

1. In which year was the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act passed in India?
- 2006
  - 1989
  - 1979
  - 1985

Ans: B

**'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects** under the **Seventh Schedule (List-II)** to the Constitution of India. The primary responsibility for implementation of the **Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989** rests with the State Governments/UT Administrations.

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2. Foreign Trade Policy 2023 targets export earnings of \_\_\_\_\_trillion dollars by 2030
- 1
  - 2
  - 0.5
  - 2.5

Ans: B

**Union Commerce, Industry and Textiles** Minister Piyush Goyal unveiled a new foreign trade policy that moves away from providing incentives to exporters, but lowers a few costs for smaller firms and promises swifter clearances, along with a one-time amnesty scheme for export obligation defaults.

Replacing the extant policy that had been in place since **2015**, the new **policy kicks in from 2023-24** and aims to almost triple India's goods and services exports **to \$2 trillion by 2030, from** an estimated \$760 billion in 2022-23.

India's exports were \$435 billion in 2015-16 when the previous policy was introduced and have grown nearly 75% to an estimated \$760 billion in 2022-23, **Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Santosh Kumar Sarangi said.**

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3. Exemption from disclosure of information is dealt under which Section in the Right To Information Act, 2005?
- Section 6
  - Section 7
  - Section 8
  - Section 9

**Ans:C**

**Section 8 in The Right To Information Act, 2005**

Exemption from disclosure of information.—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, there shall be no obligation to give any citizen,—

(a) information, disclosure of which would **prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity** of India, the **security, strategic, scientific or economic interests** of the State, **relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence;**

(b) information which has been **expressly forbidden to be published by any court of law or tribunal** or the disclosure of which may **constitute contempt of court;**

(c) information, the disclosure of which would cause a **breach of privilege of Parliament or the State Legislature;**

(d) information including **commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property**, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party, unless the competent authority is satisfied that larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information;

(e) information **available to a person in his fiduciary relationship,** unless the competent authority is satisfied that the larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information;

(f) information received in **confidence from foreign government;**

(g) information, the disclosure of which would **endanger the life or physical safety of any person or identify the source of information or assistance given in confidence for law enforcement or security purposes;**

(h) information which would impede the **process of investigation or apprehension or prosecution of offenders;**

(i) **cabinet papers including records of deliberations of the Council of Ministers, Secretaries and other officers;** Provided that the decisions of Council of Ministers, the reasons thereof, and the material on the basis of which the decisions were taken shall be made public after the decision has been taken, and the matter is complete, or over: Provided further that those matters which come under the exemptions specified in this section shall not be disclosed;

(j) information which relates to **personal information the disclosure of which has not relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy** of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or the appellate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information: Provided that the **information, which cannot be denied to the Parliament or a State Legislature shall not be denied to any person.**

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4. Who is the Chief Information Commissioner of India as of March 2023?
- Y K Sinha
  - Vanaja N Sarna
  - Neeraj Kumar Gupta
  - Suresh Chandra

Ans: A

Y K Sinha is the Chief Information Commissioner

The Central Information Commission has been constituted with effect from 12-10-2005 under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The jurisdiction of the Commission extends over all Central Public Authorities.

The Commission has certain powers and functions mentioned in sections 18, 19, 20 and 25 of the RTI Act, 2005. These broadly relate to adjudication in **second appeal** for giving information; **direction for record keeping, suo motu disclosures** receiving and enquiring into a complaint on inability to file RTI etc; **imposition of penalties and Monitoring and Reporting** including preparation of an Annual Report. The **decisions of the Commission are final and binding.**

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5. The RTI Act allows an Information Commission to levy a penalty of Rs 250 per day, up to a maximum of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ on a public information officer for delay in providing the information which has to be mandatorily furnished within 30 days.
- 10000
  - 20000
  - 25000
  - 50000

Ans: C

The RTI Act allows an Information Commission to levy a penalty of Rs 250 per day, up to a maximum of Rs 25,000, on a public information officer for delay in providing the information which has to be mandatorily furnished within 30 days. The penalty is calculated from the day the information becomes due to the day when it is provided. The penalty is recovered from the PIO from its salary, according to the Act.

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6. Salim Aziz Durani was associated with which sports?
- Boxing
  - Cricket
  - Kabadi
  - Badminton

Ans: B

Salim Aziz Durani was an Afghan-born Indian **cricketer** who played in 29 Test matches from 1960 to 1973. An all-rounder, Durani was a slow left-arm orthodox bowler and a left-handed batsman famous for his six-hitting prowess. He is the only Indian Test cricketer to have been born in Afghanistan.

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7. Which of the following National Parks is home to the largest population of the Nilgiri tahr, with more than 700 individuals?
- Eravikulam
  - Periyar
  - Silent Valley
  - Mudumalai

Ans: A

The Nilgiri tahr is a sure-footed ungulate that inhabits the open montane grassland habitats at elevations from 1200 to 2600 m of the South Western Ghats. Currently, the Nilgiri tahr distribution is along a narrow stretch of 400 km in the Western Ghats between Nilgiris in the north and Kanyakumari hills in the south of the region.

Though there are smaller populations found in the Palani hills, Srivilliputtur, and the Meghamalai and Agasthiyar ranges, only two well-protected, large populations are documented -- one from the Nilgiris and the other from the Anamalais, including the high ranges of Kerala.

The **Eravikulam** National Park in Anamalai hills, Kerala, is home to the largest population of the Nilgiri tahr, with more than 700 individuals.

The Eravikulam National Park (ENP) in Kerala, the natural habitat of the Nilgiri tahr in Munnar, has a new attraction — a fernarium set up inside the park. According to officials, this is the first time such a fern collection is being set up in the hill station.

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8. Aeronautical Test Range in Challakere, Chitradurga is located in which State?
- Andhra Pradesh

- b. Telangana
- c. Karnataka
- d. Gujarat

Ans:C

Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga is an out-door testing and evaluation facility set up by DRDO exclusively for unmanned and manned aircraft. The ATR is under the command of the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE).

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully carried out the landing experiment of the Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstration (RLV-TD) programme at the Aeronautical Test Range in Challakere, Chitradurga in **Karnataka**.

