

JANUARY CURRENT AFFAIRS 2023

1. Which among the following was the founder of Banaras Hindu University?
 - a. Sivaswami Iyer
 - b. S Radhakrishnan
 - c. Madan Mohan Malaviya
 - d. Rash Behari Ghosh

Malaviya, who was keenly interested in uplifting the educational standards of the country, was the principal founder in 1916 of the Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, a premier institution of learning in India.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/archive-on-banaras-hindu-university-founder-madan-mohan-malaviya-takes-shape-after-decade-long-effort/article66325073.ece>

2. India and Pakistan signed consular access agreement in which year?
 - a. 2007
 - b. 2008
 - c. 2009
 - d. 2010

India is committed to address “all humanitarian matters, including those pertaining to prisoners” with Pakistan, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement after New Delhi and Islamabad exchanged lists of prisoners on Sunday in accordance with the 2008 Agreement on Consular Access, under which the exchange takes place every year on January 1 and July 1.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pakistan-india-exchange-list-of-nuclear-installations-facilities/article66326655.ece#:~:text=India%20is%20committed%20to%20address,Consular%20Access%2C%20under%20which%20the>

3. Marina beach is located in
 - a. Chennai
 - b. Mumbai
 - c. Goa
 - d. Visakhapatnam

Marina beach in Chennai along the Bay of Bengal is India's longest and world's second longest beach.

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4. Who is the current CM of Haryana?
- Bhupinder Singh Hooda
 - Om Prakash Chautala
 - Bansi Lal
 - Manohar Lal Khattar

Mr Manohar Lal was born in Nindana village of Rohtak district. After being elected from the Karnal Assembly constituency in the Assembly elections in 2014, he became Chief Minister of Haryana.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/haryana-sports-minister-sandeep-singh-resigns-woman-coach-sexual-harassment-8354899/>

5. Who among the following is the author of the book “The Withdrawal: Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan and the Fragility of U.S. Power”?
- Vikram Seth
 - Kiran Desai
 - Vijay Prashad
 - Balakumaran

Vijay Prashad is Director of Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research. His most recent book (with Noam Chomsky) is ‘The Withdrawal: Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan and the Fragility of U.S. Power’

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6. Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) is located in
- Bengaluru
 - Thiruvananthapuram
 - Mumbai
 - Hyderabad

Answer is option B.

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), situated at Thiruvananthapuram is a Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956. IIST functions as an autonomous body under the Department of Space, Government of India.

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7. India launched its first sounding rocket in which year
- 1962
 - 1961
 - 1964
 - 1963

Answer: D

The launch of the first sounding rocket from Thumba near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 21 November 1963, marked the beginning of the Indian Space Programme .

<https://www.isro.gov.in/soundingRockets.html>

8. Index of Eight Core Industries is released by
- Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
 - Ministry of Steel

Answer: B

The Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is releasing Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI). ICI measures combined and individual performance of production in selected eight core industries viz. Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity. The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 percent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

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9. Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) is being implemented by which Ministry
- Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Ministry of Rural Development
 - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Answer: A

Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) has been announced in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech 2022.

The programme envisages coverage of border villages on Northern border having sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure, which often get left out from the development gains.

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10. Who among the following is the author of the book 'The Diploma Disease'?

- a. William Beveridge
- b. Ian Bateman
- c. Ronald Dore
- d. Peter Buckley

Answer: C

The Diploma Disease, written by British economist Ronald Dore and first published in 1976.

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11. Siyom Bridge inaugurated by the Defence Minister is in

- a. Assam
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Nagaland
- d. Meghalaya

Answer: B

Giving a big boost to the connectivity sector, Defence Minister dedicated 28 infrastructure projects, including the strategically important Siyom Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh, to the Nation.

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12. Who was recently appointed as the President of Brazil?

- a. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- b. Jair Bolsonaro
- c. Dilma Rousseff
- d. Michel Temer

Answer: A

Prime Minister of India congratulated Lula da Silva for assuming office as Brazil's President after defeating far-right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro in the tightest presidential race in decades.

<https://theprint.in/world/pm-modi-congratulates-lula-da-silva-on-assuming-office-as-brazil-president/1294849/>

13. The year in which Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act was passed

- a. 1960
- b. 1959
- c. 1961
- d. 1980

Answer: A

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted in 1960 to prevent the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals and to amend the laws relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals

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14. Who among the following was awarded Pravasi Bharatiya Samman 2023?

- a. Darshan Singh Dhaliwal
- b. Bhagwant Singh Bishnoi
- c. Davinder Singh Kakkar
- d. Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot

Answer: A

U.S.-based billionaire Darshan Singh Dhaliwal has been honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA), the highest government award for overseas Indians.

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15. Competition Commission of India is chaired by

- a. S. Jayashree
- b. Sangeeta Verma
- c. Sanjay Sood
- d. Pawan Kumar

Answer: B

Competition Commission of India, which has been established by the Central Government with effect from 14th October 2003. CCI consists of a Chairperson and 6 Members appointed by the Central Government.

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16. Birsa Munda hockey stadium is in which state?

