] ISRO

Answer: DRDO

The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently conducted a historic test of the Military Combat Parachute System. It was indigenously designed and developed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), an R&D lab of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

83. Which company has introduced India's first UPI-ATM in partnership with NPCI?

- [A] Hitachi
- [B] Paytm
- [C] Pine Labs
- [D] India1

Answer: Hitachi

Hitachi Payment Services, a subsidiary of Japan-based Hitachi, introduced India's first UPI-ATM in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) during the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai. This UPI-ATM allows customers to withdraw cash without the need for a debit or credit card. The United Payments Interface (UPI) is a mobile payment method operated by NPCI that enables instant and free fund transfers between bank accounts.

84. Which institution released the 'Gender Snapshot 2023 Report'?

- [A] United Nations
- [B] IMF
- [C] World Bank
- [D] WEF

Answer: United Nations

The United Nations has released a report stating that the goal of achieving gender equality by 2030, as set by the U.N., is unlikely to be realized due to deeply ingrained biases against women in various sectors such as health, education, employment, and politics. The report, titled "The Gender Snapshot 2023," by UN Women and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, highlights that active resistance to gender equality and chronic underinvestment are key factors slowing progress and even leading to reversals in some cases.

85. Scientists have discovered the fossil of Fujianvenator, a bird-like dinosaur in which country?



- [A] Greece
- [B] China
- [C] Chile
- [D] Japan

Answer: China

Scientists have discovered the fossil of a pheasant-sized, bird-like dinosaur in Fujian Province, China, dating back to approximately 148 to 150 million years ago. The dinosaur, named *Fujianvenator prodigiosus*, has an unusual anatomy, with elongated legs and arms resembling wings. It belonged to a group called avialans, which includes birds and their closest non-avian dinosaur relatives.

86. Which country are pioneering efforts to grow fruit tissue in laboratories?

- [A] USA
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] Israel
- [D] UAE

Answer: New Zealand

Scientists at Plant and Food Research in New Zealand are pioneering efforts to grow fruit tissue in laboratories to address growing food security concerns arising from climate change. This program aims to produce fruit tissue from plant cells that closely resemble real fruit in terms of taste, smell, and texture.

87. One Week One Lab programme is organised by which institution in India?

- [A] CSIR
- [B] ISRO
- [C] DRDO
- [D] BARC

Answer: CSIR

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is conducting a One Week One Lab programme from the 11th to the 16th of September 2023. During the event, the 37 CSIR laboratories across the country will portray their research outcomes and achievements. The event would be open to the public and they can witness CSIR's academic and research initiatives. The programme will also include lectures, workshops, puppet shows etc.

88. Durand Cup is associated with which sport?

- [A] Cricket
- [B] Basketball
- [C] Football
- [D] Hockey

Answer: Football

The Durand Cup is associated with Football. Recently, Mohun Bagan clinched the Durand Cup 2023 trophy beating East Bengal at Kolkata. This is the 132nd Durand Cup tournament and Mohun Bagan team has won the trophy after 23 years. With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG became the first team in the history of Durand Cup to win 17 titles.

89. The Indian Army and Indian Air Force conducted a joint training exercise named?

- [A] Shravan
- [B] Nabh Shakti
- [C] Strike Shakti
- [D] Brahmastra

Answer: Nabh Shakti

The Indian Army's elite Brahmastra Corps in the Northeastern states recently conducted a joint training



exercise called 'Nabh Shakti,' with participation from both the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force. The Brahmastra Corps, also known as the 17 Mountain Strike Corps, has been established to carry out strike operations in enemy territory during conflicts in the eastern regions of India.

90. India has decided to settle WTO Poultry Dispute with which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] USA
- [C] China
- [D] Pakistan

Answer: USA

India and the United States of America have reached an agreement to settle their longstanding World Trade Organisation (WTO) poultry dispute. This resolution was announced in a joint statement following a meeting between Indian Prime Minister and US President. As part of the settlement, India will reduce tariffs on various American products, including frozen turkey, frozen duck, fresh, frozen, dried, and processed blueberries and cranberries.

91. A report by which institution has stated that the window to reach climate goals is 'rapidly closing'?

- [A] UN
- [B] WHO
- [C] IMF
- [D] FAO

Answer: UN

A new report from the United Nations has emphasized the urgency of addressing climate change, stating that the window of opportunity to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels is rapidly closing. The report, part of the Global Stock take (GST) mandated by the Paris Agreement, highlights that while some progress has been made, countries are far from achieving the necessary targets to meet this goal.

92. Scientists of which country has recently grown human kidneys inside pig embryos?

- [A] USA
- [B] Russia
- [C] China
- [D] Japan

Answer: China

In a first of its kind, Chinese scientists at the Chinese Academy of Sciences Guangzhou Institutes of Biomedicine and Health have successfully grown human kidneys inside pig embryos. This has presented a potential solution to the shortage of transplant organs. This groundbreaking achievement involved inserting human stem cells into pig embryos, resulting in kidneys containing 50 to 60 percent human cells.

93. 'Medal of the City of Paris' has been revoked from whom?

- [A] Mahmoud Abbas
- [B] Michael Jackson
- [C] Rafael Nadal
- [D] Hocine Ziani

Answer: Mahmoud Abbas

Paris Mayor has recently revoked the prestigious Medal of the City of Paris awarded to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in 2015, due to his recent comments denying the Holocaust's historical truth. In an open letter, Paris Mayor has expressed strong condemnation for Abbas' remarks and emphasized that they were contrary to our universal values and the historical truth of the Holocaust.



94. Which country is developing AI-Powered Ghost Sharks submarines?

- [A] China
- [B] USA
- [C] Australia
- [D] Russia

Answer: Australia

The Australian Navy is rapidly developing AI-powered unmanned submarines called "Ghost Sharks," with a per-unit cost of just over AUD\$23 million. These AI-powered subs will be delivered by mid-2025, offering a cost-effective and swift solution to enhance naval capabilities. Alongside, the country is also investing in a costly and slow project to acquire up to 13 nuclear-powered attack submarines, with each sub estimated to cost over AUD\$28 billion (\$18 billion).

95. 'DEEP VZN' is a research initiative of which country?

- [A] India
- [B] USA
- [C] Austria
- [D] Germany

Answer: USA

The USA has abruptly terminated funding for its DEEP VZN program, which is a research initiative designed to discover and study thousands of exotic pathogens worldwide. The program aimed to collect over half a million samples from across the globe and analyze around 12,000 viruses found within these samples. This decision comes as the U.S. government reevaluated the relative risks and impacts of the research program.

96. Which state has approved Rs 256.46 Crore for Chambal River Bridge and Road Construction Projects?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Maharashtra

Answer: Rajasthan

The State of Rajasthan has approved to allocate Rs 256.46 crore for the construction of a high-level bridge over the Chambal River in Kota district. The earlier budget allocation was Rs 165 crore for the project. The bridge, set to be built promises to provide a shorter travel route and enhanced convenience for the people.

97. Which Indian city is set to launch an innovative disease surveillance dashboard?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Bengaluru
- [D] New Delhi

Answer: Bengaluru

Bengaluru, India's tech capital, is set to launch an innovative disease surveillance dashboard in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), and the Health and Family Welfare Department. This dashboard can predict disease outbreaks up to four weeks in advance with an impressive accuracy rate of 70%. Unlike previous models, this system forecasts a range of communicable diseases, including vector-borne illnesses like dengue, chikungunya, and malaria.

98. 'Air Quality and Climate Bulletin' is released by which organisation?

- [A] WMO



- [B] IMF
- [C] UNFCCC
- [D] IMO

Answer: WMO

"Air Quality and Climate Bulletin" - a report by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) highlights the link between climate change, heatwaves, wildfires, and rising air pollution, including ozone. The report states that climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of heatwaves, which, in turn, raise the risk and severity of wildfires. The report cites examples from the European summer of 2022, which experienced record-breaking heatwaves resulting in increased concentrations of ozone and particulate matter.

99. What is the name an enormous cosmic bubble packed with galaxies, recently discovered by Astronomers?

- [A] Bubble of galaxies
- [B] Great Bearing
- [C] Great Dipper
- [D] Cosmos Interference

Answer: Bubble of galaxies

Astronomers recently discovered "Bubble of galaxies" an enormous cosmic bubble packed with galaxies that stretches nearly 1 billion light-years across and located within our galactic neighborhood. It is estimated to be located just 820 million light years from our galaxy. Within this vast bubble, called "Ho'oleilana," lies the Bootes supercluster of galaxies, surrounded by an expansive void known as "the Great Nothing."

100. Which bloc leaders declared to create the 'Working Group on Empowerment of Women'?

- [A] ASEAN
- [B] BIMSTEC
- [C] G-20
- [D] G-7

Answer: G-20

The G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration has underscored the importance of women's empowerment, with a particular focus on bridging the digital gender divide. The declaration announced the creation of a new 'Working Group on Empowerment of Women' to support the G20 Women's Ministerial, with its first meeting scheduled during Brazil's G20 presidency. The declaration also calls for regulatory policy frameworks that enable women and girls to actively participate in national digital strategies.

