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Nobel Prize
Winners 2023

The 2023 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the Iranian human rights activist **Narges Mohammadi** "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran"



India finished Fourth in the medal tally of the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022 with 107 medals (28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze)



Israeli-Palestinian conflict

A series of coordinated attacks named 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' was conducted by the Palestinian Islamist militant group Hamas, from the Gaza Strip onto bordering areas in Israel, The attacks initiated the 2023 Israel-Hamas war



Global Hunger Index 2023

India ranks 111th out of the 125 countries with a score of 28.7



Arindam Bagchi

Arindam Bagchi Appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He succeeds Indra Mani Pandey



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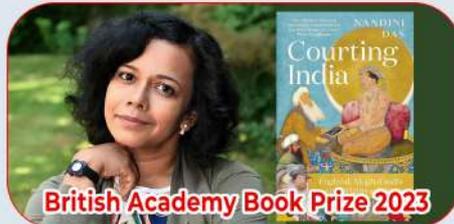
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Ballon d'Or 2023

Lionel Messi wins Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball) award for a record eighth time



British Academy Book Prize 2023

India-Born Author Nandini Das Wins 2023 British Academy Book Prize for her debut book, 'Courting India: England, Mughal India, and the Origins of Empire.'



MS Gill

Manohar Singh Gill, the former Chief Election Commissioner of India, passed away at the age of 86.

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GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX (GII) 2023

INDIA'S RANKING

- 📌 40th (same as GII 2022)
- 📌 In 2015, India stood at the 81st spot

India's Performance in GII 2023

- 📌 India has been an "innovation achiever" for 13 years
- 📌 **Ranks:**
 - 1st among 37 Lower-Middle Income Countries and in Central and S Asia
 - 9th position in unicorn valuation with 5.04% of GDP
 - 10th in domestic industry diversification
 - 11th globally with 34% tertiary graduates in science and engineering
 - 35th in innovation outputs
- 📌 **Areas with Need of Improvement:**
 - Infrastructure (84th rank)
 - Business sophistication (57)
 - Institutions (56)

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| 📌 Human Capital and Research | 📌 Knowledge and Technology Outputs |
| 📌 Infrastructure | 📌 Create Outputs |
| 📌 Market Sophistication | |

4 KEY STAGES IN THE INNOVATION CYCLE

- 📌 Science and innovation investment
- 📌 Technological progress
- 📌 Technology adoption
- 📌 Socio-Economic impact

TOP 5 COUNTRIES

- 📌 Switzerland, Sweden, US, UK, and Singapore

BOTTOM 5 COUNTRIES

- 📌 Guinea, Mali, Burundi, Niger and Angola

Chemistry
Moungi Bawendi (France)
 "For the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots."
Louis Brus (USA)
Aleksey Yekimov (USA)

Physics
Pierre Agostini (Tunisia)
Ferenc Krausz (Hungary)
Anne L'Huillier (France)
 "For experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter".

Economics
Claudia Goldin (USA)
 "For research that has advanced the understanding of the Gender Gap in the Labor Market."

Literature
Jon Fosse (Norwegian author)
 "For his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable".

Medicine
Drew Weissman (USA) and **Katalin Karikó** (Hungary)
 "For their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19."

Peace
Narges Mohammadi (Iranian human rights activist)
 "For her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all".

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS 2023

The Nobel Prizes for 2023 in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace, as well as the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2023 have been announced. The Nobel Prize is a prestigious international award administered by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden. In 2023, 11 laureates were awarded the Nobel Prize for their contributions to mankind.

- ✓ Between 1901 and 2023, the Nobel Prizes and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel were awarded **621 times to 1,000 people** and organisations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, this makes a total of **965 individuals and 27 organisations**.
- ✓ Since the start, in 1901, there are some years when the Nobel Prizes have not been awarded. The total number of times are 49. Most of them during World War I (1914-1918) and II (1939-1945).

Winners of Nobel Prize for the Year 2023

Peace: Narges Mohammadi

- ✓ Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi has been chosen by the Royal Swedish Academy for the coveted Nobel Peace Prize, 2023 “for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.” The Prize recognizes their contribution for many years, promoting the right to criticize arbitrary policies and protecting the fundamental rights of citizens.



About Narges Mohammadi

- ✓ Narges Mohammadi is a human rights advocate, and a freedom fighter. As per the Academy, this year's Nobel Peace Prize also recognises the hundreds of thousands of people who have demonstrated against the theocratic regime's policies of discrimination and oppression targeting women. The motto adopted by the Iranian demonstrators – “Woman – Life – Freedom” – suitably expresses the dedication and work of Narges Mohammadi.
- ✓ She was arrested for the first time in 2011 for her efforts to assist incarcerated activists and their families. While in prison, she began opposing the regime's systematic use of torture and sexualised violence against political prisoners, especially women, that is practised in Iranian prisons.
- ✓ During Mahsa Amini Protests (Iranian Hijab Movement), she expressed support from the prison for the demonstrators and organized solidarity actions among her fellow inmates.

Other Award Received by Mohammadi are:

- ✓ Alexander Langer Award 2009
- ✓ UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize and the Olof Palme Prize earlier in 2023.
- ✓ Her book 'White Torture: Interviews with Iranian Women Prisoners' also won an award for reportage at the International Film Festival and Human Rights' Forum.
- ✓

Literature: Jon Fosse

- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2023 was awarded to Jon Fosse “for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable.”



About Jon Fosse

- ✓ Jon Fosse, a Norwegian author and dramatist, writes in Norwegian Nynorsk, the less common of the two official versions of Norwegian language.
- ✓ Jon Fosse is celebrated for his writing style, often referred to as "Fosse minimalism."
- ✓ His style is characterized by simple, minimal, and searing dialogue, drawing comparisons to literary giants like Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter, both of whom have previously been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- ✓ His themes explore the absurdity, the futility and yet the power of the human condition; everyday confusions and irresolutions; and the difficulty of forming actual connections.
- ✓ Notable works by Fosse include "A New Name: Septology VI-VII," "I Am the Wind," "Melancholy," "Boathouse," and "The Dead Dogs."

Economic Sciences: Claudia Goldin

- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Economics for 2023 has been awarded to Claudia Goldin, a Harvard University (USA) professor, “for research that has advanced the understanding of the Gender Gap in the Labor Market.”
- ✓ Goldin is only the third woman to win this honor. In 2009, Elinor Ostrom got the award along with Oliver E Williamson, while in 2019, Esther Duflo shared it with Abhijit Banerjee and Michael Kremer.
- ✓ Goldin has been a pioneer in studying the role of women in the economy and has written several books on the topic, such as Understanding the Gender Gap: An Economic History of American Women (Oxford, 1990), and Career & Family:



Women's Century-Long Journey toward Equity (Princeton University Press, 2021).

- ✓ Goldin had provided “the first comprehensive account of women’s earnings and labour market participation through the centuries. Her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap.
- ✓ Goldin’s path breaking work has shed light on the participation of women in the labour market over the past 200 years, and why the pay gap between men and women refuses to close even as many women are likely to be better educated than men in high-income countries.

Medicine: Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman

- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology for 2023 has been awarded to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman “for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of effective messenger Ribonucleic Acid (mRNA). vaccines against COVID-19”.
- ✓ Through their groundbreaking findings, which have fundamentally changed our understanding of how mRNA interacts with our immune system, the laureates contributed to the unprecedented rate of vaccine development during one of the greatest threats to human health in modern times," the jury said.



How mRNA research contributed to faster vaccine development

- ✓ In human cells, genetic information encoded in DNA is transferred to messenger RNA (mRNA), which is used as a template for protein production. mRNA vaccines work by triggering the production of proteins that stimulate the formation of virus-blocking antibodies in our cells.
- ✓ In the 1980s researchers were able to produce mRNA “in vitro”, that is, without having to first create large-scale cell cultures in a resource-intensive process. The resulting in vitro mRNA, however, was highly unstable and triggered the

immune system, leading to inflammatory responses in the body.

- ✓ Kariko and Weissman found out that mRNA with chemically modified bases did not lead to inflammatory reactions. Subsequent to publishing their discovery in 2005, they also found that using mRNA with altered bases significantly increased protein production.

About Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman

- ✓ **Katalin Kariko** was born in 1955 in Szolnok in Hungary. She received her bachelor's degree in biology in 1978 and her doctorate in biochemistry in 1982 from the University of Szeged.
- ✓ Since 2021, Ms Kariko has been a Professor at Szeged University and an Adjunct Professor at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ **Drew Weissman** was born in 1959 in Lexington, Massachusetts in the US. He did his BA in biochemistry and MA in Enzymology from Brandeis University in 1981.
- ✓ He established his research group at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1997.

Chemistry: Mounqi G Bawendi, Louis E Brus, and Alexei I Ekimov



- ✓ The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023 to Mounqi G Bawendi, Louis E Brus, and Alexei I Ekimov “for their groundbreaking discovery and synthesis of quantum dots”.

The Nobel Laureates' Contributions

- ✓ **Alexei Ekimov**: In around 1980, Soviet-born American physicist, Alexei Ekimov was the first to observe the anomalous behavior in Copper Chloride nanoparticles. He successfully

manufactured these nanoparticles, showcasing their distinctive properties.

- ✓ **Louis Brus:** American scientist Louis Brus made a similar discovery involving Cadmium Sulphide nanoparticles. Like Ekimov, he could create these nanoparticles with altered properties.
- ✓ **Moungi Bawendi:** French-born American chemist, Moungi Bawendi, who initially collaborated with Louis Brus, later played a pivotal role in simplifying the production methods for nanoparticles with unique characteristics.
- ✓ His work paved the way for efficient and controlled manufacturing of nanoparticles displaying desired deviant behaviors.

Physics: Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier.



- ✓ The 2023 Nobel Prize for Physics has been awarded to three distinguished scientists: Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier “for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter.”

What is Electron Dynamics?

- ✓ Electron dynamics refers to the study and understanding of the behavior and motion of electrons within atoms, molecules, and solid materials.
- ✓ It encompasses various aspects of electron behavior, including their movement, interactions with electromagnetic fields, and responses to external forces.
- ✓ Electrons are fundamental particles with a negative charge and they orbit the dense nucleus. For a long time, scientists had to rely on indirect methods to understand electron behavior, akin to taking a photograph of a fast-moving race car

with a long exposure time resulting in a blurry image.

- ✓ The rapid motion of electrons rendered them nearly invisible to conventional measurement techniques.
- ✓ Atoms in molecules exhibit movements on the order of femtoseconds, which are incredibly short time intervals, constituting a millionth of a billionth of a second.
- ✓ Electrons, being lighter and interacting even faster, operate within the attosecond realm, a billionth of a billionth of a second (1×10^{-18} of second).

About Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier.

- ✓ **Pierre Agostini.** PhD 1968 from Aix-Marseille University, France. Professor at The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA.
- ✓ **Ferenc Krausz,** born 1962 in Mór, Hungary. PhD 1991 from Vienna University of Technology, Austria. Director at Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching and Professor at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany.
- ✓ **Anne L'Huillier,** born 1958 in Paris, France. PhD 1986 from University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, France. Professor at Lund University, Sweden.

About Nobel Prize

- ✓ The Nobel Prize honours Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor, and entrepreneur best known for inventing dynamite.
- ✓ Nobel was born on October 21, 1833, in Stockholm, Sweden, and passed away on December 10, 1896, in San Remo, Italy.
- ✓ Alfred Nobel made his last will and testament on November 27, 1895, leaving the majority of his wealth to a series of prizes in five fields: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace – the Nobel Prizes.
- ✓ The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901.
- ✓ In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) established the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, founder of the

Nobel Prize. The first prize in economic sciences was awarded to Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen in 1969.

- ✓ The prize is officially not a Nobel Prize, but it is known as “The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.”
- ✓ Since 1901, the Nobel Prizes have been awarded to Nobel laureates during ceremonies on December 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel’s death.
- ✓ The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden, bestows the Nobel Prize in Physics, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Literature is presented by the Swedish Academy.
- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is presented by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden.
- ✓ The Nobel Peace Prize is presented by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, a group of five members appointed by the Norwegian parliament.
- ✓ Each prize can have up to three recipients, who share the prize money between them.
- ✓ The Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel are presented in Stockholm, Sweden, whereas the Nobel Peace Prize is presented in Oslo, Norway.
- ✓ The youngest Nobel Prize laureate: Malala Yousafzai (DOB 12 July 1997) The Nobel Prizes in Peace 2014.
- ✓ The oldest Nobel Prize laureate: John B. Goodenough (DOB 25 July 1928) The Nobel Prizes in Chemistry 2019.
- ✓ Between 1901 and 2023 the Nobel Prize and prize in economic sciences have been awarded 61 times to women. Mother Teresa was the first Indian woman to win Noble Peace Prize in 1979.

10 Indians/People of Indian Origin have won the Nobel Prize till now. First Indian to receive Nobel Prize was Rabindra Nath Tagore.

1. Rabindranath Tagore –Literature (1913)
2. CV Raman –Physics (1930)
3. Har Gobind Khurana –Medicine (1968)
4. Mother Teresa –Peace (1979)
5. Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar –Physics (1983)
6. Amartya Sen –Economics (1998)
7. VS Naipaul- Literature (2001)
8. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan –Chemistry (2009)
9. Kailash Satyarthi –Peace (2014)
10. Abhijit Banerjee –Economics (2019).



INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL

Thailand Announces Visa-Free Entry For Indians to Boost Tourism

- ✓ Thailand is taking steps to revitalize its tourism industry by allowing visa free entries for the citizens of India and Taiwan. This move comes as the high season approaches and is part of a broader strategy to attract more visitors to the country. Thailand had previously visa requirements for Chinese tourists, a significant source of visitors before the pandemic.
- ✓ Starting from 10th November 2023 and continuing until 10th May 2024, tourists from India and Taiwan can enter Thailand without the need for a visa. This decision aims to make it easier for travelers from these countries to explore the beauty of Thailand and contribute to the country's tourism sector.
- ✓ In September, Thailand took a similar step by scrapping visa requirements for Chinese tourists. China was Thailand's top pre-pandemic tourism market, contributing 11 million of the record 39 million arrivals in 2019. This move was aimed at rekindling the flow of Chinese tourists to Thailand and rejuvenating the country's tourism sector.



Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians

- ✓ Sri Lanka, in a bid to revitalize its tourism sector, has taken a significant step by waiving visa fees for tourists from seven countries, including India. This move aims to attract more visitors and help the country recover from recent economic challenges.
- ✓ To boost tourist arrivals, Sri Lanka's Cabinet has initiated a pilot project to issue free tourist visas to travelers from China, India, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan.
- ✓ This policy will be in effect until March 31, 2024.
- ✓ India has historically been Sri Lanka's top source market. This year alone, more than 2 lakh Indian tourists, constituting 20% of total arrivals, visited Sri Lanka until September.

FATF Removes Cayman Islands From Its 'Grey List'

- ✓ The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an inter-governmental body responsible for setting international standards to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing, has recently made headlines by removing several countries from its 'grey list' while adding another.
- ✓ In a review published on October 27, 2023, FATF announced the removal of several countries from its 'grey list.' These countries include the Cayman Islands, Panama, Jordan, and Albania. This development is a testament to the significant progress these nations have made in enhancing their AML/CFT systems, ultimately addressing the strategic deficiencies identified by FATF.
- ✓ While several countries celebrated their removal from the 'grey list,' FATF added Bulgaria to the list. This decision reflects the need for Bulgaria to strengthen its AML, CFT, and proliferation financing systems, aligning them with international standards.
- ✓ The FATF maintains a 'grey list,' which consists of jurisdictions that do not meet the organization's anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorism financing (CFT), and proliferation financing standards. Countries placed on this list are subject to increased monitoring until identified deficiencies in their regulatory frameworks are resolved.



About FATF

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. It sets international standards that aim to prevent these illegal activities and the harm they cause to society.

- ✓ Headquarters: Paris, France
- ✓ Founded: 1989
- ✓ Founder: Group of Seven
- ✓ President: T Raja Kumar

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launches advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence

- ✓ The United Nations, under the leadership of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, has taken a significant step toward managing the opportunities and challenges posed by artificial intelligence (AI). Guterres emphasized the vast potential of AI for positive transformation, yet acknowledged the pressing need to address associated risks. To facilitate international cooperation and consensus on AI governance, a 39-member advisory body has been established, comprising tech industry leaders, government officials, and academics from diverse backgrounds.
- ✓ The advisory body includes prominent figures like Sharad Sharma, co-founder of India's iSPIRT Foundation, and Amandeep Singh Gill, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology.



S Jaishankar Unveils Mahatma Gandhi's Bust in Vietnam

- ✓ Recently, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar embarked on a significant official visit to Vietnam. This visit marked not only the strengthening of bilateral relations but also a celebration of the enduring principles and values adopted by Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. The visit underscored the deep-rooted connections between India and Vietnam and the shared commitment to addressing global issues.
- ✓ One of the prominent events during Jaishankar's visit to Vietnam was the unveiling ceremony of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Ho Chi Minh City.



India-Sri Lanka Ferry Service Reopens After Four Decades

- ✓ An age-old sea route between India and Sri Lanka has been rejuvenated with the inauguration of a passenger ferry service from Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu to Kankesanthurai in Jaffna, Northern Sri Lanka. This initiative aims to bolster bilateral

ties, boost tourism, and increase people-to-people relations while benefiting local traders on both shores.



- ✓ The passenger ferry service, named 'Cheriyapani,' was officially launched. While the recent ferry service inauguration is a new development, maritime linkage between India and Sri Lanka has a long history. The Indo-Ceylon Express or Boat Mail operated between Chennai and Colombo via the Thoothukudi port from the early 1900s until 1982. However, the civil war in Sri Lanka led to the suspension of these services.

Tallest BR Ambedkar Statue Outside India Unveiled In Washington

- ✓ In a historic event, a 19-foot tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of India's Constitution, was formally inaugurated in a suburb of Maryland, Washington. This statue is being considered as the tallest of its kind outside of India and holds significant importance for both Indian-Americans and the Indian diaspora around the world.
- ✓ During the inauguration ceremony, the air was filled with enthusiastic chants of 'Jai Bhim.' More than 500 Indian-Americans, including attendees from various parts of the United States, India and other countries, came together to witness this historic moment. The event was an evident to the global reverence for Dr. Ambedkar's contributions.
- ✓ The statue was crafted by the renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar, who is known for creating the 'Statue of Unity' of Sardar Patel, located on an island in Gujarat's Narmada River.



India & Switzerland Celebrated 75 Yrs Of Friendship

- ✓ India and Switzerland recently celebrated 75 years of their enduring friendship and fruitful collaboration in a beautiful Kumaon village nestled in the Uttarakhand region of India. The three-day

event, aptly named ‘Swiss Himalayan Bounty,’ unfolded last week at a charming homestay in Satoli village, positioned at an altitude of 6,000 feet near Mukteshwar in the Nainital district. This celebration saw the convergence of participants representing various NGOs, stakeholders, and beneficiaries of the longstanding partnership between these two nations.

Swaminarayan Akshardham, Largest Hindu Temple Set Up In New Jersey

- ✓ BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, the largest Hindu temple in the United States, celebrated its grand opening on Sunday, October 8, in Robbinsville, New Jersey. This architectural marvel is not only a testament to the vibrant Hindu community in the US but also a symbol of the enduring spirit of artistry, spirituality, and human dedication.
- ✓ The temple, set up in the picturesque city of Robbinsville, New Jersey, is a remarkable achievement. It stands as the largest Hindu temple outside India in the modern era. The grand opening was marked by a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recognizing the profound spiritual significance of this momentous occasion.



Akhaura- Agartala rail link to be inaugurated virtually by PM Modi, Sheikh Hasina

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Agartala-Akhaura rail link project virtually. This cross-border initiative aims to strengthen business ties and provide direct access between India’s landlocked northeastern region and the Chittagong port in Bangladesh. The project is executed by IRCON, a CPSE of Railways, on the Indian side, and it serves as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Bangladesh Railways.
- ✓ Originally scheduled for completion in 2020, the project faced delays due to various reasons.

World Health Summit 2023

- ✓ The 2023 World Health Summit took place from October 15 to October 17 under the theme “A Defining Year for Global Health Action” in Berlin, Germany, and online.
- ✓ Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) have emerged as a significant global health challenge, demanding immediate attention and a multi-faceted approach. Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, underscored the importance of addressing NCDs during her virtual address at the high-level panel discussion on “Scaling up Integration of NCDs in Primary Care” at the World Health Summit 2023.
- ✓ **The 75/25 Initiative:** India launched the 75/25 initiative, aiming to screen and provide standard care for 75 million individuals with hypertension and diabetes by 2025. This initiative is recognized as the most extensive expansion of NCDs in primary healthcare on a global scale.

Sri Lanka to take over as Chair of Indian Ocean Rim Association

- ✓ Sri Lanka to take over as Chair of IORA for the next two years. The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an intergovernmental organisation of 23 member states and 11 dialogue partners from Africa, West Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, and Oceania. It was established in 1997 to promote regional cooperation and development.
- ✓ The IORA Council of Ministers meeting is the highest decision-making body of the Association. It is held annually to discuss and decide on IORA priorities.

India And UK Hold First 2+2 Foreign And Defence Dialogue In New Delhi

- ✓ The inaugural India-UK ‘2+2’ foreign and defence dialogue, held on Monday, marked a significant milestone in the bilateral relations between India and the United Kingdom. The dialogue saw both sides focusing on ways to enhance cooperation in various critical areas such as trade and investment, defense, critical technologies, civil aviation, health, and energy.

NATIONAL

Kozhikode Named India's First 'City of Literature' by UNESCO

- ✓ Kozhikode, a city located in the southern Indian state of Kerala, has made its mark on the global stage by being named one of the latest entrants into the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon Kozhikode on World Cities Day, alongside Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, which was recognized as a 'City of Music'. Kozhikode's new title as the 'City of Literature' marks a significant milestone, as it's the first city in India to hold this coveted distinction.
- ✓ Kozhikode's journey to becoming the City of Literature began in 2022 when the Kerala Institute of Local Administration proposed the idea. The Kozhikode Corporation swiftly sprang into action, reaching out to the University of Prague in the Czech Republic for assistance in the preparation process. Prague was the first city to receive the City of Literature title in 2014.