- a. Chhattisgarh
- b. Odisha
- c. Gujarat
- d. Jharkhand

Answer B

The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium is an international hockey stadium situated at Rourkela, India. The stadium is being built to host the 2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup which will be held in the Indian state of Odisha. The stadium has been named after the tribal leader, Birsa Munda

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17. SIGHT programme, recently seen in news, is related to

- a. Transport sector
- b. Education sector
- c. Health sector
- d. Energy sector

Answer: D

Nation Green Hydrogen Mission: The Mission will facilitate demand creation, production, utilization and export of Green Hydrogen. Under the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT), two distinct financial incentive mechanisms – targeting domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers and production of Green Hydrogen – will be provided under the Mission.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1888547>

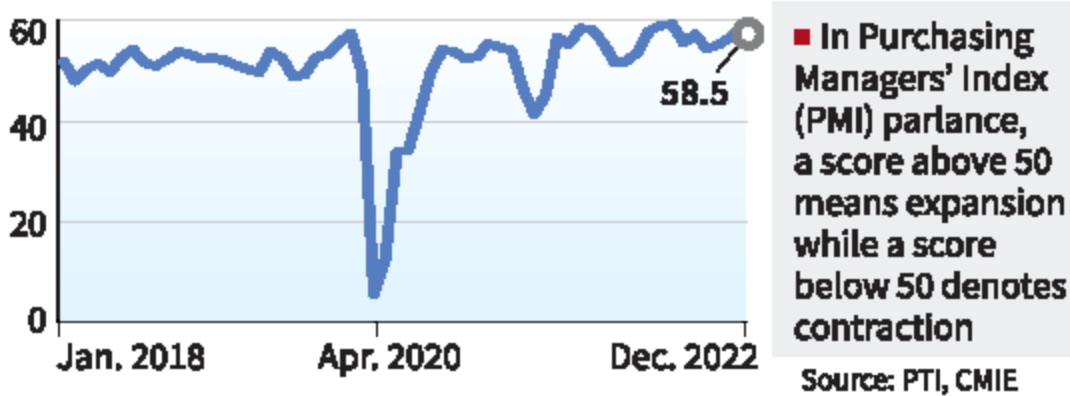
18. Purchasing Managers Index is released by

- a. Moody's
- b. CRISIL
- c. S&P
- d. Mckinsey

Answer: C

Services stride ahead

S&P Global India's Services Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 58.5 in December, the strongest expansion since mid-2022



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19. Azacitidine is used for which of the following purposes?

- a. Decarbonisation
- b. Treating of oil spills
- c. Cancer treatment
- d. As an insecticide

Answer: C

Azacitidine injection is used to treat patients with French-American-British (FAB) myelodysplastic syndrome (bone marrow problem) subtypes, including refractory anemia or chronic leukemia. This medicine is also used to treat juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML)

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20. Which among the following regulates power sector in India?

- a. CARC
- b. CERC
- c. CREC
- d. CFRC

Answer: B

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)

CERC is a statutory body functioning under sec - 76 of the Electricity Act 2003 (CERC was initially constituted under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 on 24th July, 1998)

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21. Registrar General of India who is entrusted with conducting decennial census, comes under which ministry
- Ministry of Communications
 - Ministry of Education
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Ministry of Finance

Answer: C

The responsibility of conducting the decadal census rests with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

<https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/node/325>

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22. Who among the following is not one of the current women judges of the Supreme Court?
- Indira Banerjee
 - B. V. Nagarathna
 - Bela Trivedi
 - Hima Kohli

Answer: A

Indira Banerjee retired in September 2022

<https://main.sci.gov.in/chief-justice-judges>

23. Which among the following processes is used to produce Green Hydrogen?
- Calcination
 - Smelting
 - Electrolysis
 - Haber process

Answer: C

Electrolysis is the process of using electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. This reaction takes place in a unit called an electrolyzer.

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-production-electrolysis#:~:text=Electrolysis%20is%20the%20process%20of,a%20unit%20called%20an%20electrolyzer.>

24. Chinese fishing nets are mostly found in which of the following states

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Telangana
- c. Goa
- d. Kerala

Answer: D

Chinese fishing nets are mostly found in the Indian cities of Kochi and Kollam, where they have become a tourist attraction.

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25. Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state

- a. Chhattisgarh
- b. Odisha
- c. Jharkhand
- d. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C

The Union Environment Ministry on Thursday withdrew permission for tourism and ecotourism activities in the vicinity of the Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary in Jharkhand

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26. Kuki-Chin languages are spoken in which part of India

- a) Western India
- b) Northeast India
- c) Andaman and Nicobar
- d) Northern India

Answer:

B

The Kuki-Chin languages are Sino-Tibetan languages spoken in northeastern India, western Myanmar and southeastern Bangladesh.

