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1. Muhammad Yunus, the Nobel laureate who was seen in the news, is from which country?

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

Answer: Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, the appellate division of the Supreme Court ordered Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to pay 12 crore Taka (USD 1.1 million) tax. Dr. Yunus has donated money to three of his own trusts namely: Dr. Mohammad Yunus Trust, Yunus Family Trust, And Yunus Centre Trust. Income Tax Authorities in Bangladesh imposed a tax on Money donated to these three trusts.

2. Karman Kaur Thandi is associated with which sports?

- [A] Tennis
- [B] Badminton
- [C] Squash
- [D] Table Tennis

Answer: Tennis

India's Karman Kaur Thandi has clinched her second W60 ITF title of her career after winning at the Evansville event in the USA. With this win, Karman becomes the only Indian woman after Sania Mirza to win a pro title in the USA. She earlier had won her maiden W60 ITF title in Saguenay last year.

3. IMF has raised forecast for India's GDP growth for the current fiscal to?

- [A] 5.5 %
- [B] 5.8 %
- [C] 6.1 %
- [D] 6.5 %

Answer: 6.1 %

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised its forecast for India's GDP growth for the current fiscal to 6.1 per cent from 5.9 per cent predicted in April due to stronger domestic investments. This upward revision marks a reversal of the IMF's April decision, when it had cut the growth forecast from 6.1 per cent to 5.9 per cent. For the calendar year 2023, the growth projection for the country is 6.6 per cent, it said.

4. Which country has officially re-entered the UNESCO?

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

Answer: USA

U.S. first lady Jill Biden attended a flag-raising ceremony at UNESCO in Paris, marking Washington's official re-entry into the U.N. agency. The United States had announced its intention to rejoin UNESCO in June, and the organization's 193 member states earlier this month voted to approve the U.S. re-entry after 5 years.

5. Which Ministry is associated with the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar'?

- [A] Union Culture Ministry
- [B] Union Defence Ministry
- [C] Union Science and Technology Ministry
- [D] Union Rural Development Ministry



Answer: Union Culture Ministry

Union Home Minister is set to inaugurate a distinctive program called 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' as a significant component of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. This initiative falls under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping and is spearheaded by the Ministry of Culture. The main objective of the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages, spanning 29 states and 7 union territories, on a comprehensive virtual platform.

6. Which city hosted the 'National Conference on 'Moving Mental Health Beyond Institutions'?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Pune
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Mysuru

Answer: New Delhi

The National Conference on 'Moving Mental Health Beyond Institutions' was inaugurated recently in New Delhi. The main purpose of the conference is to address the difficulties faced during the execution of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, and to engage in thoughtful discussions about the future steps to resolve mental health concerns.

7. What is the theme of the 'Summit on "Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India"?

- [A] Sustainability and Circularity
- [B] Sustainability and Fertility
- [C] Sustainability and Chemicals
- [D] Sustainability and Manufacturing

Answer: Sustainability and Circularity

The 3rd edition of the Summit on "Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India" was held recently. Themed "Sustainability and Circularity," the summit was organized jointly by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

8. Which state/UT released draft rules for implementation of 'Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act'?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Jharkhand
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Assam

Answer: Jharkhand

The Jharkhand government released draft rules for the effective implementation of The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, commonly known as PESA, which was enacted in 1996. The purpose of PESA is to establish self-governance through gram sabhas for the residents living in Scheduled Areas.

9. Which state implements the 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana'?

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

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Under 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana', underprivileged women between 23 and 60 years were eligible for ₹1,000 every month. However, after distributing two instalments the government decided that those completing 21 years from January this year would also be included. They should be married and fulfil



the other existing eligibility criteria.

10. Which institution approved the Guidelines for Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] UGC
- [C] AICTE
- [D] CBSE

Answer: UGC

Recently, the University Grants Commission (UGC) approved the Guidelines for Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). These guidelines are intended to assist HEIs in attaining academic and research excellence while enhancing the quality of teaching and learning. Additionally, the IDP will offer direction to HEIs in exercising academic, administrative, financial, and business autonomy, while maintaining accountability.

11. The child helpline is being integrated with which Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) pan-India number?

- [A] 101
- [B] 112
- [C] 1200
- [D] 1800

Answer: 112

The government has said that integration of child helpline with Emergency Response Support System, ERSS -112 has been completed in nine States in the first phase. These States are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Dadra, and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Ladakh, Puducherry, and Mizoram. A 24x7 dedicated WCD Control Room is set up for Child Helpline in each State and Union Territory and integrated with ERSS-112.

12. INDIAai has signed MoU with which company mutual cooperation in the realm of artificial intelligence (AI)?

- [A] Samsung
- [B] Apple
- [C] Meta
- [D] Google

Answer: Meta

Recently, INDIAai and Meta India entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to create a structure for collaboration and mutual cooperation in the realm of artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies. The objective of this partnership is to make Meta's open-source AI models accessible and usable through joint efforts.

13. Which country has launched the 'Young Professional Scheme' for visas to Indians aged between 18 and 30?

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

Answer: UK

The British government has opened its second ballot under the UK-India Young Professional Scheme. This is a scheme for Indians aged between 18 and 30 years with graduate-level qualifications for visas to the United Kingdom. It offers eligible young Indians the opportunity to live, work or study in UK for up to two years. This joint scheme between UK and India was formally launched this year in February. This



scheme will enable candidates to enter the UK at any time while their visa is valid and leave or return anytime during their stay.

14. Which country conducted the Han Kuang (Han Glory) military exercise?

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

Answer: Taiwan

Taiwan staged its first-ever military drill at Taoyuan International Airport, halting commercial traffic as soldiers practised defending the facility against a simulated attack by Beijing. The exercise is part of Taiwan's week-long massive wargames, the annual "Han Kuang" (Han Glory) drills. This is the first such drill held at Taiwan's biggest airport near the capital since it opened in 1979.

15. Which city hosted the 'UK-India Defence and Military Technology Cooperation workshop'?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] London
- [C] Pune
- [D] Liverpool

Answer: London

Recently, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), a London-based think tank, in collaboration with India's Bharat Shakti defense platform, organized the UK-India Defence and Military Technology Cooperation workshop in London. The workshop aimed to explore joint initiatives in defense research and industrial production, focusing on various themes such as the changing strategic context of UK-India defense relations, perspectives on India's Atmanirbhar program, and the UK's defense technology partnerships.

16. Which country's population decreased by around 800,000 individuals in 2022 when compared to previous year?

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

Answer: Japan

In a historic decline, Japan's population decreased in all 47 prefectures for the first time, while the number of foreign residents reached a record high of nearly three million people. The population of Japanese nationals decreased by around 800,000 individuals, or 0.65%, to 122.4 million in 2022 compared to the previous year, marking the 14th consecutive year of decline.

17. Which country is the host of 'Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships'?

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

Answer: India

For the first time, India is hosting the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Greater Noida. It was inaugurated recently by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs. The international event will see the participation of more than 30 Indian weightlifters, including many Khelo India Athletes.

18. Which Union Ministry is associated with Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill?

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry



[C] Ministry of MSME

[D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 was passed recently by the Lok Sabha. It aims to boost ease of doing business and living in India. It aims to redefine regulations in the country by decriminalizing minor offenses under 42 Acts, thereby reducing compliance. The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry presented the proposed legislation in Parliament in December of the previous year.

19. Micron is set to establish India's first semiconductor plant in which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Gujarat

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Gujarat

Micron reaffirmed its commitment to establish India's first semiconductor plant in Gujarat, creating 5,000 direct jobs and addressing demand from domestic and international markets. The project entails a total investment of USD 2.75 billion. The first 'Made in India' chip should be ready by December 2024.

20. Rajkot International Airport has been inaugurated in which state?

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Gujarat

[C] Punjab

[D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Gujarat

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, inaugurated Rajkot International Airport and various development initiatives amounting to over Rs 860 crores in Rajkot, Gujarat. The projects encompass Sauni Yojana Link 3 Package 8 and 9, upgrading of Dwarka Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS), preservation, renovation, and progress of Uparkot Fort Phase I & II, among others.

21. What is the process of removing securities of a listed company from a stock exchange?

[A] Delisting

[B] White-listing

[C] Black-listing

[D] Stock-listing

Answer: Delisting

Delisting means removing the securities of a listed company from a stock exchange. Once delisted, the securities of that company can no longer be traded on the stock exchange. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is currently reassessing the delisting regulations applied to listed companies, aiming to curb share manipulation in companies that choose to delist from the stock exchanges.

22. Which country has employed the 'Cabbage strategy'?

[A] Ukraine

[B] China

[C] Afghanistan

[D] Myanmar

Answer: China

Amid escalating tensions in the South China Sea, China views the US presence as a violation of its territorial claims and has employed the "cabbage strategy". It involves the construction of artificial islands and encircling disputed areas with numerous ships to assert control gradually. The situation has led to measures, including detaining trespassers and the possibility of implementing an air identification



zone over the South China Sea by various nations involved.

23. Which institution has released the guidelines on Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)?

- [A] RBI
- [B] SEBI
- [C] Finance Ministry
- [D] BSE

Answer: SEBI

The capital markets regulator – SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has released the guidelines for the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF). The fund's purpose is to serve as a backstop facility, facilitating the purchase of investment-grade corporate debt securities during times of market stress, thereby boosting confidence among participants in the corporate debt market.

24. Which instrument has captured the infrared image Herbig-Haro 46/47 stars?

- [A] Rover of Chandrayaan 3
- [B] James Webb Space Telescope
- [C] Hubble Space Telescope
- [D] Chandra X Ray Observation Telescope

Answer: James Webb Space Telescope

The NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has recently captured a captivating near-infrared image of the dynamic young stars, Herbig-Haro 46/47. These are in the Vela constellation, which are about 1,470 light-years away from Planet Earth. These stars are actively forming and orbiting each other in a mesmerizing display. These stars are an important object to study because it is relatively young – only a few thousand years old.

25. Which country is undertaking the project - Demonstration Rocket for Agile Cislunar Operations?

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

Answer: USA

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the USA and the U.S. Military have collaborated for a project named Demonstration Rocket for Agile Cislunar Operations (DRACO). The project aims to launch a nuclear-powered satellite to Earth's orbit in late 2025 or early 2026. The spacecraft for the project is developed by Lockheed Martin. The project involves an in-space test of Nuclear Thermal Propulsion (NTP) technology, marking a significant technical advancement.

26. How many characters are present in Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)?

- [A] 10
- [B] 12
- [C] 15
- [D] 20

Answer: 20

The LEI (Legal Entity Identifier) is a unique 20-character code that serves as a global identifier for legal entities involved in financial transactions. It aims to create a reference data system for uniquely identifying entities across jurisdictions. The capital market regulator - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated that all non-individual Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) must provide their Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) details in the common application form used for registration, KYC, and account opening.

27. Which African country has recently witnessed a Coup (in 2023)?



- [A] South Africa
- [B] Kenya
- [C] Niger
- [D] Congo

Answer: Niger

A Coup by group of soldiers is currently underway in Niger. Soldiers appeared on state TV to announce they had removed the President from power, seized control of the government and suspended the constitution. Recently, the commander of the guard, Gen Abdourahmane Tchiani has declared himself the leader of Niger in a televised address.

28. 'Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Mela' pertains to which state?

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

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

The Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Mela is a scheme pertaining to the state of Uttar Pradesh, was started in the year 2020. It has benefited over 12 crore patients in the state. The Union Health Ministry has planned to adopt Uttar Pradesh's successful healthcare model, including the concept of Jan Arogya Mela, which provide medical attention to attendees and refer critical patients to specialized hospitals.

29. Which institution releases Digital Payments Index (DPI) in India?

- [A] RBI
- [B] NPCI
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Finance Ministry

Answer: RBI

Digital payments across the country registered a growth of 13.24 per cent in a year through March 2023, as per RBI's index that measures the adoption of online transactions. RBI's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) stood at 395.57 at end-March 2023 compared to 377.46 in September 2022 and 349.30 in March 2022. The index is a base to capture the extent of digitisation of payments across the country.

30. Which state/ UT saw the highest number of deaths due to rabies in the country in 2022?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Maharashtra

Answer: New Delhi

As per the information given by the Health Ministry in the Lok Sabha this week, Delhi saw the highest number of deaths due to rabies in the country in 2022. While Delhi reported 48 fatalities, West Bengal saw 38 deaths, followed by Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra at 29 each.

31. Which personality has said that the Earth has entered an "era of global boiling"?

- [A] US President
- [B] UN Secretary-General
- [C] WMO Chief
- [D] IMF Chief

Answer: UN Secretary-General

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres delivered a powerful message on climate change, urging immediate radical action to address the record-shattering July temperatures. He said that this phenomenon indicate that the Earth has entered an 'era of global boiling' surpassing warming phase.



32. Parkachik Glacier is located in which state/UT?

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

Answer: Ladakh

Researchers from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology have conducted a recent study, indicating the potential formation of three glacial lakes near Parkachik Glacier in Ladakh due to rapid ice melting. The increasing glacial melt is concerning as it raises the risk of glacial lake outbursts and may also cause water scarcity, given that glaciers serve as the main water source for the region.

33. 'Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam' was organised to commemorate the anniversary of which scheme/policy?