101. What is the expansion of GBA, launched as a part of G-20 summit?

- [A] Geo Biofuels Alliance
- [B] Global Biofuels Alliance
- [C] G-20 Biofuels Alliance
- [D] Great Biofuels Alliance

Answer: Global Biofuels Alliance

The Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) was officially launched on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in New Delhi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The GBA aims to promote international cooperation and the use of sustainable biofuels, as well as facilitate global biofuels trade and provide technical support for national biofuel programs. The alliance was initiated by nine countries, including India, the US, Brazil, Argentina, Bangladesh, Italy, Mauritius, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates, with Canada and Singapore as observer countries.

102. The 'G20 Leaders Declaration' highlighted the importance of which Roadmap for Tourism as a means to achieve SDGs?



- [A] Goa Roadmap for Tourism
- [B] Kashmir Roadmap for Tourism
- [C] Uttarakhand Roadmap for Tourism
- [D] Kerala Roadmap for Tourism

Answer: Goa Roadmap for Tourism

The G20 Leaders' Summit endorsed pivotal role of tourism and culture in sustainable socio-economic development and prosperity. The 'G20 Leaders Declaration' highlighted the importance of the 'Goa Roadmap for Tourism' as a means to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It focusses on key priorities such as Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, Tourism MSMEs, and Destination Management.

103. Which state released special postal covers in tribute to 'Alluri Sitarama Raju'?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Telangana

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer has unveiled six special postal covers in tribute to Alluri Sitarama Raju. These commemorative postal covers mark the centenary of the Chilli Post, issued by the Department of Posts as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. Alluri Sitarama Raju's unique method of sending advance messages to officials, using arrows with attached messages and chili peppers, became known as the "CHILLI POST." The Rampa Rebellion, initiated by Alluri in 1922 with tribal support, continued until 1927 when Alluri martyred himself.

104. Vishwakarma Yojana will be launched in how many Indian cities?

- [A] 10
- [B] 15
- [C] 20
- [D] 70

Answer: 70

The Government of India is set to launch Vishwakarma Yojana at 70 locations across India on September 17, coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The scheme was announced during the Prime Minister's Independence Day speech and is aimed at benefiting skilled individuals in traditional craftsmanship. Over the next five years, the program will allocate an expenditure of 13,000 crores.

105. Where was the Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting held?

- [A] Turkey
- [B] India
- [C] Japan
- [D] Indonesia

Answer: Turkey

The Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) was recently held in Turkey from September 5-9. The meeting addressed significant topics including maritime law enforcement, safety at sea, marine environment protection, and the prevention of illicit activities like drug trafficking, weapons smuggling, and human trafficking at sea. India's delegation was led by DG Rakesh Pal, Director General of the Indian Coast Guard.

106. National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project was launched at which state's assembly?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Punjab



[D] Rajasthan

Answer: Gujarat

The President of India Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project at the Gujarat Assembly. This initiative aims to make legislative proceedings paperless and more efficient. The project was launched on the opening day of the four-day monsoon session of the State Assembly. The National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project makes Gujarat Assembly's proceedings fully digital.

107. Indian Airforce has received First C-295 Transport Plane from which company?

[A] Airbus

[B] Boeing

[C] Dassault Aviation

[D] HAL

Answer: Airbus

The Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Indian Air Force, has received the first C-295 transport plane for India from global aircraft manufacturer Airbus at a facility in Seville, Spain. India has contracted 56 of these planes, with 16 being manufactured in Spain and the remaining 40 produced by a Tata-Airbus joint venture in Vadodara, Gujarat.

108. Which state is set to release a dictionary for its regional dialects?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Assam

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Education (SIE) has come up with a first-of-its-kind dialects dictionary containing 76,000 words in regional dialects/languages of the State like Bhojpuri, Awadhi, Braj and Bundelkhandi. This initiative aims to conserve regional dialects of the State and also aims to remove linguistic barriers across various parts of the state.

109. Varuna is the bilateral exercise between the navies of which countries?

[A] India and France

[B] India and Sri Lanka

[C] India and Australia

[D] India and USA

Answer: India and France

Phase 2 of the 21st edition of Varuna bilateral exercise between Indian and French Navy was conducted in the Arabian Sea. The exercise witnessed participation of guided missile frigates, tanker, Maritime Patrol Aircraft and integral helicopters from the two sides. The first phase of 'Varuna-2023' was conducted off India's Western Seaboard.

110. Which city is the host of the 'First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights'?

[A] Mumbai

[B] New Delhi

[C] Varanasi

[D] Amritsar

Answer: New Delhi

The President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the inaugural 'Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights' (GSFR) at the ICAR Convention Centre in New Delhi. This event is organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty), in collaboration with various Indian agricultural bodies. Notably, India was the first country to include

**Farmers' Rights in its Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPVFR) Act in 2001.**

111. India recently organised the meeting of Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) formed with which country?

- [A] Brazil
- [B] Argentina
- [C] Egypt
- [D] Saudi Arabia

Answer: Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a landmark summit, marking the first meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC), which was established in 2019. The council consists of two main pillars: the Committee on Political, Security, Social, and Cultural Cooperation, and the Committee on Economy and Investments, each with several levels of engagement. The two nations agreed to expedite the USD 50-billion West Coast refinery project.

112. India signed a MoU with which country on energy co-operation recently?

- [A] UAE
- [B] Saudi Arabia
- [C] Malaysia
- [D] Afghanistan

Answer: Saudi Arabia

India and Saudi Arabia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on energy cooperation in New Delhi. The MoU encompasses various areas of collaboration, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, hydrogen, electricity, grid interconnection, petroleum, natural gas, strategic petroleum reserves, and energy security.

113. USA has announced Prisoner Exchange and Fund Transfer with which country?

- [A] UAE
- [B] Iran
- [C] Israel
- [D] Saudi Arabia

Answer: Iran

The Joe Biden administration has taken steps to secure the release of five American citizens detained in Iran by issuing waivers allowing international banks to transfer USD 6 billion in frozen Iranian funds from South Korea to Qatar without fear of American sanctions. In exchange, the U.S. has agreed to release five Iranian citizens held in the United States. This move marks a significant development in diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Iran.

114. When was the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) founded?

- [A] 1972
- [B] 1982
- [C] 1992
- [D] 2002

Answer: 1982

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) will hear a groundbreaking case brought by nine small island states seeking to protect the world's oceans from the devastating impacts of climate change. It was founded in 1982 in Jamaica. These nations have turned to ITLOS to determine whether carbon dioxide emissions absorbed by the oceans can be considered pollution and, if so, what obligations countries have to prevent it. Ocean ecosystems play a vital role in oxygen production and carbon absorption, but increasing emissions can harm marine life by warming and acidifying seawaters.



115. India launched 'Infrastructure Financing Bridge' along with which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] UK
- [C] Australia
- [D] New Zealand

Answer: UK

India and the UK have announced the launch of an infrastructure financing bridge to facilitate major infrastructure projects, as revealed by India's Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman. The two nations have also agreed to conduct investment negotiations concurrently with goods negotiations as part of their free trade agreement (FTA) discussions.

116. Which country proposed to launch 'G-20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation'?

- [A] India
- [B] Australia
- [C] USA
- [D] Japan

Answer: India

India proposed to launch a G-20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation, with an aim to help the countries of the Global South. Prime Minister Modi said the G-20 satellite mission would be beneficial for all of humanity just as the data obtained from India's successful Chandrayaan moon mission.

117. Drought Early Warning System (DEWS), is a real-time drought-monitoring platform, operated by?

- [A] NIOT
- [B] IIT Gandhinagar
- [C] IIT Madras
- [D] DRDO

Answer: IIT Gandhinagar

In the first week of September 2023, approximately 30% of India's land area experienced varying degrees of drought, posing significant challenges for farmers and food security. Among the affected areas, 11.5% suffered from severe, extreme, or exceptional drought conditions, while 18.9% faced abnormal to moderate drought conditions. This information is sourced from the Drought Early Warning System (DEWS), a real-time drought-monitoring platform operated by IIT Gandhinagar's Water and Climate Lab.

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1. India recently organised its first 'Investment Forum 2023' with which country?

- [A] UAE
- [B] Saudi Arabia
- [C] Australia
- [D] Germany

Answer: Saudi Arabia

India-Saudi Arabia Investment Forum 2023 was organized in New Delhi. This is the first formal investment symposium between the two nations. Over 500 companies from both countries participated in the event. The Saudi Crown Prince had previously announced an investment of approximately \$100 billion in various sectors of the Indian economy. The forum also witnessed the signing of over 45 MoUs, aimed at deepening economic engagement and boosting investment flows.

2. Which city is the host of 'Workshop on Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR)'?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Gandhi Nagar
- [D] Bhubaneswar

Answer: Mumbai

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), in partnership with UNICEF and the National Stock Exchange (NSE), organized a workshop on Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) in Mumbai. The BRSR framework, rooted in the nine principles of the National Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC), mandates top 1000 listed companies to disclose their performance on environmental, social, and governance aspects.