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27. 13th national conference of All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) was held in

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Telangana
- d. Kerala

Answer: D

It was held in Kerala

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28. Who is the current Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir

- a. Manoj Sinha
- b. G. C. Murmu
- c. Radhe Mohan Singh
- d. Afzal Ansari

Answer: A

Manoj Sinha is an Indian politician serving as the 2nd and the current Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir

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29. Patriot missile systems are built by which country

- a. Germany
- b. France
- c. USA
- d. Russia

Answer: C

The Patriot, which stands for Phased Array Tracking Radar for Intercept on Target, is a theater-wide surface-to-air missile defense system built by Raytheon Technologies Corp (RTX.N) and considered one of the most advanced air defense systems in the U.S. arsenal.

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30. Who is the current CM of Uttarakhand?

- a. Tirath Singh Rawat
- b. Trivendra Singh Rawat
- c. Pushkar Singh Dhama
- d. Vijay Bahuguna

Answer: C

The current CM is Pushkar Singh Dhama

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31. Which among the following is not one of the subtypes of avian flu

- a. H5N1
- b. H7N9
- c. H9N2
- d. H1N1

Answer: D

Humans can be infected with avian, swine and other zoonotic influenza viruses, such as avian influenza virus subtypes A(H5N1), A(H7N9), and A(H9N2) and swine influenza virus subtypes A(H1N1), A(H1N2) and A(H3N2).

[https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/influenza-\(avian-and-other-zoonotic\)?gclid=CjwKCAiA8OmdBhAgEiwAShr40yu3BWtISTlhce6LAQ2mVMNk2ZmZxZGeZWtMepb-MGud_lprsick7hoCLkQQA_VD_BwE](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/influenza-(avian-and-other-zoonotic)?gclid=CjwKCAiA8OmdBhAgEiwAShr40yu3BWtISTlhce6LAQ2mVMNk2ZmZxZGeZWtMepb-MGud_lprsick7hoCLkQQA_VD_BwE)

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32. A kumki is a

- a. Tiger
- b. Elephant
- c. Cheetah
- d. Lion

Answer: B

Kumki or Koomkie is a term used in India for trained captive Asian elephants used in operations to trap wild elephants, sometimes to rescue or to provide medical treatment to an injured or trapped wild elephant.

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33. Tapovan-Vishnugad power project is located in which state
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Himachal Pradesh
 - Uttarakhand
 - Haryana

Answer: C

The Tapovan Vishnugad power plant is a 520MW run-of-river project being constructed on Dhauliganga River in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand, India.

<https://www.power-technology.com/projects/tapovan-vishnugad-hydroelectric-power-plant-uttarakhand/>

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34. In which year was the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act passed?
- 1971
 - 1968
 - 1970
 - 1973

Answer: A

It was passed in 1971

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35. In which year was the Jallikattu banned by the Supreme Court
- 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015
 - 2016

Answer: B

It was banned in 2014

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36. Who among the following became the Attorney General of India in October 2022?
- R Venkataramani
 - K K Venugopal

- c. Mukul Rohatgi
- d. Goolam Essaji Vahanvati

Answer: A

R. Venkataramani is an Indian constitutional lawyer and a Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India. He is currently serving as the Attorney-General for India

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37. The Union Carbide Corporation gave a compensation of \$_____ in 1989 in the wake of Bhopal gas tragedy
- a. 500 million
 - b. 450 million
 - c. 470 million
 - d. 400 million

Answer: C

The compensation was \$470 million.

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38. Which of the following statements about non-woven bags is incorrect?
- a. They are made of polypropylene
 - b. They are biodegradable
 - c. They are soft and air-permeable
 - d. Polypropylene is classified as plastic under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016

Answer: B

They are non-biodegradable

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Kochi/non-woven-bags-stand-in-the-way-of-plastic-ban/article30687858.ece>

39. Who became the President of Peru in December 2022?
- a. Pedro Angulo Arana
 - b. Alberto Otárola
 - c. Dina Boluarte
 - d. Pedro Castillo

Answer: C

Dina Boluarte is a Peruvian politician, civil servant, and lawyer currently serving as the President of Peru since December 2022.

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40. Which of the following is not a town/city on the East Coast of India?

- a. Rameswaram
- b. Vedaranniyam
- c. Cuddalore
- d. Joshimath

Answer: D

Joshimath is in the northern part of India.

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41. Petta Thullal is celebrated in which of the following states?

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Kerala
- d. Karnataka

Answer: C

Pettathulal, also known as Petta Kettu, is a historic ritualistic dance held annually on the 27th of Dhanu at Erumely, in the district of Kottayam, in the Indian state of Kerala

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42. Which among the following cases introduced Basic Structure Doctrine?

- a. Kesavananda Bharati Case
- b. Golak Nath Case
- c. K S Puttaswamy case
- d. A K Gopalan case

Answer: A

The doctrine was introduced by the Supreme Court through Kesavananda Bharati Case

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43. RuPay card is developed by

- a. SEBI
- b. NPCI
- c. RBI
- d. IRDAI

Answer:

B

It is developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

<https://www.rupay.co.in/about-us>

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44. Which of the following places is not famous for a coal mine?

- a. Jharia
- b. Raniganj
- c. Talcher
- d. Khetri

Answer: D

Khetri is famous for copper mine.

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45. Who among the following is the President of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research?