PM Modi Inaugurated The 7th Edition Of Indian Mobile Congress (IMC) In New Delhi

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This prestigious event brought together leading figures from the telecommunications industry to showcase cutting-edge technologies, discuss vital issues, and promote innovation.
- ✓ During the event, Akash Ambani introduced Reliance Jio's groundbreaking initiative – Space Fibre, India's first satellite-based giga fibre service capable of delivering internet speeds of up to 1 Gbps. This innovation is set to transform high-speed broadband services in previously inaccessible areas of India. Furthermore, the Jio Bharat device, offering 4G services, was on display at the Jio pavilion.



Amit Shah Launched Logo, Website And Brochure Of NCEL In New Delhi

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated the logo, website, and brochure of the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) during a grand event in New Delhi. This momentous occasion marked the formal establishment of NCEL, a significant step towards enhancing the cooperative sector's role in India's export ecosystem.
- ✓ NCEL has been established to serve as a national-level multi-state cooperative society that will act as an umbrella organization for exports within the cooperative sector. This visionary initiative is set to open up new avenues for cooperatives, fostering economic growth and inclusivity.



16th Edition of Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2023 held in New Delhi.

- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organized 16th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2023 in collaboration with the Institute of Urban Transport (India) and with the support of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. The event took place from October 27th to 29th, 2023, at the Manekshaw Centre, Parade Road, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi, Delhi.
- ✓ The event saw the participation of around 22 exhibitors from Metro Rail Companies, public and private sectors.
- ✓ Inaugurated by: Shri Hardeep Singh Puri. (Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas)
- ✓ Theme: Integrated and Resilient Urban Transport

Bharat Tex 2024: India to Host the World's Largest Textiles Event in Feb 2024 in New Delhi

- ✓ India is set to host "Bharat Tex 2024", the world's largest Textile event from 26th to 29th February 2024 at Bharat Mandapam & Yashobhoomi in New

Delhi, Delhi. The event will be organised by a Consortium of Textile Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) with the support of the Ministry of Textiles.

- ✓ This expo is the embodiment of India's 5F vision – Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.
- ✓ Union Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal launched the Kasturi Cotton Bharat website (<https://kasturicotton.texprocil.org/>), a digital platform for necessary information and updates on this initiative.

Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates India's 1st Nano DAP plant in Gujarat

- ✓ India's first Nano Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP–Liquid) plant was inaugurated by the Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) at Kalol in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It was set up by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) at a cost of Rs 300 crore.
- ✓ The development of plant is on the lines of Aatmnirbhar Bharat vision of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi.
- ✓ This is the second IFFCO plant in Gujarat. In May 2022, PM inaugurated IFFCO's world's first Nano Urea Liquid in Kalol.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Telangana to launch multiple development projects

- ✓ In Telangana, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth around ₹ 8000 crore, in important sectors like power, rail, and Health.
- ✓ The first 800 MW Unit of phase 1 of the Telangana Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC will be dedicated to the nation.
- ✓ The Prime Minister dedicated rail projects including the new Railway Line connecting Manoharabad and Siddipet; and the electrification project between Dharmabad – Manoharabad and Mahabubnagar - Kurnool.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also flagged off the Siddipet - Secunderabad - Siddipet train service, benefiting the local rail commuters in the region.

- ✓ He laid the foundation stone of 20 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) across the state under the Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for 50 bed critical care blocks at a cost of rupees 516 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health infrastructure mission in Hospitals in 20 district headquarters.

Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) held in New Delhi

- ✓ The Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) was held in New Delhi from 13th to the 14th of October 2023. A pre-summit event namely Parliamentary Forum on LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).
- ✓ Within the G20, Parliament 20 (P20) is an engagement group headed by the speakers of G20 countries and it aims at bringing a parliamentary dimension to global governance.
- ✓ An exhibition namely Mother of Democracy will also be organized at the venue of the summit to highlight India's ancient and participative democratic traditions.

Indian Oil launches country's first reference fuel

- ✓ The Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Hardeep S Puri launched the 'Reference Gasoline and Diesel Fuels' produced by IndianOil for the first time in India.
- ✓ Reference fuels (Gasoline and Diesel) are premium, high-value products used for calibration and testing of vehicles by auto OEMs and organisations involved in testing and certification in the automotive field.
- ✓ IndianOil has successfully commenced the production of Reference Gasoline and Diesel Fuels for the first time in India. These fuels are used for calibration and testing of vehicles by automobile manufacturers and testing agencies like ICAT (International Centre for Automotive Technology) and ARAI (Automotive Research Association of India).

- ✓ With this launch, India joined the elite group of nations with domestic production of 'Reference' Petrol and Diesel and IOCL becomes the 4th refiner in the world to produce 'reference' grade petrol and diesel.

Union Government approves inclusion of Jamrani Dam under PMKSY-AIBP

- ✓ The government of India approved the inclusion of the Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSYAIBP).
- ✓ The project envisages the construction of a dam near Jamrani village across river Gola, a tributary of river RamGanga, in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ This project is the seventh project to be included in the PMKSY-AIBP list.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana was launched in 2015-16 to enhance physical access to water on farms, expand cultivable areas under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, and introduce sustainable water conservation practices

PM Modi inaugurates the 37th National Games at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 37th National Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa. Modi informed that from Khelo India to TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme), the government has created a new ecosystem to support players in the country.

Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates the first GCCEM in New Delhi

- ✓ Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presided over as Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the first-ever three-day-long Global Conference on Cooperation in Enforcement Matters (GCCEM) in New Delhi.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary was the Guest of Honour and Secretary

General, World Customs Organisation, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, was the Special Guest at the Inaugural Session.

- ✓ Against this backdrop, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), in consultation with the World Customs Organisation (WCO), Brussels, is hosting the global conference from 30th October to 1st November 2023 with the theme 'It takes a Network to fight a Network'.

Star rating programme for solar PV modules to help consumers make informed decision

- ✓ The Indian government has introduced a star rating programme for solar photovoltaic (PV) modules.
- ✓ The SLP aims to guide citizens in making informed decisions when purchasing and deploying PV modules.
- ✓ The star labelling scheme prepared by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) for PV modules is from January 1, 2024 till December 31, 2025.
- ✓ It will be managed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- ✓ The programme aligns with the government's broader objective of increasing the share of renewable energy and reducing the emission intensity of GDP by 45% by 2030.

PM Modi flags off Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Rail Transit System

- ✓ PM Modi inaugurated the first leg of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), India's first mass rapid system dedicated to regional connectivity.
- ✓ Trains on the first section will eventually cut the journey time between Delhi and Meerut to less than an hour.
- ✓ India's first regional rapid train, between Delhi and Meerut, has been named "Namo Bharat".
- ✓ The PM inaugurated the priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor and flagged off the "RapidX train" connecting Sahibabad and Duhai Depot.
- ✓ The overall length of this RRTS train system spans 82.15 kilometers, with the initial 17-kilometre

priority section between Sahibabad and the Duhai Depot now operational.

- ✓ The entire corridor is on track for full functionality by June 2025.

About NCRTC

- ✓ NCRTC, under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, is mandated with implementing the RRTS project across the National Capital Region.
- ✓ It is being developed at a cost of more than Rs 30,000 crore.
- ✓ The Government of India has borrowed about \$1 billion from Asian Development Bank (ADB), \$500 million from New Development Bank (NDB) and \$500 million from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
- ✓ Apart from that, the Government of India will fund 20%, Government of Delhi 3.22%, and Government of Uttar Pradesh 16.78%.

Centre approves Minimum Support Prices for Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25

- ✓ The minimum support price of Rabi crops for the marketing year 2024-25 approved by the Center.
- ✓ The government has increased the MSP of Rabi crops for the marketing season 2024-25, to ensure remunerative prices to producers for their produce.
- ✓ The highest increase of Rs 425 per quintal has been approved for lentils, followed by Rs 200 per quintal for mustard.
- ✓ Additionally, to extend the benefits of the Kisan Credit Card scheme to every farmer across the country, the Government has launched the Kisan Loan Portal (KRP), KCC door-to-door campaign, and Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS).

Centre Now Plans 'One Nation, One ID' For All School Students

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Education is planning to create a unique identification number, Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR), for every student from pre-primary to higher education.

- ✓ As part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the government is planning to create a 'One Nation, One Student ID' for every student.

The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry - APAAR, dubbed as the 'One Nation, one student ID' is an Education Ecosystem Registry or an 'EduLocker'.

Government amends aircraft rules commercial pilot licenses to be valid for 10 years

- ✓ Commercial pilot licenses will now be valid for ten years, with the government amending rules as part of efforts to further improve ease of doing business in the aviation sector.
- ✓ Till now, the validity of the Commercial Pilot License (CPL) was for five years and after completion of that period, it had to be renewed.
- ✓ The Civil Aviation Ministry amended the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

PM hails Gujarat's Dhordo for being awarded as Best Tourism Village by UNWTO

- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi hailed the Dhordo village in Kutch district of Gujarat for being awarded as the Best Tourism Village by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Indian Railways' PSUs, RITES Ltd and IRCON granted Navratna status

- ✓ Ircon International Limited (IRCON) and RITES Ltd(RITES) both Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways, have been announced as 15th and 16th Navratna respectively among CPSEs.
- ✓ The Ministry of Finance conferred 'Navratna' status on RITES and IRCON.
- ✓ Entering its 50th year of incorporation, RITES Ltd is a leading transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm in India.
- ✓ It provides services in the diverse sectors of transportation, railways, export of rolling stock, highways, airports, metros, urban engineering & sustainability, ports & waterways, and energy management.

- ✓ IRCON has widespread operations in several states in India and other countries.
- ✓ The company has posted a consolidated annual turnover of Rs. 10,750 crore and Profit after Tax of Rs.765 crore in the Financial Year 2022-23.

RCS-UDAN Scheme Successful Completes 6th Year in 2023

- ✓ The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik i.e. let the country's common man fly) Scheme which focuses on improving unserved air routes in underserved regions of India, completes 6th year in 2023.
- ✓ The RCS-UDAN scheme was launched as part of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016 by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on October 21, 2016, with a 10-year vision.
- ✓ The first RCS-UDAN flight was inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on 27th April 2017, connecting Shimla(Himachal Pradesh) to Delhi.

Coal Ministry & MNRE Collaborate to Work Jointly to Promote Green Energy

- ✓ The Ministry of Coal and the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) collaborated to work together for the promotion of green energy.
- ✓ MNRE will provide technical, policy, and capacity-building assistance, while the Ministry of Coal will supply land and capital to construct solar energy, green hydrogen, and other renewable energy projects.

Tanzania's President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, visit to India

- ✓ President Samia Suluhu Hassan of Tanzania visited India from October 8-10, 2023. She was accompanied by a high-level delegation including the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Hon. January Makamba (MP).



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has allowed authorized banks to open Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) for correspondent banks of Tanzania to facilitate transactions in local currencies (i.e., Indian Rupee and Tanzanian Shilling).
- ✓ Tanzania's President Hassan Granted Honorary Doctorate by JNU, the First Woman to Receive This Honour.

MoEF&CC launches Green Credit Program & Ecomark Scheme

- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched 2 new initiatives, Green Credit Program (GCP) and the Ecomark Scheme to encourage sustainable practices rooted in tradition and conservation and promote the ideas of 'LiFE' – 'Lifestyle for Environment' movement.
- ✓ The MoEF&CC have made a set of rules called "Green Credit Rules, 2023" in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3, section 6 and section 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986).
- ✓ The scheme under the Ecomark Certification Rules, 2023, enables labelling of products with minimal environmental impact, and encouraging consumers and manufacturers to choose eco-friendly options.

BIS Approves India's First-ever Indigenous AC & DC Combined Charging Connector Standard for LEVs

- ✓ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standard Body of India, has approved IS17017 (Part 2 / Sec 7): 2023, India's first-ever indigenously developed Alternating Current (AC) and Direct Current (DC) Combined Charging connector standard for Light Electric Vehicles (LEVs).
- ✓ It is also the world's 1st charging standard that combines AC and DC charging for small EVs, such as electric scooters, motorcycles, three-wheelers, and quadricycles, and is designed and engineered in India.
- ✓ The new standard is based on Ather Energy's charging connector.

Education Minister Launched NCERT's Web Portal 'Apna Chandrayaan' for Students

- ✓ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the Ministry of Education(MoE), launched a web portal 'Apna Chandrayaan' for school students in New Delhi, Delhi. The web portal was developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- ✓ The portal features activity-based support material such as interactive quizzes, puzzles for school students in Foundational, Preparatory, Middle, and Secondary level on Mission Chandrayaan3.

PM Modi Launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in Maharashtra

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi virtually launched the 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras (PMGKVKs) established across 34 rural districts of Maharashtra through video conferencing. The PMGKVKs will conduct skill development training programs across various sectors to provide employment opportunities to rural youth. Each Kendra will train about 100 youngsters in at least two vocational courses. The training will be provided by empanelled industry partners and agencies under the National Skill Development Council (NSDC).

IBM & MeitY Signed 3 MoUs to Advance AI, Semiconductor & Quantum Innovation in India

- ✓ IBM(International Business Machines Corporation) signed 3 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with 3 entities under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to advance and accelerate innovation in Artificial intelligence (AI), Semiconductor, and quantum technology in India.
- ✓ IBM and IndiaAI – Digital India Corporation collaborate to establish a world-class national AI Innovation Platform (AIIP) for India.
- ✓ IBM is set to become India Semiconductor Mission's (ISM) knowledge partner for a semiconductor research center.

- ✓ IBM and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) are set to work together to advance India's National Quantum Mission.

India launched 'Operation Ajay' to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel 7

- ✓ On 11 October 2023, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GoI) launched 'Operation Ajay', a repatriation operation, to bring back Indian citizens from Israel amid the ongoing 2023 Israel– Hamas War.
- ✓ This operation aims to assist Indian citizens in Israel who wish to return to India. According to estimates, around 18,000 Indians (including students and caregivers) are currently residing in Israel.

Bhopal's Mahila Thana became India's 1st Women-centric Police Station to get ISO 9001:2015 Certification

- ✓ The Mahila thana (women's police station) of Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) became the first women-centric police station across the entire India to be certified with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 certificate.
- ✓ The ISO certificate is issued for 3 years. With this certification, Mahila Thana has become the 2nd ISO-certified police station in Bhopal.
- ✓ In May 2023, Misrod police station became the first ISO 9001:2015 certified police station of Bhopal.

DPIIT&Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya Signed MoU to Advance National Master Plan

- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Gujarat based central university, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti (PMGS) National Master Plan(NMP). The MoU aims to advance India's infrastructure and logistics sectors.

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Kerala Becomes the First State to Have Hallmarking Centres in All Districts

- ✓ Kerala has become the first state in India to have hallmarking centers in all of its 14 districts. This was achieved after the inauguration of a hallmarking center in Adimali, Idukki district, Kerala.
- ✓ The hallmarking system is administered by the BIS, which is the National Standard Body of India established under 'Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act 2016'.
- ✓ Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID) number is a six digit Alphanumeric code, Introduced in 2021.

Baiga Tribe Becomes the 2nd Tribe to Get Habitat Rights in Chhattisgarh

- ✓ Baiga, classified as the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), in Chhattisgarh has received the Habitat rights under the Forest Rights Act(FRA) 2006. With this Baiga has become the 2nd tribal group after Kamar to get habitat rights in Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ The Baiga community, primarily inhabits various districts in Chhattisgarh, such as Rajnandgaon, Kawardha, Mungeli, GPM, Manendra-Bharatpur-Chirmiri, and Bilaspur.

Sarakka Central Tribal University approved for Telangana

- ✓ On October 4th, the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a tribal university in Telangana, named The Sarakka Central Tribal University. This university, with a budget of Rs 889 crore, will be located in Mulugu district.
- ✓ The initiative was a commitment made by the Central government as a part of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, which aimed to support both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in establishing tribal universities.

- ✓ Mulugu hosts a biennial festival called the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara, one of the largest gatherings of tribal people globally.

Manipur Celebrates Mera Houchongba 2023

- ✓ Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh sent a powerful message of unity and harmony as he participated in this year's Mera Houchongba celebrations in Imphal on 28th October 2023. The event, which brought together the diverse communities of the state, emphasized the strong bond between the people of the hills and the valley. In this article, we will have the closer look at the significance and celebrations of Mera Houchongba 2023.
- ✓ Mera Houchongba has deep roots in the history of Manipur. The festival is observed and celebrated during the month of 'Mera,' which typically falls in September or October.

Arunachal Cabinet approves formation of Special Tiger Protection Force For 3 Tiger Reserves

- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh State Cabinet gave the green light to a host of transformative measures aimed at safeguarding the state's biodiversity and promoting the preservation of indigenous languages. Among the notable decisions were the establishment of a Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) for three tiger reserves, the allocation of honorariums to third language teachers, the amendment of the state's industrial and investment policy, and the formulation of the Arunachal Pradesh Home Guard Rules for 2023.
- ✓ This specialized force will be responsible for safeguarding the three tiger reserves in the state, namely Namdapha, Pakke, and Kamlang. The decision is a significant step towards the preservation of tigers and their habitats in the region.

Jharkhand first state to take steps to ensure minimum wages for workers

- ✓ Jharkhand is making history by becoming the first state in India to take steps towards including gig workers, such as Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, Uber, and Rapido employees, under the ambit of minimum wages. This initiative is a significant move towards ensuring fair compensation for those in the gig economy. Jharkhand's groundbreaking move to consider minimum wages for gig workers and review minimum wage standards for other laborers is a significant step toward ensuring fair compensation for workers in various sectors. It also highlights the state's commitment to both local employment and social justice.

PM Inaugurates Rs 4200 Crore Worth Of Development Projects In Uttarakhand

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently marked a historic day in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, as he laid the foundation stone and dedicated several development projects worth approximately Rs 4200 crore. These initiatives spanned various sectors, including rural development, road infrastructure, power generation, irrigation, drinking water supply, horticulture, education, healthcare, and disaster management, among others.

Udaipur Set To Become India's First Wetland City

- ✓ The Rajasthan government, in collaboration with the Environment and Forest Department, is making concerted efforts to elevate Udaipur, also known as the 'City of Lakes,' to international prominence by aiming to become India's first wetland city. According to recent reports, the city has been chosen as a potential Ramsar Convention site of International Importance, a recognition coveted by wetland-rich regions around the globe.
- ✓ Udaipur, with its striking natural beauty and ecological significance, is poised to fulfill all the requirements stipulated by the Ramsar Convention. Covering an area of 37 square kilometers, the city is

graced by five major lakes – Pichola, Fateh Sagar, Rang Sagar, Swaroop Sagar, and Doodh Talai.

UP Declares Gangetic Dolphin as State Aquatic Animal

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has made a significant announcement regarding the Gangetic Dolphin, designating it as the state's aquatic animal. This move highlights the importance of conserving these unique creatures and preserving the purity of the rivers and ponds they inhabit. Uttar Pradesh's decision to declare the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal and the launch of the "Meri Ganga Meri Dolphin 2023" campaign demonstrate the government's commitment to wildlife conservation, environmental preservation, and raising awareness about the importance of maintaining the purity of rivers and ponds. These efforts contribute to the broader goal of protecting India's rich biodiversity and ecological heritage.

Bihar Caste Census Report

- ✓ The Bihar government recently released the results of its caste survey, shedding light on the state's demographic composition. While it is important to note that no detailed analysis has been conducted yet, the survey provides valuable data on caste distribution in Bihar.

key findings

- ✓ **1.OBCs and EBCs Dominate:** Extremely Backward Class (EBC) comprises 36.01% of the population. Other Backward Class (OBC) constitutes 27.13% of the population.
- ✓ **2. Scheduled Castes and Tribes:** Scheduled Caste (SC) population stands at 19.65%. Scheduled Tribe (ST) population is 1.68%.
- ✓ **3. General Caste and Yadavs:** General Caste population is 15.52%. Yadavs represent 14% of the population.
- ✓ **4. Religious Composition:** Hindus make up 82% of the population. Muslims account for 17.71%.
- ✓ The Bihar government launched the two-phase caste survey in January, recording both economic status and caste data for around 12.70 crore people in the state.

India's First Solar Cycling Track inaugurated in Hyderabad

- ✓ In a remarkable stride towards promoting eco-friendly and active mobility, Hyderabad, India, proudly inaugurated its first solar roof cycling track, Healthway. This innovative track, which is a pioneering initiative in the country, was officially opened by K Tarakarama Rao, the state Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister. Healthway aims to encourage cycling as a means of transportation while incorporating sustainability and technological innovation.
- ✓ Notably, Healthway is the second of its kind globally, emphasizing Hyderabad's commitment to embracing innovative and sustainable solutions for urban mobility. Situated on the bustling Outer Ring Road (ORR) between the main carriageway and the service road, this track is designed to be accessible 24/7.

Arunachal Pradesh's Yak Churpi Receives GI Tag

- ✓ Slightly sour and salty churpi, a naturally fermented cheese prepared from the milk of Arunachali yak, nurtured in the high-altitude areas of Arunachal Pradesh, has recently received the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This recognition not only celebrates the culinary heritage of the region but also plays a vital role in the conservation of the yak population in the Himalayan region. Churpi, rich in protein, has been a lifeline for tribal yak herders in the harsh, vegetation-starved, cold, and hilly mountainous regions of the state.

Madhya Pradesh To Provide 35% Reservation For Women In Govt. Jobs

- ✓ In an important development towards gender equality and women's empowerment, the Madhya Pradesh government has announced a groundbreaking policy to reserve 35% of all state government job positions for women, excluding the Forest Department. This progressive amendment to the Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (Special Provision for Appointment of Women) Rules, 1997,

comes just ahead of the upcoming state assembly elections.

Rajasthan Govt Announces 3 New Districts Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchaman City in Rajasthan

- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM), Ashok Gehlot, announced the formation of 3 new districts: Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchaman City in Rajasthan during the Gau Seva Sammelan in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✓ The decision to establish these new districts was based on both public demand and recommendations provided by a high-level committee.
- ✓ With the addition of the 3 districts, the total number of districts in Rajasthan has now reached 53.

MP CM Unveils 108 ft Statue of Adi Shankaracharya at Omkareshwar

- ✓ Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister (CM) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) unveiled a 108-foot-tall statue of 8th-century Vedic scholar and teacher Adi Guru Shankaracharya, on the Mandhata hillock in Omkareshwar, Khargone district of MP.
- ✓ The statue is called as "Statue of Oneness," depicts Shankaracharya as a 12-year-old child (when he attained knowledge); It symbolize peace and unity.

