

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Prajjwala Challenge'?

- [A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Rural Development
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Rural Development]

Notes:

Ministry of Rural Development's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched the Prajjwala Challenge. Under the challenge, ideas are invited from individuals, Enterprises, Start ups, Private Sector, Civil Society and others to transform the rural economy.

2. What is the target for agricultural and processed food products from India for 2022-23?

- [A] USD 3.56 billion
- [B] USD 13.56 billion
- [C] USD 23.56 billion
- [D] USD 43.56 billion

Correct Answer: C [USD 23.56 billion]

Notes:

India's agricultural and processed food products exports rose by 16 per cent in the first eight months (April-November) of the current financial year 2022-23 on an annual basis. For the year 2022-23, an export target of \$23.56 billion has been fixed for the agricultural and processed food products basket. At present, the agricultural exports attained 74 per cent of its annual export target.

3. Zuari Bridge, the second largest cable-stayed bridge in India, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Arunachal Pradesh
- [B] Punjab
- [C] Goa
- [D] Jammu and Kashmir

Correct Answer: C [Goa]

Notes:

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the first phase of a new bridge on the Zuari River which will improve connectivity between North Goa and South Goa. Zuari Bridge is the second largest cable-stayed bridge in India, behind Mumbai's Bandra-Worli sea link. The bridge is part of a Rs 2,530 crore road project covering a distance of 13.2 kilometres between Bambolim and Verna villages in Goa. Dilip Buildcon is constructing the new Zuari bridge.

4.Which Asian country has officially recognised e-Sports as part of multi-sports events?

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

Notes:

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (3) of article 77 of the Constitution amended the rules governing E-sports. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Sports Ministry are asked to include 'e-Sports as part of multi-sports events'.

5.What is the name of the annual state-level Youth Festival organised in Kerala?

- [A] Keralotsavam
 - [B] Kerala Sahavu
 - [C] Malayala Manorama
 - [D] Mallu Magic
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Correct Answer: A [Keralotsavam]

Notes:

Keralotsavam is the state-level Youth Festival of Kerala. It is coordinated by Kerala State Youth Welfare Board. Palakkad emerged the overall champions of the state-level sports competitions held as a part of Keralotsavam. Kozhikode and Kannur stood in the second and third positions. The government provides support for setting up training grounds in all village panchayats.

6.Which year has been declared as the 'International Year of Millets (IYM)'?

- [A] 2021
- [B] 2022
- [C] 2023
- [D] 2024

Correct Answer: C [2023]

Notes:

Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Embassies of India across more than 140 countries will be participating in celebration of IYM during 2023. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 at Rome, Italy.

7. Which sports authority recently introduced 'Yo-Yo and DEXA Tests' in team selection criteria?

- [A] Hockey
 - [B] Cricket
 - [C] Weight Lifting
 - [D] Archery
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Correct Answer: B [Cricket]

Notes:

Ahead of the ICC Men's World Cup that takes place in India in October, the Board of Control for Cricket in India has instructed that Yo-Yo and DEXA Tests will be a part of the team selection criteria.

DEXA test or DXA test is Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry, which measures bone density using low dose X-rays. The Yo-Yo test is an aerobic endurance fitness test, involving running between markers at increasing speeds.

8. What is the total volume of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in December 2022?

- [A] 282 lakh
- [B] 282 crore
- [C] 782 lakh
- [D] 782 crore

Correct Answer: D [782 crore]

Notes:

In December, 782 crore transactions in volume terms were done on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform, as per the Department of Financial Services. UPI payments have touched record high of ₹12.82 lakh crore in December. The platform was launched in 2016. In November, as many as 730 crore transactions worth ₹11.90 lakh crore took place via UPI.

9. Who is the head of the Committee set up to discuss measures to protect Ladakh's culture, language and employment?

- [A] Jamyang Tsering Namgyal
 - [B] Amit Shah
 - [C] Nityanand Rai
 - [D] RK Mathur
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Correct Answer: C [Nityanand Rai]

Notes:

The Centre has constituted a High Powered Committee to discuss measures to protect Ladakh's unique culture, language and employment. A 17 member committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai. Other members include Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur, MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, and nominee officials of Home ministry among others.

10. 'Bailey Suspension Bridge' has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Arunachal Pradesh
- [C] Assam
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: A [Jammu and Kashmir]

Notes:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated the Bailey Suspension Bridge over river Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir. The 240 feet high Bailey Suspension Bridge has been completed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), a month before the deadline. The launching of the new bailey suspension reinforced bridge was initiated in October.