- a. Jitendra Singh
- b. N. Kalaiselvi
- c. Narendra Modi
- d. Vibha Malhotra Sawhney

Answer:

C

The PM is the President of CSIR.

<https://www.csir.res.in/about-us/csir-leader#>

46. Which of the following statements about inflation is incorrect?

- a. Core inflation includes energy
- b. Core inflation excludes food
- c. 6% is the upper tolerance of annual inflation to be maintained by MPC
- d. 2% is the lower tolerance of annual inflation to be maintained by MPC

Answer: A

Core inflation excludes both food and energy.

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47. De La Rue International Ltd. Is headquartered in which country?

- a. USA
- b. UK
- c. France
- d. Germany

Answer: B

De La Rue is a British company headquartered in Basingstoke, England, that designs and produces banknotes.

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48. Voice of Global South Summit 2023 was held in

- a. Dhaka
- b. Colombo
- c. New Delhi
- d. Brasilia

Answer: C

It was held in New Delhi

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/voice-of-global-south-summit-pm-narendra-modi-8377003/>

49. Bara Imambara Masjid is located in which of the following places?

- a. New Delhi
- b. Hyderabad
- c. Srinagar
- d. Lucknow

Answer: D

It is in Lucknow.

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ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/21300/OPS/GBGAODU7U.1+GMTAOE2R2.1.html)

50. National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories is chaired by

- a. Subbanna Ayyappan
- b. Pramod Kumar Tiwari
- c. Venu Gopal Achanta

d. Arun Chawla

Answer: A

NABL is chaired by Subbanna Ayyappan

<https://nabl-india.org/composition-of-nabl-board/>

https://epaper.thehindu.com/ccidist-ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/21300/OPS/GBGAODU7U.1+GMTAOE2QU.1.html

51. National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) is located in which of the following places?

- a. Ahmedabad
- b. Hyderabad
- c. Kolkata
- d. Bangalore

Answer: B

NRSC is in Hyderabad

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52. Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister is chaired by

- a. Sanjeev Sanyal
- b. Rakesh Mohan
- c. Bibek Debroy
- d. Neelkanth Mishra

Answer:

C

It is chaired by Bibek Debroy

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53. Hemkund Sahib is in which of the following states?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Punjab
- d. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: A

It is in Uttarakhand

<https://uttarakhandtourism.gov.in/destination/hemkunt-sahib#:~:text=tenth%20guru%20of%20Sikhs%2C%20Guru%20Govind%20Singh%2C%>

[20meditated%20by%20the%20serene%20banks%20of%20Hemkund%20lake%20in%200one%20of%20his%20earlier%20births](#)

54. The Prime Minister flagged off the world's longest river cruise (MV Ganga Vilas) from Varanasi to _____
- Hugli
 - Dibrugarh
 - Allahabad
 - Haldia

Answer: B

The PM flagged off world's longest river cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh

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55. Which among the following are the Bretton Woods Institutions?
- IMF and ADB
 - World Bank and UN
 - UNESCO and UNICEF
 - IMF and World Bank

Answer: D

The Bretton Woods Institutions are the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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<https://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/ib/2002/031502.htm#:~:text=Bretton%20Woods%20Institutions%E2%80%94the%20IMF%20and%20World%20Bank%E2%80%94have>

56. G-77 was established in

- 1961
- 1963
- 1964
- 1973

Answer: C

Group of 77 (G-77) was established in 1964 by seventy-seven developing countries signatories of the "Joint Declaration of the Seventy-Seven Developing Countries" issued at the end of the first session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/new-global-order-global-south-summit-8383713/>

57. Which among the following is not recommended for MSP by the CACP?

- a. Nigerseed
- b. Basmati
- c. Tur
- d. Sesamum

Answer: B

As of now, CACP recommends MSPs of 23 commodities, which comprise 7 cereals (paddy, wheat, maize, sorghum, pearl millet, barley and ragi), 5 pulses (gram, tur, moong, urad, lentil), 7 oilseeds (groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean, seasmum, sunflower, safflower, nigerseed), and 4 commercial crops (copra, sugarcane, cotton and raw jute).

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/the-case-for-basmati-as-a-paddy-replacement-in-punjab-despite-no-msp-and-lower-yield-8383858/>

58. Which ministry issues GI tag in India?

- a. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- b. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- c. Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying And Fisheries
- d. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Answer: A

In order to protect the Geographical Indications of goods a Geographical Indications Registry has been established in Chennai to administer the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 under the The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM), Ministry of Commerce and Industry

<https://www.ipindia.gov.in/about-us.htm>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/the-case-for-basmati-as-a-paddy-replacement-in-punjab-despite-no-msp-and-lower-yield-8383858/>

59. Pashupatinath Temple is located in which of the following places?

- a. Ujjain
- b. Deoghar
- c. Veraval
- d. Kathmandu

Answer: D

Pashupatinath Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, and is located in Kathmandu, Nepal near the sacred Bagmati River.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/nepal-plane-crash-4-friends-from-up-went-to-visit-pashupatinath-8383774/>

60. Which of the following statements about IWAI is incorrect?

- a. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) came into existence in 1986
- b. The head office of the Authority is at Mumbai
- c. India has about 14,500 km of navigable waterways
- d. It comes under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Answer: B

The head office of the Authority is at Noida.