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9. Who is the Chairperson of ISRO as of April 2023?
- a. S. Somanath
  - b. K. Sivan
  - c. A. S. Kiran Kumar
  - d. Shailesh Nayak

Ans: A

**Sreedhara Panicker Somanath** is an Indian aerospace engineer serving as the chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

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10. The Central Administrative Tribunal had been established under which Article of the Constitution of India?
- a. Article 323-A
  - b. Article 323-B
  - c. Article 226
  - d. Article 324

Ans:A

The Central Administrative Tribunal had been established under **Article 323 - A** of the Constitution for adjudication of disputes and complaints with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or other authorities under the control of the Government.

There are 17 Benches and 21 Circuit Benches in the Central Administrative Tribunal all over India. In addition to the Ministries and Departments of Central Government, the Government of India has notified about 214 organizations under section 14 (2) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 to bring them within the jurisdiction of the Central

Administrative Tribunal, from time to time. In addition the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench is dealing with the matters of Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

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11. Cope India air exercise is between India and

- a. USA
- b. UK
- c. China
- d. Australia

Ans:A

Continuing the military-to-military engagement, the **Air Forces of India and the U.S. are set to conduct the Cope India exercise** from April 10 to 21 at the **Kalaikunda airbase in West Bengal**, with **Japan as an observer**.

The **India-U.S. bilateral Malabar naval exercise** became trilateral with the addition of **Japan** in 2015 and further brought in all the Quad partners together with the inclusion of **Australia in 2020**.

In January this year, **India and Japan held the maiden air exercise Veer Guardian**

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12. Who was the Bhutanese King who paid a visit to India in April 2023?

- a. Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck
- b. Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- c. Jigme Dorji Wangchuck
- d. Ugyen Wangchuck

Ans:B

Bhutanese King **Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** began his trip to India, with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar receiving him at the airport in New Delhi. The King will hold talks with President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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13. xDSL, FTTH, LTE are terms related to

- a. Telecommunication technology
- b. Education tools
- c. Health infrastructure
- d. Transport architecture

Ans: A

The last dial-up Internet connection was switched off in India in March 2021, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has said, as it moved to repeal a decades-old regulation dictating the quality of service of the early Web access technology.

“With the passage of ... time, the telecommunication networks both wireline as well as wireless have evolved to offer high-speed broadband service on xDSL, FTTH, LTE, etc.,” the regulator said in an explanatory note, referring to technologies used by telecom and broadband providers to deliver their services.

“Only BSNL was reporting the dial-up subscribers until March 2021 and afterwards BSNL was also not reporting any dial-up subscribers,” TRAI said in its note, adding that BSNL had sent the regulator a certificate confirming that it no longer had any dial-up users in India.

Dial-up Internet speeds were theoretically capable of reaching a maximum speed of 56 kilobits per second.

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14. Drugs (Prices Control) Order was issued in

- a. 2018
- b. 2016
- c. 2013
- d. 2021

Ans: C

The Minister added that according to the provision under the **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**, every year, pharma companies could increase or decrease the prices of medicines according to the Wholesale Price Index (WPI).

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15. Artemis II of NASA is a mission related to

- a. Mars
- b. Moon
- c. Jupiter
- d. Asteroid

Ans: B

Artemis 2 is the **second scheduled mission of NASA's Artemis program** and the **first scheduled crewed mission of NASA's Orion spacecraft**, currently planned to be

launched by the Space Launch System in November 2024. The crewed Orion spacecraft will perform a **lunar flyby test and return to Earth**

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16. Srikalahasteeswara temple is located in which State?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Telangana
- d. Maharashtra

Ans: B

Srikalahasti Temple is located in the town of Srikalahasti, in Tirupati district in the state of **Andhra** Pradesh, India. It is one of the most famous Shiva temples in South India, and is said to be the site where **Kannappa was ready to offer both his eyes to cover blood flowing from the linga before Shiva stopped him and granted him moksha**

The inner temple was constructed around 5th century and the outer temple was constructed in the 11th century by the **Rajendra Chola I**, later Chola kings and the Vijayanagara kings.

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17. Adichunchanagiri Hills is in

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

Ans: A

Adichunchanagiri, also called **Mahasamsthana Math**, is a hill township in Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, **Karnataka** State

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18. Which country has become the 31st member of NATO in April 2023?

- a. Sweden
- b. Finland
- c. Ukraine
- d. Turkey

Ans: B



The blue-and-white flag of **Finland** has been raised alongside those of its western partners outside **Nato's headquarters in Brussels** after the **Nordic country formally became the 31st member** of the transatlantic defensive alliance.

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19. Located on the Old Silk Route, Nathu La Pass connects \_\_\_\_\_ to China's Tibet Autonomous Region

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Ladakh
- c. Sikkim
- d. Uttarakhand

Ans: C

Nathu La, one of the highest **motorable roads in the world**, is a mountain pass in the Himalayan peaks that **co-joins Sikkim and China**. Situated on the Indo-Tibetan border 14450 ft. above sea level, Nathu La is one of the most important Himalayan passes in the country. Nathu means 'listening ears', and La means 'pass'. Nathu La is one of the three open trading border posts between India and China and is famous for its picturesque beauty and beautiful environment. The temperature here remains low for most parts

Located on the Old Silk Route, Nathu La Pass connects Sikkim to China's Tibet Autonomous Region.

The Nathu La Pass was **reopened in 2006** and since then, it has served as an official Border Personnel Meeting(BPM) Point.

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20. Project 75I is related to

- a. Navy
- b. Army
- c. Air force
- d. Cyber security

Ans:A

The **Project 75 (India)-class submarines**, or P-75I, for short, are a planned class of **diesel-electric** submarines, which are to be built for the **Indian Navy**. The P-75I class is a follow-on of **the P-75 class submarines of the Indian Navy**

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21. South Asia Economic Focus: Expanding Opportunities: Toward Inclusive Growth report is released by

- a. IMF
- b. World Bank
- c. Asian Development Bank
- d. New Development Bank

Ans: B

The **World Bank** has forecast a 6.3% economic growth rate for India in the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, 2024, a downgrade of 0.7 percentage points since its October forecast. The primary reasons for this are high borrowing costs and slower income growth causing weaker consumption, as well as the government tightening fiscal expenditure, the World Bank said in its **South Asia Economic Focus: Expanding Opportunities: Toward Inclusive Growth report**, released ahead of next week's Spring Meetings in Washington DC.