3. Which Union Ministry organised the 'International Conference on Dam Safety'?

- [A] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [B] Ministry of MSME
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of Coal

Answer: Ministry of Jal Shakti

The Ministry of Jal Shakti's Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation is organizing the International Conference on Dam Safety (ICDS) in Jaipur. The conference was inaugurated under the theme "Safe & Secure Dams Ensure Nation's Prosperity." With India hosting over 6,000 dams, this event focuses on enhancing dam safety, discussing cutting-edge topics, and highlighting the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II and III.

4. Araku coffee, which was one of the gifts presented to leaders at G-20 summit, is from which state?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Assam
- [D] West Bengal

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

During the recent G20 Summit in Delhi, world leaders were presented with a selection of handcrafted gifts representing India's diverse cultural heritage. These gifts included such as Kannauj's famous ittar, Kashmiri saffron, Araku coffee from Andhra Pradesh, and tea from the Nilgiris, all packaged in a chest



adorned with brass detailing. The gift also featured Sundarbans honey, Zighrana Ittar from Kannauj, Pashmina shawls from Changthangi goats, Khadi scarves symbolizing India's freedom struggle, and commemorative coins and stamps.

5. Nyoma airfield, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Ladakh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Punjab

Answer: Ladakh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated 90 infrastructure projects built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at a cost exceeding ₹2,900 crore. The projects span 11 States and Union Territories, including two revamped airfields, Bagdogra and Barrackpore, in West Bengal, and the Nyoma airfield in Eastern Ladakh, which will boost air infrastructure and augment the Indian Air Force's (IAF) capabilities along the Northern border.

6. An invasive non-native ant species, the red fire ant, has been detected in which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Italy
- [C] Indonesia
- [D] Germany

Answer: Italy

A study warns that the invasive non-native ant species, the red fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*), has become established in Italy and poses a threat to Europe and the UK due to global heating. These ants have a powerful sting, damage crops, and can infest electrical equipment. They are known to form "super colonies" rapidly, prey on invertebrates, vertebrates, and plants, and out-compete native ants, insects, and herbivores for food. The red fire ant is considered one of the most destructive invasive species globally, causing an estimated \$6 billion in damage each year.

7. Which city approved the 'Aspirational City Scheme' for 100 Most Backward Urban Areas?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Assam

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved the implementation of the 'Aspirational City Scheme' in 100 of the most backward urban areas with populations ranging from 20,000 to 1 lakh. Under this scheme, projects will be executed through funding from government schemes, including central and state government programs, as well as MP and MLA funds. The selection of these 100 aspirational urban areas will be based on 16 parameters set by NITI Aayog among the 762 urban areas.

8. Which city is the host of 'Second Edition of ICAR-CIBA's Shrimp Farmers Conclave-2023'?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Navsari
- [C] Panaji
- [D] Chennai

Answer: Navsari

The Second Edition of ICAR-CIBA's Shrimp Farmers Conclave-2023 was inaugurated by Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, in Navsari, Gujarat. Key highlights include the signing of MoU between CIBA and the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for aquaculture crop insurance and technology support for Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPO). A shrimp crop insurance product by Agriculture



Insurance Company of India Limited was also launched.

9. Which state introduced a bill to exclude regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- [A] Assam
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Karnataka

Answer: Assam

The Assam government has introduced a bill that aims to exclude entities regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from the ambit of the Assam Microfinance Institution (Regulation of Money Lending) Act, 2020. This move is intended to prevent dual regulation of such entities in the state. The 2020 Act was initially applied to all RBI-regulated entities, including NBFC-MFIs. However, the recent amendment seeks to remove these entities from the scope of the Act, aligning with RBI regulations.

10. Which institution released its research on business value of Household and Personal Care Sector, when focussed on nature?

- [A] WEF
- [B] IMF
- [C] NABARD
- [D] NITI Aayog

Answer: WEF

The household products and personal care sector has the potential to create an additional \$62 billion in annual business value by 2030 if it places a central emphasis on nature in its operations, according to research by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The WEF's broader projection estimates a \$10.1 trillion business opportunity by 2030 if more nature-positive solutions are embraced by the private sector.

11. Which country has won their first-ever FIBA Basketball World Cup title?

- [A] France
- [B] Germany
- [C] Spain
- [D] Italy

Answer: Germany

Germany have won their first-ever FIBA Basketball World Cup title by beating Serbia 83-77. Germany became the first team to win a FIBA World Cup crown in their final debut since Spain in 2006. The two teams, who boast strong teamwork and chemistry, traded baskets in the first half, and entered the break at 47 apiece. But Germany built up a 12-point lead late on in the third quarter.

12. India handed over the G-20 Presidency to which country?

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Brazil
- [D] UAE

Answer: Brazil

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the ceremonial gavel to Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva, initiating the process of transition of the President's Chair for the next round of the G-20 in Brazil. Brazil officially will take over the mantle of the presidency on December 1 this year. Modi also proposed a virtual session of the G20 around the end of November to take stock of the suggestions and decisions made at the leaders' summit.

13. Which North-Indian state has unveiled its new State Education Policy, 2023?

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Assam



- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: West Bengal

The West Bengal government has come up with the State Education Policy, 2023, which recommends a three-language formula for Classes 5 to 8, with emphasis on Bengali. The committee also recommends that Bangla [Bengali] as a subject may be introduced from Class 1 to Class 10 for students of other mediums of instruction.

14. What is L-1, specified in the Aditya-L1 observatory?

- [A] First Sun-Earth Lagrangian point
- [B] First Sun-Moon Lagrangian point
- [C] First Moon-Earth Lagrangian point
- [D] First Space-Earth Lagrangian point

Answer: First Sun-Earth Lagrangian point

Aditya-L1 is the first Indian space-based observatory to study the Sun from a halo orbit around the first Sun-Earth Lagrangian point (L1), which is located roughly 1.5 million km from the Earth. The first, second and third earth-bound manoeuvre was successfully performed on September 3, 5 and 10 respectively. The manoeuvres are being performed during the spacecraft's 16-day journey around the Earth during which the spacecraft will gain the necessary velocity for its further journey to L1.

15. Which public sector unit's subsidiary has signed MoU with Nayara Energy to explore opportunities in the Green Hydrogen?

- [A] GAIL
- [B] NTPC
- [C] BHEL
- [D] BEL

Answer: NTPC

NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited and Nayara Energy, a new-age international downstream Energy Company of International scale, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to explore opportunities in the Green Hydrogen and Green Energy space. The MoU envisages to collaborate and produce Green Hydrogen for Nayara Energy's captive usage, accelerate decarbonisation and catalyse reduction in carbon footprint.

16. Which cricketer surpassed Sachin Tendulkar to become the opener with most number of centuries?

- [A] David Warner
- [B] Virat Kohli
- [C] Ravindra Jadeja
- [D] Joe Root

Answer: David Warner

Australian batter David Warner surpassed Sachin Tendulkar to become the opener with the most number of centuries in international cricket. The 36-year-old batter accomplished this milestone against South Africa in the second ODI. This is Warner's 46th international century, the most by an opener.

17. Election Commissioner Arun Goel visited which country to monitor the 2023 Presidential Election?

- [A] Afghanistan
- [B] Cambodia
- [C] Maldives
- [D] Mauritius

Answer: Maldives



A three-member delegation led by Election Commissioner Arun Goel visited the Maldives to monitor the 2023 Presidential Election. The team visited 22 polling stations in Male and Hulhumale to observe the voting process, voter registration, and booth arrangements. The election's first round did not produce a decisive winner, as neither President Ibrahim Solih nor opposition candidate Mohammed Muizzu secured over 50 percent of the vote.

18. Vithya Ramraj, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Athletics
- [B] Chess
- [C] Cricket
- [D] Squash

Answer: Athletics

Tamil Nadu's Vithya Ramraj has won the women's 400m in a personal best 52.40s at the Indian Grand Prix-5 athletics in Chandigarh. Himanshi, the fastest quarter-miler in the Asiad relay team with her 51.76s at the recent inter-State Nationals in Bhubaneswar, could only finish 15th overall.

19. Which badminton player has won the China Open title?

- [A] K Srikanth
- [B] Viktor Axelsen
- [C] Lakshya Sen
- [D] Chirag Shetty

Answer: Viktor Axelsen

Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen clinched his first China Open title after defeating unseeded Lu Guang Zu. His earlier Grand Slam of Super 1000 titles include the All England Open, the Indonesia Open and the Malaysia Open. South Korean top seed An Se Young became the women's singles champion, beating second seeded Yamaguchi Akane. She landed her ninth title of the year in the women's singles.

20. As per a recent API Survey, what per cent of adults have taken any one of adult vaccines?

- [A] 6 %
- [B] 16 %
- [C] 26 %
- [D] 36 %

Answer: 16 %

A survey was conducted by the Association of Physicians of India (API) and Ipsos in 16 cities among adults aged 50 years and older. It revealed that although 71% of adults (50 years and above) surveyed were aware of adult vaccination, only 16% had taken any adult vaccines. It reveals that formal guidelines are not available to enforce adult immunisation.