<https://iwai.nic.in/about-us>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/governments-push-to-tap-riverine-tourism-8383716/#:~:text=Inland%20Waterways%20Authority>

61. Yeti Airlines is based in

- a. Nepal
- b. India
- c. Bangladesh
- d. Bhutan

Answer: A

It is based in Kathmandu, Nepal

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62. ICRA is related to

- a. Consumer technology
- b. Credit rating
- c. Oil and gas
- d. Software

Answer: B

ICRA Limited (formerly Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited) was set up in 1991 by leading financial/investment institutions, commercial banks and financial services companies as an independent and professional investment Information and Credit Rating Agency.

<https://www.icra.in/Home/Profile>

https://epaper.thehindu.com/ccidist-ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/21624/OPS/GJBAOQ2IS.1+G5AAOQ6TE.1.html

63. Which of the following statements about National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is incorrect?

- a. National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is a “statutory board” constituted under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (wildlife act)
- b. NBWL was constituted through an amendment of the wildlife act in 2002
- c. It is a 47-member committee, headed by the Minister of environment, forest and climate change
- d. the central government nominates 10 members who are eminent conservationists, ecologists and environmentalists

Answer: C

It is headed by the PM

<https://www.epw.in/journal/2021/3/insight/national-board-wildlife-and-illusion-wildlife.html>

https://epaper.thehindu.com/ccidist-ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/21624/OPS/GJBAOQ2IS.1+G5AAOQ6T3.1.html

64. National Health Authority (NHA) is governed by a Governing Board chaired by

- a. Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- b. Bharati Pravin Pawar
- c. Anil Kumar Radadiya
- d. Raj Kumar Jalan

Answer: A

NHA is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare. The current minister is Mansukh L. Mandaviya.

<https://nha.gov.in/NHA>

https://epaper.thehindu.com/ccidist-ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/21624/OPS/GJBAOQ2IS.1+G5AAOQ6SV.1.html

65. Who is the current chair of G-77?

- a. Pakistan
- b. Guinea
- c. Cuba
- d. Egypt

Answer: C

The chair for 2023 is Cuba

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66. Manjuvirattu is associated with which state?

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Telangana
- d. Karnataka

Answer: B

Manjuvirattu (also called jallikattu) is practiced in Tamil Nadu.

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67. Paris Club is a/an

- a. Group of creditor nations
- b. Group of debtor nations
- c. Export control regime
- d. Import control regime

Answer: A

The objective of the Paris Club, an **informal group of creditor nations** that meets each month in the French capital, is to find workable solutions to payment problems faced by debtor nations.

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68. Who among the following is the author of the book "Animal Farm"?

- a. Jane Austen
- b. Virginia Woolf
- c. Charles Dickens
- d. George Orwell

Answer: D

It is by George Orwell

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69. The GST came into effect on
- 1 June 2017
 - 1 July 2016
 - 1 July 2017
 - 1 June 2016

Answer: C

The tax came into effect from 1 July 2017 through the implementation of the One Hundred and First Amendment of the Constitution of India

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70. Which among the following is the third-largest telecom operator in India?
- MTNL
 - Airtel
 - BSNL
 - Vodafone-Idea

Answer: D

The third largest is Vodafone-Idea

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71. In which year was the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was passed?
- 1977
 - 1967
 - 1957
 - 1987

Answer: B

Its main objective is to make powers available for dealing with activities directed against the integrity and sovereignty of India and was passed in 1967

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72. Etalin hydropower project is in which of the following states?
- Arunachal Pradesh
 - Assam
 - Sikkim

d. Nagaland

Answer: A

Etalin hydropower project is in Dibang valley, Arunachal Pradesh

It is a joint-venture between Jindal Power and Hydro Power Development Corporation of Arunachal Pradesh Limited.

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73. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022 is released by

- a. Smile Foundation
- b. Care India
- c. Pratham
- d. Oxfam India

Answer:

C

Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022 is released by Pratham which is a non-governmental organization.

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74. Which of the following is a type of white blood cell that surrounds and kills microorganisms, removes dead cells, and stimulates the action of other immune system cells?

- a. Macrophage
- b. Parenchyma
- c. Meristematic cells
- d. Centrosome

Answer: A

Macrophages are specialised cells involved in the detection, phagocytosis and destruction of bacteria and other harmful organisms

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75. R. Praggnanandhaa is associated with which of the following sports?

- a. Basketball
- b. Table tennis
- c. Bridge
- d. Chess

Answer: D

R. Praggnanandhaa is associated with chess

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76. In which year was the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child ratified by India?

- a. 1991
- b. 1992
- c. 1993
- d. 1990

Answer:

B

The year of ratification is 1992

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77. POCSO Act deals with

- a. Children
- b. Senior citizens
- c. Migrant workers
- d. Scheduled Castes

Answer: A

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 is an Act to protect children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography and provide for establishment of Special Courts for trial of such offences.