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22. The Right to Health Bill, passed in the Assembly on March 21, 2023 gives every resident of \_\_\_\_\_ the right to emergency treatment care without prepayment of requisite fees or charges to any health institution. Though \_\_\_\_\_ became the first State to legislate the right to health, private hospitals were apprehensive of the government's interference in their functioning after the enforcement of the law.

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Gujarat
- c. Rajasthan
- d. Delhi

Ans: C

The Right to Health Bill, passed in the Assembly on March 21, gives every resident of **Rajasthan** the right to emergency treatment care without prepayment of requisite fees or charges to any health institution. Though Rajasthan became the first State to legislate the right to health, private hospitals were apprehensive of the government's interference in their functioning after the enforcement of the law.

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23. Doklam is a disputed land between Bhutan and \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ans: B

Doklam is an area in Bhutan with a high plateau and a valley, lying **between China's Chumbi Valley to the north, Bhutan's Ha District to the east and India's Sikkim state to the west.** It has been depicted as part of Bhutan in the Bhutanese maps since 1961, but it is also **claimed by China**. The dispute has not been resolved despite several rounds of border negotiations between Bhutan and China. The area is of strategic importance to all three countries.

In June **2017 a military standoff occurred between China and India**, as China attempted to extend a road on the Doklam plateau southwards near the **Doka La pass** and Indian troops moved in to prevent further road construction.

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24. National Payments Corporation of India is an initiative of

- a. RBI and SEBI
- b. RBI and Indian Banks' Association
- c. RBI and Ministry of Finance
- d. RBI and State Bank of India

Ans: B

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India, is an **initiative of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** under the provisions of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**, for creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.

Considering the utility nature of the objects of NPCI, it has been incorporated as a **"Not for Profit" Company under the provisions of Section 25 of Companies Act 1956 (now Section 8 of Companies Act 2013)**, with an intention to provide infrastructure to the entire Banking system in India for physical as well as electronic payment and settlement systems.

The **ten core promoter banks** are State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Bank of India, ICICI Bank Limited, HDFC Bank Limited, Citibank N. A. and HSBC.

In 2016 the shareholding was broad-based to 56 member banks to include more banks representing all sectors. In 2020, new entities regulated by RBI were inducted, consisting of **Payment Service Operators, payment banks, Small Finance Banks**, etc. The shares were allotted pursuant to issuance of equity shares on private placement basis in compliance to the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

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25. TRIPS Agreement comes under

- a. WTO
- b. UNCTAD
- c. UNEP
- d. IMF

Ans: A

The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) is an international legal agreement **between all the member nations of the World Trade Organization (WTO)**. It establishes minimum standards for the regulation by national governments of different forms of intellectual property (IP) as applied to nationals of other WTO member nations. TRIPS was negotiated at the end of the **Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)** between 1989 and 1990 and is administered by the WTO.

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26. Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023 was notified by

- a. Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology
- b. Ministry of Communications
- c. Ministry of Science and Technology
- d. Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions

Ans: A

The **notification is by Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology**

Social media platforms and other intermediaries on the Internet are now required to make sure that “fake news” articles about the Union government, deemed and declared as such by its **Press Information Bureau (PIB)**, **are taken down from their platforms when they are alerted to such posts.**

The changes were notified through the **Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023, amending the IT Rules, 2021**. Sources in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) had earlier told The Hindu that the fact check unit would reach out to relevant government departments to get their view on whether a piece of news is fake or not, and take a call accordingly.

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27. Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is chaired by

- a. Ashima Goyal

- b. Shashanka Bhide
- c. Shaktikanta Das
- d. Jayanth R. Varma

Ans: C

Section 45ZB of the amended **RBI Act, 1934** provides for an empowered **six-member monetary** policy committee (MPC) to be **constituted by the Central Government** by notification in the Official Gazette. The first such MPC was constituted on September 29, **2016**. The present MPC members, as notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette of October 5, 2020, are as under:

1. **Governor of the Reserve Bank of India—Chairperson**, ex officio;
2. **Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank** of India, in charge of Monetary Policy—Member, ex officio;
3. **One officer of the Reserve Bank of India to be nominated by the Central Board**—Member, ex officio;
4. Prof. Ashima Goyal, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research —Member;
5. Prof. Jayanth R. Varma, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad—Member; and
6. Dr. Shashanka Bhide, Senior Advisor, National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi—Member.

(Members referred to at **4 to 6 above**, will hold office for a period of **four years** or until further orders, whichever is earlier)

The MPC determines the policy repo rate required to achieve the inflation target. The MPC is **required to meet at least four times in a year**. The **quorum for the meeting of the MPC is four members**.

Each member of the MPC has one vote, and in the **event of an equality of votes, the Governor has a second or casting vote**.

Each Member of the Monetary Policy Committee writes a statement specifying the reasons for voting in favour of, or against the proposed resolution.

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28. What is the repo rate as of April 2023?

- a. 4%
- b. 5.3%
- c. 6.5%
- d. 6%

Ans: C

In a surprise move, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) unanimously decided to keep the repo rate **unchanged at 6.5%**, citing global financial stability concerns as a key factor in the decision. Five of the MPC's six members also voted to keep policy focused on the withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation progressively aligns with the target, while supporting growth.

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29. Sterlite operated the largest copper smelter plant in India, in \_\_\_\_\_ from 1998 to 2018

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

Ans:D

Sterlite operated the largest copper smelter plant in India, in **Thoothukudi** from 1998 to 2018. The plant was not operational from March 2018 and was **shut down by the Government of Tamil Nadu** on 28 May 2018 after protests from locals. The plant also included a refinery, a phosphoric acid plant and a sulphuric acid plant

Sterlite Copper is a subsidiary of Sterlite industries, a company owned by **Vedanta Limited**.