- [A] Beti Bachao; Beti Padhao
- [B] National Education Policy
- [C] Samagra Shiksha
- [D] Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Answer: National Education Policy

Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi. He also released the first instalment of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme. The two-day conference aligns with the third anniversary of the introduction of National Education Policy -NEP 2020.

34. The book titled 'Memories Never Die, was launched as a tribute to?

- [A] Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- [B] Abdul Kalam
- [C] Pranab Mukherjee
- [D] Manmohan Singh

Answer: Abdul Kalam

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a book titled 'Memories Never Die,' tribute to former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. The Minister unveiled the book during his two-day visit to the Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu. The book was co-authored by Dr. APJM Nasima Maraikayar and scientist Dr. Y. S. Rajan.

35. BARI Chinabadam-12, which was launched recently, is a new variety of which crop?

- [A] Mango
- [B] Ground-nut
- [C] Paddy
- [D] Cotton

Answer: Ground-nut

The Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) released BARI Chinabadam-12 (ICGV 07219), an improved groundnut variety in Bangladesh. The variety is available for cultivation for the upcoming season post rains. It has resistance to foliar fungal diseases and matures four days earlier than its counterpart.

36. Benisagar, which is in the news recently, is a place located in which state?

- [A] Jharkhand
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Haryana

Answer: Jharkhand



The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have stated excavations in Benisagar – which is a village in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district. The excavation has yielded hundreds of artifacts indicating continuous human habitation from the fifth century A.D. until the 16-17 century A.D. Benisagar has been recognized by the ASI and listed among the top 100 significant archaeological monuments in the country.

37. Which north-eastern state exported over 1.3 tonnes of Pineapples to the Middle East?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Arunachal Pradesh
- [C] Meghalaya
- [D] Mizoram

Answer: Meghalaya

Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of Meghalaya and Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) has recently facilitated market linkages of over 1.3 tonnes of Pineapples to the Middle East. The pineapples from Meghalaya are being sold across malls in Dubai, Kuwait and Sharjah.

38. 'Conjunctiva' is a tissue layer present in which part of the body?

- [A] Heart
- [B] Lungs
- [C] Eye
- [D] Muscle

Answer: Eye

Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye, is the condition characterized by the inflammation and swelling of the conjunctiva, a thin, transparent tissue layer that covers the inner surface of the eyelid and the white part of the eye. The continuous rainfall has led to an increase in instances of conjunctivitis, also known as 'pink eye,' in various regions of the country, such as New Delhi, Chandigarh, and Gujarat.

39. Which country has introduced 'TechEquity' digital inclusion platform?

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

Answer: India

During the G20 EMPOWER summit in Gandhinagar, India introduced TechEquity, a digital inclusion platform aimed at reducing the gender digital gap. It is one of the key outcomes of India's G20 presidency and it will be free for women to use. It will have courses on digital and financial literacy, tech skill development and core skill enhancement. The platform - to be funded by India for the next three years - will be maintained by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (Ficci).

40.

Western Tragopan is the state Bird for which Indian State?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Kerala

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

The Western Tragopan (*Tragopan-melanocephalus*) is the Himachal Pradesh's state bird. It has been reported that the species is experiencing habitat loss in certain regions of the country. However, due to the dedicated efforts of the state authorities, there has been a steady rise in the population of this



endangered species at the State's Sarahan pheasantry, the conservation breeding center, providing hope for its survival and future expansion.

41.

Which country has recently conducted a referendum for a New Constitution?

- [A] China
- [B] Central African Republic
- [C] United Kingdom
- [D] Norway

Answer: Central African Republic

The Central African Republic, a land locked country in African continent, has conducted a voting in a referendum for a new constitution. This comes after the country witnessing multiple coups. In 2020, Mr. Touadera secured a second term as President of the country until 2025. If the referendum is passed, it would allow the existing President for a third term.

42. Which Union Ministry has launched the 'Company Law Committee (CLC)'?

- [A] Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of MSME
- [D] Ministry of Justice

Answer: Ministry of Corporate Affairs

The Company Law Committee (CLC) has been established in 2019 by the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs. It is expected to explore the implementation of regulatory measures specific to startups. This initiative comes in response to growing concerns about corporate governance matters within startup entities.

43. Isle of Rum, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Scotland
- [B] Australia
- [C] Philippines
- [D] Japan

Answer: Scotland

NASA is using rocks from Scotland's Isle of Rum to practice testing methods for examining Martian rocks, as they share similarities in geological, mineral, and chemical content. The igneous rocks from the Isle of Rum exhibit comparable geological, mineral, and chemical characteristics to those discovered on Mars.

44. 'National Moth Week' is observed in which month?

- [A] June
- [B] July
- [C] August
- [D] September

Answer: July

'National Moth Week' is observed across the country during July 22 to July 28. It encourages scientists and non-scientists to participate in surveys of moths. A total of 26 species of moths were observed across the Nilgiris by students in Udhagamandalam throughout the National Moth Week. A total of 146 moths have been recorded in the Nilgiris over the years.

45. What number of Income Tax Returns were filed for AY 2023-2024 in India?

- [A] 4.77 crore
- [B] 5.77 crore
- [C] 6.77 crore



[D] 7.77 crore

Answer: 6.77 crore

The Income-tax Department announced that there is a surge in filing of Income-tax Returns (ITRs), resulting in a new record of ITRs filed. The total number of ITRs for AY 2023-24 filed till 31st July, 2023 are more than 6.77 crore, which is 16.1% more than the total ITRs for AY 2022-23 (5.83 crore) filed till 31st July 2022. Over 64.33 lakh ITRs were filed on a single day-on 31st July, 2023.

46. Which F-1 racing driver has secured eighth consecutive win, after clinching 'Belgium Grand Prix'?

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

Answer: Max Verstappen

Formula One racing driver Max Verstappen secured his eighth win in a row, one short of the all-time record, at the Belgian Grand Prix. Verstappen won the race with Red Bull's Sergio Perez clinching second position and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc at third place.

47. Iga Swiatek, who began her 70th straight week as the World No. 1 in the latest WTA Rankings, is from which country?

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

Answer: Poland

Polish tennis player Iga Swiatek began her 70th straight week as the World No. 1 in the latest WTA Rankings. Four-time Major winner Swiatek increased the gap between herself and World No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka by winning her maiden WTA 250 title in Warsaw, her home tournament.

48. Which Indian city is to play host to the 'MotoGP Bharat race'?

- [A] Greater Noida
- [B] Pune
- [C] Mysuru
- [D] Panjim

Answer: Greater Noida

The Buddh International Circuit (BIC) in Greater Noida is set to host India's inaugural MotoGP Bharat race, making it the 31st country to host a motorcycle grand prix. Despite having previously held Formula 1 races, this will mark the first time India hosts the premier motorcycle race.

49. As per StanC research report, India's per capita income is likely to grow to what amount, by fiscal 2030?

- [A] USD 1000
- [B] USD 2000
- [C] USD 4000
- [D] USD 5000

Answer: USD 4000

The country's per capita income is likely to grow by close to 70 per cent to USD 4,000 by fiscal 2030 from USD 2,450 in fiscal 2023. This will help the country to become a middle-income economy with USD 6-trillion GDP. Per capita income/GDP has risen from USD 460 in fiscal 2001 to USD 1,413 in fiscal 2011 and to USD 2,150 in fiscal 2021. The biggest growth driver will be external trade, followed by household consumption.



50. 'MPOWER Measures', which are seen in the news, are associated with which organisation?

- [A] UN Women
- [B] World Health Organization
- [C] World Bank
- [D] International Monetary Fund

Answer: World Health Organization

A new World Health Organization (WHO) report revealed that over the past 15 years, 71% of the global population, approximately 5.6 billion people, are now protected by at least one of the measures, five times more than in 2007. The WHO's MPOWER measures aim to monitor tobacco use and prevention policies, protect people from tobacco smoke, provide assistance to quit tobacco, warn about the dangers of tobacco, enforce bans on tobacco advertising, and raise taxes on tobacco products.

51. What is DCS, that has been launched by the Union Agricultural Ministry?

- [A] Digital Crop Survey
- [B] Durable Crop Survey
- [C] Doubling Crop Survey
- [D] Distributive Crop Survey

Answer: Digital Crop Survey

To improve the collection of sowing data, the government has initiated a pilot project called Digital Crop Survey (DCS) in 12 states starting from the Kharif season of 2023. The DCS reference application uses technologies like GIS and GPS, and aims to ensure accurate crop area estimation and support farmers with solutions. It has been created as a publicly available open-source and interoperable tool, adhering to open standards.

52. UNESCO has suggested adding which city to its list of world heritage centres in danger?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Rome
- [C] Venice
- [D] Paris

Answer: Venice

UNESCO, the United Nations cultural agency, has suggested adding Venice to its list of world heritage in danger, urging Italian authorities to intensify efforts to safeguard the historic city and its lagoon. The recommendation highlights the concerns about potential "irreversible" harm caused by factors such as climate change and over-tourism.

53. 'FALCON Shield-2023' is a military exercise participated by which countries?

- [A] India and USA
- [B] China and UAE
- [C] China and Russia
- [D] India and UAE

Answer: China and UAE

China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will hold their first joint air force training, called FALCON Shield-2023, in Xinjiang, China, in August. The training seeks to strengthen practical exchanges and cooperation between the two air forces, fostering mutual understanding and trust.

54. What is AU Microscopii, which was seen in the news?

- [A] Bacterium
- [B] Star
- [C] Asteroid
- [D] Microscope

Answer: Star



NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has detected a series of energetic eruptions at a nearby red dwarf star, known as AU Microscopii. The dwarf star is situated approximately 32 light years away from the Sun. AU Microscopii is approximately 23 million years old.

55. Which country has decided to suspend the operation of its Taipan helicopter fleet?

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

Answer: Australia

After a fatal military drill accident resulting in four deaths, Australia has decided to suspend the operation of its Taipan helicopter fleet. During the Talisman Sabre exercise, in which 30,000 military personnel from countries like Fiji, France, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Germany were involved, the helicopter was taking part.

56. As per a recent study, 'human-induced climate change has caused a substantial change in the color of?

- [A] Earth's Trees
- [B] Earth's Oceans
- [C] Earth's Moon
- [D] Earth's Soil

Answer: Earth's Oceans

According to a recent study titled 'Global climate-change trends detected in indicators of ocean ecology,' human-induced climate change has caused a substantial change in the color of Earth's oceans over the last two decades. The study revealed that over 56% of the world's oceans, surpassing the total land area on the planet, have undergone this color shift.

57. Which country launched the 'Silk Roadster' platform?

- [A] Pakistan
- [B] China
- [C] Ukraine
- [D] South Africa

Answer: China

China has initiated a series of new projects under its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) through Nepal, aiming to enhance collaboration with Southeast and South Asian countries, which may impact India's strategic interests in the region. These projects, collectively known as the 'Silk Roadster' platform, were launched to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the BRI.

58. What is India's GST collection for the month of July 2023?

- [A] Rs 1.05 lakh crore
- [B] Rs 1.15 lakh crore
- [C] Rs 1.65 lakh crore
- [D] Rs 1.95 lakh crore

Answer: Rs 1.65 lakh crore

India's gross revenues from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) hit a three-month high to cross ₹1.65 lakh crore in July 2023. July's collections were 2.2% higher than the previous month's GST collection. However, at 10.8%, it was the slowest uptick in collections since July 2021 compared to revenues from the same month last year.

59. Which Union Ministry has recently introduced a fresh visa category named 'Ayush Visa'?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of External Affairs



- [C] Ministry of Ayush
[D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs has recently introduced a fresh visa category named "Ayush Visa" to cater to foreign nationals seeking medical treatment, including therapeutic care, wellness, and yoga in India. The Ayush Visa has been introduced to address the requirement for a dedicated visa program for foreign visitors seeking treatment under Ayush systems or Indian medicine.

60. Starlab station is a joint venture of Voyager Space and which institution?

- [A] Boeing
[B] Airbus
[C] SpaceX
[D] Dhruv

Answer: Airbus

The International Space Station has entered its final phase of operation, with international agreements running until 2028-2030. With a view to replace orbital complex as part of a public-private partnership, NASA has launched various programs. Voyager Space and Airbus announced the creation of a joint venture to build and operate the Starlab station. The joint venture will have a European JV entity to serve the European Space Agency and the space agencies of its member states.

61. Vostok Station is a Russian research station in which region?

- [A] Russia
[B] Antarctica
[C] Canada
[D] Egypt

Answer: Russia

Vostok Station is a Russian research station in inland Princess Elizabeth Land, Antarctica. Scientists have successfully grown watermelons at the Vostok Station, located at the Pole of Cold. This impressive accomplishment marks a significant achievement in agricultural endeavors within the challenging conditions of Antarctica.

62. Samuel Peralta is a physicist and art enthusiast from which country?

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

Answer: Canada

The Lunar Codex program, led by Samuel Peralta, a physicist and art enthusiast from Canada, aims to immortalize a diverse array of human-made artworks. It aims to send a collection of digitized art to the moon. Lunar Codex is stored on memory cards or laser etched on NanoFiche, a 21st-century update on film-based microfiche. These will ensure that the art forms reach the lunar surface safely.