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78. Which of the following schemes aims at foundational numeracy and literacy?

- a. PM-JAY
- b. AABY
- c. NIPUN Bharat
- d. UHIS

Answer: C

NIPUN Bharat Mission or National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy is launched by the Education Ministry of India under National Education Policy 2020. The scheme focuses on foundational numeracy and literacy.

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79. Who is the current president of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)?

- a. Yogeshwar Dutt
- b. Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- c. Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh
- d. Amit Dhankhar

Answer:

C

Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh is the current president.

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80. Who among the following is the author of the book "Tomb of Sand"?

- a. Geetanjali Shree
- b. Abdulrazak Gurnah
- c. Christopher Kloeble
- d. Deepti Naval

Answer: A

Geetanjali Shree's 'Tomb of Sand' has become the first Hindi novel to be awarded the prestigious 2022 International Booker Prize. Originally published as 'Ret Samadhi', the book has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.

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ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/21924/OPS/GA8AP7ACC.1+GMKAP8652.1.html)

81. Who is the current Director General of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

- a. Ravi Krishna
- b. Arun Kumar
- c. Puja Singh Mandol
- d. D. C. Sharma

Answer: B

Directorate General of Civil Aviation is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The headquarters is located in New Delhi.

Current Director General is Arun Kumar

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ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/22029/OPS/GR7APBKCU.1+GHBAPBOD9.1.html)

82. The theme for India's current G20 presidency is

- a. Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century For All
- b. Recover Together, Recover Stronger

- c. One Earth · One Family · One Future
- d. Building consensus for fair and sustainable development

Answer: C

The theme of India's G20 Presidency - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth · One Family · One Future" - is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad

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83. Farakka Barrage is located in which of the following states?

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Bihar
- c. Jharkhand
- d. West Bengal

Answer: D

Farakka Barrage is a barrage (dam) across the Ganga river located in Murshidabad district in the Indian state of West Bengal

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84. Which state government has been conducting caste census since January 2023?

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Bihar
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Gujarat

Answer: B

The state is Bihar

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85. Who is the chief guest of 2023 Republic Day celebrations?

- a. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- b. Isaac Herzog
- c. Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- d. Joko Widodo

Answer: A

India has invited Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi as Chief Guest for 2023 Republic Day

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86. Nilgiri tahr is the state animal of which state/UT?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Goa
- d. Puducherry

Answer: B

The Nilgiri tahr (*Nilgiritragus hylocrius*) is endemic to the Nilgiri Hills and the southern portion of the Western and Eastern Ghats in the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in southern India. It is the state animal of Tamil Nadu

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87. In which year was the Armed Forces Tribunal Act passed?

- a. 2006
- b. 2007
- c. 2008
- d. 2009

Answer: B

The Armed Forces Tribunal Act 2007, was passed by the Parliament. Under the Act, Armed Forces Tribunal deals with disputes and complaints with respect to commission, appointments, enrolments and conditions of service in respect of persons subject to the Army Act, 1950, The Navy Act, 1957 and the Air Force Act, 1950.

Principal Bench is in New Delhi

88. Coal accounts for ____% of India's power generation

- a. 80
- b. 60
- c. 70
- d. 50

Answer: C

Coal currently accounts for 70% of its power generation.

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89. Shompen tribes are found in which of the following states/UT?

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. West Bengal
- c. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- d. Lakshadweep

Answer: C

The Shompen are the indigenous people of Great Nicobar Island, part of the Indian union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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90. Machu Picchu is associated with which of the following empires?

- a. Aztec
- b. Maya
- c. Olmec
- d. Inca

Answer: D

Machu Picchu is a 15th-century Inca citadel (fort) located in the Eastern Cordillera (mountains) of southern Peru. Often referred to as the "Lost City of the Incas", it is the most familiar icon of the Inca Empire.

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ws/th/th_thiruvananthapuram/issues/22263/OPS/GFKAPJBMU.1+G6DAPJQO6.1.html)

91. Which of the following statements about norovirus is incorrect?

- a. It is a variant of SARS-CoV-2 (corona)
- b. Some people with norovirus infection may show no signs or symptoms
- c. Noroviruses are highly contagious
- d. They commonly spread through food or water

Answer: A

It is not a variant of corona.

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause gastroenteritis in people. Gastroenteritis is an inflammation of the lining of the stomach and intestines, causing an acute onset of severe vomiting and diarrhea

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/norovirus/symptoms-causes/syc-20355296>

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92. 126th birth anniversary of ____ is being celebrated as 'Parakram Divas' in India
- Lala Lajpat Rai
 - Bhagat Singh
 - Subhas Chandra Bose
 - Chandra Shekhar Azad

Answer: C

126th birth anniversary of Netaji is being celebrated nationwide as 'Parakram Divas'.