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30. Oxfam India is

- a. NGO
- b. Government company
- c. Postal Bank
- d. Payment Bank

Ans:A

The Union Home Ministry on Thursday recommended an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the alleged violation of FCRA provisions by **Oxfam India, one of the largest NGOs working on food, shelter and education of vulnerable groups**.

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31. The National Medical Commission (NMC) has been constituted by an act of Parliament known as National Medical Commission Act of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. 2016

- b. 2018
- c. 2019
- d. 2020

Ans:C

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has been constituted by an act of Parliament known as National Medical Commission Act, **2019** which came into force on 25.9.2020

**Suresh Chandra Sharma Chairman**, National Medical Commission.

National Medical Commission is an Indian **regulatory body of 33 members** which regulates medical education and medical professionals. It **replaced the Medical Council of India** on 25 September 2020.

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32. What is the capital of Ukraine?

- a. Mariupol
- b. Kyiv
- c. Donetsk
- d. Zaporizhzhia

Ans:B

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe. It is the second-largest European country after Russia, which it borders to the east and northeast.

Currency: **Ukrainian hryvnia**

Capital: Kyiv

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33. Who is the Chair of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) 2023?

- a. China
- b. India
- c. Russia
- d. Kazakhstan

Ans: B

India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) **Tourism Ministers' Meeting (TMM) on 17th -18th March 2023 in Kashi (Varanasi)**, which has been designated as the **first cultural capital of the SCO. India is the current chair** of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an intergovernmental organization founded in Shanghai on 15 June **2001**. The SCO currently comprises of **eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan)**, **four Observer States interested in acceding to full membership**

**(Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, and Mongolia) and six “Dialogue Partners” (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Turkey).**

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34. Galathea National Park is in which State/UT?

- a. Andaman and Nicobar
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Assam
- d. Sikkim

Ans:A

Galathea National Park is a national park located in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. It is located on the island of Great Nicobar in the Nicobar Islands, which lie in the eastern Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal).

The total area of this park is some 110 square kilometres, and it was gazetted as a National Park of India in **1992. Galathea forms part of what has been designated as the Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve, which also includes the larger Campbell Bay National Park**, separated from Galathea by a 12-km forest buffer zone.

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35. Who is the Chair of NGT as of April 2023?

- a. Adarsh Kumar Goel
- b. Lokeshwar Singh Panta
- c. Swatanter Kumar
- d. Sudhir Agarwal

Ans:A

The **National Green Tribunal** has been established on 18.10.2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010 for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment and giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. It is a specialized body equipped with the necessary expertise to handle environmental disputes involving multi-disciplinary issues. The Tribunal shall not be bound by the procedure laid down under the **Code of Civil Procedure, 1908**, but shall be guided by principles of natural justice.

Present Chair: ADARSH KUMAR GOEL

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36. What is the role of T-cell in human body?

- a. To provide immunity
- b. To form blood clots
- c. To secrete growth hormone
- d. To direct production of calcitonin

Ans:A

T cells express a receptor with the potential to recognize diverse antigens from pathogens, tumors, and the environment, and also maintain immunological memory and self-tolerance. T cells are also implicated as major drivers of many inflammatory and autoimmune diseases.

T cells can wipe out infected or cancerous cells. They also direct the immune response by helping B lymphocytes to eliminate invading pathogens. B cells create antibodies. B lymphocytes, also called B cells, create a type of protein called an antibody.

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37. Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is in

- a. Goa
- b. New Delhi
- c. Kochi
- d. Mumbai

Ans: B

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is a Roman Catholic cathedral belonging to the Latin Rite and one of the oldest church buildings in New Delhi, India

The church building was **designed by British architect Henry Medd**, and is based on **Italian architecture**.

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38. Which of the following bodies conduct local body elections in India?

- a. Election Commission of India
- b. Chief Electoral Officer
- c. State Election Commission
- d. Local Election Agency

Ans: C

The Uttar Pradesh State Election Commission on Sunday announced that the Urban Local Body (ULB) polls will be held in two phases on May 4 and 11, and the counting of votes will be taken up on May 13.

The polls are taking place after the Supreme Court allowed the **State Election Commission** to issue a notification with an **Other Backward Classes quota in line**

**with the report of the recently constituted Uttar Pradesh Backward Classes Commission.**

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39. A header, also known as sender ID, is a

- a. Combination of characters used to send bulk messages and communication services by companies
- b. 12 digit code used in cyber security
- c. Unique character combination used to recognize banking transaction
- d. Governmental service identification code for select schemes

Ans:A

Sender ID/Header is a **unique 6 characters alpha or 6 characters numeric string** (depending of the entity type) assigned to a business or legal Entity for sending commercial communication.

A header, also known as sender ID, is a unique combination of characters or numbers representing the brand or company name of the message sender. Headers are used by banks, marketing companies, utility providers and even government offices to send bulk messages (SMS) to consumers and customers.

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40. Tiger Census is conducted in India in every \_\_\_\_\_years

- a. 2
- b. 10
- c. 4
- d. 5

Ans: C

India has at least **3,167 tigers**, according to estimates from the latest tiger census made public on Sunday. While this is ostensibly an increase since the census of 2018, the numbers are not strictly comparable, as a key calculation to compute the maximum and minimum range of the tiger population is yet to be done.

The tiger population numbers were made public by Prime Minister in Mysuru on Sunday, at an event to mark the International Big Cat Alliance conference and the **50th anniversary of Project Tiger.**

In their **four-year estimates**, the scientists provide a range of the estimated tiger population, and the mean value is highlighted as the latest tiger population.

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41. Which political party has been granted National Party status by the Election Commission in April 2023?

- a. Aam Aadmi Party
- b. Trinamool Congress
- c. Communist Party of India
- d. Nationalist Congress Party

Ans: A

In a big boost to the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Election Commission of India (EC) on Monday accorded it the status of a national party while **withdrawing the same status for the Trinamool Congress, the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).**

The AAP has the status of a national party as it secured nearly 13% of the vote share and five seats in the Gujarat Assembly polls earlier this year, making it a State party in four States — Delhi, Goa, Punjab and Gujarat.