21. Which country has claimed to have regained control of Black Sea oil platform?

- [A] Ukraine
- [B] Russia
- [C] Belarus
- [D] Iran

Answer: Ukraine

Ukrainian forces have regained control of several gas and oil offshore drilling platforms close to Crimea from Russia, Ukraine's military intelligence (GUR) has said. The GUR said that Kyiv's forces had retaken the drilling platforms known as the "Boyko Towers" in a "unique operation".

22. India has offered to explore direct listing of its businesses on which exchange?

- [A] London Stock Exchange
- [B] Euro Stoxx 50
- [C] TR Canada 50



[D] Shanghai Stock Exchange

Answer: London Stock Exchange

The 12th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue steered by United Kingdom (UK) Chancellor Jeremy Hunt and India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. He announced that he was pleased with the first confirmation by India that it will explore the LSE as an international destination for the direct listing of Indian companies

23. When is the International Day for South-South Cooperation observed?

[A] July 12

[B] August 12

[C] September 12

[D] October 12

Answer: September 12

The International Day for South-South Cooperation is observed on 12 September every year. This year, the theme is 'Solidarity, Equity and Partnership: Unlocking South-South Cooperation to Achieve the SDGs'. South-South cooperation is a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, their national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of development goals.

24. What is the name of the campaign launched by Union Health Ministry, to mark Prime Minister's birthday?

[A] Ayushman Bhav campaign

[B] Bharath Bhav campaign

[C] Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign

[D] Bharat Arogya campaign

Answer: Ayushman Bhav campaign

The Union Health Ministry launched a country-wide health campaign 'Ayushman Bhav' on September 17 to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 73rd birthday. The comprehensive health campaign was inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu, marking the beginning of an extensive healthcare drive set to benefit millions.

25. India discussed with which country on utilization of new transport corridors like Northern Sea Route (NSR) and the Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC)?

[A] USA

[B] Russia

[C] South Korea

[D] Maldives

Answer: Russia

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, met with the Minister of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic, in Vladivostok, Russia. The leaders discussed various aspects of maritime cooperation between India and Russia, including the utilization of new transport corridors like the Northern Sea Route (NSR) and the Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC) between Vladivostok and Chennai. They also agreed to train Indian seafarers in Polar and Arctic waters at the Russian Maritime Training Institute in Vladivostok.

26. Which public sector bank launched online allotment of safe deposit locker facility?

[A] Canara Bank

[B] Punjab National Bank

[C] Indian Bank

[D] Indian Overseas Bank

Answer: Indian Overseas Bank



Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has announced an online allotment of safe deposit locker facility for its customers and non-customers. The new facility can be accessed online just by logging into the bank's portal. The bank's customers and non-customers can avail the locker facility without physically visiting a branch, as per the public sector lender.

27. Libya, which was hit by floods, is in which region?

- [A] South-Asia
- [B] Africa
- [C] South-America
- [D] Australia

Answer: Africa

Around 2,300 people dead and several others missing in Libya floods. 10,000 people were missing after the unprecedented flooding. The flash floods killed more than 2,300 people in Derna, the emergency services of the Tripoli-based government. More than 5,000 people were still missing in Derna and about 7,000 others were injured by the force of floodwaters that rushed down a normally dry river valley and hit the city.

28. International Hockey Federation (FIH) withdrew hosting rights of the Olympic qualifiers from which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Saudi Arabia
- [D] Australia

Answer: Pakistan

International Hockey Federation (FIH) has withdrawn hosting rights of the Olympic qualifiers from Pakistan Hockey Federation. Men's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier tournament was earlier scheduled in January 2024. This is primarily due to the recent developments in the governance situation of the Federation.

29. Which country has launched 'AlHosn app' to track children's vaccination?

- [A] Israel
- [B] South Korea
- [C] Bahrain
- [D] UAE

Answer: UAE

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will use the upgraded AlHosn app to track children's vaccinations, and children will not be allowed in schools if their vaccination records are not updated on the app. UAE's national vaccination schedule includes mandatory vaccines for infants and children. The upgraded AlHosn app provides comprehensive vaccination records for children from birth to 18 years.

30. Which institution has launched 'Sarpanch Samvaad' mobile application?

- [A] Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- [B] Quality Council of India
- [C] Supreme Court of India
- [D] Ministry of Cooperation

Answer: Quality Council of India

The Governor of Assam, Gulab Chand Kataria, unveiled the 'Sarpanch Samvaad' mobile application developed by the Quality Council of India (QCI). This app is part of the Sarpanch Samvaad initiative, which aims to connect approximately 2.5 lakh Sarpanchs (elected village heads) across India. The initiative provides a platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among Sarpanchs.

31. Which institution released 'Global Debt Database update'?



- [A] World Economic Forum
- [B] International Monetary Fund
- [C] World Bank
- [D] NITI Aayog

Answer: International Monetary Fund

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported that global debt as a share of economic output decreased for the second consecutive year in 2022, but this trend may be ending as the post-COVID growth surge wanes. According to the IMF's Global Debt Database update, the world's total debt-to-GDP ratio fell to 238% in 2022, down from 248% in 2021 and 258% in 2020. However, despite the decline over the past two years, global debt remains well above the 2019 level of 238% of GDP.

32. TTPs (Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures) based framework to Combat Cybercrime Targeting Humans, has been developed by which institution?

- [A] IIT Kanpur
- [B] Central Bureau of Investigation
- [C] Intelligence Bureau
- [D] Enforcement Directorate

Answer: IIT Kanpur

Recently, A novel cybercrime investigation tool, the TTPs (Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures)-based cybercrime investigation framework has been developed by IIT Kanpur's c3ihub with support from the Department of Science and Technology. This framework offers a comprehensive solution, enabling law enforcement agencies to effectively combat cybercrimes and significantly reduce cybercrime activities in the country.

33. The foundation stone of Downstream Petrochemical Complex and Refinery Expansion Project has been laid in which state?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Rajasthan

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone of Downstream Petrochemical Complex and Refinery Expansion Project, at BPCL's Bina Refinery in Madhya Pradesh. This state-of-the-art refinery, which will be developed at a cost of about Rs. 49,000 crore, and will produce about 1200 Kilo-Tonnes Per Annum of ethylene and propylene, which are vital components for various sectors like textiles, packaging, pharma, among others.

34. Which Ministry is associated with OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates?

- [A] Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of MSME

Answer: Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution

India becomes the 13th country in world that can issue Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates. OIML is an Intergovernmental organization which was established in 1955. It has 63 Member States and 64 Corresponding Members and India became its member in 1956. India has now become authority for issuing internationally accepted OIML certificate for selling weights and measures anywhere in the world. Department of Consumer Affairs can issue OIML Pattern Approval certificate.



35. Which city is the host of '4th G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting'?

- [A] Gandhi Nagar
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] Mysuru
- [D] Guwahati

Answer: Varanasi

The G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting witnessed engagement from over 80 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries and International Organisations including World Bank, New Development Bank, NGFS among others. The Working Group aims to mobilise sustainable finance to help ensure global growth and stability and promote the transition towards greener, more resilient and inclusive societies and economies. The G20 Sustainable Finance Report, 2023 was also finalised in the meeting held in Varanasi.

36. Which institution directed Regulated Entities to release property documents promptly?

- [A] RBI
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- [D] CBDT

Answer: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued directives to all Regulated Entities (REs), including banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), to release original movable or immovable property documents within 30 days of full loan repayment. Starting from December 1, 2023, lenders must also remove any charges registered with registries within the same timeframe. In cases of delay, lenders must compensate borrowers at a rate of Rs 5,000 per day of delay, and borrowers can choose to collect their documents from relevant outlets or branches.

37. McDermitt Caldera, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Bulgaria
- [C] USA
- [D] Australia

Answer: USA

Geologists have made a new discovery along the Nevada-Oregon border, unearthing a vast lithium deposit within the McDermitt Caldera. This deposit is believed to contain 20 to 40 million metric tonnes of lithium, potentially doubling the quality of lithium reserves found anywhere else globally. This could help the United States reduce its reliance on China for lithium, a critical component in electric vehicle batteries, solar panels, and wind turbines.

38. Scrub Typhus disease has been identified in which state in recent weeks?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Odisha

Officials in Odisha's Bargarh district have confirmed at least five deaths due to scrub typhus infections in recent weeks. Scrub typhus is a vector-borne disease that spreads through infected chiggers (larval mites) and is common during the rainy season. Symptoms include fever, headache, body ache, and skin marks.

39. 'National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)' is associated with which country?

- [A] India



- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] USA
- [D] UK

Answer: India

The Supreme Court onboarded its case data on the National Judicial Data Grid. The NJDG portal is a national repository of data relating to cases instituted, pending and disposed of by the courts across the country. Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud said, "Onboarding of Supreme Court data on NJDG portal under the open data policy is a step on our part to bring transparency and accountability in the judicial domain." Currently, litigants can access case status information of 23.81 crore cases and more than 23.02 crore orders/judgments.

40. Rahul Navin has been appointed as the Acting Director of which institution?

- [A] Central Bureau of Investigation
- [B] Enforcement Directorate
- [C] Central Vigilance Commission
- [D] Border Security Force

Answer: Enforcement Directorate

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Rahul Navin, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer from the 1993 batch, as the Acting Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Rahul Navin currently serves as the Special Director-Chief Vigilance Officer at the ED headquarters. This appointment follows the cessation of tenure for Sanjay Kumar Mishra, IRS-84 batch, who had been serving as the Director of Enforcement in the ED.