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93. Who among the following is the author of the poem "Ramcharitmanas"?
- Kabir Das
 - Mirabai
 - Ramanuja
 - Tulsidas

Answer: D

Ramcharitmanas, is an epic poem in the Awadhi language, based on the Ramayana, and composed by the 16th-century Indian bhakti poet Tulsidas

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94. Bharat Biotech is headquartered in
- Pune
 - Bengaluru
 - Hyderabad
 - Mysuru

Answer: C

Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) is an Indian multinational biotechnology company headquartered in the city of Hyderabad

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95. Scorpene-class submarines are developed by which country?

- a. USA
- b. Russia
- c. UK
- d. France

Answer: D

The Scorpène-class submarines are a class of diesel-electric attack submarines jointly developed by the **French Naval Group (formerly the DCNS) and the Spanish company Navantia.**

The **sixth and the last of the French-origin Scorpene-class submarines, Vagsheer,** being built in India under technology transfer is currently undergoing sea trials and will be delivered to the Navy in 2024, the original manufacturer Naval Group said.

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96. Indian judicial collegium system has its origin in which of the following cases?

- a. Kesavananda Bharati Case
- b. Maneka Gandhi Case
- c. Shankari Prasad Case
- d. Three Judges Cases

Answer: D

Collegium system has its origin in Three Judges Cases of the Supreme Court.

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97. Which of the following is a type of fishing in which a large net is used to enclose a school of fish and is then closed at the bottom by means of a line resembling a string?

- e. Trolling
- f. Bait fishing
- g. Spinning
- h. Purse seine

Answer: D

Purse seine fishing, deployed widely on India's western coasts, uses a large vertical net to surround dense shoals of pelagic or midwater fish in the open ocean, and then draws in the edges like tightening the cords of a drawstring purse.

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98. Salmonella infection affects which part of the human body?

- a. Throat
- b. Intestine
- c. Lungs
- d. Skin

Answer: B

Salmonella infection (salmonellosis) is a common bacterial disease that affects the intestinal tract. Salmonella bacteria typically live in animal and human intestines and are shed through stool (feces). Humans become infected most frequently through contaminated water or food.

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99. The Line of Actual Control (LAC) separates India and _____

- a. China
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Pakistan
- d. Afghanistan

Answer: A

The Line of Actual Control (LAC) is a notional demarcation line that separates Indian-controlled territory from Chinese-controlled territory.

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100. Which among the following Indian documentaries has received Oscar nomination in January 2023?

- a. Steeped and Stirred
- b. The Elephant Whisperers
- c. The Unreserved
- d. The Soccer City

Answer: B

Oscar 2023 nominations from India

- **Naatu Naatu**, the hit dance track from **S.S. Rajamouli's RRR**, received a nomination for the original song
- Indian documentaries **All That Breathes** and **Elephant Whisperers** also got nods in the documentary feature and documentary short categories.

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101. How many High Courts are there in India?
- 23
 - 24
 - 25
 - 26

Answer:

C

There are 25 High Courts in the country.

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102. India celebrated ___ Republic Day on 26th January, 2023.
- 72nd
 - 73rd
 - 74th
 - 75th

Answer: C

It was 74th.

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103. Adani Group is an Indian multinational conglomerate, headquartered in
- Ahmedabad
 - Mumbai
 - Bengaluru
 - Noida

Answer: A

It is in Ahmedabad.

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104. Who among the following is a Padma Vibhushan awardee of 2023?
- Parameswaran Parameswaran
 - Ghulam Mustafa Khan
 - Illaiyaraja
 - Mulayam Singh Yadav

Answer: D

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Mulayam Singh Yadav**, former External Affairs **Minister S. M. Krishna** and **tabla maestro Zakir Hussain** were among six persons selected for the country's second highest civilian honour **Padma Vibhushan**.

The President of India has approved **106 Padma awards**. The list comprises **six Padma Vibhushan, nine Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awards**.

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105. Oral rehydration therapy is used in the context of
- Diarrhea
 - Diabetes
 - Influenza
 - Common cold

Answer: A

Oral rehydration therapy is a **treatment for dehydration**. It involves drinking a beverage made **of water, sugar, and electrolytes, specifically potassium and sodium**. The beverage is called an oral rehydration solution (ORS).

It is used especially in the context of Diarrhea.

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106. Rajpath in New Delhi has been renamed as _____ in September 2022?
- Dharma Path
 - Veera Path
 - Kartavya Path
 - Amrita Path

Answer: C

It has been renamed as Kartavya Path.

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107. Chhara community is majorly found in which of the following States/UT?
- Gujarat
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Jammu and Kashmir
 - Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

Chharas are found across almost the entire country with major presence in **Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi.**

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108. Who is the current Chief Minister of Rajasthan?
- Vasundhara Raje
 - Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
 - Hari Dev Joshi
 - Ashok Gehlot

Answer: D

Ashok Gehlot is an Indian politician serving as the current Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

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109. Which among the following is the first Indian space mission to observe the Sun and the solar corona?
- ASTROSAT
 - Gaganyaan 1
 - Aditya-L1
 - Shukrayaan-1

Answer: C

Aditya-L1 is the first Indian space mission to observe the Sun and the solar corona.

The Aditya-L1 mission will be launched by ISRO to the **L1 orbit (which is the first Lagrangian point of the Sun-Earth system)**. L1 orbit allows Aditya-L1 to look at the Sun continuously.