Kasaragod Becomes 1st District in India to Declare Official Tree, Flower, Bird, Species

- ✓ The Kasaragod district of Kerala became the first district in India to officially designate its official tree, flower, bird and species showcasing its rich biodiversity and natural heritage.
- ✓ The district's official tree is 'Kanjiram' (*Strychnos nux-vomica* Linn), named after 'kasara', meaning wormwood, which is the origin of the district's name. 'Periya Polathali' (Malabar river lily), was declared as its official flower.
- ✓ 'Vellavayaran Kadal Paranthu' (Whitebellied sea eagle, *Haliaeetus leucogaster*) is declared as the district's bird. "Palappooovan Aamma", also known as Beeman Aamma (Cantor's Giant Softshell Turtle), was declared the district's creature.

ECONOMY AND BANKING

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates SBI branch in Sri Lanka

- ✓ During her three-day visit to Sri Lanka, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated a new branch of the State Bank of India (SBI) in Trincomalee and engaged in crucial discussions with her Sri Lankan counterparts as part of the 12th round of the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA).
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman’s visit to Sri Lanka, marked by the opening of a State Bank of India branch in Trincomalee and the resumption of the 12th round of Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) talks, reflects the commitment of both nations to strengthen economic ties and enhance cooperation. These endeavors underscore the importance of fostering collaboration in the region for mutual growth and development.



Fincare SFB to merge with AU Small Finance Bank

- ✓ Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB) is set to merge with AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) starting from February 1, 2024, pending necessary approvals and regulatory endorsements. This significant merger aims to create a robust financial institution with enhanced capabilities and a broader reach.
- ✓ Under the merger agreement, shareholders of Fincare SFB will receive 579 shares in AU SFB for every 2,000 shares they hold in Fincare SFB. Post-transaction, existing Fincare SFB shareholders are expected to maintain approximately 9.9% ownership in AU SFB.

About AU Small Finance Bank

Headquarters: Jaipur

Founder, MD & CEO: Sanjay Agarwal

About Fincare Small Finance Bank

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founder, MD & CEO: Rajeev Yadav

HDFC Bank Unveils XpressWay Digital Platform for Swift Loans

- ✓ HDFC Bank, a leading financial institution, has introduced its cutting-edge digital platform, XpressWay, to streamline and expedite its banking products and services. This innovation empowers customers to enjoy a more rapid and hassle-free banking experience.
- ✓ XpressWay is an integral component of HDFC Bank’s ‘NOW,’ an umbrella brand encompassing the bank’s digital products and services. This initiative represents the bank’s commitment to embracing digital solutions for its customers’ benefit.



RBL Bank Introduces GO Savings Account

- ✓ RBL Bank, a prominent player in the Indian banking sector, has announced the launch of its cutting-edge digital banking product, the GO Savings Account. This account introduces a novel subscription-based model, which combines simplicity and high-value benefits for customers seeking modern banking solutions.
- ✓ This innovative account follows a subscription-based model, with a first-year subscription fee of Rs. 1999 + taxes. Subsequent annual renewals are available at a fee of Rs. 599 + taxes.

ICICI Bank Introduces ‘iFinance,’ A One-Stop Solution for Multi-Bank Account Access

- ✓ ICICI Bank has recently launched ‘iFinance,’ a revolutionary feature that is set to change the way millions of customers, including retail clients and sole proprietors, manage their finances. This

innovative service empowers customers to consolidate their savings and current accounts from multiple banks into one convenient location.

- ✓ The 'iFinance' feature is available through ICICI Bank's digital platforms, including the iMobile Pay app, Retail Internet Banking (RIB), Corporate Internet Banking (CIB), and InstaBIZ, the Bank's mobile app designed for businesses.
- ✓ Linking and Viewing of All Accounts: Users can securely link their savings and current accounts from multiple banks and view account balances in one place. This unified view simplifies the tracking of account balances and helps users make informed financial decisions.



IDFC FIRST Bank tie up with Outlook Group to present "Outlook Money 40After40"

- ✓ Outlook Group is excited to announce the launch of its highly anticipated retirement planning event, "40After40," in association with IDFC FIRST Bank. This two-day event and expo will take place at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai on January 23-24, 2024. "40After40" aims to be a comprehensive platform for all retirement-related discussions, offering panel discussions, expert chats, masterclasses, interactions with financial planners, and product presentations.
- ✓ Outlook Group's "40After40" event is an extension of its commitment to raising awareness and facilitating discussions about the critical yet often neglected topic of retirement planning.



YES Bank Becomes The First Lender To Offer 'ONDC Network Gift Card'

- ✓ YES Bank, a prominent financial institution in India, has taken a significant leap forward in the digital commerce space by introducing the ONDC Network Gift Card. This move makes YES Bank

the first bank in the country to issue such a card. In partnership with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), this initiative aims to transform the shopping experience for Indian consumers.

SBI Introduces 'Mobile Handheld Device' To Drive Financial Inclusion

- ✓ In a groundbreaking move aimed at enhancing accessibility and convenience in availing banking services, the State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced the 'Mobile Handheld Device' for its Financial Inclusion (FI) customers. This pioneering initiative, unveiled by the Chairman of SBI, Shri Dinesh Khara, seeks to empower financial inclusion and extend essential banking services to the masses.
- ✓ The Mobile Handheld Device is set to revolutionize banking accessibility by bringing kiosk banking directly to customers' doorsteps. It offers greater flexibility to Customer Service Point (CSP) agents, enabling them to reach out to customers wherever they are. This initiative will be particularly beneficial for customers who face challenges in accessing CSP outlets due to health issues, senior citizens, and Divyangjans (persons with disabilities).



India's Fiscal Deficit Reaches 39.3% of FY24 Target in First Half of the Year

- ✓ In the first half of the 2023-24 financial year, India's central government faced a fiscal challenge, with the fiscal deficit rising to 39.3% of the annual target, a slight increase from the previous year's 37.3%. This widening gap between expenditure and revenue amounted to Rs 7.02 lakh crore by the end of September 2023, as reported by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). Despite efforts to contain the deficit, the figures reflected the financial landscape.
- ✓ The fiscal deficit stood at 39.3% of the full-year target. In actual terms, the gap between expenditure and revenue amounted to Rs 7.02 lakh crore.
- ✓ The Union Budget aimed to limit the fiscal deficit to 5.9% of the GDP in the fiscal year 2023-24. This

target followed a fiscal deficit of 6.4% of the GDP in the previous fiscal year (2022-23), which was slightly lower than the initial estimate of 6.71%.

8.1% Growth Rate in 8 Key Infrastructure Sectors in September 2023

- ✓ In September 2023, the growth rate of eight key infrastructure sectors in India witnessed a slowdown, reaching a four-month low of 8.1%. This decline is notable compared to the 8.3% growth recorded in the same month the previous year. Several of these sectors experienced deceleration, with crude oil output registering negative growth.

Positive Performers in September:

- ✓ **Coal:** Coal production surged by 16.1% in September.
- ✓ **Natural Gas:** Natural gas production increased by 6.5%.
- ✓ **Steel:** Steel production witnessed growth of 9.6%.

IMF Forecasts Global Growth Slowdown To 2.9% In 2024

- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recently unveiled its latest economic projections, revealing that global growth is expected to remain at 3 percent in 2023 and further decline to 2.9 percent in 2024, marking one of the lowest growth rates in decades. In its “Navigating Global Divergences” report for October 2023, the IMF outlines the key factors contributing to this subdued outlook and highlights the significant challenges the global economy faces.
- ✓ Advanced economies are also expected to experience a decline, with growth dropping from 2.6 percent in 2022 to 1.5 percent in 2023 and 1.4 percent in 2024. This decline is attributed to policy tightening aimed at curbing inflation.

Centre approves 22,303 Crore ₹subsidy on Key fertilizers

- ✓ The Indian government recently announced changes in the subsidy rates for key fertilisers, affecting nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), and sulphur (S). Despite global price increases, the

government aims to maintain affordable fertiliser prices for Indian farmers.

- ✓ During October-March, subsidies for N, P, K, and S have been reduced compared to April-September. Nitrogen subsidy decreased by 38%, phosphorus by 49%, potassium by 84%, and sulphur by 32.5%.
- ✓ Urea will remain highly subsidized at Rs 266 per bag. Complex fertilisers like DAP will cost Rs 1,350 per bag, NPK varieties at an average of Rs 1,470 per bag, and MOP at Rs 1,655 per bag.

India to surpass Japan in 2030 to become 2nd largest economy of Asia, says S&P Global

- ✓ India’s economy is on the rise! By 2030, its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is predicted to reach a whopping \$7.3 trillion, making it the second-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, just after China.
- ✓ In 2030, India’s GDP is expected to surpass even Germany’s. To put this in perspective, as of the end of 2022, India’s GDP had already outgrown that of the United Kingdom and France.
- ✓ This impressive economic growth has propelled India to become the third-largest economy in Asia-Pacific and the fifth-largest in the world.
- ✓ India’s GDP, when measured in United States dollars (USD), is predicted to jump from \$3.5 trillion in 2022 to \$7.3 trillion by 2030.
- ✓ This rapid expansion will make India’s economy second only to China in the Asia-Pacific region. It’s also expected to continue as one of the fastest-growing economies globally over the next decade.
- ✓ This growth opens up exciting opportunities for companies worldwide. India is becoming an essential long-term market for various industries, including manufacturing (such as automobiles, electronics, and chemicals) and services (like banking, insurance, asset management, healthcare, and information technology).
- ✓ In 2021 and 2022, India experienced rapid economic growth. In 2023, the strong growth trend continued, with the GDP expanding by 7.8% year-on-year from April to June.

- ✓ This growth remains impressive despite the high comparison base established by the GDP growth of 13.1% in the same quarter in 2022.

Centre approves 4% hike in DA for central govt employees

- ✓ The Union Government recently took a significant step to benefit Central government employees and pensioners by increasing the Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) by 4%. This increase will be effective from July 1, 2023.
- ✓ Union Minister Anurag Thakur announced a 4% increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief. The DA will go up from 42% to 46%.
- ✓ This decision benefits a large number of people, including 48.67 lakh central government employees and 67.95 lakh pensioners.
- ✓ The dearness allowance for employees and pensioners is calculated based on the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW), published monthly by the Labour Bureau. The release of the additional installment of DA and DR will be applicable from July 1, 2023.

IMF Raises India's FY24 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.3%

- ✓ In its October 2023 World Economic Outlook (WEO) report, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's economic growth forecast for the fiscal year 2023-24. The growth projection was increased from 6.1% to 6.3% due to stronger-than-expected consumption during April-June. The report also highlighted India's resilient domestic economic activity and the positive impact of robust domestic demand, contrasting global economic trends.
- ✓ GDP Growth Projection: The IMF revised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.3% for both 2023 and 2024, indicating a 0.2 percentage points upward revision for 2023. This adjustment was attributed to the nation's strong consumption patterns during the specified period.
- ✓ The IMF anticipated retail inflation in India to rise to 5.5% in fiscal 2023-24 before easing to 4.6% in 2024-25. This projection aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) inflation target over the medium term.

- ✓ The IMF anticipated India's current account deficit to remain at 1.8% of GDP in FY24 and FY25, indicating a stable external economic position for the nation

The World Bank expected economic growth of India in 2023-24

- ✓ India's economy showed resilience, growing at 7.2% in FY22/23, despite global challenges. The World Bank expects a growth moderation to 6.3% in FY23/24 due to external factors.
- ✓ Bank credit grew by 15.8% in the first quarter of FY23/24, indicating a healthy financial environment.
- ✓ Despite challenges, the service sector is anticipated to grow by 7.4%, and investment is projected to remain robust at 8.9%

India's Net Direct Tax Collections Surge by 21.8%, Surpassing Half of Budget Projections

- ✓ India has witnessed a remarkable increase in its net direct tax collections, with a substantial growth rate of 21.8% amounting to ₹9.57 lakh crore by October 9. This surge has exceeded over half of the annual Budget estimates. The boost is primarily attributed to a 32.5% rise in personal income tax revenues and a 12.4% increase in corporate taxes.

Urban unemployment rate drops to 6.6% in Q1

- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released its quarterly bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), shedding light on the urban unemployment situation in India during the first quarter of the fiscal year.
- ✓ In the April-June quarter of this fiscal year, the urban unemployment rate in India dropped to 6.6%.
- ✓ This was the lowest level recorded since the PLFS bulletin was launched in 2018.
- ✓ For males above the age of 15, the urban unemployment rate decreased from 6.0% in the previous quarter to 5.9%.
- ✓ For females in the same age group, the unemployment rate decreased from 9.2% to 9.1% during the same period.

- ✓ Among urban females aged 15-29, the unemployment rate slightly increased to 23.4% in April-June from 22.9% in the previous quarter but was lower than the 23.9% recorded in the same period the previous year.
- ✓ Urban males in the 15-29 age group also saw a slight increase in unemployment, rising to 15.9% from 15.6% in the previous quarter but lower than the 17.4% recorded in April-June 2022.
- ✓ Several states and union territories (UTs) reported higher urban unemployment rates than the national average. Notable ones include Himachal Pradesh (13.8%), Rajasthan (11.7%), Chhattisgarh (11.2%), Jammu and Kashmir (10.9%), and Kerala (10%).
- ✓ States/UTs with lower-than-national average unemployment rates included Delhi (2.7%), Gujarat (2.8%), West Bengal (4.4%), Bihar (6.1%), Maharashtra, and Haryana (6.5%).
- ✓ Key labor market indicators, such as Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR), improved in urban areas for individuals aged 15 years and above compared to the pre-pandemic period.
- ✓ LFPR in April-June 2023 was 48.8%, higher than the pre-pandemic levels.
- ✓ WPR in the same period was 45.5%, also surpassing pre-pandemic figures.
- ✓ The current unemployment rate of 6.6% is lower than pre-pandemic unemployment rates.
- ✓ Unemployment Rate is the percentage of people unemployed among those in the labor force. People are considered unemployed if they didn't work for even one hour during the week but sought or were available for work for at least one hour during the same period.

52nd GST Council Meeting: Ministry of Finance Notifies 18% GST on Corporate Guarantee

- ✓ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under the Ministry of Finance issued a notification stating that GST (Goods and Services Tax) will be levied on guarantees provided by corporations to their subsidiaries prospectively. The corporate guarantee would be taxable from the date of the notification.

- ✓ As per the notification, GST at 18% will be levied on 1% of the total amount guaranteed by the parent company or the actual consideration, whichever is higher.

Key Recommendations

- ✓ GST rates on “Food preparation of millet flour in powder form, containing at least 70% millets by weight” 0% when sold in non-pre-packaged and unlabelled form. And 5% when sold in prepackaged and labelled form.
- ✓ Reduction of GST on molasses from 28% to 5%.
- ✓ The GST on Job work services for processing of barley into malt has been reduced to from 18% to 5%.

ADB Approves USD 175 Million Loan to Upgrade Roads in MP

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 175 million loan for ‘India : Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience of the Madhya Pradesh Road Network Project’. The project aims to upgrade about 500 kilometers of state highways and major district roads to a standard two-lane feature in Madhya Pradesh(MP). ADB is partnering with Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Limited (MPRDC), to build the capacity of MPRDC in climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster resilience, and road safety.

About ADB

- ✓ President – Masatsugu Asakawa
- ✓ Headquarters – Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines

ADB Approves USD 400 Million Loan to Enhance Urban Services in India

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 400 million policy-based loan to India to enhance the infrastructure quality and provide assured public services and efficient governance systems. The loan will be under Sub-programme 2 of ADB's Sustainable Urban Development and Service Delivery Programme.
- ✓ Subprogram 2 will support investment planning and reform actions at the state and urban local body (ULB) levels. It will be implemented by the

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA) with guidance from ADB.

Bank of Baroda Launches Bob LITE Savings Account

- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BoB) launched a lifetime zerobalance savings account called the Bob LITE Savings Account as a part of “BOB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang” festive campaign.
- ✓ The Bob LITE Savings Account comes with a lifetime-free RuPay Platinum debit card (subject to maintaining a quarterly average balance (QAB)).

NSDC & Coca-Cola India Partners to Launch Super Power Retailer Program

- ✓ National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), based in New Delhi, Delhi, and operating under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), partnered with Coca-Cola India to launch the Super Power Retailer Program under the Skill India Mission.
- ✓ This will empower the retailer community in the states of Odisha and Uttar Pradesh (UP). The program is being piloted in Odisha.



Sberbank Becomes First Russian Bank to Register with SEBI as FPI

- ✓ Russian State-owned Sberbank has become the first Russian bank to register with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as a foreign portfolio investor (FPI) for a Category I FPI license. Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) involves an investor purchasing foreign financial assets to access equities, bonds, derivatives, mutual funds, and guaranteed investment certificates among others

IOCL to Invest Rs.1,660.15Crore in Indian Oil NTPC Green Energy Pvt Ltd

- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), a stateowned Maharatna company, is set to invest Rs 1,660.15 crore as equity in Indian Oil NTPC Green Energy Pvt Ltd for setting up renewable power

plants.IndianOil NTPC Green Energy Pvt Ltd is a joint venture (JV) company with a 50:50 share between IOCL and NTPC Green Energy Ltd, (a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited) formed in June 2023.

FICCI Economic Outlook Survey Predicts Median GDP Growth Rate of 6.3% for FY23- 24

- ✓ According to Economic Outlook Survey released by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), India’s annual median Gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate for the financial year 2023-24 (FY2023-24) is projected at 6.3% with a minimum and maximum growth estimate of 6% and 6.6%, respectively.
- ✓ The median forecast for Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation in 2023-24 is 5.5%, with a minimum and maximum range of 5.3% and 5.7%, respectively.
- ✓ CPI inflation rate will remain above the Reserve Bank of India(RBI)'s target level of 4±2 for Q3 & Q4 of FY 23-24.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Gets RBI Nod for Acquisition of Sonata Finance

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) got approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to acquire 100% of the issued and paid up capital in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) based Sonata Finance Private Limited (SFPL) for Rs 537 crore.
- ✓ Sonata Finance, established in 2006, is a Microfinance company registered as Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC)-Microfinance institutions (MFI) (NonDeposit taking).

Axis Bank and Fibe Partner to Launch India’s First Numberless Credit Card

- ✓ Axis Bank Limited and Social Worth Technologies Private Limited (Fibe) (formerly known as EarlySalary) have partnered to launch India’s firstever numberless credit card called Fibe Axis Bank Credit Card.The card, powered by Rupay, also allows the customer to link this credit card to Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

RBI UPDATES

RBI To Directly Regulate Entities Facilitating Cross Border Payment Transactions

- ✓ In a recent circular, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced its decision to directly regulate all entities that facilitate cross-border payment transactions related to the import and export of goods and services. This directive is aimed at ensuring transparency, security, and adherence to financial regulations in these cross-border transactions.
- ✓ The RBI, in its circular, introduced a novel category known as Payment Aggregator-Cross Border (PA-CB) to encompass all entities involved in facilitating cross-border payments.
- ✓ To strengthen the regulatory framework, the RBI clarified the minimum net worth criteria for non-bank entities providing PA-CB services. According to the circular, entities applying for authorization to operate as PA-CBs must have a minimum net worth of ₹15 crore at the time of application. Additionally, they are required to maintain a minimum net worth of ₹25 crore by March 31, 2026, demonstrating their financial stability and commitment to the industry.
- ✓ The circular also imposes obligations on banks that engage in Payment Aggregator-Cross Border activities. Banks undertaking these activities must fulfill the regulatory requirements applicable to PA-CBs by April 30, 2024, ensuring that all entities involved in cross-border transactions adhere to the same standards, regardless of their nature.

Reserve Bank of India Launches Surveys for Monetary Policy Insights

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India announced the introduction of two significant surveys, the 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' and the 'Consumer Confidence Survey,' aimed at providing valuable inputs for its bi-monthly monetary policy decisions. The next bi-monthly

monetary policy review is scheduled to take place from December 6 to 8.

Inflation Expectations Survey of Households

- ✓ The 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' is designed to gather subjective assessments of price movements and inflation. It is based on the individual consumption patterns of households across 19 major cities in India, including Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, and Thiruvananthapuram. The survey on inflation solicits both qualitative and quantitative responses from households:
- ✓ **Qualitative responses** inquire about households' expectations regarding price changes in the three months ahead and the one-year ahead period.
- ✓ **Quantitative responses** are collected for current inflation rates, expectations for inflation in the next three months, and expectations for inflation in the next one year.

Consumer Confidence Survey

- ✓ The 'Consumer Confidence Survey' is intended to gauge the sentiments of households on various economic aspects. This survey seeks responses from households regarding their views on:
 - General economic conditions
 - Employment scenario
 - Price levels
 - Household income
 - Household spending

RBI Eases Closure Rules for District Central Co-operative Banks

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a significant change in its regulations, allowing District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) to close un-remunerative branches without seeking prior permission from the central bank. However, DCCBs will need approval from the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in their respective states. The RBI issued a circular outlining the new guidelines on Monday.
- ✓ Under the updated regulations, DCCBs can make decisions to close branches, but such determinations must be made by their Boards. These decisions

should take into account all relevant factors and must be documented in the minutes of the Board meeting, as stated by the RBI.

- ✓ Additionally, the circular stipulates that DCCBs must provide a two-month notice in advance of branch closures to all existing depositors and clients. This notice should be published in local leading newspapers through a press release and communicated individually to each constituent of the branch.
- ✓ Furthermore, the RBI mandates that DCCBs return the original licenses issued for any closed branches to the concerned Regional Office of the Reserve Bank.
- ✓ It's important to note that DCCBs will not be permitted to close branches if the RBI has imposed restrictions on the bank. In such cases, the closure request will not be entertained.

RBI Mandates Minimum Two Whole-Time Directors for Indian Banks

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a crucial requirement for Indian banks, stating that they must now have a minimum of two whole-time directors (WTDs) on their boards. This mandate extends to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO) position.
- ✓ This move aims to help banks navigate the growing complexity within the banking sector and effectively tackle emerging challenges. Notably, this directive applies to both private banks and wholly-owned subsidiaries of foreign banks.
- ✓ Banks that currently do not meet the RBI's new requirement must promptly submit proposals for the appointment of WTDs within four months of receiving this directive. Additionally, banks lacking provisions for the appointment of WTDs in their Articles of Association are urged to seek the necessary approvals to meet these requirements.