41. Which institution manufactures the Su-30 MKI fighter jets, to be acquired by India?

- [A] Boeing
- [B] Airbus
- [C] DRDO
- [D] HAL

Answer: HAL

The Defence Ministry cleared procurement of various weapons systems and platforms including Dhruvastra short range air-to-surface missile and 12 Su-30 MKI fighter jets at a cost of around Rs 45,000 crore. The 12 Su-30 MKI fighter jets will be manufactured in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. These proposals were sanctioned under the 'Make in India' initiative.

42. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated YashoBhoomi Convention center at which state/UT?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

Answer: New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated YashoBhoomi convention center, marking the first phase of the India International Convention and Expo Centre in Delhi's Dwarka. Covering over 73,000 sq m, YashoBhoomi boasts one of the world's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) facilities and the country's largest LED media facade. With a capacity for 11,000 delegates, YashoBhoomi has received Green Cities Platinum certification for its environmentally friendly design.

43. 'Kyiv and Lviv World Heritage Sites' are in which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Ukraine
- [C] Belarus
- [D] Belgium



Answer: Ukraine

UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization, has designated the World Heritage Sites in the Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Lviv as "in danger" due to the ongoing conflict sparked by Russia's invasion. This decision was made during UNESCO's annual world heritage committee meeting in Riyadh. Kyiv's Saint Sophia Cathedral, dating back to the 11th century, and Lviv's historic center, near the Polish border, have faced constant danger since the invasion.

44. What is the revised prize amount for Nobel Prize Winners, as of 2023?

- [A] 1 million Swedish crowns
- [B] 11 million Swedish crowns
- [C] 21 million Swedish crowns
- [D] 31 million Swedish crowns

Answer: 11 million Swedish crowns

The Nobel Foundation, responsible for administering the Nobel Prizes, has announced that this year's Nobel Prize winners will receive an additional 1 million Swedish crowns, bringing the total financial reward to 11 million Swedish crowns (approximately \$986,000). In 2012, the prize money was reduced from 10 million crowns to 8 million due to financial considerations. Subsequently, the amount was raised to 9 million in 2017 and further increased to 10 million in 2020, restoring it to its pre-2012 level.

45. 'National Hispanic Heritage Month' is celebrated in which country?

- [A] Australia
- [B] USA
- [C] France
- [D] Germany

Answer: USA

National Hispanic Heritage Month, observed from September 15 to October 15 annually, honors the rich cultural heritage and contributions of Hispanic Americans in the United States. This celebration began with Hispanic Heritage Week and was officially recognized as a month-long observance by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

46. Which institution released a report citing sluggish progress across the world towards SDG 8?

- [A] International Labour Organization
- [B] World Bank
- [C] World Economic Forum
- [D] International Monetary Fund

Answer: International Labour Organization

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has issued a policy brief stating that the world is falling significantly behind in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8), which seeks to promote sustainable economic growth, full employment, and decent work for all. According to the ILO's analysis, nearly two-thirds of the SDG 8 indicators show insufficient progress, and the international community is as far from reaching the targets as it was in 2015.

47. Which state approved 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Uttarakhand

Answer: Odisha

The Odisha Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has granted approval for the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme. It is aimed at establishing a sustainable, affordable, and safe transportation network for passengers and goods across the state. This initiative seeks to



create a seamless public transport network from the Gram Panchayat (GP) level to the state capital.

48. Which state launched 'Mobile Van Program' to promote Natural Farming?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Rajasthan

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Department has introduced a 'Mobile Van Program' as part of the 'Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana'. It aims to advance eco-friendly and natural farming practices. This initiative focuses on delivering fresh, organic produce directly to consumers while promoting organic and chemical-free farming.

49. Which state launched 'Griha Adhar' and 'Chavath e Bazaar' initiatives?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Goa
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Goa

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant distributed Griha Adhar sanction orders, a program aimed at financially supporting homemakers and improving their quality of life. He also launched "The Chavath e Bazaar," a digital initiative empowering Goan entrepreneurs and self-help groups, under the Swayampura Goa Programme. The government plans to provide free training to women in packaging and selling food items under Swayampurna Goa 2.0.

50. Finance Ministry notified the constitution of how many Appellate Tribunals for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)?

- [A] 13
- [B] 18
- [C] 31
- [D] 42

Answer: 31

Finance Ministry notified the constitution of 31 Appellate Tribunals across 28 States and eight UTs for the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The tribunals were set up to resolve a growing number of taxpayer disputes with the Revenue Department. Of the 31 Benches in 28 States and UTs, the highest number is in Uttar Pradesh.

51. India has reached out to which country to restock monoclonal antibody doses to combat the Nipah virus?

- [A] Australia
- [B] Japan
- [C] USA
- [D] Israel

Answer: Australia

India has reached out to Australia to procure monoclonal antibody doses to combat the Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala. India is expecting 20 more doses soon, as per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The virus has killed two people so far and has infected at least five others in the Kozhikode district. The current Nipah outbreak is Kerala's fourth since 2018.

52. Which company has been roped in as the title sponsor for MotoGP Bharat?

- [A] Byjus
- [B] Indian Oil



[C] Sahara

[D] India Cements

Answer: Indian Oil

MotoGP Bharat has roped in IndianOil as the title sponsor for the event scheduled to take place at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida. The event will be organised from September 22 to 24, as per its promoter Fairstreet Sports.

53. What is the rank of India in the 'World Happiness Index 2023'?

[A] 126

[B] 121

[C] 118

[D] 108

Answer: 126

India has been ranked 126th among 146 countries in the latest World Happiness Index for 2023. This decline in happiness levels is attributed to the country's growing mental health crisis, exacerbated by the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Recent data reveals a significant surge in the sale of antidepressants and mood stabilizers in India, with a 41% increase from August 2019 to August 2023.

54. Which institution introduced the National List of Essential Assistive Products (NLEAP)?

[A] ICMR

[B] IMA

[C] AIIMS

[D] NITI Aayog

Answer: ICMR

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) introduced the National List of Essential Assistive Products (NLEAP) to prioritize crucial assistive products for individuals with functional impairments. These assistive products are vital for enhancing the quality of life and promoting independence among individuals with disabilities. The NLEAP consists of 21 essential assistive products and technologies that are considered fundamental for improving the lives of those with functional impairments.

55. Santiniketan, which was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is in which state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] West Bengal

[C] Rajasthan

[D] New Delhi

Answer: West Bengal

Santiniketan, the cultural and educational hub in West Bengal founded by poet Rabindranath Tagore, has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The announcement was made during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee in Saudi Arabia. Established in 1901, Santiniketan was initially a residential school based on Indian traditions and the vision of global unity transcending religious and cultural boundaries. In 1921, it evolved into a world university known as 'Visva Bharati'.

56. Which country has been recording increasing number of cases of West Nile virus?

[A] UK

[B] USA

[C] Australia

[D] New Zealand

Answer: USA

Health authorities in several US states, including New York City, New Jersey, Georgia, Maryland, and Texas, are expressing increasing concerns over cases of West Nile virus. In New York City, officials report a higher number of mosquito pools infected with the virus compared to the five-year average, with



16 human cases documented across the five boroughs. The virus is primarily transmitted through mosquito bites and has no human vaccine.

57. India announced its plan to eradicate Tuberculosis by which year?

- [A] 2024
- [B] 2025
- [C] 2027
- [D] 2030

Answer: 2025

Union Minister Jitendra Singh emphasized the importance of a public-private partnership (PPP) with an integrated strategy to achieve a "TB-mukt Bharat" (tuberculosis-free India). India's ambitious goal is eradicating tuberculosis by 2025. He flagged off the "TB-Mukt Express," a mobile medical van under the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana healthcare initiative. This van will travel to various villages in Udhampur, promoting the slogan "Chalo Chale TB ko Harane" (let's defeat TB).

58. Which country has enforced a European Union (EU) ban on all Russian-registered passenger cars entering the country?

- [A] France
- [B] Italy
- [C] Poland
- [D] Germany

Answer: Poland

Poland has begun enforcing a European Union (EU) ban on all Russian-registered passenger cars entering the country, in line with the EU's sanctions against Russia due to its war in Ukraine. This move comes shortly after Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia also implemented a similar ban on vehicles with Russian license plates. The decision reflects the EU's stance on Russia's actions in Ukraine and its threat to international security.

59. What is the position of Neeraj Chopra in the men's javelin throw event at the Diamond League 2023 Final?

- [A] First
- [B] Second
- [C] Third
- [D] Fourth

Answer: Second

India's Neeraj Chopra finished second in the men's javelin throw event at the Diamond League 2023 Final in Eugene, Oregon, with a best effort of 83.80m. Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian to win a Diamond League Trophy last year. Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, the 2016 and 2017 Diamond League champion, won his third title with a best throw of 84.24m.