The Karnataka polls on May 10 would be the AAP's first election as a "national party". On the other hand, it was a setback for the Trinamool, CPI and NCP, with the poll body withdrawing their national party status citing the **Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968.**

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42. How many National Parties are there in India as on April 12, 2023?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 6
- d. 7

Ans: C

With the removal of the NCP, the CPI and the Trinamool, there are now only **six** national parties in the country — the **BJP, the Congress, the National People's Party (NPP), the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), and the latest addition, the AAP.**

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43. Justice Rajamannar Committee is related to

- a. Environmental protection
- b. Centre-State relations
- c. GST
- d. Panchayati Raj

Ans: B

In 1969, P.V. Rajamannar was appointed the Chairman of a 3-member committee P.V. Rajamannar committee to study the State Autonomy and Centre-State relations by the then newly elected DMK government under its Chief Minister Dr. M.

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44. Vibrant Villages Programme is implemented in

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Sikkim
- c. Uttarakhand
- d. All

Ans: D

Mr. Shah was addressing a public gathering after unveiling the **₹4,800-crore Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)** to be executed in 2,967 villages across 19 districts in **four border States, including Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, and the union territory of Ladakh.**

The project cost includes ₹2,500 crore for road connectivity from 2022-23 fiscal to 2025-26.

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45. Which one of the following is not part of I2U2 grouping?

- a. India
- b. Indonesia
- c. USA
- d. UAE

Ans: B

The I2U2 Group is a grouping of **India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States**. The group's first joint statement, released on July 14, 2022, states that the countries aim to cooperate on "joint investments and new initiatives in water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security."

Founded: October **2021**

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46. Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal Data or Information) Rules was notified in

- a. 2010
- b. 2011
- c. 2012

d. 2015

Ans: B

The new Bill, if passed by Parliament, will replace the current Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal Data or Information) Rules, which was notified in 2011.

The Supreme Court had recognised **privacy** as a **fundamental right in 2017** and highlighted the need to protect online personal data from prying eyes.

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47. Organisation of Islamic Cooperation is headquartered in

- a. Saudi Arabia
- b. Kuwait
- c. Qatar
- d. Oman

Ans:A

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, formerly the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, is an intergovernmental organization **founded in 1969, consisting of 57 member states**, with 48 being Muslim-majority countries.

Headquarters: **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

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48. Indrajit Gupta Committee is related to

- a. Taxation
- b. Electoral reforms
- c. Centre-State relations
- d. Education

Ans:B

Indrajit Gupta committee: on **state funding of elections. Set up in 1998**

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49. Who is the Chair of National Commission for Scheduled Castes as of April 2023?

- a. Vijay Sampla
- b. Arun Halder
- c. Subhash Ramnath Pardhi
- d. Anju Bala

Ans:A

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes is an Indian **constitutional** body under

the jurisdiction of **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Government of India established with a view to provide safeguards against the **exploitation of Scheduled Castes and Anglo Indian communities** to promote and protect their social, educational, economic and cultural interests, special provisions were made in the Constitution.

**Article 338 of the Indian constitution deals with National Commission for Scheduled Castes**

**Article 338 A deals with National Commission for Scheduled tribes.**

Vijay Sampla-Chairperson

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50. The latest National Education Policy was commenced in which year?

- a. 2017
- b. 2018
- c. 2019
- d. 2020

Ans: D

The National Education Policy of India **2020** (NEP 2020), which was started by the Union Cabinet of India on 29 July 2020, outlines the vision of new education system of India.

The new policy **replaces** the previous **National Policy on Education, 1986**.

The policy is a comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education as well as vocational training in both rural and urban India. The policy aims to transform India's education system by 2030.

51. Rongali Bihu is a festival of which State?

- a. Punjab
- b. Kerala
- c. Assam
- d. Manipur

Ans: C

Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu is a traditional ethnic festival celebrated in the Northeastern Indian state of Assam and other parts of Northeastern India by the indigenous ethnic groups of Assam, and marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year.

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52. Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place in

- a. 1918
- b. 1919

- c. 1920
- d. 1921

Ans: B

The Jallianwala Bagh massacre, also known as the Amritsar massacre, took place on 13 April 1919. A large, peaceful crowd had gathered at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar, Punjab, British India, to protest the Rowlatt Act and arrest of pro-independence activists Saifuddin Kitchlew and Satyapal. In response to the public gathering, the temporary brigadier general R. E. H. Dyer, surrounded the protesters with his Gurkha, Baloch, Rajput and Sikh troops from 2-9th Gurkhas, the 54th Sikhs and the 59th Scinde Rifles of the British Indian Army.

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53. Atal Innovation Mission is an initiative of

- a. Ministry of Skill
- b. NITI Aayog
- c. Ministry of Education
- d. PMO

Ans: B

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the NITI Aayog in 2016 to promote innovation and entrepreneurship across the length and breadth of the country.

AIM's objectives are to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country at school, university, research institutions, MSME and industry levels.

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54. An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent departed for France, to participate in Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ at Mont-de-Marsan, an Air Force base of the French Air and Space Force (FASF). The exercise will be conducted from 17 April to 05 May 2023, with the IAF Contingent comprising four Rafale, two C-17, two Il-78 aircraft and 165 air warriors. This would be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft.

- a. Orion
- b. Neptune
- c. Malabar
- d. Avatar

Ans: A

An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent will be departing tomorrow for France, to participate in Exercise Orion at Mont-de-Marsan, an Air Force base of the French Air and Space Force (FASF). The exercise will be conducted from 17 April to 05 May 2023,

with the IAF Contingent comprising four Rafale, two C-17, two Il-78 aircraft and 165 air warriors. This would be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft.

Besides the IAF and the FASF, Air Forces from Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain and United States of America would also be flying in this multilateral exercise. Participation in this exercise would further enrich the employment philosophy of the India Air Force, by imbibing the best practices from other Air Forces.