63. Iceberg Alley, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Ukraine
[B] Bangladesh
[C] Canada
[D] Australia

Answer: Canada

A massive iceberg was observed drifting towards Newfoundland, a Canadian island, recently. The location, known as 'Iceberg Alley', frequently witnesses such colossal ice formations and was where the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in 1912.



64. Which country has organised 'Operation Shield' exercise?

- [A] Ukraine
- [B] Brazil
- [C] Argentina
- [D] USA

Answer: Brazil

Brazil's Operation Shield is a police operation that targeted criminal gangs in slums areas in Rio de Janeiro. At least 45 people have lost their lives in a recent series of lethal security force operations conducted in Brazil.

65. Which city is the host of the 'G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministerial Meeting'?

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

Answer: Chennai

The G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministerial Meeting concluded recently in Chennai. The event concluded without reaching consensus on significant climate-related matters. Crucial topics like transitioning away from fossil fuels remained unresolved during the meeting.

66. What is the total number of documented cyber incidents targeting government organizations or systems in 2023 (up to June)?

- [A] 54,314
- [B] 74,314
- [C] 112,474
- [D] 212,474

Answer: 112,474

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), responsible for overseeing cybersecurity incidents in India, documented cyber incidents targeting government organizations or systems for the years 2018 to 2023 (up to June). The reported incidents were 70,798 in 2018, 85,797 in 2019, 54,314 in 2020, 48,285 in 2021, 192,439 in 2022, and 112,474 in 2023 (up to June).

67. Which country has organised the 'Ocean Shield-2023' in the Baltic Sea?

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

Answer: Russia

Ocean Shield-2023 exercises are live-fire naval exercises carried out in the Baltic Sea by Russia. Drill involves over 30 military vessels and boats, 20 support vessels, 30 naval aviation and Aerospace Forces of Russia aircraft, and about 6,000 troops.

68. Which Union Ministry launched 'Vivad se Vishwas II — (Contractual Disputes)' scheme?

- [A] Ministry of MSME
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Finance launched a settlement scheme for contractual disputes with vendors or suppliers to government and its undertakings. The 'Vivad se Vishwas II — (Contractual Disputes)' was announced during this year's Union Budget. October 31 has been set as a deadline for firms Department



of Expenditure to submit their claims for consideration.

69. Which country released the 'Guidelines for the Construction of Minor Mode of the Mobile Internet'?

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

Answer: China

China's internet regulator recently released the draft of the "Guidelines for the Construction of Minor Mode of the Mobile Internet". It proposes regulations to restrict children's smartphone usage to a maximum of two hours per day and mandated all tech companies to implement a "minor mode" with limitations.

70. Which Indian state is conducting a caste-based survey across the state?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Kerala

Answer: Bihar

Bihar's caste-based survey resumed a day after the Patna High Court allowed the State government to continue with it. The Patna High Court has dismissed all petitions filed against the decision of the Bihar Government to conduct a caste-based survey. The survey is being conducted at a cost of ₹500 crore, approved by the Cabinet of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

71. Which Union Ministry has set up a panel to revisit its regulations on anti-discrimination in higher educational institutions?

- [A] Ministry of Social Justice
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Culture
- [D] Ministry of Skill Development

Answer: Ministry of Education

The Union Education Ministry has constituted an expert committee to revisit its regulations and guidelines on anti-discrimination with respect to the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Other Backward Classes, Persons with Disabilities, and other minorities in higher educational institutions. University Grants Commission (UGC) had taken this step after a Supreme Court direction, where the top court asked the government to clarify the affirmative steps it had taken to make campuses free of caste discrimination.

72. As per the Supreme Court, who/ which institution retains power to scrap Article 370?

- [A] Prime Minister of India
- [B] President of India
- [C] Rajya Sabha
- [D] Lok Sabha

Answer: President of India

The Supreme Court said that the President of India retains power to scrap Article 370, after Constituent Assembly dissolved in 1957. Clause (3) of Article 370 gave the President power to notify the Article inoperative or modify it. But a provision had made it necessary that such a move would have to be recommended by the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly.

73. In FY 2022-23, Government e-marketplace (GeM) registered its highest ever Gross Merchandise value of?



- [A] ₹ 1.01 lakh crore.
[B] ₹ 2.01 lakh crore.
[C] ₹ 3.01 lakh crore.
[D] ₹ 4.01 lakh crore.

Answer: ₹ 2.01 lakh crore.

In Financial Year 2022-23, Government e-marketplace (GeM) registered its highest ever Gross Merchandise Value of ₹ 2,01,113 crore. The Economic Survey 2021-22 observed that prices on GeM were observed to be 9.5% lower in comparison with other online platforms for 10 out of 22 commodities.

74. Port Moresby is the capital of which country?

- [A] Indonesia
[B] Papua New Guinea
[C] Philippines
[D] Malta

Answer: Papua New Guinea

Port Moresby, the expansive capital of Papua New Guinea, is located to the north of Australia. The Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Kolkata, which are on a mission in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region, reached Port Moresby with the aim of strengthening maritime collaboration and partnership with Papua New Guinea.

75. Study in India is a flagship program under the aegis of which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Education
[B] Ministry of External Affairs
[C] Ministry of Home Affairs
[D] Ministry of Finance

Answer: Ministry of Education

Study in India is a flagship program under the aegis of the Ministry of Education (MoE). It aims to increase the number of international students in India. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and Union External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, jointly launched the Study in India Portal. The platform serves as a comprehensive hub, streamlining the academic journey of international students studying in India.

76. Which institution launched the 'Rajmargyatra' mobile application?

- [A] TRAI
[B] NITI Aayog
[C] NHAI
[D] NASSCOM

Answer: NHAI

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) introduced 'Rajmargyatra,' a user-friendly mobile application designed with citizens in mind. The application functions as a centralized source of crucial information for National Highway users, providing real-time weather updates, timely notifications, and access to pertinent details on nearby toll plazas, petrol pumps, hospitals, hotels, and other vital services, ensuring a smooth and secure travel experience on National Highways.

77. Which country is the host of Durand Cup 2023?

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

Answer: India

Asia's oldest football tournament Durand Cup has commenced in India. A total of 43 matches will be



played across four venues in Assam and West Bengal, which include Guwahati, Kokrajhar and Kolkata. The Durand Cup will feature 24 teams. The roster includes teams from the Indian Super League, I-League and the Armed Forces. Army teams from Nepal and Bangladesh have also been included this season.

78. 'Sagar Setu' portal is launched by which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [B] Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- [C] Ministry of Defence
- [D] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Answer: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and AYUSH inaugurated the Port Health Organisation (PHO) module within the Sagar Setu - National Logistics Portal (Marine) to facilitate a more efficient and streamlined ecosystem, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB). The PHO will be responsible for disease surveillance, health inspections, and quarantine measures to ensure the safety of citizens and port workers.

79. 'Article 117 of the Constitution' pertains to which field?

- [A] Financial Bill
- [B] Language to be used in Parliament
- [C] Salaries of Judges
- [D] Freedom of speech in Parliament

Answer: Financial Bill

Article 117 of the Constitution pertains to the specific provisions concerning financial Bills. A Bill that addresses any of the matters mentioned in clauses of Article 110 (1) can only be introduced or proposed in the Lok Sabha based on the President's recommendation and cannot be introduced in the Rajya Sabha. It was recently stated that the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill is categorized as a regular Bill and not a money bill, contrary to earlier reports.

80. Which Indian state hosts the 7th edition of the men's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament?

- [A] Goa
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Tamil Nadu

The 7th edition of the men's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament, which was instituted in 2011, began at Chennai's Mayor Radhakrishnan stadium. It's the first time that the tournament is being held in India, and the Tamil Nadu capital will be hosting an international hockey tournament after a gap of more than 15 years. India, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan and Pakistan teams are participating.

81. HSN code 8471, which was seen in the news, includes which category of products in trade?

- [A] Medical Devices
- [B] Electronic Gadgets
- [C] Vaccines
- [D] Food products

Answer: Electronic Gadgets

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has restricted imports of laptops, tablets, all-in-one personal computers and ultra-small computers and servers under seven categories of HSN code 8471 to promote domestic manufacturing and reduce China's majority share in imports. However, the restriction will not apply to imports under baggage rules.

82. The Government of NCT of Delhi Bill proposes to constitute which institution?



- [A] National Capital Civil Service Authority
- [B] National Capital Authority
- [C] National Capital Government Affairs Authority
- [D] National Capital Chief Secretary Authority

Answer: National Capital Civil Service Authority

Parliament has passed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill 2023. The Rajya Sabha cleared it by voting 131 MPs in favour of the bill, while 102 MPs against bill. It empowers the Central Government to make rules in connection with the affairs of the Government of Delhi. It also has a provision of the constitution of the National Capital Civil Service Authority, consisting of Delhi Chief Minister, the Chief Secretary of Delhi, and the Principal Home Secretary of Delhi.

83. Similipal Tiger Reserve is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Odisha
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Assam

Answer: Odisha

In response to the killing of two forest frontline workers by alleged poachers, the Odisha government established a joint task force (JTF) consisting of approximately 200 armed police and forest personnel to safeguard the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) and its wildlife. The JTF will be led by the field director of STR and will also involve senior forest and police officers.

84. Which institution has launched the 'Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)'?

- [A] IMF
- [B] WHO
- [C] World Bank
- [D] WTO

Answer: WHO

Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) is a system for ensuring that pharmaceutical products are consistently produced and controlled according to quality standards. The Indian government mandated the implementation of revised GMP standards by all drug manufacturers. Companies with a turnover exceeding Rs 250 crore must comply within six months, while smaller enterprises have a year to implement the updated GMP in line with World Health Organization (WHO) standards.

85. The Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, which was passed, allows private sector to mine how many minerals?

- [A] Two
- [B] Four
- [C] Six
- [D] Ten

Answer: Six

The Rajya Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, allowing the private sector to mine six atomic minerals, including lithium, as well as deep-seated minerals like gold and silver. In the past, the mining and exploration of all 12 atomic minerals were exclusively reserved for state-owned entities.

86. Press and Registration of Periodicals (PRP) Bill, 2023 aims to replace which act?

- [A] Press and Registration of Periodicals (PRB) Act, 1867
- [B] Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867
- [C] Press and Registration of Periodicals (PRB) Act, 1992
- [D] Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1992



Answer: Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur introduced the Press and Registration of Periodicals (PRP) Bill, 2023 in the Rajya Sabha. The bill aims to replace the current Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867, which regulates the registration of the print and publishing industry in India.

87. Rajiv Gauba, who has been in the news, holds which position in India?

- [A] NITI Aayog Vice Chairman
- [B] Cabinet Secretary
- [C] Home Secretary
- [D] Chief Election Commissioner

Answer: Cabinet Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba recently got an extension in service for another year, making him the longest-serving Cabinet Secretary. Before Rajiv Gauba, BD Pande had been the longest serving cabinet secretary from 1972 to 1977. Rajiv Gauba will remain in office till August 30, 2024. This is the third time his service has been extended for another year.

88. The first instance of captive breeding of the Himalayan vulture in India at which state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Uttarakhand

Answer: Assam

Researchers have recorded the first instance of captive breeding of the Himalayan vulture (*Gyps himalayensis*) in India at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati. Categorised as 'Near Threatened' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of threatened species, the Himalayan vulture is a winter migrant to the Indian plains, and a resident of the high Himalayas.

89. Which institution has established a standard definition for 'Water Neutrality'?

- [A] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [B] NITI Aayog
- [C] WAPCOS
- [D] Indian Navy

Answer: NITI Aayog

The government's think-tank NITI Aayog has established a standard definition and approach for water neutrality in industries to promote water conservation and efficient use. Water neutrality will be defined as the total freshwater consumption, including direct and indirect water use in critical supply chains, which should be equal to or less than the quantifiable water savings achieved through strategies aimed at improving water use efficiency and conservation efforts.

90. Aditi Swami, Parneet Kaur and Jyothi Surekha Vennam, who are seen in the news, play which sports?

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

Answer: Archery

Aditi Swami, Parneet Kaur and Jyothi Surekha Vennam of the compound women's archery team won India's first ever gold medal in World Archery Championships 2023 in Berlin. Sergio Pagni, a two-time World Cup Final winner, was hired as chief compound archery coach in December last year.

91. What is the outlay for the 'Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill (NRF), 2023'?



- [A] Rs 5000 crore
- [B] Rs 10000 crore
- [C] Rs 20000 crore
- [D] Rs 50000 crore

Answer: Rs 50000 crore

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill (NRF), 2023 was introduced in Lok Sabha recently. The NRF Bill was given the green light by the Union Cabinet, with a budget of ₹50,000 crore for the upcoming five years. This allocation aims to systematically foster research and development across India's research institutions, colleges, and universities at different levels.

92. What is the recent highest 'Global sea surface temperature', which surpassed the 2016 record?
- [A] 15.96°C
 - [B] 18.96°C
 - [C] 20.96°C
 - [D] 25.96°C

Answer: 20.96°C

The daily global sea surface temperatures have surpassed the 2016 record, reaching 20.96°C, which is significantly higher than the usual average for this period. The previous record was established during the 2016 El Niño event, when it touched 20.95°C. Scientists say that the record will continue to be broken, as usually oceans are at their hottest globally in March, not August.