11. 'Gaan Ngai festival' is celebrated in which Indian state?

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

Correct Answer: B [Manipur]

Notes:

The Gaan Ngai festival of the Zeliangrong community is celebrated in Manipur. It is celebrated every year after harvesting. During the festival, the Zeliangrong community shows their gratitude by offering their harvest to the almighty. It is a custom to produce new fire by rubbing dry wood and split bamboo pieces and distribute them to other households. The Zeliangrong community in Manipur comprises Rongmei, Liangmei, and Zeme tribes.

12. Which institution implements the 'Bikaner Solar Power Project'?

- [A] SJVN Limited
- [B] NHPC Limited
- [C] REC Limited
- [D] JSW Energy

Correct Answer: A [SJVN Limited]

Notes:

President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN's 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Jaipur, Rajasthan. This project is being implemented by SJVN Limited through its wholly owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL). Bikaner is one of the highest solar yield areas of the country. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by March 2024. SJVN is a leading power CPSE under Ministry of Power.

13. The Greenfield International Airport at Goa has been named after which leader?

- [A] Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- [B] Manohar Parrikar
- [C] Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- [D] Sushma Swaraj

Correct Answer: B [Manohar Parrikar]

Notes:

The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for naming of Greenfield International Airport at Goa's Mopa as Manohar International Airport. It was named after former Defence Minister and Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar. He served as Chief Minister of Goa from 2017 until his death.

14. Which city is the host of the 'Auto Expo 2023 – Components show'?

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

Correct Answer: C [New Delhi]

Notes:

The 16th edition of Auto Expo 2023- Components Show is scheduled from January 12 to 15, in New Delhi and over 800 companies from 15 countries will participate in the Auto Expo. India's Component industry witnessed a growth of nearly 35% to Rs 2.65 lakh crore in first-half of the year, due to domestic demand from the passenger vehicles segment. It is jointly organised by Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

15. Cape Verde, the first to name a stadium after Pele, is located in which region?

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

Correct Answer: C [Africa]

Notes:

Cape Verde, a country in West Africa, was a colony of Portuguese. It became the first country to name a stadium after football Legend Pele. Cape Verde Prime Minister Ulisses Correia e Silva confirmed their Estadio Nacional de Cabo Verde would be renamed after Pele. After Pele's death in December, FIFA chief Gianni Infantino proposed that each nation should name one stadium after Pele.

16. IIT-Kharagpur has handed over 'iWeld' software to detect defects to which institution?

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

Correct Answer: C [GRSE]

Notes:

IIT-Kharagpur has handed over 'iWeld' software to Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE).

The new software detects the defects in welding from the radiography images taken of an object, by using artificial intelligence. The software, tested over a large number of samples at GRSE, was found to provide results that were 93.18 per cent accurate

17. Which city has announced to add solar ferried with GPS navigation system?

- [A] Jodhpur
- [B] Ayodhya
- [C] Mysuru
- [D] Kochi

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Correct Answer: B [Ayodhya]

Notes:

The Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) has announced that it will add a fleet of 10 solar ferries to take the tourists around the town. The ferries will have a GPS navigation system and a maximum speed of 10 knots. Solar panels will be installed on the roofs of the ferries along with a waterproof lithium battery.

18. Chirag Ghropade, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- [A] Chess
- [B] Motor Racing
- [C] Weight Lifting
- [D] Archery

Correct Answer: B [Motor Racing]

Notes:

Bengaluru's Chirag Ghropade, a 17-year-old racing driver has recently won his second race of the season. In the Indian National Car Racing Championship, he surpassed Sai Sanjay and Mohammed Ryan.

19.Which city is the host of ‘Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka’, a Military Tattoo and Tribal Dance Festival?

- [A] Ranchi
- [B] Raipur
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Patna

Correct Answer: C [New Delhi]

Notes:

Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka, a Military Tattoo and Tribal Dance Festival will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi. As per the Defence Ministry, the two-day festival will showcase the competence of the Armed Forces and the beauty of India’s tribal culture. The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are jointly organising the event.

20.The Cabinet approved a ₹2,600 crore scheme for promoting digital transactions for promoting which entities?

- [A] RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions.
- [B] RuPay credit cards
- [C] Aadhar Enabled Payment system
- [D] Bharat Bill Payment system

Correct Answer: A [RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions.]

Notes:

The Union Cabinet approved a ₹2,600 crore scheme for promoting RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions. Under the scheme, banks will be provided financial incentives for promoting Point of Sale (PoS) and e-commerce transactions using RuPay and UPI in the current financial year.