RBI Issues New Guidelines NBFC – SBR Master Directions 2023

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently published a new set of guidelines called the “Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India [Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) – Scale Based Regulation (SBR)] Directions, 2023”.

- ✓ It replaces the Non-Banking Financial Company–Non-Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016, and the Non-Banking Financial Company–Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) exercises its authority under the RBI Act, 1934 (Act 2 of 1934) and the Factoring Regulation Act, 2011 (Act 12 of 2012).

- ✓ Under this regulatory framework, NBFCs are categorized into 4 layers based on their size, activities, and perceived risk:

i.NBFCs-Base Layer (NBFCs-BL) includes:

- ✓ Non-deposit taking NBFCs with assets below Rs 1,000 crore. NBFCs engaged in specific activities such as NBFC-Peer to Peer Lending Platform (NBFCP2P), NBFC-Account Aggregator (NBFC-AA), Non-Operative Financial Holding Company (NOFHC), and NBFCs not utilizing public funds and lacking customer interactions.

ii.NBFCs-Middle Layer (NBFCs-ML) includes:

- ✓ All deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFCs-D), regardless of their asset size
- ✓ Non-deposit taking NBFCs with assets equal to or exceeding Rs 1,000 crore NBFCs involved in activities like Standalone Primary Dealer (SPD), Infrastructure Debt Fund-Non-Banking Financial Company (IDF-NBFC), Core Investment Company (CIC), Housing Finance Company (HFC), and Non-Banking Financial Company-Infrastructure Finance Company (NBFC-IFC).

iii.NBFCs-Upper Layer (NBFCs-UL)

- ✓ NBFCs that the Reserve Bank identifies as needing stricter regulatory oversight based on specific parameters and scoring methods.
- ✓ The quantitative and qualitative parameters shall have weightage of 70% and 30% respectively
- ✓ Scoring methodology for identification of an NBFC as NBFC-UL shall be based on the set of NBFCs fulfilling the following criteria:
- ✓ Top 50 NBFCs (excluding top ten NBFCs based on asset size, which automatically fall in the Upper Layer) based on their total exposure including credit equivalent of off-balance sheet exposure.

- ✓ NBFCs designated as NBFC-UL in the previous year. NBFCs added to the set by supervisors using supervisory judgment
- ✓ **iv.NBFCs-Top Layer (NBFC-TL)**
- ✓ The Top Layer should remain vacant. If the Reserve Bank determines that certain NBFCs in the Upper Layer pose a substantial systemic risk, they may be moved to the Top Layer from the Upper Layer.

RBI Allows Retail Investors to Subscribe to FRSBs 2020 (T) via Retail Direct Portal

- ✓ On October 23, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the Government of India (GoI), has expanded the range of products offered through RBI Retail Direct portal by allowing retail investors to subscribe to Floating Rate Savings Bonds , 2020 (Taxable)- FRSB 2020 (T).
- ✓ Previously, the retail investors were allowed to invest in central government securities, treasury bills, state government securities and sovereign gold bonds through this portal.
- ✓ The subscription of bonds will be in the form of cash (up to Rs 20,000 only)/drafts/cheques or any electronic mode.
- ✓ Prior to this, the FRSB 2020 (T) was only available at designated branches of State Bank of India (SBI), Nationalised Banks, private banks specified by RBI and other entities authorised by RBI as per the guidelines of Floating rate bonds released by GoI in June 2020. Now, FRSBs can be brought through retail Direct Portal.

RBI announced results of 2nd edition of its Global Hackathon – HARBINGER 2023

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced second edition of its global hackathon, “HARBINGER 2023 – Innovation for Transformation”
- ✓ Theme: Inclusive Digital Services.
- ✓ This event was announced on February 14, 2023. The hackathon received 154 proposals submitted by teams from both India and 28 participating teams/entities from countries such as Australia, Canada, Germany, Singapore, Sweden, the United

Kingdom (UK), and the United States of America (USA). The Hackathon ran in three phases.

- ✓ The hackathon is hosted on Application Programming Interface Exchange (APIX) platform.

The winners

- ✓ For its problem statement 'Innovative, easy-to-use, digital banking services for differently abled (Divyaang)', **Ezetap Mobile Solutions Pvt Ltd (Now acquired by Razorpay), India, was the winner**, with a solution DrishtiPay that facilitates effortless Card/UPI payments for the visually challenged.
- ✓ For the problem statement 'RegTech solutions to facilitate more efficient compliance for Regulated Entities (REs)', **the winner WeavAir, Singapore's solution** provides efficient data collection and analytics to facilitate compliance by regulated entities, facilitating financial institutions to improve their regulatory reporting and risk management.
- ✓ For the problem statement 'Exploring use cases/solutions for CBDC-R transactions, including transactions in offline mode', **the winner is Dvgnify Ventures Private Limited, India**, whose mobile application runs on encrypted SMS rails for CBDC-Retail transactions without needing internet.
- ✓ For the problem statement 'Increasing Transactions Per Second (TPS)/ throughput and scalability of blockchains', **the winner Fortis Net Ltd, UK's solution** is a token-based architecture based on two-phase commit protocol.

RBI Starts Wholesale Digital Rupee Pilot in Call Money Market

- ✓ On October 17, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) initiated a pilot program for the wholesale segment namely ‘Digital Rupee-Wholesale (e₹-W)’ of its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in the interbank call money market.
- ✓ e-rupee call money pilot is the second test of wholesale CBDC, after the government securities market in November 2022.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI), Bank of Baroda(BoB), Union Bank of India(UBI), HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC were part of the wholesale CBDC in government securities pilot program.

- ✓ Most participating banks remain the same from the wholesale e-rupee pilot for the government securities market with Federal Bank replacing HSBC in the call money pilot.
- ✓ Under the pilot, the entire wholesale segment, including asset tokenization and repo transactions will be covered.

RBI imposes Rs 5.39 crore penalty on Paytm Payments Bank

- ✓ On October 12, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5.39 Crore on Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) in exercise of its powers conferred under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949.
- ✓ This penalty will not affect any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

RBI Cancels CoR of Ind Bank Housing Ltd; Imposes Rs 5.39cr penalty on Paytm Payments Bank

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) based Ind Bank Housing Ltd, a Housing Finance Company (HFC) w.e.f. September 21, 2023.
- ✓ In this regard, it cannot transact the business of Housing Finance Institution and a Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFC) as defined in National Housing Bank (NHB) Act, 1987 and RBI Act, 1934, respectively.
- ✓ This decision has been taken by RBI in exercise of its powers conferred on it under Section 29A (6) of the NHB Act, 1987.

RBI maintains CPI inflation forecast for FY24 at 5.4%

- ✓ RBI projects that Inflation is expected to average 5.4% in the fiscal year 2023–2024, which remained unchanged. Additionally, the target for economic growth remains at 6.5% for the same period.
- ✓ CPI stands for Consumer Price Index, is a way to measure how prices of everyday items change over time. It shows the average cost increase for things people buy regularly, like groceries and services.

RBI Doubles Gold Loan Limit Urban Cooperative Banks

- ✓ RBI announced to double the gold loan limit under Bullet Repayment scheme for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs). Monetary ceiling for gold loans under this scheme increased from ₹2.00 lakh to ₹4.00 lakh for UCBs that meet Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target and sub targets as on March 31, 2023.
- ✓ A bullet repayment scheme is when a borrower pays both the interest and the principal amount at the end of the loan tenure, without making any repayments during the loan duration period.

RBI extends PIDF scheme by 2 years till Dec 2025

- ✓ Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das announced the extension of the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme by 2 years, until December 31, 2025. This extended scheme will now include beneficiaries of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, aiming to promote digital transactions at the grassroots level.
- ✓ The PIDF Scheme was operationalized by the Reserve Bank in January 2021 for a 3-year period.
- ✓ Objective: Incentivize the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure, including physical Point of Sale (PoS) and Quick Response (QR) codes.
- ✓ Target Areas: Tier-3 to tier-6 centers, northeastern states, and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- ✓ Beneficiaries: Initially, focused on Tier-3 to Tier-6 centers and northeastern states.
- ✓ In August 2021, beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi Scheme in Tier-1 and 2 centers were included in the PIDF scheme.
- ✓ By end-August 2023, over 2.66 crore new touchpoints have been deployed under the Scheme.

RBI to introduce card-on-file tokenization at bank level

- ✓ RBI proposes to introduce Card-on-File Tokenisation (CoFT) creation facilities directly at the issuer bank level. Currently, Card-on-File (CoF) tokens can only be created through a merchant's application or webpage.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PM Modi directs ISRO to land on the moon by 2040

- ✓ India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has announced ambitious plans to expand the country's space activities, including sending its first astronaut to the moon by 2040 and establishing a native space station by 2035.
- ✓ Originally, India aimed to have its own space station by 2022, but technical issues and the COVID-19 pandemic caused delays.
- ✓ India signed NASA's Artemis Accords for space exploration, and NASA will provide advanced training to Indian astronauts and send them to the International Space Station in 2024.

Ericsson Sets up 6G R&D Centre in Chennai

- ✓ Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson, commonly known as Ericsson, Swedish telecommunication company, has announced setting up a 6G Research and Development(R&D) centre in Chennai, Tamil Nadu(TN) Ericsson is also looking to partner with premier engineering institutes in India for 6G-related research.
- ✓ This 6G R&D centre in India will be the 3rd such centre of Ericsson. The other 2 are in Sweden and the United States of America (USA).
- ✓ At Present, Ericsson has R&D centres at Chennai, Bengaluru(Karnataka) and Gurugram(Haryana). Ericsson was started by Lars Magnus Ericsson in 1876 and it has been present in India since 1903.
- ✓ On 5th October 2023, Nokia established a 6G Lab at its Global R&D center in Bengaluru.

Skyroot Aerospace Unveils Vikram-I Orbital Space Launch Vehicle

- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited unveiled 'Vikram-I' orbital space launch vehicle at the newly inaugurated its headquarters 'The MAX-Q Campus' located at the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park in South Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✓ The event was attend by Union Minister of State(MoS) Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science &

Technology (MoST) who also unveiled simulation of Vikram 1.

- ✓ The Vikram-I rocket is capable of carrying a load of up to 480 Kilograms (kg) into 500 Kilometre (km) the Low Earth orbit (LEO) and a load of 290 kg into a 500 km Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO).
- ✓ Vikram 1 is the all-carbon-fibre bodied rocket that can place multiple satellites in orbit and features 3D printed liquid engines.
- ✓ Vikram-I is set to launch in 2024 by Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited which was established in 2018 by Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka(Co-Founders).

China Launches Shenzhou-17 Manned Spacecraft to Its Space Station

- ✓ China's Chinese Manned Space Agency (CMSA) has launched its 30th flight mission Shenzhou 17 (also known as "Divine Vessel") along with three astronauts to the Tiangong Space Station.
- ✓ The spacecraft lifted off atop a Long March-2F Y17 carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.
- ✓ This is the sixth manned mission of China to its space station since 2021.

About the Astronauts

- ✓ The crew is led by former air force pilot Tang Hongbo (48). He is making his second spaceflight. He belongs to China's second batch of astronauts in 2010.
- ✓ The other two members of the crew: Tang Shengjie (33) and Jiang Xinlin (35), are both travelling to space for the first time. They joined the China's 3rd batch of astronauts.
- ✓ The crew is the youngest-ever crew of Chinese astronauts to visit the Tiangong Space Station.

About Shenzhou 17 mission

- ✓ Shenzhou 16 crew will hand over control to the incoming Shenzhou 17 astronauts. The mission will last for six months, during which time the

astronauts will conduct experiments and technology tests. The astronauts will also conduct Tiangong's first extravehicular experimental maintenance work.

Tiangong Space Station

- ✓ The Tiangong space station is a Chinese space station being built in low Earth orbit between 340 and 450 kilometers above the earth.

Pakistan Successfully Conducts Training Launch of Ghauri Weapon System

- ✓ Pakistan Army successfully conducted a training launch of the Ghauri Weapon System, a medium-range, road-mobile, ballistic missile system indigenously developed by Pakistan, to test the operational and technical readiness of Army Strategic Forces Command (ASFC).
- ✓ The launch was witnessed by Lieutenant General Muhammad Shahbaz Khan Commander ASFC, senior officers from the strategic forces, scientists, and engineers of the strategic organisation.
- ✓ Previously on 18th October 2023, Pakistan successfully conducted the flight test of Ababeel Weapon System, the ballistic missile system, in Islamabad, Pakistan.

About Ghauri Weapon System

- ✓ It is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads and has a reported range of approximately 1,300 to 1,500 kilometers

ISRO Launches the Gaganyaan Mission Test

- ✓ On 21st October 2023, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched Gaganyaan's first flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh(AP).

Mission Definition

- ✓ "In-flight Abort Demonstration of Crew Escape System (CES)" at Mach number 1.2 with the newly developed Test Vehicle followed by Crew Module(CM) separation & safe recovery.

Mission Objective

- ✓ Test all the systems of the Test Vehicle to make sure they are working properly.

- ✓ Test the CES to make sure it can safely separate the Crew Module from the Test Vehicle in the event of an emergency.

- ✓ Test the CM's ability to fly and land safely at higher altitudes.

Working

- ✓ The flight simulated the abort condition during the ascent trajectory corresponding to a Mach number of 1.2 encountered in the Gaganyaan mission.

- ✓ At an height of about 17 km, the CES and CM got separated from the test vehicle.

- ✓ The CES then autonomously deployed the parachutes and slow the CM down to a safe landing in the sea, about 10 km from the coast of Sriharikota.

About TV-D1

- ✓ Test Vehicle Demonstration 1(TV-D1) is a low cost liquid propelled single stage rocket which is developed specifically for test missions.

- ✓ TV-D1 uses a modified VIKAS(VIKram Ambalal Sarabhai) engine with CM and CES mounted at its fore end.

- ✓ Navigation of the rocket is taken care by Mini Advanced inertial navigation system (INS) augmented by Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (NavIC)/ Global Positioning System (GPS)

About Crew Escape System (CES)

- ✓ The Crew Escape System (CES) is a system that can be used to safely evacuate the crew of a spacecraft in the event of an emergency.

Japan Becomes 1st Country Ever To Fire Electromagnetic Railgun

- ✓ The Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), along with the Acquisition Technology & Logistics Agency (ATLA), which comes under the Ministry of Defense of Japan, has successfully test-fired a medium-caliber maritime electromagnetic railgun from an offshore platform.

- ✓ With this, Japan became the first country in the world to successfully test-fire a maritime railgun from an offshore platform.

- ✓ Railgun is a type of weapon that uses electromagnetic force to launch high-speed projectiles (at about Mach 7).

- ✓ The projectiles do not contain explosives, but instead rely on their mass, speed, and kinetic energy to inflict damage.
- ✓ Railguns could be used to target a wide range of aerial threats at sea, including hypersonic cruise missiles and hypersonic ballistic missiles.
- ✓ Railguns are stealthy to some extent (due to their small bullets).

About Japan Railgun

- ✓ It is a medium-sized electromagnetic railgun.
- ✓ It can shoot a 320g (or 0.71lb) 40mm steel rounds bullet at a speed of around 2,230 m/s (Mach 6.5).
- ✓ These railguns will be inducted into Japan's defense system in the second half of 2020s(after 2025) after conducting several rounds of testing.
- ✓ These railguns can fire interceptors as well at the desired speeds.

NASA's Psyche Spacecraft was Launched to Study Metal Asteroid 'Psyche'

- ✓ NASA's Psyche Spacecraft was Launched to Study Metal Asteroid 'Psyche' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has launched a Psyche Spacecraft to an interplanetary transfer orbit by using SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39a (LC-39a) at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, United States of America (USA) on 13th October 2023.
- ✓ After escaping Earth's gravity, Psyche Spacecraft will use solar electric propulsion to accomplish its six-year journey to the asteroid called 'Psyche' which is orbiting the Sun between Mars and Jupiter.

About Psyche Mission

- ✓ This is NASA's first mission to study an asteroid that has more metal than rock or ice
- ✓ NASA selected the Psyche mission on January 2017, as one of two missions for its Discovery Program.
- ✓ The Discovery Program is a series of relatively lowcost missions to explore the solar system.
- ✓ The mission is led by Arizona State University of USA.The Psyche mission will also test a new communication technology called Deep Space Optical Communication (DSOC).

European's First Private Rocket MIURA 1 SN1 was Launched by PLD Space

- ✓ The first private suborbital European rocket MIURA 1 SN1 was launched by Spanish space company PLD Space.
- ✓ The reusable rocket was launched from El Arenosillo Experimentation Centre (CEDEA) of Spanish National Institute for Aerospace Technology (INTA) in Huelva, Spain.
- ✓ The first flight of the MIURA 1 SN1 technology demonstrator aims to collect data about the flight performance of the rocket and its systems, These data will be used to validate the design and technology of the MIURA 5 orbital launch vehicle which is planned to be launched in 2025.

MIURA1 SN1

- ✓ The rocket is of 12.5meters in length with a propellant system of Kerosene and Cryogenic liquid oxygen(KeroLOX).The rocket has TEPREL-B Liquid Bi-propellant engine developed by PLD Space.

Amazon Launched First Test Satellites for Project Kuiper Satellite System

- ✓ Amazon.com, Inc.(AMZN.O) has launched the first two prototype satellites KuiperSat-1 and KuiperSat-2 to low Earth orbit (LEO) at the height of 500 kilometers (311 miles) as part of "Protoflight" mission of Project Kuiper.
- ✓ The satellite was launched by United Launch Alliance's (ULA) Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, United States of America (USA).

About Project Kuiper

- ✓ Project Kuiper satellite system is a network of satellites in LEO. The Kuiper System will operate at altitudes between 590 and 630 kilometers (roughly 367 to 391 miles). The project aims to provide fast and affordable internet to more than 10 million of underserved communities around the world.

DEFENCE

IAF Test Fired Long Ranged BrahMos Missile

- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully tested the air launch version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. The missile was launched from a Sukhoi Su30 Modernizirovannyi Kommercheskiy Indiski (MKI) fighter jet in an airbase in Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ This is a long range version of supersonic weapon system with a range of about 1500km. The BrahMos missile can be launched from a range of platforms, including fighter jets, submarines, ships, and land-based systems.
- ✓ It is developed by BrahMos Aerospace which is a joint venture between Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya (NPO Mash) and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).



India-Bangladesh holds Joint Military Exercise SAMPRITI-XI 2023

- ✓ Exercise SAMPRITI-XI 2023, an annual joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh is held in **Umroi, Meghalaya**, for 14 days from 3rd October to 16th October 2023
- ✓ This is the 11th edition of the Exercise, which strengthens India-Bangladesh defence cooperation by promoting stronger bilateral connections, cultural understanding, and reciprocal benefits from shared experiences.
- ✓ It emphasizes the necessity of improving interoperability between the armies, as well as sharing tactical drills and encouraging best practises.
- ✓ Indian contingent mainly comprises troops from a battalion of the **RAJPUT Regiment**.
- ✓ The 10th edition of Exercise was conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh in 2022.

Indian Navy Conducts Annual Joint HADR Exercise CHAKRAVAT 2023

- ✓ The 2023 edition of the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise (AJHE) – “CHAKRAVAT 2023” was conducted by the Indian Navy (IN) at Goa from 09th to 11th October 2023.
- ✓ AJHE is the result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's preference conveyed during the Combined Commanders' Conference in 2015.
- ✓ To address the challenges posed by climate change in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), the Indian armed forces conduct HADR operations as part of India's Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) initiative.
- ✓ This exercise evolved the Indian armed force's assistance in disaster times as a collaborative government approach that enhanced India's preparedness and response to natural disasters.
- ✓ The first edition of the exercise was held in 2015 and it has been conducted by the Indian Army, Indian Navy (IN), and Indian Air Force (IAF) in rotation since 2016.
- ✓ The last edition of the exercise 'Samanvay 2022' conducted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) was held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

East Coast Sagar Kavach 02-23: Coastal Security Exercise held in AP, TN & Puducherry

- ✓ East Coast Sagar Kavach 02-23, a two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise was conducted in Andhra Pradesh(AP), Tamil Nadu(TN) and Puducherry(PY) from 11-12 October 2023 to assess the efficacy and robustness of the coastal security system in responds to unconventional threats from the sea.
- ✓ About 2500 personnel including from Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, State and Union Territory Administration, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs, International Agencies, Light Houses, Ports Forest etc were engaged in the exercise.

- ✓ The Joint Operations Centre (East) in Visakhapatnam(AP) is the nodal hub to monitor all coastal security operations and exercises in area of operations.
- ✓ The exercise was executed under Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Eastern Naval Command(ENC), He is also the Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Defence (East).
- ✓ Indian Navy ships, Coast Guard assets, and other coastal security agencies were deployed to increase surveillance in the area. Enhanced security measures were put in place, and Dornier aircraft and helicopters from Visakhapatnam, Chennai(Tamil Nadu), and Ramnathapuram(Tamil Nadu) conducted extensive aerial surveillance.

Indian Navy conducts Security Exercise 'Prasthan' in AP's Kakinada

- ✓ The Security Exercise Prasthan 2023 was carried out by Commodore Rajneesh Sharma Naval Officer-in-Charge (NOIC), under the aegis of Eastern Naval Command, Indian Navy (IN) in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ✓ The exercise was conducted on the Rig ship Platinum Explorer of ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) and RG Fixed Oil Platform of Vedanta Ltd.
- ✓ **Aim of Exercise:** Rehearsing responses in handling contingencies and checking the efficacy of security mechanisms at Offshore Development Area (ODA)
- ✓ **Participation:** It involved around 2,500 personnel and IN comprised of INS (Indian Naval Ship) Kora, INS Tihayu, four Immediate Support Vessels, Marine Commandoes, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team and Helicopters. ICG Ship Kanaklata Barua also participated in the exercise.

Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023: India-Malaysia Joint Army Exercise begins in Meghalaya

- ✓ On October 23, 2023, Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023, the two-week Indo-Malaysia joint military exercise between the Indian Army (IA) and the Malaysian Army, commenced at the Umroi

cantonment, located in Ri Bhoi district of the northeastern state of Meghalaya. The exercise is scheduled till November 5, 2023.