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55. GN-z11 is a/an

- a. Galaxy
- b. Black hole
- c. Moon
- d. Asteroid

Ans:A

Astronomers could soon be compelled to rethink the ways of formation and evolution of the earliest galaxies in our Universe. The latest spectroscopic results from GN-z11 -- identified as one of the distant and early galaxies-- has confirmed a complete absence of dust particles from its surroundings for an interim time period despite possessing a very high star formation rate.

The process of star formation and the subsequent stellar evolution inevitably generates massive amounts of dust and makes the host galaxy opaque to some extent due to the apparent view of a thick veil around it. This textbook-like phenomenon has been missing in GN-z11's behaviour, leaving astronomers amazed beyond measure.

A compact galaxy containing dense matter, GN-z11, was first discovered in 2015 by the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). GN-z11 displays a high redshift (of the order  $z = 10.95$ ).

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56. Foreign Exchange Management Act was passed in

- a. 1980
- b. 1998
- c. 1999
- d. 2005

Ans: C

The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA), is an Act of the Parliament of India "to consolidate and amend the law relating to foreign exchange with the objective of facilitating external trade and payments and for promoting the orderly development and maintenance of foreign exchange market in India". It was passed on 29 December 1999 in parliament, replacing the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).



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57. Directorate of Enforcement is under
- Department of Revenue
  - Department of Economic Affairs
  - Department of Expenditure
  - Department of Commerce

Ans:A

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) is a law enforcement agency and economic intelligence agency responsible for enforcing economic laws and fighting economic crime in India. It is part of the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government Of India.

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58. Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, also known as Sarusajai Stadium, is in
- Gujarat
  - Assam
  - Manipur
  - Maharashtra

Ans: B

Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, also known as Sarusajai Stadium, is a football stadium in Guwahati, Assam, India. It is the current home ground of NorthEast United FC. Besides hosting football matches, the stadium is also used for athletics. It had a total capacity of 35,000 which was later reduced to 25,000 due to installation of bucket seats for 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup, which was hosted in India. In 2007, it hosted the 33rd National Games of India and in 2016, hosted the 12th South Asian Games. The stadium hosted the Assam Global Investors' Summit on 3 and 4 February 2018 and the 65th Filmfare Awards on 15 February 2020

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59. The Prime Minister has paid tributes to Babasaheb Ambedkar on his Jayanti. This is in
- April 12
  - April 13
  - April 14
  - April 15

Ans:C

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (14 April 1891 – 6 December 1956) was an Indian jurist, economist, social reformer and political leader who headed the committee drafting the Constitution of India from the Constituent Assembly debates, served as Law and Justice minister in the first cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru, and inspired the Dalit Buddhist movement after renouncing Hinduism.

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60. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative and \_\_\_\_\_funded Animal Health System Support for One Health to enhance India's preparedness and response to potential animal pandemics, in line with the One Health approach.

- a. World Bank
- b. ADB
- c. New Development Bank
- d. AIIB

Ans: A

Union Minister for Fisheries , Animal Husbandry and Dairying , Shri Parshottam Rupala today launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative and World Bank-funded Animal Health System Support for One Health to enhance India's preparedness and response to potential animal pandemics, in line with the One Health approach. This initiative aims to enhance India's preparedness and response to animal pandemics, with a focus on zoonotic diseases that pose a threat to both animal and human health. This initiative will help to improve veterinary services and infrastructure, disease surveillance capabilities, early detection and response, build the capacity of animal health professionals, and awareness among farmers through community outreach.

The event also saw the launch of the World Bank-funded project on “Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH)” that aims at creating an ecosystem for a better animal health management system using the One Health approach covering five (05) states in India.

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61. Prime Minister recently inaugurated the first All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the Northeast in

- a. Assam
- b. Manipur
- c. Tripura
- d. Arunachal Pradesh

Ans:A

Prime Minister inaugurated the first All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the Northeast at Changsari near Guwahati on Friday.

The AIIMS and a medical college each in Kokrajhar, Nagaon, and Nalbari were among various projects worth more than ₹3,400 crore he initiated and dedicated to the nation in Assam.

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62. Which one of the following is not a Char Dham site?

- a. Kedarnath
- b. Badrinath
- c. Pushkar
- d. Gangotri

Ans:C

Drones will be used to deliver life-saving drugs to Char Dham pilgrims during any emergency, according to Health Ministry officials. Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri — all 10,000-ft-high pilgrimage sites in the Garhwal Himalayas — will be covered under this.

The Char Dham (meaning: four abodes) is a set of four pilgrimage sites in India. It is believed that visiting these sites helps achieve moksha (salvation). The four Dhams are, Badrinath, Dwarka, Puri and Rameswaram. It is believed that every Hindu should visit the Char Dhams during one's lifetime. The Char Dham as defined by Adi Shankaracharya consists of four Hindu pilgrimage sites. These main 'dhamas' are the shrines of Lord Vishnu and Rameshwaram is a shrine of lord Shiva. All the 'dhamas' are related to four epochs,(1) Dham of Satyuga- Badrinath, Uttarakhand (2) Dham of Tretayuga -Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu (3) Dham of Dwaparayuga - Dvaraka, Gujarat (4) Dham of Kaliyuga - Jagannatha Puri, Odisha.

Another small circuit in Uttarakhand of four pilgrimage sites-Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath is referred to as Chota Char Dham which is locally popular in North India.

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63. Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems is under

- a. Ministry of Home Affairs
- b. Ministry of Defence
- c. Ministry of Security
- d. Ministry of Telecommunications

Ans:A

The Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and Systems, abbreviated to CCTNS, is a project under the Indian government for creating a comprehensive and integrated system for effective policing through e-Governance. The system includes a nationwide online tracking system by integrating more than 14,000 police stations across the country. The project is implemented by National Crime Records Bureau.

Parent department Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

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64. The Energy and Resources Institute is in

- a. Mumbai
- b. Chennai
- c. New Delhi
- d. Bengaluru

Ans:C

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a research institute in New Delhi that specializes in the fields of energy, environment and sustainable development. Established in 1974, it was formerly known as the Tata Energy Research Institute. As the scope of its activities widened, it was renamed The Energy and Resources Institute in 2003.