93. Moxila Upadhyaya, the Indian-American who was seen in the news, is associated with which profession?
- [A] Scientist
 - [B] Magistrate Judge
 - [C] Sports person
 - [D] Business person

Answer: Magistrate Judge

Moxila Upadhyaya hails from the state of Gujarat in India and was raised near the US state Missouri. She was appointed as the US Magistrate Judge last year. The Indian-American judge presided over Trump's election case. The former US President pleaded not guilty while being accused of hampering the outcome of the 2020 US presidential election.

94. If a breach of privilege is believed to have committed by Members of Parliament, a motion will be referred to which committee?
- [A] Privileges Committee
 - [B] Parliamentary Committee
 - [C] Priority Committee
 - [D] Prime Members Committee

Answer: Privileges Committee

Parliamentary privilege grants specific rights to Members of Parliament, including freedom of expression during debates without the risk of court proceedings. If a breach of privilege is believed to have occurred, any member can raise a motion that will be referred to the Privileges Committee. Recently, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has referred complaints concerning the privilege of the House against TMC's Derek O'Brien and AAP's Raghav Chadha to the privileges committee.

95. Celine Dion, the renowned international pop star, was recently diagnosed with which disease?
- [A] Stiff Person Syndrome
 - [B] Myopathy
 - [C] Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
 - [D] Muscular dystrophy



Answer: Stiff Person Syndrome

Celine Dion, the renowned international pop star, was recently diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS). Stiff person syndrome is an uncommon neurological condition distinguished by gradual muscle stiffness and recurrent episodes of painful muscle spasms.

96. Which Indian state is adopting an Early Warning System to reduce Student Dropout?

- [A] Goa
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh government is adopting an "early warning system" inspired by the Netherlands to reduce student dropout rates in schools. The system closely monitors student attendance, and if a student is absent for more than 40 days, educational authorities intervene by contacting parents or guardians to ensure the student's return to school and sustained engagement in their education.

97. The Offshore Areas Minerals Bill seeks to grant how many years of production lease for offshore minerals?

- [A] 5 years
- [B] 10 years
- [C] 25 years
- [D] 50 years

Answer: 50 years

Recently, the Lok Sabha approved the Offshore Areas Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, which seeks to grant a fixed 50-year production lease for offshore minerals. It seeks to create a transparent auction route for allocation of mines. It will enable the central government to frame rules for conservation and development of minerals in offshore areas.

98. Northern muriquis, which was seen in the news, belongs to which species?

- [A] Turtle
- [B] Monkey
- [C] Frog
- [D] Snake

Answer: Monkey

Northern muriquis are critically endangered monkeys, emphasizing the importance of successfully breeding healthy offspring for their survival. Researchers are studying their faeces to gain insights into their mating behaviors and partner selection.

99. Kuttikkanam Palace, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Tamil Nadu

Answer: Kerala

The 130-year-old Kuttikkanam Palace, the summer residence of the kings of erstwhile Travancore, is set to be declared a historical monument. Kuttikkanam is a hill station lying between Wagamon and Thekkady. The State Archaeology department is set to declare the famed Kuttikkanam Palace, also known as Ammachi Kottaram, as a historical monument.

100. What is the outlay of the BharatNet project?

- [A] Rs 0.59 lakh crore
- [B] Rs 0.79 lakh crore



[C] Rs 1.39 lakh crore

[D] Rs 3.39 lakh crore

Answer: Rs 1.39 lakh crore

The Union Cabinet approved an outlay of ₹1.39-lakh crore for BharatNet, a project to provide last-mile connectivity across 6.4 lakh villages. BharatNet is one of the biggest rural telecom projects in the world, implemented in a phased manner to all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country for last-mile broadband connectivity.

101. Finance Ministry imposed anti-dumping duty on which product imports from China, South Korea and Indonesia?

[A] Optical Fibre

[B] Electronic products

[C] Medical Devices

[D] Plastic Toys

Answer: Optical Fibre

The Finance Ministry has imposed anti-dumping duty on certain optical fibre imports from China, South Korea and Indonesia, based on the recommendations of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). It aims to give relief to the domestic optical fibre industry reeling under the adverse impact of low-price and low-quality imports.

102. Jeswin Aldrin, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

[A] Squash

[B] Long Jump

[C] Javelin Throw

[D] Cricket

Answer: Long Jump

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin wins gold in World Athletics Continental Tour-Bronze event, recently held in Switzerland. He produced a 8.22 metre jump as he won the long jump gold at the Citius athletics meeting. Aldrin, who took the world lead with 8.42m in outdoor season-opener at Ballari in March.

103. Which Indian chess player overtook Viswanathan Anand as the highest-rated Indian chess player in FIDE rankings?

[A] Praggnananda

[B] Gukesh

[C] Arjun Erigaisi

[D] Nihal Sarin

Answer: Gukesh

Grandmaster D. Gukesh overtook Viswanathan Anand as the highest-rated Indian chess player in FIDE rankings. He is the second-youngest Grandmaster (GM) globally and the youngest Indian to achieve this feat. Gukesh became the number one chess player in India after posting a win against Misratdin Iskandarov of Azerbaijan in the World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

104. The foundation stone for 'Iconic Site Museum' was laid in which state?

[A] Kerala

[B] Tamil Nadu

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has recently laid foundation stone for the 'Iconic Site Museum' at Adichanallur archaeological site in Tamil Nadu. On the site, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has covered with glass excavated trenches with artefacts dating as far back as 3,800 years.



The other four iconic sites proposed by the government are Rakhigarhi (Haryana), Hastinapur (Uttar Pradesh), Shivasagar (Assam), and Dholavira (Gujarat).

105. A recently discovered coronavirus variant named Eris, also known as EG.5.1, is rapidly spreading in which country?

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

Answer: UK

A recently discovered coronavirus variant named Eris, also known as EG.5.1, is rapidly spreading throughout the United Kingdom, causing concern among health authorities. This variant, which originated from the highly transmissible Omicron variant, was initially identified in the country last month.

106. Which state/UT launched the 'Athidhi Portal'?

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

Answer: Kerala

'Athidhi Portal' was recently launched by Kerala government to register migrant workers. This comes in response to two recent incidents of sexual crimes against children reportedly involving migrant workers.

107. Gaddar, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- [A] Revolutionary Singer
- [B] Sports person
- [C] Business person
- [D] Scientist

Answer: Revolutionary Singer

Renowned Telangana folk singer and balladeer Gaddar, known for his revolutionary songs during the 1980s and later during the Telangana statehood agitation, passed away at the age of 77. A former naxalite, Gaddar had led an underground life, including in the forests. He was a fiery singer and a poet.

108. Which country created new varieties of sorghum varieties to address nutritional requirements of mothers and children?

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

Answer: USA

According to a recent study, scientists from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have created new sorghum varieties that can address the nutritional requirements of mothers and children in sub-Saharan Africa. These advanced sorghum lines were developed by incorporating multiple traits into a single plant, offering great significance to the region where approximately 300 million people rely on sorghum as a crucial crop.

109. Which institution released the publication titled '75 Endemic Birds of India'?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] Zoological Survey of India
- [C] UNEP
- [D] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



Answer: Zoological Survey of India

A recent publication by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) points out that about 5% of birds found in the country are endemic and are not reported in other parts of the world. The publication, titled 75 Endemic Birds of India, was recently released on the 108th foundation day of the ZSI. India is home to 1,353 bird species, which represents approximately 12.40% of global bird diversity. Of these 1,353 bird species, 78 (5%) are endemic to the country.

110. India provides financial assistance of Rs 45 crore to support digital identity project of which country?

- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Laos
- [D] Cambodia

Answer: Sri Lanka

India has handed over ₹45 crore in advance to Sri Lanka to fund its unique digital identity project. It constitutes 15 per cent of the total funds required for the successful implementation of the project as an advance payment. The project aims to collect biographic and biometric information, including facial, iris, and fingerprint data, which will be stored in a centralised system.

111. Which Indian player finished as runner-up at the Australian Open badminton tournament?

- [A] Lakshya Sen
- [B] HS Prannoy
- [C] K Srikanth
- [D] Chirag Shetty

Answer: HS Prannoy

India's HS Prannoy finished runner-up at the Australian Open Super 500 badminton tournament after losing a three-game thriller to China's Weng Hong Yang in the men's singles finals. The 31-year-old player from Kerala had beaten Weng in a three-game play to claim the Malaysia Masters in May.

112. Which institution released the 'Still Unprepared' Report?

- [A] Oxfam International
- [B] World Bank
- [C] NASSCOM
- [D] Risk Horizons

Answer: Risk Horizons

A report by Climate Risk Horizons titled 'Still Unprepared' said that India's major banks remain unprepared to confront climate risks. This comes despite the country facing extreme weather events on 314 of 365 days in 2022. The analysis ranks banks on several criteria, including a Fossil Fuel Exclusion Policy, Emissions Disclosure, Climate scenario analysis and Net Zero Targets.

113. Which institution has developed the 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh' portal?

- [A] TRAI
- [B] NIFT
- [C] National Jute Board
- [D] Central Silk Board

Answer: NIFT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh' – 'A Repository of Textiles and Crafts' e-portal during the National Handloom Day celebration in New Delhi. Developed by National Institute of Fashion Technology -NIFT in partnership with the Ministry of Textiles, the portal aims to showcase India's wide range of textiles and crafts in a unified catalog, reflecting the nation's cultural richness.



114. Postal Life Insurance (PLI) is associated with which Union Ministry

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Communication
- [C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- [D] Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer: Ministry of Communication

Postal Life Insurance (PLI), a prominent insurance player since 1884, is enhancing its customer-centered strategy by launching the "Direct Incentive Disbursement" pilot initiative in the Delhi and Uttarakhand Circles. Under this, the agents will experience transfer of commissions from the previous month directly to their Post Office Savings Bank Accounts.

115. Which Union Ministry formulated the 'National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism'?

- [A] Ministry of Tourism
- [B] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- [C] Ministry of External Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Culture

Answer: Ministry of Tourism

National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism was formulated by the Union Tourism Ministry to promote medical tourism. It is undertaking various media campaigns under the 'Incredible India' brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country.

116. Spectroscopic Investigations of Nebular Gas (SING) device, developed in India, is to be exported to which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] Germany
- [C] Israel
- [D] China

Answer: China

The export of the Spectroscopic Investigations of Nebular Gas (SING) device, which was meant for Tiangong space station, is being delayed because of export challenges between India and China. It is designed to be among the nine global experiments conducted aboard Tiangong. SING is a small spectrograph payload designed to observe extended sources over a wide field of view (FOV) in the NUV range from 1400 to 2700.

117. The oldest fossilized remains of a plant-eating dinosaur 'Tharosaurus indicus' has been found in which Indian state?

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

Answer: Rajasthan

Scientists from IIT-Roorkee and GSI have unearthed the oldest fossilized remains of a plant-eating dicraeosaurid dinosaur in Jaisalmer, indicating India's significant role in dinosaur evolution. The new species is named 'Tharosaurus indicus,' and its fossils date back to 167 million years.

118. Which country released the draft regulations governing facial recognition technology usage?

- [A] India
- [B] China
- [C] UK
- [D] USA

Answer: China



The Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) revealed its introduction of initial guidelines designed to oversee security measures pertaining to facial recognition technology within the nation. The CAC emphasized the necessity for restricted and essential use of facial recognition technology, highlighting that its deployment should strictly follow stringent protective measures.

119. 'Vaquita porpoise', which was recently seen in the news, is endemic to which region?

- [A] Mexico
- [B] Australia
- [C] South Asia
- [D] West Africa

Answer: Mexico

Porpoises are a group of fully aquatic marine mammals. Although similar in appearance to dolphins, they are more closely related to narwhals and belugas. Vaquita porpoises are endemic to the northern end of the Gulf of California. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) released its inaugural 'extinction alert,' focusing on the vaquita porpoise, a species with a mere 10 remaining individuals located in the Gulf of California or Sea of Cortez in Mexico.

120. Which institution is developing the 'Organ Donation Registry' in India?

- [A] NHA
- [B] NMC
- [C] AIIMS
- [D] IMA

Answer: NHA

The Organ Donation Registry is being developed by the National Health Authority (NHA) and the union health ministry following consultation with the NITI Aayog for an overhaul of the National Organ Tissue Transplantation Organization. It aims to enhance transparency and efficiency in organ transplantation. This initiative, developed in collaboration with NITI Aayog, aims to revamp the National Organ Tissue Transplantation Organization (NOTTO) to eliminate intermediaries.

121. Who is the head of the all-woman panel appointed by the Supreme Court to oversee relief in Manipur?

- [A] Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- [B] Justice Sonia Sotomayor
- [C] Justice Gita Mittal
- [D] Justice Gyan Sudha Misra

Answer: Justice Gita Mittal

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud announced in open court that the Supreme Court will appoint an all-women committee of three former High Court judges to oversee relief in Manipur. The committee will be headed by Justice Gita Mittal, a former Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court.

122. India's Defence Ministry has decided to replace Microsoft Operating System with which Operating system?

- [A] Maya
- [B] macOS
- [C] Kuku
- [D] Haiku

Answer: Maya

India's Defence Ministry has decided to replace Microsoft Operating System (OS) in all its computers that can connect to the Internet with Maya. Maya, which has been developed by Indian government agencies within six months, and is aimed at preventing malware attacks by cybercriminals. The new OS



will be backed by a protection system called Chakravyuh.

123. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Indian Web Browser Development Challenge'?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launches Indian Web Browser Development Challenge. Challenge is spearheaded by MeitY, Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Bangalore. It aims to empower technology enthusiasts across the country to create an indigenous web browser with its own trust store, with an inbuilt CCA India root certificate and enhanced security & data privacy protection features.

124. Belém declaration, which was seen in the news, is associated with which summit?

- [A] ASEAN Summit
- [B] G-20 Summit
- [C] Amazon Summit
- [D] BIMSTEC Summit

Answer: Amazon Summit

Eight Amazon nations that share the Amazon basin, agreed to a list of unified environmental policies and measures to promote regional cooperation, in the Brazilian city of Belém for the Amazon summit. They agreed to launch an alliance to protect the Amazon, and to combat deforestation but failed to agree on a common goal for ending deforestation. The summit brought together the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) for the first time in 14 years. The joint statement, named the Belém declaration was also released.

125. How many medals were clinched by India in the World University Games (WUG) 2023?

- [A] 26
- [B] 32
- [C] 45
- [D] 51

Answer: 26

India ended its World University Games (WUG) campaign with its best-ever performance, winning a record haul of 26 medals, including 11 gold. India finished at seventh spot with 11 gold, 5 silver and 10 bronze, the best ever standing in the medal tally.

126. Who became the fastest Indian cricketer to clinch 50 wickets in T20 Internationals?

- [A] Jasprit Bumrah
- [B] R Ashwin
- [C] Kuldeep Yadav
- [D] Ravindra Jadeja

Answer: Kuldeep Yadav

Left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav became the fastest Indian to clinch 50 wickets in T20 Internationals in terms of number of matches played. Kuldeep achieved the feat in his 30th T20I match for India, surpassing teammate Yuzvendra Chahal, who had 50 T20I wickets in 34 games.

127. The National Dental Commission Bill aims to create which institution in place of the Dental Council of India (DCI)?

- [A] National Dental Commission
- [B] National Dental Council
- [C] Indian Dental Commission



[D] Indian Dental Council

Answer: National Dental Commission

The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023, has been approved by the Indian Parliament. It aims to implement revolutionary regulatory structure by forming the National Dental Commission (NDC), taking the place of the current Dental Council of India (DCI) and nullifying the Dentists Bill from 1948.

128. Which Union Ministry has set up 'Task Forces for the Decarbonization of Steel Sector'?

[A] Ministry of Steel

[B] Ministry of Coal

[C] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

[D] Ministry of Finance

Answer: Ministry of Steel

The Ministry of Steel has established 13 Task forces, involving various sectors including industry, academia, and other stakeholders, to focus on reducing carbon emissions in the steel industry. One of these Task Forces, dedicated to Skill Development, will address the training and retraining needs of the workforce for producing environmentally-friendly steel, ensuring a smooth transition within the steel sector.

129. Where is the 'Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Academy' located in which city?

[A] Mussoorie

[B] Ghaziabad

[C] New Delhi

[D] Pune

Answer: Ghaziabad

Recently, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Academy in Ghaziabad became the tenth member of the Interpol Global Academy Network. This inclusion will facilitate the creation and execution of combined training initiatives and research endeavors.

130. Which state has announced plans to construct a 6,134-crore dam at Hathnikund?

[A] Uttarakhand

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Haryana

[D] Gujarat

Answer: Haryana

The Haryana state government has intended to construct a dam costing Rs 6,134 crore, to avoid another flooding event caused by the Yamuna in Delhi and nearby Haryana regions. This dam will feature a 14-km reservoir and will be situated 4.5 km ahead of the Hathnikund Barrage in the Yamunanagar district.

131. Which city released the 'National Identity Mark', to monitor the quality of private schools?

[A] Abu Dhabi

[B] Paris

[C] Colombo

[D] Dhaka

Answer: Abu Dhabi

In May of this year, the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) launched the inaugural National Identity Mark. This initiative aims to give parents a clear insight into the quality of national identity programs and associated activities available in private schools throughout the emirate. Phase 1 National Identity Mark results was released recently.

132. Digital Health Incentives Scheme (DHIS) of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has been extended until?

[A] September 2023



- [B] December 2023
[C] March 2024
[D] June 2024

Answer: December 2023

The National Health Authority (NHA) has extended the Digital Health Incentives Scheme (DHIS) of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission until December 31, 2023. The scheme offers incentives to hospitals, diagnostic labs, and digital health solution providers to encourage digitization under the ABDM.

133. Which bank launched India's first 24x7 Video Banking customer service?

- [A] Canara Bank
[B] AU Small Finance Bank
[C] Punjab National Bank
[D] Equitas Small Finance Bank

Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

AU Small Finance Bank has set a new benchmark by introducing India's first 24x7 Video Banking customer service. This feature offers a digital platform for customers to interact directly with a video banker through real-time video calls, akin to video conferencing.

134. Rajouri Chikri woodcraft, which was seen in the news, is associated with which state/UT?

- [A] Karnataka
[B] Jammu and Kashmir
[C] Goa
[D] Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

Two products from Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri and Anantnag districts—the Rajouri Chikri woodcraft and the Mushqbudji rice variety—have earned the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tags. With its honey-toned appearance and smooth, refined texture, Chikri wood is found in the mountainous regions of the Jammu province.

135. As per recent data, what percent of greenhouse emissions is reduced by India in the last 14 years?

- [A] 3 per cent
[B] 15 per cent
[C] 33 per cent
[D] 49 per cent

Answer: 33 per cent

India's greenhouse emissions rate dropped by 33% between 2005 and 2019 in 14 years as renewable energy generation rose and forest cover increased, as per the latest assessment made for submission to the United Nations. The report's findings showed India is on the way to meeting a commitment to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to reduce emissions intensity by 45% from the 2005 level by 2030.

136. Which country has introduced 'Recognized Employer Pilot' to tackle workforce deficits?

- [A] Sri Lanka
[B] India
[C] Canada
[D] Japan

Answer: Canada

The Canadian authorities have declared the initiation of the Recognized Employer Pilot in September to tackle workforce deficits. It aims to address labour shortages by simplifying hiring for compliant repeat employers under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP).



137. Which country is establishing Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre (VDEC), to tackle Disease X?

- [A] India
- [B] Malaysia
- [C] UK
- [D] USA

Answer: UK

The World Health Organization has termed a potential threat as "Disease X," representing an unknown disease with the capability to cause a global pandemic. Currently undefined, the concept of Disease X brings with it a significant concern for its potential global impact. U.K. is establishing the Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre (VDEC), where scientists will work on preparing for "disease X".

138. Which company has unveiled the 'GPTBot' web crawler developed to enhance AI models?

- [A] Microsoft
- [B] OpenAI
- [C] Google
- [D] Apple

Answer: OpenAI

OpenAI has unveiled GPTBot, a cutting-edge web crawler developed to enhance AI models such as GPT-4 and upcoming versions, including the eagerly awaited GPT-5. This initiative reflects OpenAI's steadfast dedication to improving AI proficiency by tapping into a broad spectrum of internet-based information.

139. Which company owns the 'Icon of the Seas', the world's cruise vessel?

- [A] Royal Caribbean
- [B] Mediterranean Shipping Company
- [C] Maersk
- [D] COSCO

Answer: Royal Caribbean

The 'Icon of the Seas', set to be the world's largest cruise ship, is nearing completion at a Finnish shipyard in Turku. This grand vessel, owned by Royal Caribbean, is scheduled for its maiden voyage in January 2024. The passenger volume is expected to surpass pre-pandemic levels with 31.5 million passengers in 2023.

140. Which institution will fund the project for integrated urban flood management for Chennai basin?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] AIIB
- [C] Union Home Ministry
- [D] NABARD

Answer: Union Home Ministry

The Disaster Management Division of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs will fund the project for integrated urban flood management for Chennai basin. The estimated project cost is Rs.189 crore. The project involves re-establishment of surplus canals for erstwhile minor irrigation tanks in the city. The projects also include installation of software for remote operation of the surplus regulators during emergency and water supply regulators in the city reservoirs.

141. What is the proposed name change for the state of Kerala, for which a resolution has been passed unanimously in the state assembly?

- [A] Keral
- [B] Keralam



[C] Kerala Naadu

[D] Kerala Desam

Answer: Keralam

The Kerala legislative assembly has recently passed a resolution unanimously, urging the Union government to rename the state as 'Keralam' in the constitution and all official records. The resolution was introduced in the state assembly by the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Article 3 in the constitution of India, deals with the formation of new states and the alteration of areas, boundaries, or names of existing states.

142. Which state has announced the Indira Gandhi free smartphone Yojana 2023?

[A] Punjab

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Karnataka

[D] Chhattisgarh

Answer: Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan, headed by Ashok Gehlot has recently announced a new scheme known as the Indira Gandhi free smartphone Yojana 2023. Under the scheme, the state Government will provide internet and voice call services with a free mobile phone for all the women in the state of Rajasthan. The state is aiming to distribute a total of 40 Lakh phones in the first round of the scheme.

143. Protean EGov Technologies has partnered with which firm, to make credit services more accessible and affordable nationwide using ONDC?

[A] PayNearby

[B] Google

[C] Paytm

[D] PhonePe

Answer: PayNearby

Digital Public Infrastructure provider Protean EGov Technologies, has recently partnered with PayNearby to make credit services more accessible and affordable nationwide by leveraging the ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) network. The partnership aims to create a marketplace for last-mile borrowers and MSMEs in India. In this partnership, Protean will serve as an ONDC technology service provider that facilitates credit availability through PayNearby's Distribution as a Service (DaaS) network.

144. When is the 'World Lion Day' observed every year?

[A] August 1

[B] August 5

[C] August 10

[D] August 15

Answer: August 10

Every year, World Lion Day is observed on August 10. The day was first established in 2013 by Big Cat Rescue - the world's largest accredited sanctuary dedicated to lions. The Day is observed annually on a global scale to raise awareness about their conservation and protection. It serves as a platform to educate people about the challenges faced by the lions across the world and to promote efforts to conserve them as well as to celebrate.

145. Where was the Amazon Summit 2023 held?

[A] Brazil

[B] Chile

[C] Argentina

[D] Mexico

Answer: Brazil



This year's Amazon Summit was held in the Brazilian city of Belém, in which the Amazon nations discussed how the rainforest is managed. On the final day of the summit, 12 countries have called on wealthy nations to meet their climate funding obligations. A joint statement issued during the summit, called for the development of a financing mechanism which the international community could pay for the critical services provided by forests.

146. Where will the International badminton - World Tour Finals be held for the next four years?

- [A] Hangzhou
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Istanbul
- [D] Perth

Answer: Hangzhou

China's Hangzhou is set to host badminton World Tour Finals for next four years, as confirmed by the sport's top governing body. This year's BWF World Tour Finals will be held from December 13-17 2023. Hangzhou which is an eastern Chinese city 160 kilometres from Shanghai will also host the pandemic-delayed Asian Games.

147. Which city's Metro Rail Corporation has launched 'CarbonLite Metro Travel' program?

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

Answer: New Delhi

In a move to address climate change and advocate for eco-friendly transport, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has launched an innovative program, CarbonLite Metro Travel, to inform riders about their role in decreasing carbon footprints. It educates riders on how their choice of metro trains contributes to reducing carbon emissions.

148. As per the recent monetary policy committee announcement, what is the repo rate as of August 2023?

- [A] 5.5 %
- [B] 6.5 %
- [C] 7.5 %
- [D] 8.5 %

Answer: 6.5 %

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has kept the policy rate unchanged at 6.5% in the recent monetary policy committee meeting. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das retained FY24 GDP growth projections at 6.5%, but raised the CPI inflation forecast for FY24 to 5.4%.

149. Which country is the host of Malabar 2023 multilateral naval exercise?

- [A] India
- [B] Australia
- [C] UAE
- [D] Sri Lanka

Answer: Australia

The multilateral naval exercise Malabar 2023 commenced at Sydney in Australia. Indian Navy's indigenous frontline warships INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata is participating in the 11-day event. Ships and aircraft from the US Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and the Royal Australian Navy are also participating in the exercise. MALABAR series of maritime exercise commenced in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between Indian Navy and US Navy.

150. Which country is the host of 'Zayed Talwar 2023' exercise?



- [A] Iran
- [B] Israel
- [C] UAE
- [D] Pakistan

Answer: UAE

The bilateral naval exercise 'Zayed Talwar' aims to enhance the interoperability and synergy between the Indian Navy and UAE Navy. INS Visakhapatnam and INS Trikand have reached Dubai in the UAE to participate in the 'Zayed Talwar' bilateral drill with the UAE Navy.

151. 'Kamar' Tribal Group is a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) of which state/UT?

- [A] Chhattisgarh
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Chhattisgarh

The 'Kamar' tribe in Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari district, a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG), has been granted habitat rights to protect their culture and livelihood. This makes Kamar the first PVTG in the state to receive such status. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel handed over the habitat rights certificates to heads of 22 settlements on the occasion of the World Tribal Day- 9 August.