About Harimau Shakti

- ✓ i.Harimau Shakti, the Indo-Malaysia joint exercise, has been conducted annually since 2012 to foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.
- ✓ The last edition of the exercise, Harimau Shakti 2022, was conducted in Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia in November 2022.
- ✓ India is represented by a Battalion of the **Rajput Regiment**

India-EU's First Joint Naval Exercise Held in Gulf of Guinea

- ✓ India and the European Union(EU) conducted their first joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea on 24th October 2023. The exercise was designed to uphold the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- ✓ The exercise took place after the third meeting of the EU-India Maritime Security Dialogue, which was held in Brussels on October 5, 2023.
- ✓ **Participated Ships**
- ✓ The exercise involved the Indian Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sumedha
- ✓ Ships of 3 EU member states(Italy, France and Spain) also participated the exercise. They are:
 - Italian Ship Foscari – Italian Navy
 - French Ship(FS) Ventôse – French Navy
 - Spanish Ship Tornado – Spanish Navy.

Indian Army Establishes first-ever BSNL BTS on World's Highest Battlefield Siachen Glacier

- ✓ The Indian Army (Siachen Warriors) in collaboration with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has installed the first-ever BSNL Base Transceiver Station (BTS) on the world's highest battlefield, 'Siachen Glacier' in Ladakh.
- ✓ The tower was inaugurated on 6th October 2023 and will provide mobile communication services to soldiers at an altitude of over 15,500 feet. A radio transceiver that links mobile devices to a cellular network is known as a base transceiver station(BTS).

3/5 Gorkha Rifles of Indian Army wins Gold in Cambrian Patrol 2023 Military Exercise in UK

- ✓ The 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) team clinched a gold medal for the Indian Army (IA) at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023, an International Military Exercise organized in Wales, United Kingdom (UK) from October 6, 2023 to October 15, 2023.
- ✓ 67 Punjab Regiment of Pakistan Army received silver medal
- ✓ Soldiers from 1st Battalion Irish Guards (British Army) and the 13th Demi-Brigade of the French Foreign Legion (France) have become the first joint effort between a British Army and international team to complete and win Bronze in the exercise.

Cambrian Patrol 2023 Military Exercise

- ✓ Cambrian Patrol 2023 Military Exercise was hosted by Headquarters 160th (Welsh) Brigade on behalf of Commander Field Army of UK Army.
- ✓ The Cambrian Patrol Exercise is often dubbed the 'Olympics of Military Patrolling' as it is considered the ultimate test of human endurance and team spirit. It is a mission focused and scenario-based exercise.
- ✓ **Participants:** The 2023 exercise saw a participation of 111 teams, encompassing 38 international contingents.

Yard 12706 (Imphal): Third Stealth Destroyer of Project 15B delivered to the Indian Navy

- ✓ Yard 12706 (Imphal), the third Stealth Destroyer of Project 15B Class Guided Missile Destroyer build at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) was delivered to the Indian Navy (IN).
- ✓ The ship was designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB).
- ✓ The INS Imphal's keel was laid on 19 May, 2017 and it was launched into water on 20 April, 2019. The time taken for Imphal's construction and testing is the shortest for any indigenous destroyer.
- ✓ Imphal, constructed using Indigenous Steel DMR 249A, is one of the largest Destroyers constructed in India, with an overall length of 164 meters and

displacement of over 7500 Tons. Imphal has approximately 75% indigenous content.

Special Forces Training School at HP Gets Indian Army's 1st Vertical Wind Tunnel

- ✓ General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), virtually inaugurated the Indian Army's 1st Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT) at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS) at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh (HP) to train the special forces and refine the Combat Freefall (CFF) skills of armed forces personnel.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art wind tunnel provides a controlled environment for military trainees. It enhances the Combat Free Fall (CFF) skills of armed forces personnel. The facility simulates real-life free-fall conditions, allowing trainees to experience various CFF scenarios.
- ✓ **Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT):** A Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT) is a wind tunnel that moves air up in a vertical column. These tunnels are often used for aerodynamic research and modern human flight.

Indian Army and Air Force Contingent Set Off for 'Exercise KAZIND-2023'

- ✓ In a significant development, a contingent from the Indian Army and Indian Air Force, comprising 120 personnel, embarked on a mission to Kazakhstan today. Their objective is to participate in the 7th edition of the Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023.' This collaborative endeavor will take place in Otar, Kazakhstan, spanning from 30th October to 11th November 2023.

Indian Navy Launches 25T Bollard Pull Tug 'MAHABALI' In Gujarat

- ✓ Indian Navy launched the remarkable vessel, the 25T Bollard Pull Tug named 'Mahabali,' on the 28th of October 2023 at M/s Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd in Bharuch, Gujarat. This launch not only represented a new addition to India's naval fleet but also a significant milestone in the 'Make in India' initiative of the Ministry of Defence.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

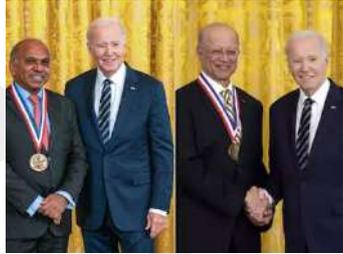
USISPF honoured Nita Ambani with 2023 Global Leadership Award for Philanthropy & CSR

- ✓ The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) honoured Nita Ambani, founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, with the 2023 Global Leadership Award for Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR). 
- ✓ John Chambers, Chairman of USISPF, presented the award to Nita Ambani at the award ceremony held in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ✓ Nita Ambani received the award for her contribution towards women empowerment, supporting education, promoting Indian arts & culture (on a global platform) and developing sports in India.
- ✓ In 2019, she was the first Indian to be elected an Honorary Trustee of the Board of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA.

UST Won Mahatma Awards 2023 for CSR Excellence in Community Initiatives

- ✓ UST, a leading digital transformation solutions company, has been recognized by the 2023 Mahatma Awards for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Excellence in Community Initiatives, for sustainable and impactful contributions to CSR in areas such as education, health, livelihood, environment, and disaster relief.
- ✓ The Mahatma Awards serve to highlight individuals and organisations addressing complex global challenges including poverty, hunger, education, climate change, and healthcare accessibility.
- ✓ The Mahatma Award 2023 consolidates UST's profound commitment to community welfare and global impact. This is the 2nd time that UST won the Mahatma Award for CSR Excellence in Community Initiatives.

US President Biden honoured Indo-American Scientists Ashok Gadgil & Subra Suresh with National Medal

- ✓ On October 24, 2023, Joe Biden (Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.) President of the United States of America honoured the 21 innovators, including 2 Indo American scientists: Subra Suresh and Ashok Gadgil, with National Medal of Science (9) and National Medal of Technology and Innovation (12), the USA's highest Award for Science and Technology. 
- ✓ Subra Suresh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brown University, was honoured with National Medal of Science.
- ✓ Ashok Gadgil, University of California, Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory(LBNL), was honoured with National Medal of Technology and Innovation.
- ✓ The award ceremony was held at the East Room of the White House in Washington DC, USA.
- ✓ **About Subra Suresh:** Subra Suresh, hailing from in Mumbai, Maharashtra, is a Indian-born American bioengineer, materials scientist, and academic. He was honoured for his pioneering research across engineering, physical sciences and life sciences, and particularly for advancing the study of material science and its application to other disciplines.
- ✓ **About Ashok Gadgil:** Ashok Gadgi, born in Mumbai, Maharashtra, is a retired Senior Faculty Scientist at LBNL widely known as “humanitarian inventor”. He was honoured for providing life-sustaining resources to communities around the world. His technologies are innovative and inexpensive to improve access to clean water, energy efficiency, and sanitation in developing countries.

CJI Chandrachud receives Harvard Law School's '2022 Award for Global Leadership'

- ✓ The Chief Justice of India(CJI) Dhananjay Yeshwant(DY) Chandrachud has been felicitated with the '2022 Center on the Legal Profession(CLP) Award for Global Leadership' by The Harvard Law School Center of Harvard University, Massachusetts, United States of America(USA).
- ✓ He was announced as the recipient of the award in December 2022. He was awarded in recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in India and around the world.



ICAI Receives ISAR Honours 2023 from UNCTAD; TN's Guidance wins UN Promotion Award

- ✓ The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has been awarded the ISAR Honours 2023, 6th edition of ISAR Honours, by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) working group on International Standards for Accounting and Reporting (ISAR).
- ✓ The award was presented during the 8th World Investment Forum (WIF) held from October 16-20, 2023 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the theme 'Investing in Sustainable Development'.
- ✓ The award acknowledged ICAI's initiative of Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB) which received the highest score in 2023 ISAR HONORS session among 70 initiatives from around the world.

Udhampur Military Station Bags 'Best Green Military Station' Award

- ✓ Udhampur Military Station in the Indian Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) bagged the 'Best Green Military Station' award. The award recognises the station's environmental efforts and highlights the commitment of the Indian Army to strive for excellence.

- ✓ The award was presented by the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Manoj Pande, during the 2nd edition of Army Commanders' Conference (ACC 2023) held from 16th to 20th October 2023 in New Delhi.

Mahsa Amini & Iranian women protest movement Won the 2023 Sakharov Prize of European Parliament

- ✓ On October 19, 2023, Roberta Metsola, President of European Parliament named Jina Mahsa Amini and Iranian women protest movement as the winners of Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2023 (Sakharov Prize), the European Union's (EU) top human rights prize.



- ✓ The prize will be given at a ceremony in European Parliament's hemicycle in Strasbourg, France on December 13, 2023.
- ✓ Mahsa Amini and the women of Iran were nominated by the European People's Party.
- ✓ The Socialists and Democrats and Renew Europe also nominated Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement as representatives of the fight for women's rights in Iran.

About Jina Amini & The Women of Iran

- ✓ Jina Mahsa Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman, was arrested for allegedly violating Iran's mandatory hijab (headscarf) law in September 2022. She died 3 days after arrest. Her death under suspicious circumstances led to the massive women led protests in Iran.
- ✓ The women are protesting under the slogan 'Woman, Life, Freedom' i.e. Iranian Women Protest Movement against the hijab law and other discriminatory laws.

About Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

- ✓ It was established in 1988 by the European Parliament, honors individuals and groups defending human rights.
- ✓ The award is named after Soviet physicist and political dissident and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov

American Actor Michael Douglas to receive Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award: 54th IFFI at Goa

- ✓ American actor and producer Michael Douglas will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in Goa from 20th to 28th November, 2023.
- ✓ The announcement was made by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).
- ✓ Michael Douglas is best known for his roles in films like 'Wall Street,' 'Fatal Attraction,' 'Wonder Boys' and 'Behind the Candelabra.'



Sudha Murty Becomes 1st Woman to Get Global Indian Award

- ✓ The renowned author and philanthropist Sudha Murty, chairperson of the Infosys Foundation, became the first woman to be honoured the Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation (CIF) at IndoCanadian gala event held in Toronto, Canada. The award is presented to her by Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma.



India-Born Author Nandini Das Wins 2023 British Academy Book Prize

- ✓ The British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, a prestigious international non-fiction award has been claimed by India-born author Nandini Das for her debut book, **'Courting India: England, Mughal India, and the Origins of Empire.'** This remarkable work, hailed as the "true origin story of Britain and India told through England's first diplomatic mission to the Mughal courts," secured the top spot this year at a ceremony held at the British Academy in London.



- ✓ The British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, previously known as the Nayef Al-Rodhan Prize, was established in 2013.

Nobel Laureate Narges Mohammadi Conferred with Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2023

- ✓ Narges Mohammadi, Iranian women's rights campaigner and the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, will be conferred with the Harmony Foundation's Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2023.
- ✓ The announcement was by Abraham Mathai, the founder-chairman of Harmony Foundation, a Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based Non-governmental Organisation NGO.
- ✓ This award recognise Narges's unwavering courage in risking her life as a fearless defender and advocate of Mhuman rights against the fundamentalist regime of Iran, truly embodying humanity in action.
- ✓ The 19th Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice Award (2023) Ceremony is scheduled for November 26, 2023, in Mumbai, Maharashtra



MRPL Secured 'Best Innovation in Refinery' Award For 2022-23

- ✓ Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) has once again clinched the prestigious 'Best Innovation in Refinery' award for the year 2022-23, bestowed by the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas at the 26th Energy Technology Meet 2023. This significant achievement comes after a stiff competition with prominent players in the industry, including IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL, marking the second consecutive year that MRPL has received this accolade.
- ✓ The 'Best Innovation in Refinery' award was presented to a team led by MRPL's Managing Director, Sanjay Varma. This recognition ceremony took place at the Energy Technology Meet 2023, a prestigious event held in New Delhi.

SPORTS

67th Ballon d'Or: Argentina's Lionel Messi Wins the Ballon d'Or Award for 8th time

- ✓ Argentina's Lionel Andrés Messi (Lionel Messi), who plays as a forward for Inter Miami CF has won the Ballon d'Or award or Golden Ball Award for the record 8th time. 
- ✓ Spain's Aitana Bonmatí Conca (Aitana Bonmati) has won the Ballon d'Or (Women) award or Ballon d'Or Féminin Award.
- ✓ The 67th edition of the Ballon d'Or 2023 was held on 30th October 2023 at the Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris, France.
- ✓ **Lionel Messi – Men's Ballon d'Or:** The 36-year-old Lionel Messi was recognised after helping Argentina to win the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup 2022 in Qatar. In the 2022 Qatar World Cup, Messi scored seven goals including two in the final against France.
- ✓ This marks Messi's 8th Ballon d'Or award including his wins in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2021, and 2023 also the highest of any player, Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) has won it five times, and Michel Platini (France), Johan Cruyff (Netherlands), and Marco van Basten (Netherlands) have each won it three times
- ✓ **Aitana Bonmati – Women's Ballon d'Or:** Aitana Bonmati was recognised after helping Spain to win the FIFA World Cup 2023 (against England) which was held in Australia and New Zealand.
- ✓ She was also part of the Barcelona team which won the Union of European Football Associations(UEFA) Women's Champions League 2023 held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.
- ✓ **Emiliano Martinez** won the Yachine Trophy for the best goalkeeper in the world. Martinez had won the Golden Glove in the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.

- ✓ The Ballon d'Or is annually presented by the French magazine 'France Football', since 1956

Red Bull's Max Verstappen Wins F1 Mexico City Grand Prix 2023

- ✓ Max Verstappen, the Belgian-Dutch driver of Red Bull won the Formula 1 (F1)Mexico City Grand Prix held at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez circuit in Mexico City, Mexico from 27th to 29th October 2023. 
- ✓ This marks Verstappen's third consecutive win at the Mexico City GP including his win in 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- ✓ Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton(United Kingdom-UK) secured second place while Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc(Monaco) secured third place in the Mexico City GP.
- ✓ This win also marks Verstappen's 16th win out of 19 races of the 2023 season. Max Verstappen leads the F1 World Championship in 2023 with 491 points in the F1 driver standings.

Chess: Nodirbek Yakubboev wins Qatar Masters Open 2023 Title; India's S L Narayanan Secures Third Place

- ✓ The GrandMaster(GM) Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzbekistan) won the Qatar Masters Open 2023 Title held at Lusail Sports Arena, Qatar from 10th to 21th October 2023. 
- ✓ GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan) secured second place while GM S L Narayanan(India) secured third place in the Qatar Masters Open 2023.
- ✓ Indians who secured the top 10 positions in the Qatar Masters Open 2023 are GM Erigaisi Arjun(6th), GM Gukesh D(8th), and GM Karthikeyan Murali(10th).

Women winners:

- ✓ International Master (IM) Vaishali Rameshbabu (India) secured the women's champion title while
- ✓ IM Divya Deshmukh(India) and Woman International Master (WIM) Alua Nurmanova (Kazakhstan) secured second and third highest ranks among women players.
- ✓ This event doesn't have a separate category for the women but awards were given to the top three women based on the final ranking.

Karthikeyan Murali defeats Magnus Carlsen:

- ✓ GM Karthikeyan Murali becomes the third Indian to defeat GM Magnus Carlsen in Classical Chess after Harikrishna and Viswanathan Anand.
- ✓ Karthikeyan Murali(FIDE Rank – 163) defeated Magnus Carlsen (FIDE RANK -1) in the seventh round of the Qatar master open 2023 tournament.

About the Qatar Masters Open 2023

- ✓ The Qatar Masters Open 2023 was held in two sections including Qatar Masters Open 2023 (main event)and Qatar Masters Open 2023 section B.
- ✓ Qatar Masters Open 2023 should be participated by players who have a FIDE rating of 2300 and above.
- ✓ Qatar Masters Open 2023 section B should be participated by players who have a FIDE rating of 2299 and Below.
- ✓ The 3rd edition of the Qatar Masters Open 2023 tournament was organised by the Qatar Chess Association.
- ✓ Previous Editions:The first edition was held in 2014 which was won by GM Yu Yangyi(China) and the second edition was held in 2015 which was won by GM Magnus Carlsen (Norway).

Badminton: India's Unnati Hooda Win Women's Singles Title in the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

- ✓ India's Unnati Hooda won the women's singles title in the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023 badminton tournament held at the ADNEC Marina Hall, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 17 – 22 October 2023.
- ✓ Indian Duo of Ashwini Ponappa and Tanisha Crasto won the women's Doubles title.



- ✓ The tournament was organized by UAE Badminton Federation with sanctions from the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- ✓ **Winners of Abu Dhabi Masters 2023**
- ✓ **Men's Singles:** Mads Christophersen(Denmark) won the men's singles title by defeating Mark Caljouw(the Netherlands) in the finals.
- ✓ Indians Kiran George and Raghu Mariswamy lost in the semifinals.
- ✓ **iMen's Doubles:**Malaysian pair Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin Rumsani won the men's doubles title by defeating Thailand's Pharynu Kaosamaang and Worrapol Thongsanga in the finals.
- ✓ **Women's Singles:**The 16-year-old Unnati Hooda won the women's singles title by defeating 20-year-old Samiya Imad Farooqui(India) in the finals.
- ✓ This marks Unnati Hooda's second Super 100 title including her win in the Odisha Open 2022. She made the record of the the youngest Indian to win a BWF tournament at the age of 14.
- ✓ **Women's Doubles:**Indian Pair Ashwini Ponappa and Tanisha Crasto won the Women's singles title by defeating Denmark's Julie Finne-Ipsen and Mai Surrow in the final.
- ✓ This also marks Ashwini Ponappa and Tanisha Crasto's first BWF World Tour title.
- ✓ Ashwini Ponappa and Tanisha Crasto defeated another Indian pair N Sikki Reddy and Arathi Sara Sunil in the semifinals.
- ✓ **Mixed Doubles:**Mads Vestergaard and Christine Busch of Denmark won the mixed doubles title by defeating Terry Hee Yong Kai and Jessica Tan Wei Han of Singapore.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen Wins 50th F1 in US Grand Prix 2023

- ✓ Max Verstappen, the Belgian-Dutch driver of Red Bull won the Formula 1 (F1) United States Grand Prix 2023 held at the Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas, The United States of America(USA) from 20- 22 October 2023.
- ✓ This marks Max Verstappen's 50th career win in the F1 and he joins Lewis Hamilton(103), Michael Schumacher(91)(Germany), Sebastian Vettel(53) (Germany) and Alain Prost (51)(France) in the 50-win club.

- ✓ McLaren Driver Lando Norris of the United Kingdom(UK) finished second place while Ferrari driver Carlos Sainz(Spain) finished third place in the podium.

141st Session of the IOC held in Mumbai; 5 Additional Sports added in 2028 Summer Olympics

- ✓ The 141st Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was hosted by India from October 15-17, 2023, in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The IOC's Executive Board met during the session. The session facilitated interaction and the exchange of knowledge among diverse stakeholders in the sports arena.
 
- ✓ The 141st session of IOC was inaugurated by the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi.
- ✓ This is the 2nd IOC Session hosted by India after 40 years. India hosted the 86th IOC session in New Delhi, Delhi in 1983.
- ✓ The 141st session of IOC approved the proposal of Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee of Olympics and Paralympic Games for the inclusion of 5 additional sports including **Cricket (T20-Twenty20), Softball/Baseball, flag football, lacrosse (sixes) and squash.**
- ✓ IOC has suspended the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) for violating the Olympic charter with "immediate effect and until further notice" after it incorporated sports bodies from 4 territories annexed from Ukraine (Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia) as its member

India's Raunak Sadhwani Wins World Junior Rapid Chess Championship 2023 Title

- ✓ India's GrandMaster(GM) Raunak Sadhwani won the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship 2023 title in the open category. He also secured second place(Silver Medal) in the FIDE World Junior Blitz Championship 2023 in the open category.

- ✓ The inaugural edition of the Federation Internationale des Echecs/International Chess Federation (FIDE)

World Junior Under 20(U-20) Rapid & Blitz



Championships 2023 was held from 9th to 16th October 2023 in Pula(Sardinia), Italy.

- ✓ The event was hosted by the Italian Chess Federation and the total prize was Money 25,000 Euro.
- ✓ Woman Grandmaster (WGM) Govhar Beydullayeva of Azerbaijan won the FIDE World Junior Girls U20 Rapid Chess Championship 2023 title. Previously, She had won the World Junior U20 Championship title 2022 in Italy.

Jannik Sinner Wins China Open 2023 Men's Singles Title

- ✓ Jannik Sinner of Italy won the China Open 2023 men's single title against Daniil Medvedev (Russia) for the first time. It was held at the Beijing Olympic Green Tennis Center, Beijing, China from September 28 – October 04 2023.
 
- ✓ Sinner defeated World No. 2 and top seed Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) in the semi-finals. It was the 22nd edition of the China Open (1993 to 2023).
- ✓ **Women's Singles:** Iga Swiatek (Poland) won the China Open 2023 women's singles title, beating her opponent Liudmila Samsonova (Russia). With this Iga Swiatek won her fifth title of the season 2023.
- ✓ **Men's Doubles** – Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Austin Krajicek (United States) cinched their fifth tour-level title of the season (2023) at the China Open 2023 by defeating Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) and Neal Skupski (United Kingdom).
- ✓ **Women's Doubles:** Marie Bouzková (Czechia) and Sara Sorribes Tormo (Spain) defeated Chan Hao-ching (Taiwan) and Giuliana Olmos (Mexico) in the final.

Verstappen wins Qatar GP 2023 to win 3rd Formula1 World Championship

- ✓ Max Verstappen, the Belgian- Dutch driver of Red Bull added his name to the list of Formula One (F1) triple champions.
- ✓ Max Verstappen achieved this feat by securing 2nd place in Qatar Grand Prix 2023 sprint race, Australian driver of McLaren Oscar Piastri won the Sprint race.
- ✓ Later on, Max Verstappen won the 2023 Qatar Grand Prix main race event, followed by Australian driver of McLaren, Oscar Piastri and British driver of McLaren, Lando Norris.
- ✓ With this win Max has won the consecutive F1 World Championship in (2023, 2022 & 2021).