Aditya-L1 has **seven payloads in total, of which the primary payload is the Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC)**, designed and fabricated by the **Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru**.

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110. Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant is located in which of the following countries?
- Taiwan
 - Japan
 - South Korea
 - Ukraine

Answer: B

It is in Japan.

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111. Who won the Australian Open mixed doubles in Melbourne in January 2023?
- Luisa Stefani and Rafael Mataos
 - Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza
 - Storm Sanders and John Peers
 - Japan Ena Shibahara and Wesley Koolhof

Answer: A

Luisa Stefani and Rafael Mataos won the final.

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112. Kishenganga and Ratle hydropower projects are located in which of the following States/UTs?
- Himachal Pradesh
 - Uttarakhand
 - Jammu and Kashmir
 - Haryana

Answer: C

They are in Jammu and Kashmir.

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113. Where is the headquarters of the World Economic Forum located?
- a. Hague
 - b. New York
 - c. Berne
 - d. Cologne

Answer:

D

The World Economic Forum is an international non-governmental and lobbying organisation based in Cologne, canton of Geneva, Switzerland.

It was founded in **1971 by German engineer and economist Klaus Schwab.**

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114. The theme for World Water Day 2022 was____
- a. Valuing Water
 - b. Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible
 - c. Water and Climate Change
 - d. Accelerating change

Answer: B

The theme of UN World Water Day 2022 was 'Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible'.

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115. With which of the following countries did India sign an agreement in January 2023 for the translocation of 12 cheetahs?
- a. Namibia
 - b. Botswana
 - c. South Africa
 - d. Kenya

Answer: C

India and **South Africa** have finally signed a long-pending agreement to translocate 12 cheetahs to India.

The cheetahs will be transported to India by February-end and reintroduced at **the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh**, where eight such cats were brought from **Namibia in September last year under a similar agreement.**

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116. Who won the Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2023 final at Potchefstroom, South Africa in January 2023?
- England
 - Australia
 - New Zealand
 - India

Answer: D

India beat England in the first-ever ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup final.

Titas Sadhu was named the Player-of-the-Match.

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117. Hindenburg Research LLC, an investment research firm, is based in
- United Kingdom
 - United States
 - Canada
 - Australia

Answer: B

It is in New York City, United States.

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118. Which ministry is implementing 'The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005'?
- Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 - Commerce and Industry
 - Rural Development
 - Panchayati Raj

Answer: C

Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing 'The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005' which provides **at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household** whose adult members volunteer to do **unskilled manual work**.

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119. As per the Indus Water Treaty, which among the following rivers was not allocated to India for unrestricted usage?
- Ravi
 - Indus
 - Beas
 - Sutlej

Answer: B

The Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan, arranged and **negotiated by the World Bank**, to use the water available in the Indus River and its tributaries.

It was signed in **1960 by then Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and then Pakistani president Ayub Khan.**

The former **Vice President of the World Bank, W. A. B. Iliff**, also signed it.

It allocated the **three western rivers — Indus, Chenab and Jhelum — to Pakistan** for unrestricted use, barring certain non-consumptive, agricultural and domestic uses by India.

Similarly, the **three Eastern rivers — Ravi, Beas and Sutlej — were allocated to India** for unrestricted usage.

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120. Kishenganga is a tributary of which of the following rivers?
- Indus
 - Beas
 - Jhelum
 - Satlej

Answer:

C

The **Neelum River, or Kishenganga River**, is a river in the Kashmir region of India and Pakistan. It is a **tributary of Jhelum river.**

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121. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) declared ____ as the International Year of Millets.
- 2022

- b. 2023
- c. 2024
- d. 2025

Answer: B

It is 2023.

Two groups of millets are grown in India. **Major millets include sorghum, pearl millet and finger millet**, while **minor millets include foxtail, little millet, kodo, proso, and barnyard millet**.

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122. Who among the following is the Chairperson of the 15th Finance Commission?
- a. N. K. Singh
 - b. Y. V Reddy
 - c. Vijay L. Kelkar
 - d. C. Rangarajan

Answer: A

The Finance Commissions are commissions periodically constituted by the President of India under **Article 280 of** the Indian Constitution.

N K Singh is the Chairperson of the 15th Finance Commission.

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123. In which year was the Amartya Sen awarded the Nobel Prize?
- a. 1996
 - b. 1997
 - c. 1998
 - d. 1999

Answer: C

He was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in **1998** and **India's Bharat Ratna in 1999** for his work in welfare economics.

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124. Who among the following is the President of the 77th UN General Assembly (UNGA) in January 2023?
- a. Abdulla Shahid

- b. Volkan Bozkır
- c. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
- d. Csaba Kőrösi

Answer: D

Csaba Kőrösi is a **Hungarian** diplomat currently serving as President of the 77th United Nations General Assembly.

125. Who among the following was the chief coach of Indian hockey team at the 2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup?

- a. Gregg Clark
- b. Graham Reid
- c. Mitchell Pemberton
- d. Dilip Tirkey

Answer: B

Graham Reid was the chief coach.

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