152. Which institution launched 'SuSwagatam' online system?

- [A] Reserve Bank of India
- [B] Chief Justice of India
- [C] Union External Affairs
- [D] NITI Aayog

Answer: Chief Justice of India

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud announced the launch of 'SuSwagatam', an online system for generating entry passes to the Supreme Court. The new initiative eliminates the need for physical passes and long queues, ensuring easier access to the court premises.

153. 247-million-year-old lizard-like amphibian 'Arenaepe-ton supinatus' has been discovered in which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Greece
- [C] China
- [D] Australia

Answer: Australia

In New South Wales, Australia, scientists have identified the remains of a 247-million-year-old lizard-like amphibian, potentially rewriting the evolution of amphibians in the country. This remarkable species, named Arenaepe-ton supinatus, survived two mass-extinction events and is part of the rare Temnospondyli family, with only three such fossils identified in Australia to date.

154. What is the name of the minimum temperature that can be reached under current ambient conditions by evaporation of water?

- [A] Evaporation temperature
- [B] Ambient temperature
- [C] Wet bulb temperature
- [D] Conditional temperature

Answer: Wet bulb temperature

Pennsylvania State University researchers tested the 'wet bulb temperature,' where sweat no longer evaporates, leading to potential heatstroke. It is the lowest temperature that can be reached under



current ambient conditions by the evaporation of water only. Their findings revealed that the critical limit is 30.6°C, significantly lower than previously thought.

155. As per the Chief Election Commissioner and other EC Bill, who is the head of the committee to appoint CECs and ECs?

- [A] Chief Justice of India
- [B] Prime Minister
- [C] President
- [D] Union Law and Justice Minister

Answer: Prime Minister

Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha. It proposes the setting up of a 3-member committee led by the Prime Minister for appointing future chief election commissioners and election commissioners.

156. What is the name of the Project 17A frigate recently inaugurated by the Indian President in 2023?

- [A] Vindhyagiri
- [B] Kailashgiri
- [C] Arunagiri
- [D] Shivgiri

Answer: Vindhyagiri

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Vindhyagiri, a Project 17A frigate, at the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited in Kolkata. Named after a mountain range in Karnataka, it is the sixth vessel in the series of Project 17A frigates. Seven Project 17A Frigates are under various stages of construction at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and GRSE.

157. Which state has sanctioned a scheme for Improving banking penetration in over 6000 panchyats?

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

Answer: Odisha

With around 65 per cent of the total 6,798 panchayats in Odisha not have banking penetration, the state cabinet approved a scheme to open banking outlets in 4,373 panchayats with a budgetary support of Rs 500 crore. The scheme, aimed to improve financial inclusion, will be implemented in coordination with six public sector banks in a phased manner.

158. Which institution released the 'Guidelines on Doctor's Refusal to Treat Patients'?

- [A] AIIMS
- [B] NMC
- [C] IMA
- [D] NIV

Answer: NMC

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued guidelines for registered modern medicine doctors, stating that they can reject treatment for aggressive patients, must prescribe generic drugs, and should use social media solely for educational purposes, not patient solicitation. The comprehensive guidelines, spanning over 60 pages, cover aspects like prescription mentions, permissible advertisements, record-keeping, teleconsultation practices, and caution against receiving commissions or pharmaceutical-sponsored conference participation.



159. Which two countries jointly launched 'GRACE twin satellites'?

- [A] USA and Germany
- [B] USA and Japan
- [C] UAE and Israel
- [D] India and Singapore

Answer: USA and Germany

The GRACE twin satellites were launched jointly in 2002 by the space research organizations of the US and Germany. A recent study by the University of Bonn suggests that droughts worldwide are more prevalent than indicated by data from the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) from 2002-2017.

160. Which Union Ministry launched the 'SAMUDRA' app?

- [A] Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [B] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [C] Ministry of Power
- [D] Ministry of Coal

Answer: Ministry of Earth Sciences

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), released a new mobile application 'SAMUDRA' - Smart Access to Marine Users for Ocean Data Resources and Advisories. It aims to offer comprehensive information on all ocean related services, useful for seafarers and the fishing community.

161. Matangini Hazra, who was seen in the news, was a woman freedom fighter from which state?

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

Answer: West Bengal

During her address to the nation on the eve of Independence Day, President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes to women freedom fighters including Matangini Hazra and Kanaklata Barua, who laid down their lives for the country. Matangini from West Bengal vigorously participated in Mahatma Gandhi's Civil Disobedience Movement, especially the Salt Satyagraha. Matangini Hazra was 73 when she fell to British bullets, while Kanaklata Barua was only 17.

162. What is the proposed outlay of the Vishwakarma Yojana scheme, which was recently announced?

- [A] Rs 10000 crore
- [B] Rs 15000 crore
- [C] Rs 20000 crore
- [D] Rs 25000 crore

Answer: Rs 15000 crore

Prime Minister announced Vishwakarma Yojana scheme for artisans, with an allocation of up to ₹15,000 crore to help skill development among the youth. The scheme will be launched in September, on the Vishwakarma Jayanti. Vishwakarma Jayanti falls on 17 September 2023.

163. Danna Village, also known as the Bhagat Village, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Jammu and Kashmir
- [D] Goa

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir



The Indian Army has dedicated a 115 Feet Long Bridge to Danna, the Last Village at the Line of Control (LoC) in Machhal Sector, Kupwara District, of Jammu and Kashmir. The 115 feet long Bridge has been named as Bhagat Bridge in memory of Late Major Bhagat Singh, Veer Chakra, who laid down his life defending this sector in the 1965 war. Danna Village is also popularly known as Bhagat Village.

164. 'Full-time children' is a popular concept of which country?

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

Answer: China

A new trend in China is becoming popular recently. It is being employed as full-time children to one's own parents. Youth employment has been a national concern in China, parents hire their own kids full-time on a specific payment. In June 2023, the rate of employment among 16 to 24-year-old people was 21.3%. As per reports these full time kids are paid closer to 8,000 Yuan a month which is the average salary in China.

165. Hurricane Dora and tropical storm Greg have recently hit which region?

- [A] Hawaii
- [B] Papua New Guinea
- [C] Australia
- [D] Philippines

Answer: Hawaii

The tropical storm Greg has reached near Hawaii state of the United States which is already reeling under the devastating impact of wildfire. Hurricane Dora created high gusty winds over Maui recently and complicated the wildfire problem. It also became a typhoon, and was the second tropical system on record to remain at hurricane strength across the eastern, central and western Pacific basins.

166. Which state launched 'Abua Awas Yojna' to build homes for the needy?

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

Answer: Jharkhand

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched Rs 15000 crore 'Abua Awas Yojna' on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day to build homes for the needy in the next two years. Mukhya Mantri Sarathi Yojana has been started to provide skill training to the youth of the state. Mukhyamantri Rozgar Srijan Yojana is being implemented to provide loans at subsidized rates to tribal, dalit, backward, minority and differently-abled youth of the state for self-employment.

167. What is Earendel, which was seen in the news?

- [A] Exoplanet
- [B] Star
- [C] Vaccine
- [D] Dinosaur species

Answer: Star

In March 2022, astronomers announced the discovery of the farthest known star via an image taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. They named it Earendel, after the old English name for "morning star". Recently, James Webb Space Telescope's Near-infrared Camera (NIRCam) and its NIRSpec spectrometer have taken a look at the same star and revealed that it is a hydrogen-burning star. Compared to the Sun, it's twice as hot and a million times more luminous.



168. Aditi Swami, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- [A] Golf
- [B] Tennis
- [C] Badminton
- [D] Archery

Answer: Archery

Aditi Swami becomes first Indian to clinch individual World Title at World Archery Championships. Less than two months after clinching the junior world title, 17-year-old Aditi, became the senior world champion in the summit clash of the compound women's event in Berlin. India's Ojas Deotale created became the new world champion in Men's Individual compound event.

169. Which city is the host of the 'Youth 20 (Y20) Summit'?

- [A] Pune
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] Ahmedabad
- [D] Jaipur

Answer: Varanasi

Under the overall framework of G20 Presidency, the Y20 India engagement Group meeting concluded successfully in Varanasi. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized Youth 20 Summit. During the summit, Y20 Communiqué was discussed and negotiated, thereafter, it has been signed successfully with unanimous consent.

170. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry is underway with the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), originally launched in 2015. The scheme aims to build affordable houses in Urban India. The Prime Minister, on August 15, 2023, announced another scheme for the urban middle class, aimed to ease the process of acquiring and constructing a home of their own.

171. What is the total outlay of the expansion of 'Digital India programme'?

- [A] ₹4,903 crores
- [B] ₹11,903 crores
- [C] ₹14,903 crores
- [D] ₹24,903 crores

Answer: ₹14,903 crores

The 'Digital India programme' was launched on 1st July, 2015 to enable digital delivery of services to citizens. The total outlay is ₹14,903 crores. The Union Cabinet recently approved the expansion of the Digital India programme. This would enable 6.25 lakh IT professionals will be re-skilled and up-skilled under the FutureSkills Prime Programme; 2.65 lakh persons will be trained in information security under the Information Security Education Awareness Phase (ISEA) Programme; 540 additional services will be available under UMANG app/ platform.

172. Which institution has set up a new Design Division to formulate policy and guidelines?

- [A] NHA
- [B] NASSCOM
- [C] TRAI
- [D] IREDA



Answer: NHAI

NHAI has set up a Design Division that will formulate policy and guidelines for planning, designing, construction and maintenance of bridges, structures, tunnels and RE walls on National Highways across the country. An IT based monitoring system will be developed by the Design Division for bridge inventory, drawings, identification of distressed bridges and will also propose an annual plan for their repair and construction.

173. India's first-ever night street racing circuit has been launched in which state?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Karnataka

Answer: Tamil Nadu

A new street circuit, which will also hold night races, was launched by the Tamil Nadu government and RRPL in Chennai. The state government has partnered with Racing Promotions Private Limited (RRPL) for the project. RRPL is also the promoter of the Indian Racing League and F4 Indian Championship.

174. Which institution released a 'Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes'?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] Supreme Court of India
- [C] Election Commission of India
- [D] Prime Ministers Office

Answer: Supreme Court of India

The Supreme Court has made an important contribution to gender equality and justice by issuing a handbook that is expected to guide judges and members of the legal community to identify and avoid wrong stereotypes, especially about women. The 'Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes' provides a lexicon of gender-unjust terms and expressions and proposes alternative words and phrases for use in legal documents, including orders and judgements.

175. Redwood National and State Parks are a string of protected forests located in which country?

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

Answer: USA

Redwood National and State Parks are a string of protected forests, beaches and grasslands along Northern California's coast in the U.S. The California redwood forests, once heavily logged, now face an even more uncertain future, given climate change and wildfires. A new project aims to promote a healthier environment for the majestic ancient giants.

176. Which state has launched the Annapurna Food Packet Scheme?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Rajasthan

The Chief Minister of Rajasthan - Ashok Gehlot has recently launched the state government's Annapurna Food Packet Scheme which aims to distribute food packets to more than 10.4 million families for free every month. This scheme is part of 'Inflation Relief Package' as announced by the state government in its budget to provide relief to the public.



177. Which meeting, under India's presidency, led to a consensus on setting up a global initiative on digital health led by WHO?

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

Answer: G-20

During India's ongoing G20 presidency, India has managed to build consensus on two of the most contentious priority areas for the health track - creating a research and manufacturing network for vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics, and setting up a platform / global initiative for digital health. This platform is expected to focus on equitable research and development in manufacturing of vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics.

178. Which state has recently withdrawn an earlier order issued in respect of "deemed forests"?

- [A] Arunachal Pradesh
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Odisha
- [D] West Bengal

Answer: Odisha

The state government of Odisha has recently withdrawn its earlier order issued on August 11, 2023. The earlier order stated that 'deemed forests' as a category would cease to exist under the recently amended Forest Conservation Act 2023. The state government has put the decision on hold till issuance of final guidelines by the forest ministry. Deemed forest is land which appears to be a forest but is not notified as forest land by the Centre or the state government.

179. Which country has approved a law which permits purchase and possession of cannabis for recreational use?

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

Answer: Germany

The Government of Germany has recently approved a draft law which permits individuals to purchase and possess cannabis for recreational use. Under the draft law, adults can possess up to 25 grams (0.9 ounces) of cannabis and grow up to three plants for personal use. The draft further states that people will also be allowed to join non-profit "cannabis clubs" of up to 500 members where the drug can be legally cultivated and purchased.

180. Which bank is to provide loans via RBI's Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC) platform?

- [A] HDFC Bank
- [B] Axis Bank
- [C] IDBI Bank
- [D] Yes Bank

Answer: Axis Bank

Axis Bank has announced the introduction of two lending products to small business customers which will be processed through Pilot for Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC) platform. PTPFC was announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to facilitate quick appraisal and disbursement of credit. The two products announced by the Axis Bank are Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and unsecured MSME loans.

181. Which company is set to launch 'India's first kerosene-oxygen-powered rocket'?



- [A] Agnikul Cosmos
- [B] Dhruv Cosmos
- [C] Pixxel Cosmos
- [D] Orbit Cosmos

Answer: Agnikul Cosmos

Indian firm Agnikul Cosmos is on its way to becoming the first in the country to privately design, develop and launch a liquid-fuelled rocket. Agnikul is targeting to launch their maiden rocket known as 'Agnibaan SOrTeD' (SubOrbital Technological Demonstrator). It is a single-stage launch vehicle driven by Agnikul's patented Agnilet engine- an entirely 3D-printed, single-piece, 6kN semi-cryogenic engine.