Ayush Shetty Wins Bronze Medal in BWF World Junior Championships 2023

- ✓ India's Ayush Shetty won the bronze medal in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Junior Championships 2023 held from 25th September to 8th October 2023 in Spokane, United States of America (USA).
- ✓ Alwi Farhan of Indonesia won the gold medal by defeating Hu Zhe An of China (Silver) in the 23rd edition of the BWF World Junior Championships finals.
- ✓ Ayush Shetty lost to Alwi Farhan of Indonesia. The two losers of the semifinals were given the Bronze medal, the another semifinalist Alex Lanier(France) won the Bronze medal.
- ✓ The 18-year-old Ayush Shetty's bronze medal was India's 11th medal including 1 Gold, 4 Silver, and 6 Bronze at the junior badminton world championships since 1992.
- ✓ Saina Nehwal won the gold medal in 2008 (India's best) and silver in 2006 while India's Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian won silver in 2022 in Spain.



India Finishes Fourth in the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022 with 107 Medals

- ✓ India finished Fourth in the medal tally of the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022 with 107 medals (28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze).
- ✓ The 19th edition of the Asian Games marks India's record for the highest medal tally so far, surpassing the previous record medal tally of 70 medals (16 gold, 23 silver, and 31 bronze) at the Jakarta Asian Games 2018.
- ✓ India won the highest number of medals in the Shooting event with 22 medals (7 Gold, 9 Silver, and 6 Bronze). It was followed by Athletics 29 medals (6 Gold, 14 Silver, and 9 Bronze) and Archery 9 medals (5 Gold, 2 Silver, and 2 Bronze).
- ✓ Through the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, 74 Indian players have secured their place to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- ✓ Nagpur's (Maharashtra) **Ojas Pravin Deotale** won three gold medals in Archery including men's individual, men's compound team event along with Abhishek Verma and Prathamesh Jawkar, mixed team event along with Jyothi Surekha Vennam. He was the first Indian archer to win three gold medals in the Asian Games so far. Deotale's gold medal in the compound mixed team event along with Jyothi was India's first gold medal in the compound mixed team event so far in the Asian Games.
- ✓ **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** from Vijayawada also won three medals including gold in Women's Compound Individual, Women's Compound Archery Team along with Aditi Swami & Parneet Kaur, and Mixed team compound archery team.
- ✓ **Parul Chaudhary** won two medals including gold medal in the women's 5000m race and the silver medal in the 3000m women's steeplechase. Parul Chaudhary holds the national record for the 5000m with a time of 15:10.35.
- ✓ **Sunil Kumar** won the bronze medal in Greco-Roman(87kg division) wrestling. This was India's first medal in Greco-Roman wrestling in the Asian Games since the Guangzhou Asian Games in 2010 when Ravinder Singh and Sunil Kumar Rana won bronze medals in the same event.

- ✓ **Avinash Sable** was the first Indian to win the gold medal in the 3000m men's steeplechase event in any Asian Games.
- ✓ Indian Men's 4x400m relay team including Anas Muhammed Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi and Rajesh Ramesh won the gold medal.
- ✓ Indian women's 4x400m relay team including Vithya Ramraj, Aishwarya Mishra, Prachi and Subha Venkatesan won the silver medal.
- ✓ Indian mixed team 4x400m relay team including Vithya Ramraj, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, Rajesh Ramesh and Subha Venkatesan won the silver medal.
- ✓ **Neeraj Chopra** won his second consecutive gold medal in the men's Javelin throw in the Asian games with a best throw of 88.88 metres.
- ✓ India's **Kishore Kumar** Jena won the silver medal with the best throw of 87.54 metres in the men's Javelin throw.
- ✓ India's **Annu Rani** won the gold medal in the women's Javelin throw with the best throw of 62.92m.
- ✓ This has been Annu Rani's second medal in the Asian games since she won the bronze medal in Incheon(South Korea) in 2014.
- ✓ **Hockey:** The Indian men's hockey team won the gold medal by defeating Japan in the final. This was India's fourth Asian Games gold medal including Bangkok (1966), Bangkok(1998), Incheon(2014), and Huangzhou(2022).
- ✓ With this win Indian men's hockey qualified directly to Paris Olympics 2024.
- ✓ Indian women's hockey team won the bronze medal by defeating Japan in the match for third place.
- ✓ **Badminton:**
- ✓ Indian duo **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** won the gold medal in the men's doubles of badminton by defeating South Korea's Choi Solgyu & Kim Wonho in the finals. This was India's maiden gold medal in badminton at the Asian Games.
- ✓ Indian men's team won the silver medal in the men's team badminton event.

India's H.S. Prannoy won the bronze medal in the badminton men's singles event.

Cricket:

- ✓ i.The Indian men's cricket team led by Ruturaj Gaikwad was awarded a gold medal after the final was called off due to rain. This was the Indian men's cricket team's maiden title in the Asian games. Afghanistan won the silver while Bangladesh bagged bronze in the men's cricket.
- ✓ **Kabaddi:**The Indian men's kabaddi team won the gold medal by defeating Iran in the finals. This was India's eighth men's kabaddi title at the Asian Games.
- ✓ The Indian women's kabaddi team also won the gold medal by defeating Chinese Taipei in the final. The Indian women's kabaddi team's medal was the 100th medal for India in Hangzhou Asian Games 2022. This was the Indian women's kabaddi team's third gold medal in the Asian games.
- ✓ Next Edition: The 20th edition of Asian Games will be held in Japan in 2027.
- ✓ **Harmanpreet Singh, Lovlina Borgohain** to be India's flag-bearers during opening ceremony.
- ✓ Renowned hockey player **P. R. Sreejesh** had the honor of being India's flag bearer during the closing ceremony, representing his country with pride on the international stage.
- ✓ **"Heart to Heart, @Future"** is the slogan for the Games. **"Tides Surging"** is the official name of the Emblem
- ✓ **Mascots: Chenchen, Congcong, and Lianlian.**
- ✓ **Torch:** The torch of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou is named **"Eternal Flame"**.

Top 10 Countries Medal Tally

RANK	COUNTRY				TOTAL
1	 China	200	111	71	382
2	 Japan	51	66	69	186
3	 Republic of Korea	42	59	89	190
4	 India	28	38	41	107
5	 Uzbekistan	22	18	31	71
6	 Chinese Taipei	18	20	28	66
7	 Iran	13	21	19	53
8	 Thailand	12	14	32	58
9	 Bahrain	12	3	5	20
10	 Korea	11	18	10	39

PERSONS IN NEWS

Mukesh Ambani Surpasses Gautam Adani as India's Richest on Hurun List

- ✓ According to the 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich List for 2023 released recently, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has surged ahead of Adani Group's Gautam Adani to claim the title of the richest Indian.
- ✓ Mukesh Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries, saw his wealth grow by a modest 2 percent, reaching a staggering Rs 8.08 lakh crore. This significant wealth increment has solidified his position as the wealthiest individual in India.
- ✓ In stark contrast to Ambani's ascent, Gautam Adani, the head of Adani Group, witnessed a significant dip in his wealth. His fortune plummeted by a whopping 57 percent to Rs 4.74 lakh crore, primarily due to a massive stock market decline in his group's firms.
- ✓ This fall was triggered by a report published in January from a US-based short seller, Hindenburg Research, which alleged accounting frauds and stock market manipulation within the Adani Group.
- ✓ Cyrus Poonawalla, the Managing Director and Chairman of Serum Institute of India (SII), retained his position as the third wealthiest individual in India. His fortune experienced an impressive 36 percent jump, reaching Rs 2.78 lakh crore.
- ✓ Shiv Nadar, the founder and chairman of HCL Technologies, maintained his position as the fourth richest Indian. His wealth increased by 23 percent to reach Rs 2.28 lakh crore



Li Keqiang, Former Chinese Premier Passed Away

- ✓ Li Keqiang, a Chinese economist and politician who served as the Premier of People's Republic of China (2013- 2023), passed away at the age of 68 in Shanghai, China.



- ✓ He was born in July 1955 in Dingyuan County in eastern China's Anhui province. Li Keqiang stepped down from his post in March 2023 and was succeeded by Li Qiang, the incumbent Premier of China
- ✓ Premier is the second-highest position in China's political system after the President.

Ex-Union Minister Babanrao Dhakne Passed Away

- ✓ Babanrao Dhakne, Former Union Minister and senior politician, passed away in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra at the age of 86. He was born on 10 November 1937 in Akola, Ahmednagar in Maharashtra. He served as the Union State Minister in the Ministry of Energy (1990 to 1991) under the premiership of Chandra Shekhar (8th Prime Minister of India – 1990 to 1991).
- ✓ Babanrao Dhakne served as the Member of Parliament(MP) as a part of the 9th Lok Sabha. He represented Beed constituency of Maharashtra as a member of Janata Dal (JD). He was the 1st person of Vanjari Community to become themember of the 9th Lok Sabha.



Legendary Indian spinner & Padma Sri Awardee Bishan Singh Bedi Passed Away

- ✓ Former Indian cricketer, legendary left-arm spinner and Padma Shri awardee, Bishan Singh Bedi, passed away at the age of 77. He was born on 25th September 1946 in Amritsar, Punjab.



About Bishan Singh Bedi

- ✓ **Career:** Bishan Bedi made his debut for India against West Indies at Eden Gardens (Kolkata, West Bengal)on December 31, 1966.
- ✓ He played 67 Tests for India between 1967 and 1979 and captained Team India for 4 years in the Test format between 1975 and 1979.

- ✓ He led Delhi to its first two Ranji Trophy titles (in 1978-79 and 1979-80). He also led Punjab to its only Ranji Trophy win (in the 1992-93).
- ✓ He played for Northamptonshire in 102 outings (1972 and 1977), and took 434 wickets, which is the most by an Indian in County cricket.
- ✓ Bedi was one of the most successful overseas players in English county cricket.
- ✓ He made his final international appearance for India against England at the Kennington Oval in 1979.
- ✓ He became the first professional head coach of India in 1990.

Record: He took 1560 wickets (more than any other Indian bowler) in 370 matches with a bowling average of 28.71.

- ✓ He has taken 266 wickets in 67 matches. With this, he made a record of being the highest wicket-taker in India.
- ✓ In June 2023, Ravindra Jadeja surpassed Bishan Singh Bedi to become India's most successful leftarm spinner in Test cricket by taking 267 wickets in 65 matches at an average of 24.25.
- ✓ **Awards:** Government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri for sports in 1970. He also received the Arjuna Award for Cricket in 1969.

Eminent Assamese Scholar & Padma Shri Awardee Birendra Nath Datta Passed Away

- ✓ Padma Shri Awardee Birendra Nath Datta, an eminent Assamese scholar, Linguist, and Singer, passed away at the age of 88 in Guwahati, Assam. He was born on March 1, 1935 in Nagaon, Assam.
- ✓ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2009 for Literature and Education.

Padma Shri Awardee and Spiritual Leader Bangaru Adigalar Passed Away

- ✓ Padma Shri Awardee Arul Thiru Bangaru Adigalar, a Spiritual Leader and the founder of Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam in Kancheepuram district (Tamil Nadu (TN)) passed away at the age of 82 in Melmaruvathur, TN. He was born on 3 March 1941 in Melmaruvathur

village. He was conferred with Padma Shri in 2019 for his spiritual services to the society.

Nobel winning American Poet Louise Glück Passed Away

- ✓ Louise Elisabeth Glück, an acclaimed Jewish-American poet & essayist and Nobel laureate (Literature 2020), passed away at the age of 80 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the United States of America (USA). She was born on 22 April 1943 in New York, USA.

Padma Vibhushan Awardee & 11th CEC of India MS Gill Passed Away

- ✓ Padma Vibhushan Awardee and the 11th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Dr. Manohar Singh Gill (MS Gill), passed away in New Delhi, Delhi at the age of 87. He was born on June 14, 1936, in undivided Punjab. He had a distinguished career as an Indian bureaucrat, politician, and writer.
- ✓ MS Gill was a 1958 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Punjab cadre. He has served as the CEC of India between December 1996 and June 2001. During his tenure as CEC, the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- ✓ MS Gill was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2000 for his exceptional and distinguished services as a civil servant.



Nari Shakti Award Winner & Kerala Adult Literacy Topper Karthyayani Amma Passed Away

- ✓ Nari Shakti Award winner Karthyayani Amma, who topped Akshara Laksham project of Kerala's adult literacy programme, passed away at the age of 101 in Alappuzha, Kerala. She was born in 1922.
- ✓ In 2019, she was also appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Learning for the promotion of distance education among 53 member countries. In 2020, she was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar, the highest civilian award for women, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Sarang Deo of ISB Appointed to WHO's Advisory Group for TB

- ✓ Professor Sarang Deo, Professor of Operations Management at the Indian School of Business (ISB) has been appointed as a member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) for Tuberculosis (TB) by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ He will be a part of a 15-member expert group responsible for independently evaluating the WHO's efforts in eradicating TB.
- ✓ The 15-member STAG-TB, chaired by Ethel Leonor Maciel from the Brazilian health ministry, includes other experts like Dr. Anurag Bhargava, Prof of Medicine from Yenepoya Medical College, Karnataka.



Professor Sarang Deo
Sarang Deo, Professor of Operations Management at the Indian School of Business (ISB)

Indian Film actor Katrina Kaif Roped in as Brand Ambassador of Rado

- ✓ Katrina Kaif, a British-Indian actress, who works in Hindi-language films, was appointed as the Global Brand Ambassador for Rado, a Switzerland-based luxury watch manufacturer. She is featured in Rado's campaign emphasizing its dedication to crafting timepieces that combine timeless materials with enduring style.
- ✓ Indian Actor Hrithik Roshan has been one of the global brand ambassadors of Rado since 2011. Rado was established in 1917 and came to India in 1995.



Indian Cricketer MS Dhoni Roped in as brand Ambassador of SBI

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has roped in former Indian Cricketer and former Captain of Indian

Men's cricket team Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni) as its official brand ambassador.

- ✓ Under this partnership, Dhoni will play a major role in the marketing and promotional campaigns of SBI. This partnership of SBI aims to reiterate its commitment to serve the nation and its customers with trust, integrity and dedication.
- ✓ Other noted brands endorsed by Dhoni include, PepsiCo India's Lay's; Reliance Industries Limited(RIL)'s JioMart; Oreo, India Cements, Dream11, Garuda aerospace, TVS Motors, Reebok, etc.



Actor Rajkumar Rao Named as 'National Icon' for Election Commission of India

- ✓ Bollywood Actor Rajkumar Rao was named as the 'National Icon' for voter awareness and education by the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- ✓ Rajkumar Rao and ECI entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a period of 3 years at the event held in New Delhi, Delhi, in the presence of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Rajiv Kumar, and Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel.



Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, Ruler of Johor, Elected as 17th King of Malaysia

- ✓ His Royal Highness (HRH) Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Ruler of the southern Malaysian state of Johor, was elected as the 17th King of Malaysia, also known as Yang diPertuan Agong (YDPA) XVII, for a term of 5 years, which will begin on 31st January 2024.



- ✓ He was elected by the Conference of Rulers during its 263rd (Special) meeting held at the National Palace (Istana Negara) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ✓ He will replace incumbent Sovereign Al-Sultan Abdullah ibni Sultan Ahmad Shah, Ruler of Pahang state, who has been serving as the 16th King since 2019. His tenure is set to end on 30th January 2024.
- ✓ For the first time in over 3 decades, the Ruler of Johor has been appointed as the YDPA. The last YDPA from Johar was the late former Johor Ruler, Sultan Iskandar Sultan Ismail, Father of Sultan Ibrahim. He served as YDPA of Malaysia from 1984 to 1989.

Amitava Mukherjee gets Tenure Extension as NMDC CMD

- ✓ The Ministry of Steel has extended the tenure of Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) for a further period of 1 year with effect from 20th November 2023 up to 19th November 2024 or till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders.
- ✓ He is the Director (Finance) of NMDC who has been holding additional charge as the CMD since March 2023.
- ✓ This is the 2nd extension given to Mukherjee on his additional charge. Earlier the Government extended his tenure in July 2023 till November 19, 2023.



Robert Fico formally appointed as PM of Slovakia

- ✓ On 25th October 2023, the Zuzana Čaputová, President of Slovakia, formally appointed Robert Fico as the Prime Minister (PM) of Slovakia. He will succeed Eudovít Ódor who has been serving as the Interim PM of Slovakia since 15 May 2023 after the resignation of Eduard Heger as PM.
- ✓ This is the 3rd time Robert Fico will serve as the PM of Slovakia, after having served from 2006 to 2010 and from 2012 to 2018.



- ✓ He is the head of the current ruling pro-Russian party Slovak Social Democracy (SMER-SD).

HP Appoints Former Apple Executive Ipsita Dasgupta as SVP & MD for India

- ✓ HP Inc. (known as Hewlett-Packard Company), has appointed former Apple executive Ipsita Dasgupta as senior vice president (SVP) and Managing Director (MD) of HP's India market.
- ✓ She will take over the new position with effect from 30th October 2023 succeeding Gurpreet Singh Brar, who has been serving as the Interim MD since November 2022.
- ✓ As the SVP and MD, she will be responsible for all the aspects of HP's strategy and Profit and Loss (P&L) in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- ✓ She will be reporting to David McQuarrie, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) of HP.

Sanjay Kumar Jain appointed as CMD of IRCTC

- ✓ Sanjay Kumar Jain has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). His appointment has been approved after the recommendation of Serach-Cum-Selection Committee (SCSC).
- ✓ The post was vacant since January 2021 after the retirement of Mahendra Pratap Maal. From June 2023, Seema Kumar who is the Additional Member (Tourism & Catering) is acting as CMD (Additional Charge).

Ashok Vaswani Appointed as New MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Ashok Vaswani as the next Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMB) for a period of 3 years. The appointment is with effect from the date of taking charge, which shall not be later than January 1, 2024.
- ✓ Ashok Vaswani will replace Uday Kotak who stepped down from the post in September 2023. He

resigned 4 months ahead of the end of his current tenure, which is December 31, 2023.

- ✓ Ashok Vaswani will succeed Dipak Gupta, the Joint MD of KMB, who is serving as the interim MD & CEO of KMB until December 31, 2023.
- ✓ Ashok Vaswani is currently the president of Pagaya Technologies Ltd, the United States of America (US)- Israel Artificial intelligence (AI) fintech firm.

President Appoints Raghubar Das as Governor of Odisha & Indra Sena Reddy Nallu as Governor of Tripura

- ✓ Droupadi Murmu, President of India, has appointed former Chief Minister(CM) of Jharkhand, Raghubar Das(68 years old), as the 26th Governor of Odisha and Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Indra Sena Reddy Nallu(73) as 20th Governor of Tripura with effect from the date they assume charge.

Raghubar Das will succeed Ganeshi Lal who has been serving as the Governor of Odisha since 2018.

- ✓ Indra Sena Reddy Nallu will succeed Satyadeo Narain Arya who has been serving as the Governor of Tripura since 2021.
- ✓ Article 153 of the Constitution of India mandates the presence of a Governor in each state.
- ✓ Under article 155 of the Constitution, the President of India appoints the Governor on the advice of the Central Government, which is headed by the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The Governor is appointed for a term of five years.
- ✓ To be eligible for appointment as Governor, a person must be an Indian citizen and have completed the age of 35 years(Article 157).

Arindam Bagchi Appointed Permanent Representative of India to UN in Geneva

- ✓ Arindam Bagchi, the spokesperson for India's Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as India's permanent representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva. Bagchi, a 1995-batch Indian Foreign Service official, has been praised for his handling of



critical issues, including the Ladakh border dispute and India's response to COVID-19. He will succeed Indra Mani Pandey in the role. Bagchi has previously served as ambassador to Croatia, deputy high commissioner to Sri Lanka, and director in the Prime Minister's Office.

Christopher Luxon Elected as the 42nd PM of New Zealand

- ✓ Christopher Luxon has been elected as the 42nd Prime Minister(PM) of New Zealand. He belongs to (and the leader of) central-right National Party of New Zealand. He will succeed Labour Party's Chris Hipkins who was appointed the 41st PM of New Zealand in January 2023. New Zealanders went to the polls on October 14, 2023, to elect the 54th Parliament.



Daniel Noboa Becomes Youngest President Elect of Ecuador

- ✓ Daniel Noboa, a 35-year-old businessman and a member of National Democratic Action, won the 2023 General Election of Ecuador defeating Luisa González of the Citizen Revolution Movement.
- ✓ With this victory, Daniel Noboa becomes the Youngest ever President elect of Ecuador .
- ✓ Daniel Noboa is scheduled to be sworn in on 25 November 2023 succeeding the outgoing President Guillermo Lasso. He will serve out the term of Guillermo Lasso, which will end in May 2025



Kumar Sangakkara Appointed as New Chair of MCC's World Cricket Committee

- ✓ The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has appointed former Sri Lankan Cricket Captain Kumar Chokshanada Sangakkara as the new Chair of MCC's World Cricket Committee(WCC). He will succeed former England captain Mike Gatting, who has held the post since 2017.



REPORTS, INDICES AND RANKING

IEA's World Energy Outlook 2023: Major Energy Changes by 2030

- ✓ The International Energy Agency (IEA) has released a report, World Energy Outlook 2023, which presents a vision of substantial changes in global energy system by 2030. The report highlights India's growing electricity demand, with annual growth of around 5%, making it third-largest electricity consumer globally by 2050, after China and the United States. China is the largest electricity consumer in the world.
 - ✓ The WEO-2023 presents three scenarios for the future of global energy:
 - ✓ **Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS):** This scenario assumes that governments implement the energy policies that have already been announced.
 - ✓ **Accelerated Policy Scenario (APS):** This scenario assumes that governments implement more ambitious energy policies in order to achieve climate and other goals.
 - ✓ **Net Zero Emissions by 2050 (NZE):** This scenario assumes that global energy-related CO2 emissions reach net zero by 2050, in line with the Paris Agreement.
- Key points**
- ✓ Global use of fossil fuels is expected to peak by 2025, 2 years earlier than previously anticipated. Fossil Fuels such as Coal, oil, natural gas and bioenergy are each projected to peak before 2030,
 - ✓ IEA has predicted that 18% of the electricity generated in India will be from solar sources by 2030, which set to be 6% increase in 2023.
 - ✓ IEA Forecasts India's CO2 Emission Drop by 2050, Expects AC Electricity Demand to Outpace Africa.
 - ✓ Based on current policy settings, Electric cars is expected to increase globally by almost 10 times by 2030.
 - ✓ IEA predicts that India's capacity may exceed 70 gigawatts (GW) annually by 2027. India is committed to expanding its production capacity to meet domestic energy needs and potentially export solar modules.