21.Which state/UT imposed a ban on plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel four-wheelers?

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

Correct Answer: B [New Delhi]

Notes:

Delhi government announced imposition of a temporary ban on plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel four-wheelers in the national capital. The decision was in view of the worsening air quality, as it reached the severe category owing to unfavourable meteorological conditions including clam winds and low temperatures. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) directed to implement anti-pollution curbs.

22.What is the name of the short-range ballistic missile which was recently test-launched by India?

- [A] Prithvi II
- [B] Agni V
- [C] Vikas II
- [D] Bhim I

Correct Answer: A [Prithvi II]

Notes:

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out a training launch of a Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The Defence Ministry said that the missile struck its target with high accuracy. The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the Prithvi-II missile, which has a range of around 350 kilometres.

23.Which neighbouring country of India is set to dispatch over 159 containers of Ammunition to Ukraine?

- [A] Afghanistan
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] China
- [D] Bangladesh

Correct Answer: B [Pakistan]

Notes:

Pakistan is planning to dispatch 159 containers of ammunition including projectiles and primers to Ukraine through a port in Poland. A vessel named BBC Vesuvius is set to carry 155 mm projectiles, propelling bag charges and other ammunition. Earlier, Pakistan played a crucial role in transfer of arms on behalf of the UK to Ukraine.

24.FIFA opened a disciplinary case against which team for offensive player misconduct and violations of fair play at World Cup?

- [A] England
- [B] Morocco
- [C] Argentina
- [D] France

Correct Answer: C [Argentina]

Notes:

FIFA has opened a disciplinary case against Argentine Football Association for alleged offensive player misconduct and violations of fair play at World Cup final. FIFA cited its media and marketing regulations for prosecuting the case, which appears to relate to a celebration by players running through the interview zone after the game. Argentina beat France in a penalty shootout after a 3-3 draw in Qatar.

25 .NASA has awarded 425 million dollars to which Company for the agency's sustainable flight demonstrator project?

- [A] Boeing
- [B] Air Bus
- [C] Tesla
- [D] Apple

Correct Answer: A [Boeing]

Notes:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, has awarded 425 million dollars to Boeing Company for the agency's sustainable flight demonstrator project. Under the project, Boeing will work with NASA to build, test, and fly a full-scale demonstrator aircraft and validate technologies aimed at lowering emissions. NASA will invest 425 million dollars, while Boeing and its partners will contribute the remainder of the agreement funding.

26 .What species is Geochelone elegans, which was seen in the news recently?

- [A] One-horned rhinoceros
- [B] Indian star tortoise
- [C] Great Indian bustard
- [D] Asiatic Lion

Correct Answer: B [Indian star tortoise]

Notes:

A recent study on the Indian star tortoise (*Geochelone elegans*) distributed across South Asia has revealed that the genetic diversity of the species as well as habitat has been affected because of illegal trade. The researchers behind the study have also raised concerns over unscientific translocations that have resulted in genetic mixing between different populations, posing a challenge in segregating available populations at the genetic level. The details of the study were recently been published in a peer reviewed international journal.

27 .What is the name of the Indigenous mobile operating system developed by IIT Madras?

- [A] Ind OS
- [B] Bhar OS
- [C] Madras OS
- [D] Tamil OS

Correct Answer: B [BharOS]

Notes:

The BharOS is an Android Open Source Project based operating system which is developed by JandK Operations Private Limited.

The start-up is incubated at IIT Madras. Unlike Android, it does not have default Google apps or services. BharOS services are currently being provided to organisations that have stringent privacy and security requirements.

28 .Which Indian Armed Force is set to hold command-level exercise named 'Pralay'?

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

Correct Answer: C [Indian Air Force]

Notes:

The Indian Air Force will carry out Exercise Pralay involving all its major air bases in the northeast including the recently moved drone squadrons in the northeast amid the ongoing standoff with China.

The Indian Air Force has deployed and activated the S-400 air defence squadron in the area which can take on any enemy aircraft or missile from a distance of up to 400 km. This is the second such command-level exercise carried out by the IAF in recent months.

29. Rht13, which was seen in the news, is a semi-dwarf gene of which crop?

- [A] Rice
- [B] Wheat
- [C] Cotton
- [D] Jute

Correct Answer: B [Wheat]

Notes:

An international team of scientists has discovered a new drought-resilient semi-dwarf wheat gene named 'Rht13.'

It can be grown in drier soil conditions. The Reduced height gene seeds can be planted deeper in the soil, giving access to moisture

30 .Which company won the bid for the renovation of Dharavi, the second-largest slum colony in Asia?