182. Which institution launched Centralised Web Portal 'UDGAM'?

- [A] RBI
- [B] NITI Aayog
- [C] NHAI
- [D] NASSCOM

Answer: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched a Centralised Web Portal UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access inforMation). The launch of the web portal will aid users to identify their unclaimed deposits/ accounts and enable them to either claim the deposit amount or make their deposit accounts operative at their respective banks.

183. Sulina Channel, which was seen in the news, is situated in which country?

- [A] Ukraine
- [B] Russia
- [C] Romania
- [D] Bulgaria

Answer: Romania

The Sulina Channel is situated in the eastern part of Romania, near the town of Sulina. It connects the Danube River to the Black Sea, providing a direct passage for ships traveling to and from the river and the sea. It has provided Ukraine with an alternative passage for its grain after Russia withdrew from the Black Sea grain deal last month. Ukraine, often called the "breadbasket of Europe", is among the world's biggest grain exporters, with its economy heavily dependent on agricultural exports.

184. Union Power Minister dedicated NTPC's 660 MW Super Thermal Power Project in which state recently?

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

Answer: Bihar

R K Singh, Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, dedicated the 660 MW Unit of Barh Super Thermal Power Project at Barh in Patna, Bihar. NTPC fulfils over 90% of power requirement of Bihar. The Minister also laid the foundation stone for extension of POWERGRID's Lakhisarai Sub-station.

185. India's first 3D-printed post office was inaugurated in which city?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Pune

Answer: Bengaluru

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's first 3D-printed post office in Bengaluru's



Cambridge Layout. Its construction was completed in just 43 days, two days ahead of the deadline. Multinational company Larsen & Toubro Limited built the post office with technological support from IIT Madras-Building Technology and Construction Management Division, Department of Civil Engineering.

186. The East Coast Railway (ECoR) is set to install intrusion detection systems (IDS) in which state?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Odisha

To prevent death of elephants due to train hits, the East Coast Railway (ECoR) has decided to install intrusion detection systems (IDS) at sensitive locations of elephant passing zones and elephant corridors in Odisha. IDS is based on artificial intelligence (AI) and existing optical fibres will be used as sensors to identify movements of elephants at locations and alert control offices, station masters, gatemen and loco pilots.

187. What is 'NBRI Namoh 108', which has been developed by CSIR-NBRI?

- [A] Cotton
- [B] Lotus
- [C] Rice
- [D] Mango

Answer: Lotus

Union Minister of State (IC) Science and Technology Jitendra Singh unveiled the new variety Lotus flower which has 108 petals. The lotus named 'NBRI Namoh 108' is developed by the CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), based in Lucknow.

188. Which country is the host of the 15th BRICS Summit in 2023?

- [A] India
- [B] China
- [C] South Africa
- [D] Brazil

Answer: South Africa

The BRICS group of major emerging economies - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa is holding its 15th heads of state and government summit in Johannesburg between August 22 and August 24. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa also invited the leaders of 67 countries to the summit, including 53 other African Countries, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Indonesia and Iran.

189. Which Union Ministry notified the 'Green hydrogen standards' for India?

- [A] Ministry of Power
- [B] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of Coal

Answer: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy notified the green hydrogen standard for India, outlining the emission thresholds for production of hydrogen that can be classified as 'green'. The notification also specifies that the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the ministry of power will be the nodal authority for accreditation of agencies for the monitoring, verification and certification for green hydrogen production projects.

190. Which state government declared incessant rain as 'State calamity' recently?

- [A] Himachal Pradesh
- [B] Uttar Pradesh



[C] Gujarat

[D] Meghalaya

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu declared the state as a 'Natural Calamity Affected Area'. Torrential rains, floods and landslides have killed around 330 people, with over 12,000 houses damaged. The State has suffered a loss of over ₹10,000 crore.

191. 'P.R. Seshadri' has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of which bank?

[A] South Indian Bank

[B] City Union Bank

[C] Yes Bank

[D] Federal Bank

Answer: South Indian Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of P. R. Seshadri as the Managing Director and CEO of the Thrissur based South Indian Bank. The appointment will be for a period of three years with effect from October 1. He has served as MD & CEO of The Karur Vysya Bank Limited (KVB), MD & Regional Sales and Distribution Head, Citibank and other positions.

192. Evergrande Group, which was seen in the news, is based in which country?

[A] China

[B] USA

[C] Russia

[D] Germany

Answer: China

The China Evergrande Group is a Chinese property developer, and the second largest in China by sales. China's Evergrande Group officially filed for bankruptcy in New York. The company has been facing substantial borrowing and debt defaults since 2021. This triggered an ongoing property crisis within China.

193. Global Maritime India Summit 2023 is scheduled to be held in which state/UT?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] New Delhi

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Gujarat

Answer: New Delhi

The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled a vision for India's maritime sector, outlining key initiatives at the 19th Maritime States Development Council meeting in Kevadia, Gujarat. Global Maritime India Summit 2023 is scheduled to be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 17th-19th October 2023.

194. Which Union Ministry unveiled the 'Wedding Tourism Campaign'?

[A] Ministry of Tourism

[B] Ministry of Culture

[C] Ministry of External Affairs

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: Ministry of Tourism

Ministry of Tourism unveiled an ambitious campaign aimed at showcasing India as a premier wedding destination on the global stage. This campaign seeks to explore avenues of great potential, for scaling tourism in India to new heights. The campaign seeks to expand India's wedding industry, by enticing couples from around the world to celebrate their special day in India.

195. Which state is set to conduct 'Comprehensive survey of state's disaster-prone cities'?



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

Answer: Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand government is set to conduct a comprehensive survey of disaster-prone cities and towns. Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation and Management Centre announced that Geophysical and geo-mapping investigation of cities will be part of the survey. In January this year, the land subsidence crisis in Joshimath grabbed national attention.

196. Which state/UT recently launched a dedicated 'Solid Waste Management Project'?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] West Bengal

Answer: Kerala

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Rs 2,400-crore Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP) as part of the second phase of 'Malinya Muktham Navakeralam' campaign. According to certain reports, at least 90 per cent of the state's population will be urbanised by 2035. State Industries Ministry unveiled a new design for material collection facilities (MCFs) and resource recovery facilities (RRFs).

197. What is the recent rating on India, as per Moody's Investors Service?

- [A] BBB
- [B] Baa3
- [C] Ba2
- [D] BB

Answer: Baa3

Moody's Investors Service affirmed its Baa3 rating on India and maintained the stable outlook, but warned of political issues and even cited the example of the ongoing violence in Manipur. The rating agency said the affirmation of India's rating and stable outlook was driven by its view that the economy is set to grow rapidly by international standards, although potential growth has declined in the last 7-10 years.

198. Which institution has recently approved USD 25 million proposal submitted by the India's Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying?

- [A] AIIB
- [B] World Bank
- [C] G20 Pandemic Fund
- [D] NDB

Answer: G20 Pandemic Fund

The G20 Pandemic Fund has approved a \$25 million proposal submitted by India's Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response". The G20 Pandemic Fund was established under Indonesia's G20 Presidency, which finances critical investments to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capacities at national, regional, and global levels of low- and middle-income countries.

199. Which country is the host of 'World Water Week 2023' event?

- [A] Sweden
- [B] USA



- [C] Sri Lanka
[D] Bangladesh

Answer: Sweden

The Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) recently chaired an online session in from India, during the World Water Week. The session was titled 'Peer Networking for Integrated River Basin Planning and Management' having a discussion on the adoption of the river basin management approach. The World Water Week 2023 (from 20-24 August 2023) is an annual event held online and at Stockholm (Sweden) with the theme 'Seeds of Change: Innovative Solutions for a Water-Wise World'.

200. The Government has raised the quantum of buffer of which product to 5.00 lakh metric tonne this year?

- [A] Tomato
[B] Onion
[C] Potato
[D] Cotton

Answer: Onion

The Government raised the quantum of onion buffer to 5.00 lakh metric tonne this year, after achieving the initial procurement target of 3.00 lakh metric tonne. The Department of Consumer Affairs has directed NCCF and NAFED to procure 1.00 lakh tonne each to achieve the additional procurement target alongside calibrated disposal of the procured stocks in major consumption centres. As on date, about 1,400 MT of onions from the buffer has been dispatched to the targeted markets.

201. Which state has decided to set up a committee to formulate education policy for the state in place of National Education Policy (NEP)?

- [A] West Bengal
[B] Kerala
[C] Karnataka
[D] Jharkhand

Answer: Karnataka

The Karnataka government decided to set up a committee to formulate education policy for the state. The state will scrap the National Education Policy (NEP) and continue the old education system for now. The previous government in Karnataka had introduced the new NEP in Karnataka.

202. Indian Coast Guard signed a MoU with its counterpart of which country, on enhanced maritime cooperation, for the first time?

- [A] Philippines
[B] Maldives
[C] Sri Lanka
[D] France

Answer: Philippines

Indian Coast Guard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on enhanced maritime cooperation. Both the sides held their first bilateral meeting on a range of maritime issues. The MoU inked seeks to enhance the professional linkage between the two Coast Guards in the domain of Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE), Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) and Marine Pollution Response (MPR).

203. India and which bloc reached an agreement to review their free trade pact for goods by 2025?

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



Answer: ASEAN

India and the ASEAN countries reached an agreement to review their free trade pact for goods and set a 2025 timeline for concluding the review to address the asymmetry in bilateral trade. The decision came at a meeting of economic ministers from the two sides in Indonesia. The ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) was signed in 2009.

204. Indian banking system liquidity slipped into a deficit in which month of 2023?

- [A] April
- [B] May
- [C] July
- [D] August

Answer: August

Indian banking system liquidity slipped into a deficit in which month of August since end-March, as the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) temporary liquidity withdrawal and tax outflows impacted banks' funding. Banking system liquidity stood at a deficit of 236 billion rupees (\$2.84 billion) as of Aug. 21, according to RBI data. Liquidity surplus had hit a 13-month high of 2.8 trillion rupees at the start of the month, which has been dropping since then.

205. Which institution plans to set up 'Research Analyst Administration and Supervisory Body (RAASB)'?

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

Answer: SEBI

Capital Market Regulator SEBI plans to set up a Research Analyst Administration and Supervisory Body (RAASB) to administer and supervise research analysts. This is along the lines of the Investment Adviser Administration and Supervisory Body set up for administration and supervision of investment advisers.

206. Srettha Thavisin has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] Thailand
- [B] Cambodia
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Singapore

Answer: Thailand

Srettha Thavisin from the populist Pheu Thai party secured enough votes in Parliament to become Thailand's 30th Prime Minister. Earlier, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra returned from years of self-imposed exile and began an eight-year prison sentence.

207. Which country has unveiled its latest domestically built drone named "Mohajer-10"?

- [A] Israel
- [B] UAE
- [C] Iran
- [D] Malaysia

Answer: Iran

Iran unveiled its latest domestically built drone named "Mohajer-10" with enhanced capabilities like flying at a higher altitude, for a longer duration and the ability to carry a greater payload. The new drone can fly up to a maximum duration of 24 hours at an altitude of 7,000 metres with an operational range of 2,000 kilometres. The payload capacity can reach 300 kilograms, double the capacity of the "Mohajer-6" drone.

208. Madras is the old name of the capital city of which Indian state?



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

Answer: Tamil Nadu

August 22 is annually celebrated as Madras Day, to commemorate the foundation day of the city of Madras (now Chennai). It was on this day in 1639 that the town of Madrasapatnam, was purchased by the East India Company (EIC) from local kings. After 1947, the state and the city continued to be referred to as Madras. It was carved out of the Madras presidency that covered parts of other South- Indian states. In 1969, the state was officially renamed Tamil Nadu and in 1996, the capital city of Madras became Chennai.

209. Apia is the capital city of which country?

- [A] Laos
- [B] Samoa
- [C] Cambodia
- [D] Maldives

Answer: Samoa

The first Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between India and Samoa was held in Apia (capital city of Samoa) recently. Both sides discussed their wide range of bilateral relations including their development partnership covering areas such as health, ICT, education, SME and capacity building. Samoa will host the next CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) on 21 October 2024.

210.

Where was the Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between India and Bangladesh, held recently?

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

Answer: New Delhi

The 14th Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between India and Bangladesh was held in New Delhi on 21st and 22nd August. During the meeting, India and Bangladesh reaffirmed their commitment to bolstering customs cooperation and streamlining cross-border trade. A set of bilateral issues like opening of new land customs stations, easing port restrictions, development of road and rail infrastructure and pre-arrival exchange of customs data were deliberated during the event.

211.

Scientists of which institution in association with Khalifa University, U.A.E have developed Cooling Solution for Electronics Applications?

- [A] IIT Madras
- [B] BITS Pilani
- [C] IISC Bangalore
- [D] NIT Kozhikode

Answer: IIT Madras

The Scientists at Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) in association with the Khalifa University, U.A.E., have developed heat management for miniature electronic devices, particularly for space applications. High-performance computing processors can generate up to 200-250 W or more of power, resulting in heat loads of up to 1 kW, necessitating efficient heat management. The research



design uses thin plate electrodes that introduce swirling flows of cooling liquid inside mini-channel fluids, which result in the better heat transfer.