OECD's International Migration Outlook 2023: India Remains Top Country of Origin for New Migrants to OECD Nations in 2021

- ✓ According to the "International Migration Outlook: 2023" published by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), for the 2nd consecutive year, India has retained its position as the top country of origin for new migrants to the member countries of OECD in 2021.
- ✓ More than 407,000 people (excluding students) have migrated from India to OECD countries in 2021.
- ✓ This accounts to around 7.5% of the total migration flow. This was 86% higher than 220,000 Indians in 2020.
- ✓ China is ranked 2nd with 227,000 new migrants followed by Romania (215,000); Ukraine (189,000); and Germany(119,000).
- ✓ OECD is a group of 38 countries, most of which are high-income and ranked very high on the Human Development Index (HDI).

FAO's 1st Global Estimation of Impact of Disasters on Agriculture: USD 3.8 Trillion worth Crops & Livestock Lost over 30 years

- ✓ The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released a report titled 'The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security 2023-Avoiding and reducing losses through investment in resilience' which is the first-ever global estimation of the impact of disasters on agricultural production focused on crops and livestock.
- ✓ As per the report, the Global aggregated losses for the past 30 years (1991-2021) due to disasters events amounts to USD 3.8 trillion, corresponding to about USD 123 billion per year.
- ✓ This value is equivalent to 5% of global agricultural Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and nearly 300 million tonnes of accumulated losses per year, or the real GDP of Brazil in year 2022.

- ✓ The disaster events include floods, droughts, insect infestations, storms, disease and war.
- ✓ The report has been prepared and jointly produced by the Statistics Division (ESS) and the Office of Emergencies and Resilience (OER) of FAO.

India's Natural Gas Demand to rise 4% in 2023: IEA Report

- ✓ The International Energy Agency (IEA) released its 'Gas 2023 Medium-Term Market Report'. As per it, India's natural gas demand is expected to rise by 4% in 2023 calendar year and will continue to increase at an average annual rate of about 8% till 2026. This growth will be driven by power, petrochemical and fertiliser sectors.

Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index 2023: India ranked 45th out of 47; Netherland tops

- ✓ According to the 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI 2023), India is ranked 45th out of 47 countries. The overall index value of India increased from 44.5 in 2022 to 45.9 in 2023. India was ranked 41st out of 44 in 2022.
- ✓ The 2023 Index is topped by the Netherlands with overall index value of 85.0, followed by Iceland (83.5) and Denmark (81.3).
- ✓ With the lowest index value of 42.3, Argentina is ranked 47th in MCGPI 2023.
- ✓ Singapore is ranked 7th out of 47 in the MCGPI 2023 and retained its top spot among asian countries. Hong Kong SAR (21st) and Japan (30th) have secured the 2nd and 3rd spot in Asia.
- ✓ India's sub-indices values were adequacy (41.9), sustainability (43.0), and integrity (56.5).

Ookla's Speedtest Global Index: India is ranked 47th; UAE tops

- ✓ According to Ookla's Speedtest Global Index (August 2023 edition) India is ranked 47th among 145 countries with median download speed of 50.21 Mbps (Megabits per second). India has moved up 72 places, from 119th place in 2022 to the 47th position in 2023.
- ✓ The list is topped by United Arab Emirates (UAE) with the median download speeds of 210.89 Mbps. Qatar and Kuwait stands at second and third rank

with the download speed of 192.71Mbps and 153.86Mbps respectively.

Global Hunger Index 2023: India slips four places, Ranked 111 out of 125 countries

- ✓ India ranks 111th out of the 125 countries with a score of 28.7 in Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023. India slipped 4 positions as compared to previous GHI ranking. In 2022, India ranked 107 out of 121 countries. In 2021, it was placed at 101 out of 116 countries. The ranks of India's neighbouring countries are Pakistan (102th), Bangladesh (81st), Nepal (69th), and Sri Lanka (60th).
- ✓ Afghanistan (114), Haiti (115) and 12 sub-Saharan countries perform worse than India on the GHI 2023.
- ✓ In GHI 2023, 20 countries with 2023 GHI scores of less than 5 are not assigned individual ranks, They are collectively ranked 1–20. These 20 countries are:
- ✓ Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Uruguay.
- ✓ Global Hunger Index is jointly published by the international humanitarian organisation Concern Worldwide and Germany-based Wel thungerhilfe with the aim to trigger action to reduce hunger around the world. It was first published in 2006.
- ✓ GHI is a peer-reviewed annual report, designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional, and country levels.
- ✓ As per the GHI Severity of Hunger Scale, the country's score in the range of 20.0–34.9 indicates that has a serious level of hunger. So with a score of 28.7, India has a level of hunger that is serious.
- ✓ The GHI 2023 shows that 9 countries are in the 'alarming' category, 34 countries are in the 'serious' category, 37 countries are in the 'moderate' category and 50 countries in the 'low' category.
- ✓ The global score of GHI 2023 is 18.3 which is 0.8 less compared to 19.1 in 2015 and the global hunger level is considered as 'moderate'

DAYS AND THEMES

Date	Day	Theme&Details
October 1	International Coffee Day 2023	Theme: “promoting the right to a safe and healthy working environment in the coffee supply chain”.
October 1	World Vegetarian Day 2023	
October 2	World Habitat Day 2023	The United Nations (UN) World Habitat Day (WHD) is annually observed across the globe on the first Monday of October to reflect on the state of cities and human settlements and promote the right to adequate shelter and the need for sustainable urbanization. WHD also launches Urban October Theme: “Resilient urban economies. Cities as drivers of growth and recovery“.
October 2	Non-Violence 2023	The United Nations (UN)’s International Day of Non-Violence is annually observed across the globe on 2 nd October to celebrate the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian Independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. ✓ In India, October 2, 2023, marks the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 17th International Day of NonViolence, observed as Gandhi Jayanti
October 4	World Animal Day 2023	Theme: ‘Great or Small, Love Them All’.
October 5	World Teachers' Day 2023	Theme: "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".
October 7	World Cotton Day 2023	Theme: “Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion”.
October 4-10	World Space Week 2023	Theme: Space and Entrepreneurship”
October 2-8	69th Wildlife Week 2023	Theme: “Partnerships for wildlife conservation“.
October 8	World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2023	
October 8	91 st Indian Air Force(IAF) Day 2023	Indian Air Force(IAF) Day is annually observed across India on October 8 to commemorate the establishment of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in 1932. Theme: Airpower Beyond Boundaries.
October 8	World Dyslexia Day 2023	Theme: “Uniquely You”.
October 9	World Post Day 2023	The United Nations (UN) World Post Day is annually observed across the globe on 9 October to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union’s (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. Theme: “Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future”
October 9-13	National Postal Week 2023	Theme: “Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future”

October 10	World Mental Health Day 2023	Symbol: The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness. Theme : “Mental health is a universal human right.
October 11	International Day of the Girl Child 2023	Theme : “Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being”.
October 12	World Sight Day 2023	World Sight Day (WSD) is annually observed across the globe on the second Thursday of October to focus the world’s attention on eye health as a global issue and to recognise the work done by the thousands of ophthalmologists across the world to fix the problem of vision impairment. ✓ World Sight Day is also known as ‘World Eye Day’ or ‘World Vision Day’ Theme : “Love Your Eyes at Work”
October 13	World Arthritis Day 2023	Theme “Living with an RMD at all stages of life”
October 13	World Egg Day 2023	Theme Eggs for a healthy future."
October 14	World Migratory Bird Day 2023	The United Nations (UN)-backed biannual campaign World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is celebrated across the globe on 2 peak days of a year, WMBD 2023 falls on the 13th of May and the 14th of October 2023. Theme: "Water: Sustaining Bird Life"."
October 14	World Standards Day 2023	Theme: “Shared Vision for a Better World – Standards for Sustainable Development Goals(SDG)”.
October 15	International Day of Rural Women 2023	Theme: “Rural Women, Women with Rights”
October 15	Global Handwashing Day 2023	Theme: "Clean Hands Are Within Reach."
October 15	World Students Day 2023	World Students Day is annually observed on 15th October to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 11th President of India Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam. 15 October 2023 marks the 92nd birth anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
October 16	World Food Day 2023	The United Nations (UN) World Food Day (WFD) is annually observed across the globe on 16 October to commemorate the establishment of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN in 1945. Theme: ‘Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind.’
October 16	39th Raising Day of National Security Guard (NSG)	
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023	Theme: “Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All”.
October 17	World Trauma Day 2023	Theme: ‘Embracing Resilience, Overcoming Trauma’s Impact’
October 20	National Solidarity Day 2023	National Solidarity Day is annually observed across India on 20 October to honour, respect, and promote the bravery and strength of the Indian armed forces. The day is dedicated to mark the national integrity displayed by India during the 1962 conflict with China(Indo-China War)
October 20	World Osteoporosis Day 2023	Theme: ‘Build Better Bones’.

October 21	Police Commemoration Day 2023	
October 21	Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day 2023	
October 23	World Snow Leopard Day 2023	
October 24	United Nations Day 2023	The United Nations (UN) Day is annually observed across the globe on 24 October to mark the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter entered into force in 1945.
October 24	World Polio Day 2023	
October 24 to 31	Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2023	Theme: "Media and Information Literacy in Digital Spaces: A Collective Global Agenda".
October 28	International Animation Day 2023	
October 29	World Stroke Day 2023	Theme: 'Together we are #GreaterThan Stroke.'
October 29	First ever UN's International Day of Care and Support	
Oct.30-Nov.5	Vigilance Awareness Week 2023	Theme: "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation."
October 31	National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) 2023-	National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is annually observed across India on 31 October to commemorate the birth anniversary of the "Iron Man of India," Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31 October 1875).
October 31	World Cities Day 2023	Theme: "Financing sustainable urban future for all"

Global Hunger Index 2023

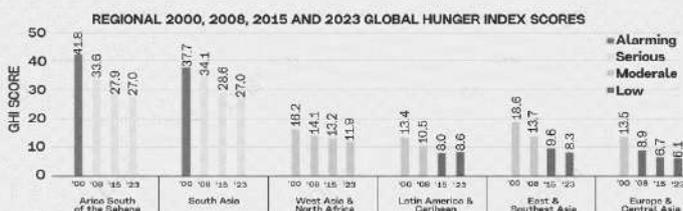
PREPARED ANNUALLY BY

- European NGOs – Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe
- 2006 (1st Published)

CALCULATION OF GHI SCORE BASED ON

Parameters	Meaning	Share in Score
Undernourishment	Insufficient calorie intake	1/3 rd
Child wasting	Low weight for height	1/6 th
Child stunting	Low height for age	1/6 th
Child mortality	Age <5	1/3 rd

GLOBAL SCENARIO



A score of 0 signifies No Hunger whereas 100 signifies Worst Hunger

TOP 5 COUNTRIES: (ALL GHI SCORE < 5)

- Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia

BOTTOM 5 COUNTRIES

- Lesotho, DRC, Yemen, Madagascar and Central African Republic

INDIA'S STATUS:

- Rank - 2023:** 111/125 (2022 rank - 107/121)
- Score - 28.7** (Serious)
- Rate of **Undernourishment** - 16.6%
- Under-5 Mortality** - 3.1%
- Anaemia in Women** (15-24 years) - 58.1%
- Child Wasting Rate** - 18.7% (**Highest in World**)

The Govt of India has rejected the outcomes of Index calling it a flawed measure of "hunger" and reflecting India's true position

India's Neighbours (Rank)

- Sri Lanka (60th), Nepal (69th), Bangladesh (81st) and Pakistan (102th)

ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

The Israel-Palestine conflict is a long-standing geopolitical dispute over territory and self-determination in the Middle East.

BEGINNING

- ↳ UN adopted **Resolution 181** – the Partition Plan in 1947
- ↳ State of Israel created in 1948, sparking the **first Arab-Israeli War** (Israel won)
 - ↳ Palestinians displaced
 - ↳ Division of territory into – State of Israel, West Bank and Gaza Strip

INITIAL TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS (1956-1979)

- ↳ **Suez Crisis** and Israeli **invasion of Sinai Peninsula** in 1956
- ↳ **Six-Day War (1967)** – Israel gained control over Sinai Peninsula, Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Golan Heights

Controversy over Jerusalem as Capital

- **Israel view:** Complete and united Jerusalem
- **Palestinians view:** East Jerusalem future capital

- ↳ **Yom Kippur War (1973)** – Surprise attack by Egypt and Syria
- ↳ **Camp David Accords (1979)** b/w Egypt and Israel

Intifada (Arabic for 'shake off')

- **First Intifada** – 1987 to 1993
 - ↳ Led to the foundation of Hamas (1987) – a Palestinian political party designated as a foreign terrorist org by US
 - ↳ Response – **Madrid Conference 1991** (chaired by the US and Russia)
- **Second Intifada** – 2000-2005
- The latest escalation (2023) is being called the beginning of "Third Intifada"

OSLO ACCORDS (MEDIATED BY US)

- ↳ **First (1993)**
 - ↳ Estd framework for **Palestinian self-governance** in West Bank and Gaza
 - ↳ Enabled mutual recognition between Israel and Palestine
- ↳ **Second (1995)**
 - ↳ Expanded on Oslo I Accords
 - ↳ Mandated **complete Israeli withdrawal** from several cities and towns in **West Bank**

POST 2000 CONFLICT AND RESPONSES

- ↳ **2013** – US-led peace process began
- ↳ **2014-18** – Gaza Conflict (2014)
 - ↳ Palestine announced break from territorial divisions under Oslo Accords (2015)
- ↳ **2018-20** – US Cancelled funding for Palestinian refugees under UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)
 - ↳ US proposed "**Peace to Prosperity**" plan
- ↳ **2020** – **Abraham Accords**
- ↳ **2022-2023:**
 - ↳ Israel raids on **Jenin refugee camp**
 - ↳ Hamas launched "**Operation AL-Aqsa Flood**" and Israel launched "**Operation Iron Swords**" (both in 2023)
 - ↳ Israel declared a **State of War**
 - ↳ **India's Stand:**
 - ↳ Supports a **Two State solution** for Israel and Palestine
 - ↳ **Condemned the recent attack** by Hamas on Israel

About Israel

About Hamas: Hamas, an acronym of its official name, the Islamic Resistance Movement, is a Sunni Islamist political and military organization governing the Gaza Strip of the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories.

About Palestine

Israel, a Middle Eastern country on the Mediterranean Sea, is regarded by Jews, Christians and Muslims as the biblical Holy Land.

- President: Isaac Herzog
- Prime Minister : Benjamin Netanyahu
- Capital : Jerusalem
- Currency: Israeli Shekel



Palestine, officially the State of Palestine, is a state located in the Southern Levant region of West Asia.

- President: Mahmoud Abbas
- Prime minister: Mohammad Shtayyeh
- Capitals: Jerusalem, Ramallah
- Currency: Palestine pound



CURRENT AFFAIRS PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who is the author of the following books 'Ash-tadhyayi Bhashya', 'Ramanandacharya Charitam', and 'Bhagwan Shri Krishna ki Rashtraleela' which has been recently (in October '23) released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Madhya Pradesh?
 - a) Baba Ramdev
 - b) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
 - c) Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
 - d) Mātā Amritānandamayī
 - e) Sadhguru
2. Which of the following company has recently (in October '23) launched India's 1st reference Gasoline and diesel fuels used to calibrate and test vehicles?
 - a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
 - b) Reliance Industries Limited
 - c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
 - d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
 - e) GAIL India Limited
3. In October 2023, which ministry has collaborated with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to work together for the promotion of green energy?
 - a) Ministry of Tourism
 - b) Ministry of MSME
 - c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - d) Ministry of Coal
 - e) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
4. In October 2023, Which Small Finance Bank(SFB) has launched its first Green Fixed Deposit (FD) 'Planet First – AU Green Fixed Deposit' with an interest rate of up to 8.50%?
 - a) Suryoday SFB
 - b) Equitas SFB
 - c) ESAF SFB
 - d) AU SFB
 - e) Ujjivan SFB
5. Which escrow platform has recently (in October '23) has secured India's 1st digital escrow regulatory fintech authorisation from the International Financial Services Centres Authority of GIFT City in Gujarat?
 - a) Castler
 - b) Shieldpay
 - c) Escrowpay
 - d) Tazapay
 - e) Uniscrow
6. In October 2023, Babanrao Dhakne, Former Union Minister and senior politician, passed away in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra at the age of 86. Babanrao Dhakne served as the Union State Minister in the Ministry of Energy under the premiership of _____.
 - a) Chandra Shekhar
 - b) Indira Gandhi
 - c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 - d) Manmohan Singh
 - e) Morarji Desai
7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is categorized NBFCs into _____ layers?

a) 6	b) 5
c) 4	d) 3
	e) 2
8. The High-Level Committee (HLC) on One Nation, One Election (ONOE) under the chairmanship of _____ held its 2nd meeting at New Delhi, Delhi in October 2023.
 - a) Rajiv Kumar (CEC of India)
 - b) Ram Nath Kovind (Former President of India)
 - c) Jagdeep Dhankhar (Vice President of India)
 - d) Droupadi Murmu (President of India)
 - e) Venkaiah Naidu (Former V P of India)
9. Which organisation/bank has recently (in Oct '23) approved USD 400 million policy-based loan to India to enhance the infrastructure quality and provide assured public services and efficient governance systems?
 - a) United Nations Development Programme
 - b) International Monetary Fund
 - c) World Bank
 - d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - e) Asian Development Bank

10. The _____ Global Media and Information Literacy Week was observed across the globe on 24th to 31st October 2023.
- a) 16th
b) 12th
c) 14th
d) 15th
e) 17th
11. Which state government has recently (in Oct '23) launched the 'Swayampurna e-bazaar', an online platform to sell products across India made by self-help groups, local artisans, and women?
- a) Odisha
b) Jharkhand
c) Maharashtra
d) Madhya Pradesh
e) Goa
12. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 52nd GST Council Meeting, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, held at New Delhi, Delhi on 7th October 2023?
- A) GST at 18% will be levied on 1% of the total amount guaranteed by the parent company or the actual consideration.
B) Reduction of GST on molasses from 28% to 5% to increase liquidity with mills & to reduce the cost of manufacturing cattle feed.
C) The GST on Job work services for processing of barley into malt has been reduced from 18% to 5%.
- a) Only A
b) Only A & B
c) Only B & C
d) Only A & C
e) All A, B & C
13. According to the report 'World Energy Outlook 2023' released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in October 2023, India's growing electricity demand, with annual growth of around 5%, makes India the third-largest electricity consumer globally by _____ (year).
- a) 2025
b) 2030
c) 2050
d) 2035
e) 2040
14. Name the country/Island that has recently (in Oct '23) removed from the grey list of Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- a) Bahrain
b) Yemen
c) Cayman Islands
d) Ukraine
e) Bulgaria
15. Name the bank that has recently (in Oct '23) appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni) as its official brand ambassador.
- a) State Bank of India
b) Axis Bank
c) Union Bank of India
d) ICICI Bank
e) Bank of India
16. The three Indian technology experts namely Amandeep Singh Gill, Nazneen Rajani, and Sharad Sharma named in the list of 39-member _____ High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence?
- a) World Intellectual Property Organization
b) European Union
c) World Trade Organization
d) United Nations
e) International Telecommunication Union
17. The Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 is observed across India from 30th October to 5th November 2023 with the theme of _____.
- a) Integrity – A Way of Life
b) Vigilant India, Prosperous India
c) Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation
d) Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India
e) Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation
18. In October 2023, _____ became the first state in India to have hallmarking centers in all districts.
- a) Tamil Nadu
b) Maharashtra
c) Karnataka
d) Madhya Pradesh
e) Kerala
19. In October 2023, India and the European Union (EU) conducted their first joint naval exercise in the _____ (place).
- a) Gulf of Aqaba
b) Gulf of Honduras
c) Gulf of Aden
d) Gulf of Bothnia
e) Gulf of Guinea
20. Which bank has recently (in Oct '23) launched a lifetime zero-balance savings account?
- a) Bank of Maharashtra
b) Bank of India
c) Union Bank of India
d) Bank of Baroda
e) Canara Bank

21. In October 2023, His Royal Highness (HRH) Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar was elected as the 17th King of _____ (country) for a term of 5 years.
- Oman
 - Malaysia
 - Morocco
 - Kuwait
 - Jordan
22. Name the Consulting Company that has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed by the government of India to help prepare India's Vision 2047 document.
- Deloitte Consulting Group
 - OC&C Strategy Consultants
 - L.E.K. Consulting
 - EY-Parthenon
 - Boston Consulting Group
23. Who co-authored, Raghuram Rajan, Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) along with the book, "Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future" in October 2023?
- Rohit Lamba
 - Anoop Sasikumar
 - Arvind Panagariya
 - Shankkar Aiyar
 - Amiya Kumar Bagchi
24. In which city, India's first law enforcement Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) council launched in October 2023?
- Hyderabad, Telangana
 - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 - Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - Noida, Uttar Pradesh
25. In which city, India's first Nano Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP-Liquid) plant was recently (in Oct '23) inaugurated by the Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah?
- Pune, Maharashtra
 - Panipat, Haryana
 - Jaipur, Rajasthan
 - Gandhinagar, Gujarat
 - Bhubaneswar, Odisha
26. According to the "International Migration Outlook: 2023" published by OECD in October 2023, India has retained its position as the top country of origin for new migrants to the member countries of OECD in 2021 for the _____ consecutive year.
- 5th
 - 2nd
 - 4th
 - 3rd
 - 6th
27. According to Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released by the Standard & Poor (S&P) Global Market Intelligence in October 2023, India will become Asia's second-largest economy by _____ (year) with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of USD 7.3 trillion.
- 2026
 - 2028
 - 2027
 - 2025
 - 2030
28. In October, 2023, Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah launched the logo, website, and brochure of the newly established National Cooperative _____ Limited (NCEL).
- Education
 - Exports
 - External
 - Expert
 - Energy
29. Name the company that has recently (in Oct '23) announced to launch youth-focused fashion retail format, Yousta.
- Cromā
 - Reliance Retail
 - V-Mart Retail
 - Trent Limited
 - Tata Group
30. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Bharat Tex 2024 event?
- India is set to host "Bharat Tex 2024", the world's largest Textile event in February 2024 at Bharat Mandapam & Yashobhoomi in New Delhi, Delhi.
 - The event will be organised by a Consortium of Textile Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) with the support of the Ministry of Textiles.
 - Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Textiles launched the fair logo, website and video of Bharat Tex 2023.
- Only A
 - Only A & C
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & B
 - All A, B & C