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65. Rourkela Steel Plant, of Steel Authority of India Limited was started in collaboration with

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

Ans:B

Rourkela is a planned city located in the northern district Sundargarh of Odisha, India. It is the third-largest Urban Agglomeration in Odisha after Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. It is situated about 328 kilometres (204 mi) west of state capital Bhubaneswar and is surrounded by a range of hills and encircled by the rivers Koel, Sankha, & Brahmani.

The city is also popularly known as Ispat Nagar and Steel City of Odisha as well. One of the largest integrated steel plant set up with German collaboration Known as Rourkela Steel Plant, of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

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66. Chandra Shekhar was an Indian politician who served as the \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Minister of India, between 10 November 1990 and 21 June 1991.

- a. 6<sup>th</sup>
- b. 7<sup>th</sup>
- c. 8<sup>th</sup>
- d. 9<sup>th</sup>

Ans:C

Chandra Shekhar (17 April 1927 – 8 July 2007) was an Indian politician who served as the 8th Prime Minister of India, between 10 November 1990 and 21 June 1991

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67. Which of the following countries is not a member of G20?

- a. India
- b. Indonesia
- c. China
- d. Spain

Ans:D

- Members: **Argentina**, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, **Republic of Korea**, **Mexico**, Russia, **Saudi Arabia**, **South Africa**, **Turkey**, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the **European Union**. **Spain is also invited as a permanent guest.**

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68. Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in which year?

- a. 2013
- b. 2014
- c. 2015
- d. 2016

Ans: B

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, or Clean India Mission is a country-wide campaign initiated by the Government of India in 2014 to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management. It is a restructured version of the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan launched in 2009 that failed to achieve its intended targets.

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69. What is the base year of all India Wholesale Price Index (WPI)?

- a. 2005-06
- b. 2010-11
- c. 2011-12
- d. 2014-15

Ans: C

Base Year: 2011-12

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70. First Global Buddhist Summit will be held in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Varanasi
- c. Gaya
- d. Vaishali

Ans:A

Shri G.K Reddy informed that PM Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate first Global Buddhist Summit on 20th April in **New Delhi**. The Ministry of Culture in collaboration with its grantee body International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) will be hosting the Global Buddhist Summit (GBS) on 20-21 April at the Ashok Hotel.

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71. When is the Civil Services Day celebrated in India?

- a. 21<sup>st</sup> April
- b. 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- c. 20<sup>th</sup> April
- d. 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Ans: A

21st April: Civil Services Day

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72. Who was the Chief of the Army Staff (India) in March 2023?

- a. Manoj Pande
- b. Manoj Mukund Naravane
- c. Bipin Rawat
- d. Dalbir Singh Suhag

Ans: A

Manoj Pande is the answer

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73. Who coined the term "Artificial Intelligence"?

- a. Jim McAllister
- b. John McCarthy
- c. Albert Winston
- d. William Dartmouth

Ans: B

The term "AI" could be attributed to John McCarthy of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

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74. Indian National Science Academy is in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Mumbai
- c. Kolkata
- d. Bengaluru

Ans:A

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) is a national academy in New Delhi for Indian scientists in all branches of science and technology.

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75. World Heritage Day is celebrated on

- a. April 18
- b. April 19
- c. April 20
- d. April 21

Ans: A

World Heritage Day or International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS) is being celebrated with the theme 'Heritage Changes'. World Heritage Day is celebrated every year on 18 April to preserve human heritage and to recognize all the efforts of relevant organisations

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76. Who was the CEO of Air India in March 2023?

- a. N. Chandrasekaran
- b. Campbell Wilson
- c. Jeffrey Goh
- d. Scott Kirby

ANS: B

Campbell Wilson is the chief executive officer and managing director of Air India, from 16 June 2022

Air India is the flag carrier airline of India, headquartered in New Delhi.

It is owned by Talace Private Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Sons, after Air India Limited's former owner, the Government of India, completed the sale.

Air India operates a fleet of Airbus and Boeing aircraft serving 102 domestic and international destinations.

The airline has its hub at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, alongside several focus cities across India. Air India is the largest international carrier out of India with an 18.6% market share.

Over 60 international destinations are served by Air India across five continents. The airline became the 27th member of Star Alliance on 11 July 2014.

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77. The headquarters of Star Alliance is in

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

Ans: C

Star Alliance is the world's largest global airline alliance. Founded on 14 May, 1997, its headquarters are located in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and Jeffrey Goh is its CEO.

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78. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was passed in which year?

- a. 2000
- b. 2005
- c. 2006
- d. 2008

Ans: B

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 or MGNREGA, earlier known as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act or NREGA, is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'. This act was passed in 23 August 2005

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79. Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was passed in which year?

- a. 1957
- b. 1967
- c. 1977
- d. 1947

Ans: B



Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act is an Indian law aimed at prevention of unlawful activities associations in India. Its main objective was to make powers available for dealing with activities directed against the integrity and sovereignty of India.

The bill was passed by both the Houses of Parliament and received the assent of the President on 30 December 1967.

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80. Who was the CEO of Apple in March 2023?

- a. Tim Cook
- b. Arthur D. Levinson
- c. Jeff Williams
- d. Steve Jobs

Ans: A

The Prime Minister has met Apple's CEO Tim Cook.

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81. India is set to overtake China to become the world's most populous country by the middle of \_\_\_\_\_, according to data released by the United Nations.

- a. 2023
- b. 2024
- c. 2025
- d. 2030

Ans: A

India is set to overtake China to become the world's most populous country by the middle of 2023, according to data released by the United Nations.

India's population is pegged to reach 142.86 crore against China's 142.57 crore. This shows India will have 29 lakh more people than its Asian neighbour.

The United States is a distant third, with an estimated population of 34 crore,

The world's population hit the 800-crore mark in November 2022.

Just eight countries will account for half the projected growth in global population by 2050 — the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania — while two-thirds of people now live in a country where lifetime fertility corresponds with zero growth.

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82. The State of World Population Report, 2023 is published by the

- a. Population Commission
- b. UNESCO
- c. UN Population Fund
- d. Population Statistics Division

Ans: C

The State of World Population Report, 2023 of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA)

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83. In which year was the Special Marriage Act passed in India?