60. Which racing driver won the Singapore Grand Prix tournament?

- [A] Lewis Hamilton
- [B] Carlos Sainz
- [C] Charles Leclerc
- [D] Max Verstappen

Answer: Carlos Sainz

Spanish motorsports racing driver Carlos Sainz led from start to finish to win the Singapore Grand Prix tournament. Lando Norris was second in a McLaren with Lewis Hamilton crossing the line in third. Championship leader Max Verstappen was fifth as Red Bull failed to win a race for the first time this season.

61. 'Khadi & Village Industries Commission' functions under which Union Ministry?



- [A] Ministry of MSME
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Culture
- [D] Ministry of Textiles

Answer: Ministry of MSME

Khadi & Village Industries Commission signed MoUs with Prasar Bharati, NBCC (India) Limited, and Digital India Corporation. The objective of these MoUs is to prepare a roadmap to modernize the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and popularize its products among the youth. NBCC (India) Limited will build new modern infrastructure for Khadi and Village Industries Commission across the country.

62. 'Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS)' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- [B] Ministry of Cooperation
- [C] Ministry of Rural Development
- [D] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched three initiatives, namely the Kisan Rin Portal (KRP), KCC Ghar Ghar Abhiyaan, an ambitious campaign aiming to extend the benefits of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme to every farmer across the nation and a manual on Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS). Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar unveiled initiatives focused on agri-credit (KCC & MISS) and crop insurance (PMFBY/RWBCIS).

63. Which city hosted the 'National Workshop on e-NAM 2.0 and Agri Marketing Reforms'?

- [A] Pune
- [B] Amritsar
- [C] Bhopal
- [D] New Delhi

Answer: New Delhi

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare organised 'National Workshop on e-NAM 2.0 and Agri Marketing Reforms'. Till 31st August 2023, 1361 Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC) were integrated on e-NAM, covering 23 States and 4 UTs, where in 209 commodities are being traded.

64. Which institution released recommendations on "Rationalization of Entry Fee and Bank Guarantees"?

- [A] RBI
- [B] SEBI
- [C] TRAI
- [D] NPCI

Answer: TRAI

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued the recommendations on "Rationalization of Entry Fee and Bank Guarantees". Department of Telecommunication (DoT) sent a reference to TRAI seeking the rationalization of Entry Fees and Bank Guarantees of the various licenses operating in the telecom sector. The Authority has also recommended no entry fee at the time of renewal of license.

65. The Chausath Yogini temple, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Madhya Pradesh



Designed by British architects Lutyens and Baker, the old Parliament building served as the Imperial Legislative Council during British rule and later as the Constituent Assembly and Parliament of India. The Chausath Yogini temple in Mitaoli, Madhya Pradesh, is believed to have inspired the old Indian Parliament's circular, pillared structure. Built in the 14th century, this temple is dedicated to 64 powerful yoginis and features unique architectural elements, including a hypaethral design with no roof.

66. Which Indian armed force conducted the 'Operation Sajag' drill?

- [A] Indian Army
- [B] Indian Navy
- [C] Indian Air Force
- [D] Indian Coast Guard

Answer: Indian Coast Guard

The Indian Coast Guard conducted 'Operation Sajag,' a comprehensive drill along the west coast, aimed at enhancing coastal security. 'Operation Sajag' is conducted monthly to assess the effectiveness of coastal security measures and identify areas for improvement. It is focused on revalidating the coastal security mechanism while raising awareness among fishermen at sea.

67. 'Udaan Bhawan,' Integrated Office Complex, has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Maharashtra

Answer: New Delhi

Union Minister of Civil Aviation inaugurated 'Udaan Bhawan,' Integrated Office Complex at Delhi's Safdarjung Airport. It aims to bring together multiple aviation regulatory authorities under one roof for improved coordination, including DGCA, BCAS, AAIB and AERA. A pilot e-wallet facility designed for processing fees related to regulatory approvals through the Bharatkosh portal was also launched.

68. 'Swavlamban 2023' is a flagship seminar hosted by which institution?

- [A] RBI
- [B] Indian Navy
- [C] SEBI
- [D] DRDO

Answer: Indian Navy

The Indian Navy is set to host the 2nd Edition of the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, 'Swavlamban 2023'. This seminar follows the inaugural edition held in July 2022, where the Prime Minister launched the 'SPRINT Challenges,' consisting of 75 challenges for startups and MSMEs as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative. The 'SPRINT Challenges' aim to promote the use of indigenous technology within the Indian Navy. 'SPRINT' stands for Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through Innovations for Defence Excellence.

69. Which state is planning to establish an aerotropolis around its upcoming International Airport?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning for a project to establish an aerotropolis around the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar. An aerotropolis is an airport-centric metropolitan subregion that integrates aviation infrastructure, land use, and economic activities. The aerotropolis aims to enhance connectivity, boost local and regional business activities.



70. As per a new study, Socio-political and ecological fragility threatens which species in Africa?

- [A] Lion
- [B] Elephant
- [C] Bee
- [D] Dog

Answer: Lion

A new study, 'Socio-political and ecological fragility of threatened, free-ranging African lion populations' has found that socio-political factors are posing a significant threat to already fragile lion populations in Africa. The study revealed that Somalian and Malawian lion populations are the most threatened when considering socio-political and ecological fragility. Ethiopia's Maze National Park was identified as the most ecologically fragile geographic population.

71. Which country/region parliament approved the 'Critical Raw Materials Act'?

- [A] USA Parliament
- [B] European Parliament
- [C] UK Parliament
- [D] Australian Parliament

Answer: European Parliament

The European Parliament has approved the Critical Raw Materials Act with a significant majority, aiming to reduce the European Union's dependence on China for critical minerals and metals essential for green technologies. The EU seeks to increase its domestic capacity for these materials used in manufacturing solar panels, windmills, and electric car batteries. The regulation aims to diversify imports and ensure secure and sustainable supplies by 2030.

72. Which company has developed 'Just Walk Out' a cashier-less shopping technology?

- [A] Apple
- [B] Amazon
- [C] Walmart
- [D] e bay

Answer: Amazon

Amazon has developed a new version of its cashier-less shopping technology for clothing retailers to expand the system beyond convenience and grocery stores. The retail and cloud-computing giant said the latest iteration of its Just Walk Out technology uses radio frequency identification, or RFID, tags to keep track of apparel.

73. India has partnered with which country to deploy 10,000 made-in-India electric buses across Indian cities?

- [A] Germany
- [B] Finland
- [C] USA
- [D] Australia

Answer: USA

India and the United States have initiated a collaboration to deploy 10,000 made-in-India electric buses across Indian cities. This partnership, announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the White House, focuses on expanding options for electric public transportation in India, fostering cleaner urban environments, and promoting healthier communities.

74. Data Quality Index (DQI), which was seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] RBI
- [C] SEBI



[D] NASSCOM

Answer: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed Credit Information Companies (CICs) to extend the use of Data Quality Index (DQI) to the commercial and microfinance segments. Initially introduced in June 2014, DQI assesses the quality of data submissions by Credit Institutions (CIs) to CICs and aims to enhance data quality over time. CICs are now required to create DQIs for commercial and microfinance segments and provide them to all member credit institutions by March 31, 2024.

75. Which institution released a report titled 'State of Working India 2023'?

[A] IIT Madras

[B] Azim Premji University

[C] NITI Aayog

[D] Oxfam International

Answer: Azim Premji University

A report by Azim Premji University titled 'State of Working India 2023' highlights the impact of India's economic slowdown from 2018-2020 and the subsequent Covid-19 pandemic on the labor market. The report reveals that the workforce has shifted more towards self-employment during this period, with women being disproportionately affected.

76. As per UNESCO report, mass exclusion of girls from education in which country, widened the global educational gap?

[A] Iran

[B] Afghanistan

[C] Syria

[D] Sri Lanka

Answer: Afghanistan

A new report from UNESCO reveals that slow progress on achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of education for all, combined with socio-economic pressures and the mass exclusion of girls from education in Afghanistan, has widened the global educational gap. The report states that there are now 250 million children not enrolled in school, an increase of six million since 2021. To meet the 2030 targets of SDG 4 (Quality Education), a new child needs to join school every two seconds.

77. Which institution released the report titled 'Embracing a One Health Framework to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance'?

[A] World Bank

[B] OECD

[C] FAO

[D] IMA

Answer: OECD

A new report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has focussed on the health and economic consequences of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Titled "Embracing a One Health Framework to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance," the report provides fresh evidence of the global impact of AMR and offers recommendations to combat it. The report reveals that the consumption of antibiotics in humans has been increasing, especially in G20 countries.

78. Which Indian state signed MoU with the British Council for research, faculty, student exchange programmes?

[A] Telangana

[B] Tamil Nadu

[C] Kerala



[D] Karnataka

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu state government signed an agreement with the British Council for two-way student mobility, capacity building, research and transnational education. The British Council would enable collaborations in new and emerging areas through 'Going Global Partnerships' that the state is already part of.