31. In October 2023, _____ became the first country in the world to test-fired a medium-caliber maritime electromagnetic railgun from an offshore platform.
- Russia
 - United States of America
 - China
 - Japan
 - United Kingdom
32. Which of the following points is/are “correct” with respect to the Qatar Masters Open 2023 held at Lusail Sports Arena, Qatar in October 2023?
- The GrandMaster (GM) Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzbekistan) won the Qatar Masters Open 2023 Title, GM Nodirbek Abdussatorov (Uzbekistan) & GM S L Narayanan (India) secured second & third place respectively.
 - International Master (IM) Vaishali Rameshbabu (India) secured the women’s champion title.
 - GM Karthikeyan Murali defeated Magnus Carlsen (FIDE RANK -1) in the seventh round of the Qatar Master Open 2023 tournament, making him the third Indian to defeat Carlsen in classical chess after Harikrishna and Viswanathan Anand.
- Only A
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - All A, B & C
33. Former Indian cricketer, legendary left-arm spinner and Padma Shri awardee, Bishan Singh Bedi, passed away in October 2023. In which year did he receive the Padma Shri award for sports?
- 1980
 - 1960
 - 1958
 - 1970
 - 1966
34. When was the United Nations (UN) Day 2023 observed across the globe?
- 22nd October 2023
 - 24th October 2023
 - 21st October 2023
 - 23rd October 2023
 - 20th October 2023
35. Name the personality who has recently (in Oct ‘23) become the first woman to take charge as the Director General Hospital Services of Armed Forces?
- Air Marshal Punita Arora
 - Air Marshal Arti Sarin
 - Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay
 - Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair
 - Air Marshal Harita Kaur Deol
36. In October 2023, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for mid-life upgrade and re-powering of the advanced guided missile frigate Indian Naval Ship (INS) _____ at a cost of Rs 313.42 crore.
- INS Betwa
 - INS Trikand
 - INS Tarkash
 - INS Talwar
 - INS Beas
37. In October 2023, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) approved India’s selfdeclaration of freedom from _____(diseases).
- Enzootic bovine leukosis Influenza
 - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
 - Bovine ephemeral Influenza
 - Acute hepatopancreatic Influenza
 - Avian paramyxovirus Influenza
38. Which autonomous organisation of the Ministry of Education has recently (in Oct ‘23) developed a web portal ‘Apna Chandrayaan’ for school students that was launched by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan?
- National Council for Teacher Education
 - National Assessment and Accreditation Council
 - National Council of Educational Research and Training
 - All India Council for Technical Education
 - National Testing Agency
39. In which state, Kati Bihu also known as Kongali bihu festival 2023 was celebrated on 18th October 2023?
- Tripura
 - West Bengal
 - Assam
 - Odisha
 - Mizoram
40. In which state/UT, Prime Minister (PM), Narendra Modi has recently (in Oct ‘23) inaugurated India’s 1st Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor?
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Gujarat
 - Delhi
 - Maharashtra
 - Odisha

41. In October 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually launched the 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras (PMGKVKs) in 34 rural districts of _____ (state).
- Bihar
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Maharashtra
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Gujarat
42. In October 2023, _____ became the first district in India to officially designate its official tree, flower, bird and species.
- Indore, Madhya Pradesh
 - Kodagu, Karnataka
 - Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh
 - Kasaragod, Kerala
 - Karimnagar, Telangana
43. Name the Military Unit of Indian Army that has recently (in Oct '23) won the gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023, a International Military Exercise organised in Wales, United Kingdom (UK) in October 2023.
- 3/5 Rajputana Rifles
 - 11 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles
 - 3/5 Gorkha Rifles
 - 2 Kumaon Rifles
 - 11 Garhwal Rifles
44. In October 2023, _____ became the first Russian bank to register with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as a foreign portfolio investor (FPI) for a Category I FPI License.
- Gazprombank
 - Sberbank
 - Alfa Bank
 - VTB Bank
 - Promsvyazbank
45. In October 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) initiated a pilot program for the wholesale segment namely 'Digital Rupee-Wholesale (e-W)' of its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in the interbank call money market. Which of the following banks is not part of the wholesale CBDC in government securities pilot program?
- IDFC First Bank
 - City Union Bank
 - Kotak Mahindra Bank
 - Union Bank of India
 - State Bank of India
46. Which bank has recently (in Oct '23) developed 'XpressWay,' a digital banking platform to offer a range of financial products and services?
- Axis Bank
 - YES Bank
 - HDFC Bank
 - IndusInd Bank
 - ICICI Bank
47. In October 2023, Daniel Noboa became the youngest President elect of _____ (country).
- Venezuela
 - Ecuador
 - Brazil
 - El Salvador
 - Chile
48. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) elected as the 42nd Prime Minister (PM) of New Zealand?
- Helen Clark
 - Dame Jacinda Ardern
 - Sir John Key
 - Christopher Luxon
 - Dame Jenny Shipley
49. Name the personality from India who has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed as the next Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations (UN).
- Saurabh Kumar
 - Arindam Bagchi
 - Sanjay Verma
 - Ausaf Sayeed
 - Vinay Kwatra
50. In October 2023, Droupadi Murmu, President of India, appointed Raghubar Das as the 26th Governor of _____ (state) and IndraSena Reddy Nallu as _____ Governor of Tripura.
- Telangana; 24th
 - Jharkhand; 20th
 - Odisha; 23rd
 - Jharkhand; 24th
 - Odisha; 20th
51. In October 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Ashok Vaswani as the next Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of _____ Bank for a period of 3 years.
- IndusInd Bank
 - Kotak Mahindra Bank
 - YES Bank
 - ICICI Bank
 - Axis Bank

52. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)?
- Sanjay Kumar Jain
 - Vinay Kumar Sharma
 - Devendra Pal Bharti
 - Kamlesh Kumar Mishra
 - Lokiah Ravi Kumar
53. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Forbes India's 100 Richest 2023 List released in October 2023?
- A) Mukesh Ambani, the Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries Ltd. topped the Forbes India's 100 Richest 2023 List with USD 92 Billion followed by Gautam Adani of Adani Enterprises with a net worth of USD 68 Billion.
- B) Savitri Jindal of the O.P. Jindal Group is India's richest woman with a net worth of USD 24 billion. She ranked 4th in the list with a net worth of USD 24 Billion.
- C) Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of the trading platform Zerodha, is the youngest billionaire at the age of 37 & ranked at 40th position along with his Brother Nithin (44 years old) with a net worth of USD 5.5 Billion.
- Only A
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - All A, B & C
54. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) awarded with "Best Central Bank Award 2023" for being ranked 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023?
- Mario Marcel (Chile)
 - Victoria Rodriguez (México)
 - Margarita Delgado (Spain)
 - Mark Carney (England)
 - Shaktikanta Das (India)
55. Name the actor who will receive the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa in November 2023.
- Bernardo Bertolucci
 - Martin Scorsese
 - Wong Kar-wai
 - Michael Douglas
 - Krzysztof Zanussi
56. Name the village of India that has recently (in Oct '23) featured in the 3rd edition of Best Tourism Villages 2023 list released by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- Bankhedi, Madhya Pradesh
 - Gandikota, Andhra Pradesh
 - Madla village, Maharashtra
 - Kumbalangi, Kerala
 - Dhordo village, Gujarat
57. Which Military Station in India has recently (in Oct '23) bagged with the 'Best Green Military Station' award?
- Sarsawa Military Station (Uttar Pradesh)
 - Udhampur Military Station (J&K)
 - Chandigarh Military Station (Chandigarh)
 - Faridabad Military Station (Haryana)
 - Adampur Military Station (Punjab)
58. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 9th Group20 (G20) Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) held in October 2023?
- A) Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India inaugurated the 9th Group20 (G20) Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) at the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) – Yashobhoomi at Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi.
- B) The summit was preceded by the Parliamentary Forum on Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) to deliberate upon initiatives towards a greener and sustainable future.
- C) The theme of the forum was 'Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'.
- All A, B & C
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - Only A
59. According to the 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI 2023) released in October 2023, India is ranked _____ out of 47 countries, while _____ (country) tops the list.
- 40th; Iceland
 - 45th; Netherlands
 - 43rd; Denmark
 - 45th; Iceland
 - 43rd; Netherlands
60. Name the Security Exercise that has recently (in Oct '23) conducted by the Indian Navy (IN) in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- Sea Vigil 2023
 - Prasthan 2023
 - Passage 2023
 - Sagar Kavach 2023
 - La Perouse 2023

61. Name the spacecraft that has been recently (in Oct '23) launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to an interplanetary transfer orbit by using the SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket from Florida, United States of America (USA).
- Lander spacecraft
 - Orbiter spacecraft
 - Rover spacecraft
 - Flyby Spacecraft
 - Psyche Spacecraft
62. Name the third Stealth Destroyer of Project 15B Class Guided Missile Destroyer that has been delivered to the Indian Navy (IN) in October 2023.
- Yard 12707 (Surat)
 - Yard 12706 (Imphal)
 - Yard 12708 (Nilgiri)
 - Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam)
 - Yard 12703 (Mormugao)
63. In October 2022, the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully tested the air-launched version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from _____ fighter jet in an airbase in Bay of Bengal.
- Dassault Mirage 2000
 - Mikoyan MiG-31
 - HAL Tejas
 - Sukhoi-30 MKI
 - Mirage 2000D
64. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 141st Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) held in October 2023?
- A) The 141st Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was hosted by India in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- B) The 141st session of IOC approved the proposal of Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee of Olympics and Paralympic Games for the inclusion of 5 additional sports including Cricket (T20-Twenty20), Softball/Baseball, flag football, lacrosse (sixes) and squash.
- C) IOC has suspended the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) for violating the Olympic charter with immediate effect and until further notice after it incorporated Ukrainian sports bodies.
- Only A
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - All A, B & C
65. Padma Vibhushan Awardee & the 11th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Dr. Manohar Singh Gill passed away in October 2023. In which year did he receive the Padma Vibhushan in the field of Civil Service?
- 2002
 - 2005
 - 2003
 - 2000
 - 2010
66. In October 2023, the tallest statue of Dr B R Ambedkar, the principal architect of India's Constitution was inaugurated in a Maryland suburb of Washington, DC, United States of America (USA). The 19 feet statue has been made by _____.
- Anish Mikhail Kapoor
 - Neeraj Gupta
 - Ram Sutar
 - Subodh Gupta
 - Ravinder Reddy
67. How many members are present in the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)?
- Eight
 - Three
 - Six
 - Five
 - Four
68. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 11th India-United Arab Emirates (UAE) high-level joint task force on investments in Abu Dhabi, UAE held in October 2023?
- A) During 11th India-UAE high-level joint task force, UAE and India have signed an MoU in seven areas such as supply chain resilience, renewable energy and energy efficiency, health and life sciences, space systems, AI, Industry 4.0 and advanced technologies.
- B) NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and Al Etihad Payments (AEP) entered into an agreement to implement a Domestic Card Scheme (DCS) in the UAE.
- C) The 11th High-Level Joint Task Force Meeting between the UAE and India focused on reviewing the progress made on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and discussed various aspects of bilateral economic cooperation.
- Only A
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - All A, B & C

69. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize 2023?
- Abiy Ahmed (Ethiopia)
 - Dmitry Muratov (Russia)
 - Ales Bialiatski (Belorussia)
 - Narges Mohammadi (Iran)
 - Maria Ressa (Philippines)
70. In October 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted a 9 member external Working Group chaired by _____ to suggest Expected Credit Loss (ECL) framework for provisioning by banks.
- Raghuram G. Rajan
 - R. Narayanaswamy
 - B. P. Kanungo
 - Muneesh Kapur
 - Urjit R. Patel
71. In October 2023, South Asia's first Aircraft Recovery Training School (ARTS) has established in _____ (Airport).
- Chennai International Airport
 - Indira Gandhi International Airport
 - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
 - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
 - Kempegowda International Airport
72. Which of the following points is "Incorrect" with respect to the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games (19th edition of Asian games) held from September to October 2023?
- India finished fourth in the medal tally of the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022 with 107 medals (28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze), which is India's highest medal tally at the Asian Games.
 - Tarundeep Rai became the first Indian archer to win three gold medals (men's individual, men's compound team and mixed team event) in the Asian Games.
 - Neeraj Chopra won his second consecutive gold medal in the men's Javelin throw in the Asian games with a best throw of 88.88 metres.
 - Parul Chaudhary won two medals including gold medal in the women's 5000m race and the silver medal in the 3000m women's steeplechase.
 - Avinash Sable was the first Indian to win the gold medal in the 3000m men's steeplechase event in any Asian Games.
73. In which state, the 2023 edition of the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise (AJHE) – "CHAKRAVAT 2023" has conducted by the Indian Navy (IN) in October 2023?
- Karnataka
 - Maharashtra
 - Goa
 - West Bengal
 - Odisha
74. Which bank has recently (in Oct '23) partnered with Social Worth Technologies Private Limited (Fibe) to launch India's first-ever numberless credit card?
- Axis Bank
 - YES Bank
 - HDFC Bank
 - ICICI Bank
 - IndusInd Bank
75. According to World Economic Outlook (WEO)- Navigating Global Divergences' released in October 2023, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast to _____ for 2023.
- 6.5%
 - 6.7%
 - 6.3%
 - 6.1%
 - 6.5%
76. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 360 One Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023 released in October 2023?
- Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries limited (RIL) tops the 360 One Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023 followed by Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group.
 - Radha Vembu, product manager of Zoho, overtakes Falguni Nayar of Nykaa to become the richest self-made Indian woman with a net worth of Rs 36,000 crore.
 - Manish Kejriwal of Kedaara Capital becomes the first Indian private equity fund manager on the list with Rs 3,000 crore net worth.
- Only A
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - All A, B & C
77. In October 2023, Italian tennis player _____ won the China Open 2023 men's single title against Daniil Medvedev (Russia) for the first time, while Iga Swiatek from _____ (country) won the China Open 2023 women's single title.
- Matteo Berrettini; Poland
 - Fabio Fognini; Spain
 - Jannik Sinner; Poland
 - Fabio Fognini; Croatia
 - Jannik Sinner; Spain
78. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the step made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in October 2023?

- A) RBI has decided to extend the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework to all deposit taking government NBFCs and non-deposit taking government NBFCs in middle, upper and top Layers (excluding base layer) with effect from October 1, 2024.
- B) RBI under section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, has ordered Bank of Baroda to immediately suspend the process of adding more customers to the 'bob World' mobile application.
- C) As per the RBI's monetary policy report, the Personal loans /Retail loans form the biggest component of bank credit at 32.1 percent of outstanding credit, as of March 2023.
- a) All A, B & C
b) Only A & B
c) Only B & C
d) Only A & C
e) Only A
- 79.** Name the cricketer who has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed as the new Chair of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)'s World Cricket Committee (WCC).
- a) Andrew Balbirnie (Ireland)
b) Kraigg Brathwaite (West Indies)
c) Pat Cummins (Australia)
d) Jos Buttler (England)
e) Kumar Chokshana Sangakkara (Sri Lanka)
- 80.** Name the repatriation operation that has been recently (in Oct '23) launched by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI to bring back Indian citizens from Israel amid the ongoing 2023 Israel-Hamas War.
- a) Operation Bharat
b) Operation Ganga
c) Operation Ajay
d) Operation Kaveri
e) Operation Raahat
- 81.** What is India's rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023, released in October 2023?
- a) 101st
b) 107th
c) 120th
d) 111th
e) 125th
- 82.** Name the Payments Bank that has recently (in Oct '23) received a monetary penalty of Rs 5.39 crore by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- a) Paytm Payments Bank
b) Jio Payments Bank
c) India Post Payments Bank
d) Fino Payments Bank
e) Airtel Payment Bank
- 83.** Which of the following companies has recently (in Oct '23) became the 15th & 16th Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) respectively?
- a) Ircn International Limited (IRCON) & RITES Limited (RITES)
b) Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) & Ircn International Limited (IRCON)
c) RITES Limited (RITES) & Dredging Corporation of India (DCI)
d) India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) & Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)
e) Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) & India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC).
- 84.** In October 2023, _____ (country) took over as Chair of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for the period 2023 to 2025, while India assumed the Vice-Chair role of IORA for 2023-25.
- a) Maldives
b) Bangladesh
c) Indonesia
d) Tanzania
e) Sri Lanka
- 85.** In October 2023, General Manoj Pande, the Chief of Army Staff presented the 'President's Colours' (represented by a flag) to the 3rd Battalion of the _____ (Regiment).
- a) Dogra Regiment
b) Punjab Regiment
c) Naga Regiment
d) Sikh Regiment
e) Rajput Regiment
- 86.** Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Federation Internationale des Echecs/International Chess Federation (FIDE) World Junior Under20 (U-20) Rapid & Blitz Championships 2023?
- A) The Inaugural edition of the FIDE World Junior Under20 (U-20) Rapid & Blitz Championships 2023 was in Pula (Sardinia), Italy in October 2023.
B) India's GrandMaster (GM) Raunak Sadhwani won the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship 2023 title in the open category & Govhar Beydullayeva from Azerbaijan won the FIDE World Junior Girls U20 Rapid Chess Championship 2023 title.
C) GM Mahammad Muradli of Azerbaijan won the FIDE World Junior Blitz Championship title and India's Raunak Sadhwani won the silver medal in the Open category.
- a) Only A
b) Only A & B
c) Only B & C
d) Only A & C
e) All A, B & C

87. In September 2023, the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, increased the interest rate on the 5-year recurring deposit scheme to _____ from 6.5% for the 3rd quarter (October-December) of 2023-2024 (Q3FY24).
- 7.0%
 - 6.8%
 - 6.6%
 - 6.9%
 - 6.7%
88. What is India's rank in the 16th edition of the Global Innovation Index (2023) published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in September 2023?
- 15th
 - 40th
 - 50th
 - 30th
 - 25th
89. Which country has recently (in Sept '23) signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA) with India to ensure professionals and workers retain benefits?
- France
 - Brazil
 - Spain
 - Argentina
 - Germany
90. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Women's Reservation Bill 2023, as of September 2023?
- A) President Droupadi Murmu has granted assent to the Women's Reservation Bill 2023, which mandates a 33% reservation (one-third of total seats) for women in the Lok Sabha, State Legislative assemblies, and National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.
- B) Following the President's assent, this Bill will be recognized as the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act and commonly referred to as Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam, has been introduced in the Indian Parliament.
- C) The Bill introduces Article 332A, which mandates the reservation of seats for women in every state Legislative Assembly.
- Only A
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - All A, B & C
91. In October 2023, Mohamed Muizzu was elected as the New President of _____ (country).
- Libya
 - South Sudan
 - Kenya
 - Maldives
 - Seychelles
92. Name the personality who has recently (in Oct '23) launched 'Sankalp Saptah', a unique week-long programme for Aspirational Blocks of India, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Delhi.
- Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)
 - Jagdeep Dhankhar (Vice President of India)
 - Droupadi Murmu (President of India)
 - Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)
 - Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Union Minister of External Affairs).
93. Which of the following personalities has/have recently (in Oct '23) awarded with the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2023 by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science?
- Svante Pääbo (Sweden)
 - Katalin Karikó (Hungary)
 - Drew Weissman (United States of America)
 - Both 1 & 2
 - Both 2 & 3
94. Name the Indian Personality who has recently (in Oct '23) became the first woman to be honoured the Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation (CIF).
- Falguni Nayar
 - Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
 - Sudha Murty
 - Aditi Gupta
 - Divya Gokulnath
95. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) held in New York City, United States of America (USA), in September 2023?
- A) Dennis Francis, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations, serve as President of the 78th Session of the General Assembly.
- B) On the sidelines of the 78th UNGA session, the I2U2 Group, consisting of India, the United States of America (USA), Israel, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), launched a Private Enterprise Partnership to increase awareness of its initiative in business communities and fund projects aligning with its objectives.
- C) The United Nations – India (UN India) signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to collaborate on various initiatives.
- All A, B & C
 - Only A & B
 - Only B & C
 - Only A & C
 - Only A
96. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) named as the 'Global Ambassador' for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Cricket One Day International (ODI) World Cup 2023?

- a) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
 b) Ravi Shastri
 c) Sachin Tendulkar
 d) Sourav Ganguly
 e) Kapil Dev
97. What is the theme of the United Nations (UN) World Space Week (WSW) 2023 being observed across the globe from 4th to 10th October 2023?
 a) Women in Space
 b) Space and Sustainability
 c) Satellites improve life
 d) Space and Entrepreneurship
 e) The Moon: Gateway to the Stars
98. Which of the following points is/are “correct” with respect to the visit of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi to Mahbubnagar & Nizamabad Telangana in October 2023?
 A) During PM’s visit to Mahbubnagar, He laid the foundation stone for the key road projects which are a part of the Nagpur – Vijayawada Economic Corridor.
 B) During his visit to Nizamabad, PM dedicated the first 800 MW Unit of Phase I of the Telangana Super Thermal Power Project in Peddapalli district.
 C) PM Modi laid the foundation stone for 20 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) under the Pradhan Mantri – Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

- a) Only A
 b) Only A & B
 c) Only B & C
 d) Only A & C
 e) All A, B & C
99. Which bank has recently (in Oct ‘23) launched INDIE, a customer centric digital mobile banking application (app)?
 a) Indian Bank
 b) ICICI Bank
 c) IndusInd Bank
 d) Bank of India
 e) IDBI Bank
100. Which of the following points is ‘Incorrect’ with respect to the 4th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy statement for FY24 released by RBI in October 2023?
 a) The Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has opted to keep the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 6.50% for the 4th time in a row.
 b) The Reverse Repo Rate and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate are kept unchanged at 3.35% & 6.75% respectively.
 c) The Bank Rate is kept unchanged at 6.25%.
 d) India’s real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth is projected at 6.5 per cent for 2023-24.
 e) RBI projects that Inflation is expected to average 5.4% in the fiscal year 2023–2024

Answers

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