- [A] Adani Properties
- [B] DLF
- [C] Tata Construction
- [D] Shree Naman Developers

Correct Answer: A [Adani Properties]

Notes:

Gautam Adani-led Adani Properties won the bid for the renovation of Dharavi, the second-largest slum colony in Asia. The Maharashtra government authorities opened the financial bids for the Dharavi redevelopment project, one of the largest redevelopment projects in India. DLF and Shree Naman Developers were the other two bidders who competed.

31 .The Embassy of which country organised 'SHE STEM event' in partnership with the Atal Innovation Mission?

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

Correct Answer: B [Sweden]

Notes:

As part of the Sweden India Nobel Memorial Week, SHE STEM, the annual event is organised by the Embassy of Sweden in India in partnership with the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, and the German Centre of Innovation and Research. The event aims to celebrate women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and sustainability.

32 .When is the 'International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide' observed?

- [A] December 9
- [B] December 10
- [C] December 12
- [D] December 15

Correct Answer: A [December 9]

Notes:

The International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime is observed on December 9. In September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly established 9 December as the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime.

33 .The New and Renewable Energy Ministry extended the rooftop solar programme till which year?

- [A] 2024
- [B] 2025
- [C] 2026
- [D] 2027

Correct Answer: C [2026]

Notes:

The Union Ministry of new and renewable energy extended the rooftop solar programme till March 31, 2026.

With this, subsidy under the programme will be available until the target for the scheme is achieved. All residential consumers are advised not to pay any additional charges to any vendor on account of fee for application on the National Portal or any additional charges for net-metering or testing.

34 .Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which state?

- [A] Goa
- [B] Gujarat

- [C] Himachal Pradesh
- [D] Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: C [Himachal Pradesh]

Notes:

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has recently sworn in as the next Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. He was a four-time MLA and chairman of the Congress' state election campaign committee. Mukesh Agnihotri has been selected as the Deputy Chief Minister. The Indian National Congress party won the Himachal Pradesh state assembly elections.

35 .Where is India's first carbon neutral farm located?

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

Correct Answer: C [Kerala]

Notes:

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared a seed farm, located in Aluva in Kerala, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country.

Reduction in carbon emission has helped the seed farm under the Agricultural Department achieve the carbon neutral status. The total amount of carbon emission from the farm in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 tons.

36 .Which country has passed law banning cigarettes for future generations?

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

Correct Answer: C [New Zealand]

Notes:

New Zealand passed a law banning cigarettes for future generations in the country. It is considering an attempt to bring in a tobacco ban from next year. According to the law passed by Parliament, anyone born after 2008 will never be able to buy cigarettes or tobacco products in the country. The legislation will also reduce the amount of nicotine allowed in smoked tobacco products and cut the number of retailers to sell tobacco by 90 percent.

37 .Which country recently imposed new sanctions on Russia's financial sector?

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

Correct Answer: B [USA]

Notes:

The United States imposed a new round of financial penalties on people and entities involved in Russia's financial sector.

The targets including one of that country's richest men, Vladimir Potanin, his family and a commercial bank he acquired recently. Sanctions were imposed on more than 40 people linked to the Russian financial sector and 17 subsidiaries of VTB Bank, Russia's second largest bank.

38 .Which country launched the 'Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft'?

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

Correct Answer: A [USA]

Notes:

The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the Earth science satellite to track nearly all the water on Earth's surface.

The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft was launched atop a SpaceX rocket with a mission of three years. The satellite will measure the height of water in freshwater bodies and the ocean on more than 90 per cent of Earth's surface. This information will provide insights on how the ocean influences climate change.

39 .Which city is the host of the 'G20 Development Working Group (DWG) meeting'?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] Ahmedabad
- [D] Chennai

Correct Answer: A [Mumbai]

Notes:

The 4-day meeting of G20 Development Working Group (DWG) is set to begin in Mumbai under India's Presidency.

The Development Working Group meeting aims to discuss developmental issues in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Island Countries

40 .'SURYA KIRAN' is a joint training Exercise conducted between India and which country?

- [A] Nepal
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] France
- [D] Australia

Correct Answer: A [Nepal]

Notes:

The 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise 'SURYA KIRAN-XVI' between India and Nepal commenced at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi. Exercise SURYA KIRAN is conducted annually between India and Nepal. Last year, the 15th

India-Nepal combined 'Surya Kiran' military training exercise took place in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

41.What is the name of the memorial of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

- [A] Shakti Atal
- [B] Sadaiv Atal
- [C] Vikas Atal
- [D] Bharat Atal

Correct Answer: B [Sadaiv Atal]

Notes:

Good Governance Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25.