79. The 'Conference of the Asia Pacific Forum on Human Rights' was inaugurated in which country?

[A] India

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Bangladesh

[D] Japan

Answer: India

President of India inaugurated Annual General Meeting and Biennial Conference of the Asia Pacific Forum on Human Rights in New Delhi. This year's Conference marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Asia Pacific Forum also celebrated 30 years of national human rights institutions and the Paris Principles; with a sub-theme on the environment and climate change.

80. What is India's GDP growth outlook for this fiscal, as per Asian Development Bank's recent forecast?

[A] 5.8 %

[B] 6.1 %

[C] 6.3 %

[D] 7.2 %

Answer: 6.3 %

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has reduced its GDP forecast for India for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by 10 basis points bringing it down from 6.4 percent to 6.3 percent. This revision is attributed to a slowdown in exports and potential disruptions in agricultural output due to unpredictable rainfall patterns. The GDP forecast for the fiscal year 2024-2025 remains unchanged at 6.7 percent.

81. India recently suspended visa services in which country until further notice?

[A] Afghanistan

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Israel

[D] Canada

Answer: Canada

Amidst ongoing diplomatic tensions between India and Canada, India has suspended its visa services in Canada till further notice. This was announced by BLS Visa Application Centre, the application centre for Indian visas in Canada. Earlier, India issued an advisory to Indian nationals in Canada, including students, to exercise utmost caution while travelling in the country.

82. Which Indian city is the host of 'Windergy India 2023 Summit'?

[A] Hyderabad

[B] Chennai

[C] Bengaluru

[D] Kochi

Answer: Chennai

The 5th International Trade Fair and Conference- 'Windergy India 2023 Summit' is set to commence in Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu. As part of the success of the Indo-Danish Energy partnership, a big delegation will be participating in the Windergy India 2023 summit. Denmark had a renewable energy capacity of 2.3 gigawatt (GW).

83. In which year, the words "Socialist" and "Secular" were added to the Preamble of the Indian



Constitution?

- [A] 1964
- [B] 1976
- [C] 1984
- [D] 1991

Answer: 1976

The words "Socialist" and "Secular" were added to the Preamble through the Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act, 1976, during the period of Emergency under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government. Recently, it was claimed that the words "socialist" and "secular" were missing from the Preamble of the copies of the Constitution handed out to Member of Parliaments while moving to the new Parliament building.

84. Which airlines has received Indian Government's nod to start international flights, in September 2023?

- [A] Spice Jet
- [B] Akasa Air
- [C] Go First
- [D] Air Deccan

Answer: Akasa Air

Mumbai-headquartered budget airlines Akasa Air has received the Union Government's nod to start international flights, which is expected before the year-end. The approval has been received despite mass flight cancellations in the past three months as more than 40 pilots walked out to join rival Tata-led Air India Express.

85. WFME Recognition status, which was seen in the news, is associated with?

- [A] Sports
- [B] Medical Education
- [C] Mining
- [D] Literature

Answer: Medical Education

The National Medical Commission (NMC), India was granted the coveted World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) Recognition Status for a tenure of 10 years. As part of this recognition, all the 706 existing medical colleges in India will become WFME accredited and the new medical colleges that will be set up in the coming 10 years will automatically become WFME accredited.

86. Which institution is associated with 'National Broadcasting Policy'?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] NASSCOM
- [C] TRAI
- [D] Prasar Bharati

Answer: TRAI

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) consulted stakeholders on 'National Broadcasting Policy'. As per TRAI, the Policy may provide a common approach for licenses, oversight, and compliances. The government is seeking to bring further parity in how digital and legacy mediums like television and OTT streaming are regulated.

87. Which country recently delayed the ban on new petrol and diesel cars?

- [A] USA
- [B] UK
- [C] Canada
- [D] Russia

**Answer:** UK

In a major change to the government's approach to achieving net zero by 2050, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak delayed the ban on new petrol and diesel cars, to 2035 from 2030. The British prime minister Rishi Sunak announced key changes in the government policies that include nine-year delay in the ban on new fossil fuel heating for off-gas-grid homes to 2035.

88. Mohammed Siraj, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- [A] Hockey
- [B] Cricket
- [C] Tennis
- [D] Badminton

Answer: Cricket

Mohammed Siraj regained his No. 1 ODI bowler in the world tag following his splendid show in the Asia Cup final against Sri Lanka. Siraj has climbed eight positions to the top of the rankings following his Asia Cup haul of ten wickets at an average of 12.20. The highlight of that performance was the spell of 6 for 21 that dismantled Sri Lanka for 50 all out in the final.

89. Which country has offered temporary work permits to nearly 500,000 Venezuelans?

- [A] USA
- [B] UK
- [C] Australia
- [D] Ukraine

Answer: USA

The US government announced that it will allow over 472,000 Venezuelans to remain in the United States and work legally for 18 months. The decision was made due to growing instability and unsafe conditions in the South American nation. The United Nations says more than seven million people have left Venezuela as its economy has collapsed under President Nicolas Maduro, who has been in power since 2013.

90. 'International Lawyers' Conference 2023' was inaugurated in which city?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Varanasi
- [D] Bengaluru

Answer: New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'International Lawyers' Conference 2023' at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Organised by the Bar Council of India, the International Lawyer's Conference 2023 focuses on the theme of 'Emerging Challenges in the Justice Delivery System'.

91. US based chipmaker Micron Technology carried out the groundbreaking of its plant in which state?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Gujarat

US based chipmaker Micron Technology carried out the groundbreaking of its \$2.75 billion assembly, testing and packaging plant (ATMP) in Sanand, Gujarat. The project marks the largest investment under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). Tata Projects announced its collaboration with Micron Technology to construct an advanced semiconductor assembly and test plant in Sanand and said it will roll out semiconductor chips next year.



92. Which country announced a strategic partnership with China, ahead of Asian Games?

- [A] Ukraine
- [B] Syria
- [C] Israel
- [D] UAE

Answer: Syria

China and Syria announced the formation of a strategic partnership as Chinese leader Xi Jinping kicked off a series of diplomatic meetings ahead of the upcoming Asian Games. The Syrian leader attended the Asian Games opening ceremony along with the king of Cambodia, the crown prince of Kuwait and the prime ministers of Nepal, East Timor and South Korea.

93. When is the 'International Day of Sign Languages' celebrated?

- [A] September 21
- [B] September 23
- [C] September 25
- [D] September 27

Answer: September 23

Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, celebrated 'International Day of Sign Languages' -2023 on 23rd September 2023. The theme of this year Sign Language Day-2023 is "A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!"

94. Which state has launched its 'Action Plan for Management of Paddy Stubble Burning'?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Rajasthan

Answer: Haryana

Haryana submitted its 'State Action Plan for Management of Paddy Stubble Burning' to Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM). In the plan, Haryana aims to significantly reduce and potentially eliminate fire incidents resulting from paddy stubble burning this year. To achieve this, the state plans to implement bio-decomposer applications in 5 lakh acres of land during the current harvesting season.

95. Which country's space agency launched the 'Osiris-Rex spacecraft'?

- [A] USA
- [B] Japan
- [C] China
- [D] UAE

Answer: USA

The Osiris-Rex spacecraft, a NASA mission, successfully delivered dust samples from the asteroid Bennu and is set to make its return to Earth. It was launched by NASA in 2016. Scientists will analyse the asteroid sample to investigate the origins of life on Earth. The OSIRIS-REx, now renamed OSIRIS-APEX (OSIRIS-Apophis Explorer), will study Apophis when the asteroid comes close to the Earth in 2029.

96. Which state unveiled a statue of Adi Shankaracharya named 'Statue of Oneness'?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Uttarakhand

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

The 108 feet tall statue of Hindu saint Adi Shankaracharya, named 'Ekatmata Ki Pratima' (Statue of



Oneness), was unveiled at Omkareshwar, in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister recently unveiled the statue, which portrays Shankaracharya during his visit to Omkareshwar at the age of 12.

97.

I2U2 is a partnership of how many countries?

- [A] 2
- [B] 4
- [C] 5
- [D] 10

Answer: 4

I2U2 is a partnership between India, Israel, the UAE, and the U.S. with an aim to tackle global challenges and advance economic opportunities. The I2U2 Group recently launched its website at the sidelines of the UNGA. The Group aims to mobilize private sector capital and expertise to achieve a variety of goals, including modernizing infrastructure, advancing low carbon development pathways, and improving public health.

98.

A biodiversity knowledge centre named Neelakkurinji has been opened in which state?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka

Answer: Kerala

A biodiversity knowledge centre named Neelakkurinji has been recently opened in Adimaly in Idukki district of Kerala. The biodiversity centre is located at the entry point of the Munnar hill station. The centre has been set up by the Kerala State Haritha Keralam Mission, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Idukki district panchayat.

99. Which Union Ministry established the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [D] Ministry of Education

Answer: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

In 2011, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment established the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) as an autonomous center of IGNOU. ISLRTC has launched an online self-learning course in Indian Sign Language and a comprehensive dictionary containing 10,000 ISL terms on the International Day of Sign Languages. It introduced an initiative by launching 260 signs for financial terms in ISL.