212.

Which institution has forecasted India's GDP growth at 8.3 per cent for April-June quarter?

[A] CRISIL

[B] World Bank

[C] IMF

[D] State Bank of India

Answer: State Bank of India

The India's largest lender State Bank of India has made a AI based model using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with 30 high frequency indicators, using which the Bank has forecasted India's GDP growth for the April -June quarter at 8.3 per cent. This is higher than the projection made by the Monetary Policy Committee's projection of 8 per cent. The projection report has listed good growth in manufacturing and picking up of services as reasons for higher growth.

213. Which institution developed the 'Astra' indigenous air-to-air missile?

[A] ISRO

[B] DRDO

[C] HAL

[D] BHEL

Answer: DRDO

The Astra indigenous air-to-air missile was successfully test-fired from the light combat aircraft (LCA), Tejas, off the coast of Goa. The missile release was successfully carried out from the aircraft at an altitude of about 20,000 feet. The state-of-the-art BVR air-to-air missile to engage and destroy highly maneuvering supersonic aerial targets, is designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Research Centre Imarat (RCI) and other laboratories of DRDO.

214. Which Indian company signed MoU with Skoda Group for a joint venture to produce components for Indian railway and public mobility?

[A] Mahindra and Mahindra

[B] Tata AutoComp

[C] Maruti Suzuki

[D] Ashok Leyland

Answer: Tata AutoComp

Tata AutoComp has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Skoda Group, a leading European manufacturer of components and vehicles for public transport. The agreement sets the framework for a strategic joint venture aimed at producing components for the growing Indian railway and public mobility market.

215. Snake Island (Zmiinyi Island), which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

[A] Indonesia

[B] Ukraine

[C] Philippines

[D] China

Answer: Ukraine

Snake Island (Zmiinyi Island) is a Ukrainian island located in the Black Sea. Russia's defence ministry said its forces had destroyed a U.S.-made military speedboat carrying Ukrainian military personnel east of Snake Island in the Black Sea. Tensions have escalated in Snake Islands since Russia last month pulled out of a deal that had enabled Ukraine to ship grain from its southern ports despite the war.



216. Hogfish, which was seen in the news, is native to which region?

- [A] Indian Ocean
- [B] South Pacific Ocean
- [C] Western Atlantic Ocean
- [D] Arctic Ocean

Answer: Western Atlantic Ocean

The hogfish is a species of wrasse, native to the Western Atlantic Ocean, living in a range from Nova Scotia, Canada, to northern South America, including the Gulf of Mexico. A new study has suggested that hogfish don't just see with their eyes, they also see with their skin. Hogfish known for its colour-changing skin, can morph from white to mottled to reddish-brown in a matter of milliseconds to blend in with corals, sand or rocks. They have light-sensing skin or skin vision, which helps them to see surroundings.

217. Which company is set to launch the world's first BS-VI (Stage-II), electrified flex-fuel vehicle in India?

- [A] Tata Motors
- [B] Toyota
- [C] Kia Motors
- [D] Hyundai

Answer: Toyota

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that he is set to unveil a 100 per cent ethanol-fueled variant of Toyota's Innova car. The union minister had last year launched a hydrogen-powered car, Toyota Mirai EV. This car will be World's first BS-VI (Stage-II), electrified flex-fuel vehicle.

218. Which institution released a report that says around Asia's poor grew by 68 million people after pandemic?

- [A] AIIB
- [B] ADB
- [C] WEF
- [D] IMF

Answer: ADB

Nearly 70 million more people lived in extreme poverty in developing Asian countries last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and rising living costs. More than 155 million people suffered from extreme poverty in developing Asia in 2022, 67.8 million more than if the pandemic had not occurred, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in a report.

219. 'Dholpur-Karauli' is the recently approved tiger reserve of which Indian state?

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

Answer: Rajasthan

The Union Ministry of environment, forest and climate change has accorded the final approval to Rajasthan's fifth Tiger Reserve in Dholpur-Karauli. It is the country's 53rd tiger reserve. The Ministry also gave in-principle approval to declare Kumbhalgarh as a tiger reserve in Rajasthan. The other four tiger reserves in Rajasthan are – Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Sariska Tiger Reserve, Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve and Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve.

220. Which company announced to release 'Code Llama' AI model to assist in writing computer code?

- [A] Google



- [B] Apple
- [C] Microsoft
- [D] Meta

Answer: Meta

Meta Platforms said it would release an artificial intelligence (AI) model designed to assist in writing computer code. It is a large language model (LLM) that can use text prompts to generate and discuss code. It has the potential to make workflows faster and more efficient for developers. Code Llama has the potential to be used as a productivity and educational tool to help programmers write more robust software.

221. Which state/UT implements the Chief Minister Breakfast scheme?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Goa
- [D] Punjab

Answer: Tamil Nadu

In Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister's breakfast scheme has been extended to 31,000 schools across the State, benefiting 17 lakh students. Initially, the scheme was devised to provide nutritious breakfast to 1,14,095 students of classes 1 to 5 studying in 1,545 government schools and an amount of Rs 33.56 crore was allocated for this scheme.

222. Which country has developed a humanoid robot called 'Apollo' that is designed to work alongside humans?

- [A] India
- [B] USA
- [C] Israel
- [D] UAE

Answer: USA

US-based robotics startup Appteronik has developed a humanoid robot that is designed to work alongside humans. The humanoid robot called Apollo 5 feet 8 inches tall and it weighs 72.6 kilograms. Apollo can handle weight up to 25 kilograms and it has been designed in such a way that it can work safely alongside humans. It works on electricity and is fitted with a four-hour battery that can be charged.

223. Which institution released a report on growth rate of retail sales of India's ultra-processed food sector?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] Union Health Ministry
- [C] WHO
- [D] FSSAI

Answer: WHO

India's ultra-processed food sector grew at a compound annual growth rate of 13.37 per cent in retail sales value from 2011 to 2021. This was found in a report by the World Health Organization with the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations found.

224. Which Indian city has secured first position in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023?

- [A] Mysuru
- [B] Gandhi Nagar
- [C] Indore
- [D] Chennai

Answer: Indore

Indore has secured first position in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023, conducted by the Central Pollution



Control Board. According to a release, in the category of cities with a population of over 10 lakhs in the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023, Indore has secured the first position, Agra second, Thane third, Srinagar fourth and Bhopal ranked fifth.

225. As per the 'State of India's Birds' report, how many species were identified as being of high conservation concern?

- [A] 78
- [B] 178
- [C] 278
- [D] 378

Answer: 178

As per the 'State of India's Birds' report, 178 species of wild birds were identified as needing immediate priority for conservation. Of the 338 bird species studied in India for changes in numbers over the last 30 years, 60 per cent have experienced a decline. 40 percent (142) of the 359 species evaluated for change over the last seven years have declined.

226. Who is the head of the Committee set up to 'Onshoring the Indian Innovation to GIFT IFSC'?

- [A] G Padmanabhan
- [B] Viral Acharya
- [C] Urjit Patel
- [D] D Subbarao

Answer: G Padmanabhan

A 'Committee of Experts to 'Onshoring the Indian Innovation to GIFT IFSC' constituted by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) submitted its report to Chairperson, IFSCA. The committee was chaired by G. Padmanabhan, Former Executive Director, RBI. The committee members comprised representatives from leading Venture Capital funds, Startups, Fintechs, Law firms, Tax firms and other domain experts.

227. 'Siebold's water snake' is endemic to which region?

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

Answer: Asia

Siebold's water snake, a mildly venomous species, is being sighted regularly on the Yamuna floodplain since the beginning of the monsoon in June this year, say ecologists. This suggests that the species has made its way back to its natural habitat. The species is endemic to Asia. The snake was said to have disappeared from Delhi for decades and its presence was later confirmed in 2015.

228. Which state launched the 'Manav Sampada Portal' to instill transparency in administrative procedures?

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

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh Government launched the 'Manav Sampada Portal' aiming to instil transparency in administrative procedures. This initiative, according to an official statement, intends to bring the "activities of officers and employees from various departments into the public domain through the portal". Pertinent details concerning their appointments, leave management, transfers, and retirements will be accessible on the platform.



229. 'Emperor Penguins' are endemic to which region?

- [A] Antarctica
- [B] Greenland
- [C] Siberia
- [D] Oceania

Answer: Antarctica

Antarctica's iconic symbol, the 'Emperor Penguin' is at the risk of 'quasi extinction' due to the abrupt reduction in sea ice. According to a study, 90% of the emperor penguins "will be quasi-extinct" by the end of the century under the current global warming trajectory. Emperor penguins are entirely dependent on sea ice for breeding, the satellite imagery showed that none of the penguin chicks are likely to have survived.

230. Which Union Ministry launched 'Tele-Law 2.0' initiative?

- [A] Ministry of Law and Justice
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: Ministry of Law and Justice

The Tele-Law 2.0 initiative was launched under the Tele-Law program of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice. This program, operating under the DISHA Scheme, has achieved a significant milestone by delivering 50 lakh legal consultations. This version consists of fusion of Tele-Law Services with Nyaya Bandhu pro bono legal services, a merger to further enhance citizen accessibility to legal aid.

231. 'NAMASTE' is a scheme launched by which Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and?

- [A] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [B] Ministry of Defence
- [C] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [D] Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

To eliminate hazardous cleaning, stop deaths of sewer and septic tank workers and ensure their safety and dignity, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) have jointly formulated a scheme namely National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE). The scheme is to be implemented in all 4800+ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of the country, during the three years up to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 349.70 crore.

232. Which country is the host of 'Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)'?

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

Answer: Canada

The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) was finally ratified and launched at the Seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Vancouver, Canada. Governments, non-profits and the private sector can now contribute their funds here to ensure that the world meets the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) formulated by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) by 2030. Canada and the United Kingdom have already donated 200 million Canadian dollars and 10 million pounds respectively to the GBFF.

233. Which country emerged as the champions of the inaugural Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier?



- [A] India
- [B] Malaysia
- [C] China
- [D] South Korea

Answer: India

In the finals held in Salalah (Oman), India's women's hockey team secured a 7-2 victory against Thailand, emerging as the champions of the inaugural Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier. With this win, India has also earned their spot in the World Cup set to take place in Muscat from January 24-27 next year.

234. India is set to open a 'Climate change and Health hub' in which city, in partnership with Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Pune
- [D] Varanasi

Answer: New Delhi

India is all set to open a climate change and health hub in New Delhi in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The hub will facilitate knowledge sharing, partnerships, innovations, help developing countries; infectious diseases and natural disasters driven by climate change to challenge health systems.

235. Who is the first Indian to secure a gold medal at World Athletics Championships?

- [A] Abhinav Bindra
- [B] Anju Bobby George
- [C] Neeraj Chopra
- [D] Muhammed Anas

Answer: Neeraj Chopra

Neeraj Chopra clinched the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the World Athletics Championships held in Budapest, Hungary. He made history by becoming the first-ever Indian athlete to secure a gold medal at this prestigious championship.

236. 'Emmerson Mnangagwa' was re-elected as the President of which country?

- [A] Singapore
- [B] Zimbabwe
- [C] South Africa
- [D] Argentina

Answer: Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa has been recently elected for second and final five-year term. The South African country of 16 million population, has a history of election irregularities, and such tactics helped Robert Mugabe, a liberation leader turned autocrat, maintain power for nearly four decades.

237. 'GH4India', which was seen in the news, is a joint venture company set up for pursuing which projects?

- [A] AI-based projects
- [B] Green Hydrogen projects
- [C] Electric Vehicle Projects
- [D] Semi Conductor projects

Answer: Green Hydrogen projects

Indian Oil Corporation, L&T and ReNew have set up a joint venture for pursuing green hydrogen projects.



The JV company GH4India, has been formed for the purpose of development of green hydrogen and its derivatives, including green ammonia and methanol, besides production assets and associated renewable assets through any model of ownership and operatorship.

238. The Embassy of India in which country has launched a mobile application, 'EoIBh-Connect' to ease Consular Access?

- [A] Singapore
- [B] UK
- [C] Canada
- [D] Bahrain

Answer: Bahrain

The Embassy of India in Bahrain launched a mobile application, EoIBh-Connect, designed to facilitate online appointment booking for a spectrum of consular and visa services, accessible through both the Indian Embassy at Manama, Bahrain. The app has swiftly broadened its capabilities, now enabling users to conveniently schedule appointments with IVS Global.

239. Which country is the host of the multilateral tri-service exercise BRIGHT STAR-23?

- [A] South Africa
- [B] France
- [C] USA
- [D] Egypt

Answer: Egypt

An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent is participating in Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23 a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise scheduled to be held at Cairo (West) Air Base, Egypt. This is for the first time that IAF is participating in Ex BRIGHT STAR-23 which will also see participation of contingents from the United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Greece and Qatar.

240. Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM), is associated with which country's space agency?

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

Answer: Japan

Japan's space agency suspended a planned launch of an H-IIA rocket that was to carry a moon lander into space. The launch was cancelled because of unsuitable wind conditions in the upper atmosphere. The rocket is carrying JAXA's Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM), which would be the first Japanese spacecraft to land on the moon.

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