Several Leaders paid floral tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at his memorial 'Sadaiv Atal' on his 98th birth anniversary. 'Sadaiv Atal' memorial is located in Raj Ghat, New Delhi. On Good governance Day, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions launched revamped Probity Portal, e-HRMS 2.0 Portal.

42.'Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Nepal
- [C] Maldives
- [D] Mauritius

Correct Answer: B [Nepal]

Notes:

Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed CPN-Maoist Centre chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' as the new Prime Minister of Nepal. Prachanda has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal as per the Article 76 Clause 2 of the Constitution. There has been an understanding between Prachanda and Oli to lead the government on rotation basis.

43 .Which is the headquarters of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Guwahati
- [D] Kochi

Correct Answer: B [Bengaluru]

Notes:

The Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is an autonomous Research Institute wholly financed by the department of Science and Technology. It has its headquarters in Bengaluru.

Astronomers and scientists at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), along with their international collaborators, have recently found that hot stars and white dwarfs emitted less ultraviolet radiation than expected.

44 .Joshimath, which was recently seen in the news for its land subsidence, is located in which state/UT?

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

Correct Answer: B [Uttarakhand]

Notes:

Uttarakhand authorities declared 'Joshimath' as a landslide and subsidence-hit zone, after cracks appeared in many roads and hundreds of houses. The exact reason behind Joshimath land subsidence is still unknown but unplanned construction, over-population, obstruction of the natural flow of water, and hydel power activities are cited as possible causes.

45.Which city is the host of the 108th Indian Science Congress (ISC)?

- [A] Aurangabad
- [B] Nagpur
- [C] Varanasi
- [D] Ahmedabad

Correct Answer: B [Nagpur]

Notes:

The 108th annual session of ISC will be held at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, which is celebrating its centenary this year. The focal theme of this year's ISC is "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment". Children's Science Congress, Farmer's Science Congress and Tribal Science Congress were also held on the sidelines.

46 .Who is the first woman cricketer to appear in six World Cups?

- [A] Jhulan Goswami
- [B] Mithali Raj
- [C] Charlotte Edwards
- [D] Clare Taylor

Correct Answer: B [Mithali Raj]

Notes:

Ace woman cricketer Mithali Raj recently announced her retirement from all forms of Cricket. The 39-year-old player is the first and only woman cricketer in the world to appear in six World Cups so far.

She joined the list of Sachin Tendulkar and Pakistan's Javed Miandad recently, for this feat. Her tally of 7,805 runs from 232 ODIs is the highest in the women's ODI game. She is also the long-serving India captain with a total of 10,868 runs, a women's cricket record.

47 .Which body is implementing the 'Believe in Sports' campaign?

- [A] NADA
- [B] WADA
- [C] IOC
- [D] SAI

Correct Answer: C [IOC]

Notes:

World champion and Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu and Canada's Michelle Li have been nominated as athlete ambassadors for International Olympic Committee's 'Believe in Sports' campaign.

This duo has also been the global ambassadors for Badminton World Federation's 'i am badminton' campaign.

48 .Drag Reduction System (DRS) is associated with which sport?

- [A] Cricket
- [B] Football
- [C] Car Racing
- [D] Soccer

Correct Answer: C [Car Racing]

Notes:

DRS Stands for Drag Reduction System, which is a method in F1 racing, in which drivers follow their rivals at a very proximate distance in order to overtake them. Recently, F1 champion Max Verstappen won the French Grand Prix, by overtaking his rival Lewis Hamilton in the penultimate lap using the DRS technique

49.Who is the first Indian to win four medals at World Wrestling Championships?

- [A] Vinesh Phogat
- [B] Bajrang Punia
- [C] Babita kumari
- [D] Gita Phogat

Correct Answer: B [Bajrang Punia]

Notes:

India's Bajrang Punia recently won bronze in men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships in Belgrade. With this medal, Bajrang Punia becomes first Indian to win four medals at world wrestling championships. He won bronze in 2013, silver in 2018 and bronze in 2019. Another Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat captured a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category.

50 .Which country is the host of the Commonwealth Games 2026?

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

Correct Answer: C [Australia]

Notes:

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the Commonwealth Games Australia unveiled the sport programme for the Victoria 2026 CWG. It features 20 sports and 26 disciplines, including nine fully integrated para sports. Shooting, which was controversially dropped from the Birmingham CWG, is included in the 2026 edition in Victoria, Australia. Shooting has been the strongest sport of India recently.