100. e-UNNAT is the Service Delivery Portal of which state/UT?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Jammu and Kashmir
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Kerala

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) has released the sixth edition of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) – Way forward Monthly Report for



States/UTs. It provides a detailed overview of status of e-service delivery across States/UTs. Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala and Odisha provide 100% of their services through their Unified Service Delivery Portals namely e-UNNAT (1028), e-Sevanam (911) and Odisha One (404), respectively.

101. Which institution is responsible for implementing PM-JAY and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

- [A] AIIMS
- [B] NHA
- [C] IMA
- [D] NITI Aayog

Answer: NHA

National Health Authority (NHA) is the apex body responsible for implementing India's flagship public health insurance schemes. NHA is organising 'Arogya Manthan' to celebrate 5 years of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and 2 years of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

102. Tezu Airport, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Arunachal Pradesh
- [C] Sikkim
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

Recently, the Civil Aviation Minister inaugurated the newly developed infrastructure of the Tezu Airport in Arunachal Pradesh. It was developed at a cost of Rs. 170 crores. The Minister also announced three direct routes from Itanagar under the UDAN 5.0 namely Itanagar to Delhi, Itanagar to Jorhat, and Itanagar to Rupsi which will be operationalised soon.

103. Which city was selected as the 'Best Smart City' in India in 'India Smart Cities Conclave 2023'?

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] Indore
- [C] Mysuru
- [D] Varanasi

Answer: Indore

India Smart Cities Conclave 2023 was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in Indore and was graded by President Droupadi Murmu. Indore bagged the prestigious honour of 'Best Smart City' in India. Gujarat's Surat came second while Agra in Uttar Pradesh secured the third position. Madhya Pradesh was also adjudged Best State in the country while Tamil Nadu came second. Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh together bagged the third position.

104. Which country hosts the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus Expert Working Group (EWG) on Counter Terrorism Field Training Exercise (FTX) 2023?

- [A] India
- [B] Russia
- [C] Japan
- [D] Singapore

Answer: Russia

The ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus Expert Working Group (EWG) on Counter Terrorism Field Training Exercise (FTX) 2023 is set to be hosted by Russia. India will be represented by Indian Army Contingent consisting of 32 personnel from a Battalion affiliated to the Rajputana Rifles.

105. Which Union Ministry organised the 'Fourth Gender Samvaad' recently?

- [A] Ministry of Education
- [B] Ministry of Rural Development



[C] Ministry of Women and Child Development

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: Ministry of Rural Development

The fourth Gender Samvaad was co-organized by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development and Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE). It aims to create a shared platform to raise awareness on DAY-NRLM's gender interventions across the country.

106. Tigist Assefa, who broke the women's marathon world record, is from which country?

[A] Kenya

[B] Ethiopia

[C] Jamaica

[D] South Africa

Answer: Ethiopia

Tigist Assefa from Ethiopia recently broke the women's marathon world record at the Berlin Marathon. The 26-year-old runner broke the record by crossing the finish line in two hours, eleven minutes, and fifty-three seconds.

107. Which Union Ministry issued the 'Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2023'?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of Finance

[C] Ministry of Corporate Affairs

[D] Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2023 was issued recently by the Ministry of Home Affairs. As per the revised guidelines, NGOs were mandated with FCRA licence to submit details of movable and immovable assets created out of foreign contributions.

108. Which Union Ministry is associated with which 'GOBARdhan' scheme?

[A] Ministry of Jal Shakti

[B] Ministry of MSME

[C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Answer: Ministry of Jal Shakti

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation of Ministry of Jal Shakti has introduced the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan to simplify the process of registering Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) and biogas facilities across the country. Currently, there are more than 1,163 biogas plants and 426 CBG plants registered on the portal, making them eligible for support through the Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme offered by the Department of Fertilizers.

109. 'Jharia Master Plan', which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Coal

[B] Ministry of MSME

[C] Ministry of Steel

[D] Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer: Ministry of Coal

Approved by the government in 2009, the purpose of the Jharia Master Plan (JMP) is to deal with Fire, Subsidence and Rehabilitation. The Masterplan identified 595 sites that needed to be rehabilitated, covering an area of 25.70 square kilometers. A new committee set up by the Ministry of Coal in 2022 to review this master plan, has formulated an action plan. Coal Ministry's efforts bring down surface fire identified from 77 to 27 sites.



110. Which country's women's cricket team has clinched a gold medal at the Asian Games 2023?

- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] India
- [D] Sri Lanka

Answer: India

The Indian women's cricket team, led by captain Harmanpreet Kaur, recently clinched the gold medal at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China. In their debut appearance at the Asian Games, the Indian women's cricket team secured a gold medal, defeating Sri Lanka.

111. Moody's Investors Service serious doubts on the credibility of biometric technologies and has red-flagged which Indian scheme?

- [A] PM KISAN
- [B] Aadhar
- [C] MGNREGS
- [D] Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Answer: Aadhar

Moody's Investors Service, a leading global ratings agency, has cast serious doubts on the credibility of biometric technologies, particularly for individuals living in hot and humid regions. It highlighted how this issue leads to service denials, raising significant concerns about India's 12-digit universal identity system, Aadhaar. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was earlier reprimanded by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), for inadequate data management related to Aadhaar.

112. Amit Khare, whose tenure has been extended, was holding which position?

- [A] CAG Chairman
- [B] Adviser to Prime Minister
- [C] NITI Aayog Vice Chairman
- [D] Chief Election Commissioner

Answer: Adviser to Prime Minister

The Center has granted an extension to Amit Khare, a retired IAS officer, to continue serving as an Adviser to the Prime Minister. His extension will be in effect until the Prime Minister's term concludes, aligning with the Prime Minister's tenure. Khare assumed the position of Adviser to Prime Minister Narendra Modi under a two-year contract, starting from 2021.

113. Which entity is responsible for overseeing all Cultural Property Museums (CPMs) in India?

- [A] Archaeological Survey of India
- [B] National Statistical Office
- [C] Indian Council For Cultural Relations
- [D] Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

Answer: Archaeological Survey of India

The 359th Report on the Functioning of Archaeological Survey of India has recommended 'rationalising' protected monuments, and rules governing them. It has also prompted inquiries into the operational aspects of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the entity responsible for overseeing all Cultural Property Museums (CPMs) in India, including its management, security measures, preservation efforts, and the overall maintenance of historical sites.

114. Which Union Ministry launched 'National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector'?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- [B] Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- [C] Ministry of MSME



[D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers launched the National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector in India and Scheme for promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector (PRIP). It is also proposed to set up an Indian Council of Pharmaceuticals and Med-tech Research and Development to facilitate and promote collaboration among industry, academia and research institutions.

115. Which city hosted the 'National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign'?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai

[C] Mysuru

[D] Hyderabad

Answer: New Delhi

The one-day National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign was organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It was organized in New Delhi on September 26 this year. Country to produce record food grains, pulses and oilseeds at 3305, 275 and 410 lakh tonnes, respectively during 2023.

116. Which Union Ministry announced the launch of 'Amazon Future Engineer Programme'?

[A] Ministry of Tribal Affairs

[B] Ministry of Science and Technology

[C] Ministry of Electronics and IT

[D] Ministry of Education

Answer: Ministry of Tribal Affairs

NESTS (Ministry of Tribal Affairs), in partnership with Amazon India and Learning Links Foundation, introduces the second phase of the 'Amazon Future Engineer Programme' for EMRSs (Eklavya Model Residential Schools). This endeavor holds the promise of narrowing the educational disparity within tribal communities and paving the way for their prosperous careers in emerging technologies.

117. Megamonodontium mccluskyi is the largest fossil of a trapdoor spider discovered in which country?

[A] Australia

[B] UK

[C] Greece

[D] Japan

Answer: Australia

Megamonodontium mccluskyi is the largest fossil of a trapdoor spider in Australia. This is the first fossil ever discovered from the Barychelidae family, which consists of large brush-footed trapdoor spiders. It's only the fourth spider fossil ever to be found in Australia. The spider was discovered among a rich assemblage of Miocene fossils.

118. India and which country is set to kick-start a two-week war game in Alaska?

[A] USA

[B] UK

[C] France

[D] Russia

Answer: USA

The Indian and US armies will kick-start a two-week war game in Alaska that will feature a number of complex drills. The mega exercise comes amid a renewed push by both New Delhi and Washington to expand the overall scope of the India-US global strategic partnership.



119. 'HS-748 Avro transport aircraft' was a legacy aircraft used by which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Malaysia

Answer: India

The Indian Air Force (IAF) formally began phasing out its legacy HS-748 Avro transport aircraft from service when the first C-295 MW transport aircraft was inducted into service in a formal ceremony at the Hindon Air Force Station. The first aircraft was inducted into the No. 11 Squadron, 'The Rhinos', based in Vadodara.

120. Pambarthi and Chandlapur have been chosen by the Ministry of Tourism as the best tourism villages in which state?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Kerala

Answer: Telangana

In Telangana, Pambarthi and Chandlapur have been chosen by the Ministry of Tourism as the best tourism villages in Telangana for the year. Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy said both the villages will receive awards on the occasion of World Tourism Day during a special function in New Delhi. The Centre recognised the handicrafts and tourism places in Telangana and had recognised Bhoodan Pochampalli as a tourism village two years ago.

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