- a. 1947
- b. 1954
- c. 1957
- d. 1964

Ans: B

The Special Marriage Act, 1954 is an Act of the Parliament of India with provision for civil marriage (or "registered marriage") for people of India and all Indian nationals in foreign countries, irrelevant of the religion or faith followed by either party. The Act originated from a piece of legislation proposed during the late 19th century. Marriages solemnized under Special Marriage Act are not governed by personal laws.

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84. In which year was The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act passed in India?

- a. 1959
- b. 1960
- c. 1973
- d. 1999

Ans: B

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. The act defines "animal" as 'any living creature other than a human being'.

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85. Who was the Chairperson of The Animal Welfare Board of India in March 2023?

- a. Sujit Kumar Dutta
- b. O.P. Chaudhary
- c. Praveen Malik
- d. Rukmini Devi Arundale

Ans: B

The Animal Welfare Board of India is a statutory advisory body on Animal Welfare Laws and promotes animal welfare in the country. Established in 1962 under Section 4 of the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, the Animal Welfare Board of India was started under the stewardship of Late Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale, well known humanitarian. From ensuring that animal welfare laws in the country are diligently followed, to provide grants to Animal Welfare Organizations and advising the Government of India on animal welfare issues, the Board has been the face of the animal welfare movement in the country for the last 50 years.

The Board consists of 28 Members. The term of office of Members is for a period of 3 years.

Chairman: O.P. Chaudhary

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86. UNICEF is headquartered in

- a. New York
- b. London
- c. Washington D C
- d. Geneva

Ans:A

UNICEF, originally called the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in full, now officially United Nations Children's Fund, is an agency of the United Nations responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide

Headquarters: New York, United States

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87. The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in Exercise INIOCHOS-23, a multinational air exercise hosted by \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ans: C

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in Exercise INIOCHOS-23, a multinational air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force. The exercise will be conducted at the Andravida Air Base in Greece from 24 April 2023 to 4 May 2023. The IAF will be participating with four Su-30 MKI and two C-17 aircraft.

A press statement from the air force stated that the objective of the exercise is to enhance international cooperation, synergy and interoperability amongst the

participating air forces. The exercise will be conducted in a realistic combat scenario involving multiple types of air and surface assets. It will also enable the participating contingents to engage in professional interactions, providing valuable insight into each other's best practices.

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88. Article 226 of the Constitution of India deals with

- a. Writ jurisdiction of the High Court
- b. Writ jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
- c. Special leave petition
- d. Advisory jurisdiction

Ans:A

The Supreme Court has observed in a judgment that the Madhya Pradesh High Court cannot use its writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution to alter or amend a lease deed which has to be compulsorily registered under Section 17 of the Registration Act of 1908.

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89. Starship is a super heavy-lift space launch vehicle under development by

- a. ISRO
- b. SpaceX
- c. NASA
- d. JAXA

Ans: B

Starship is a super heavy-lift space launch vehicle under development by SpaceX. At 120 metres (390 feet) in height and with a liftoff mass of 5,000 metric tons (11,000,000 pounds), Starship is the largest and most powerful launch vehicle ever flown and the first intended to be fully reusable.[2]

Starship, the most powerful rocket ever built, exploded during its first flight on Thursday, but Elon Musk congratulated his SpaceX team on an “exciting” test of the spacecraft designed to send astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond.

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90. Jens Stoltenberg is the Secretary General of which of the following?

- a. NATO
- b. SCO
- c. BRICS
- d. G20

Ans: A

Jens Stoltenberg is a Norwegian politician who has been serving as the 13th Secretary General of NATO since 2014.

A member of the Norwegian Labour Party, he previously served as the 34th Prime Minister of Norway from 2000 to 2001, and again from 2005 until 2013.

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91. In which year was the National Investigation Agency established?

- a. 2000
- b. 2008
- c. 2019
- d. 2004

Ans: B

Accordingly the NIA Act was enacted on 31-12-08 and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) was born.

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92. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is an attached office of the

- a. Ministry of Home Affairs
- b. Ministry of Telecommunications
- c. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- d. Ministry of Aviation and Training

Ans: C

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (India). It is the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in India. It is headed by an officer of the rank of Director General of Police and is designated as Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. The Director General, BCAS is the appropriate authority for implementation of Annexure 17 (Security: Safeguarding International Civil Aviation Against Acts of Unlawful Interference) to Chicago convention of International Civil Aviation Organization. The Director General, BCAS is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme.

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93. Who was the CEO of Twitter in March 2023?

- a. Elon Musk
- b. Parag Agrawal

- c. Martha Lane Fox
- d. Mimi Alemayehou

Ans: A

Answer: Elon Musk

Twitter is an online social media and social networking service owned and operated by American company X Corp., the legal successor of Twitter, Inc. On Twitter users post or reply to texts, images and videos known as "tweets".

Registered users can tweet, like, "retweet" tweets, and direct message (DM) other registered users, while unregistered users only have the ability to view public tweets. Users interact with Twitter through browser or mobile frontend software, or programmatically via its APIs.

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94. On which date is the Earth's day celebrated?

- a. April 22
- b. March 22
- c. February 22
- d. May 23

Ans: A

Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

The theme of World Earth Day 2023 is "Invest in Our Planet", calling for businesses to shift towards sustainable practices.

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95. Chengalpattu Botanical Garden is to come up in

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

Ans: A

Tamil Nadu government to establish a large botanical garden (the Chengalpattu Botanical Garden) in the State

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96. National Dairy Research Institute is located in

- a. Haryana

- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Gujarat
- d. Odisha

Ans: A

ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) at Karnal, Haryana is one of the premier institutes in the dairy sector

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97. National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated on

- a. April 24
- b. March 22
- c. May 18
- d. April 20

Ans: A

National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated on April 24 every year in India to commemorate the historic day when the Panchayati Raj System was introduced in the country.

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98. Swamitva Yojana is related to

- a. Crop insurance
- b. Cultural exchange
- c. Property survey
- d. Pollution

Ans: C

Swamitva Scheme is a **property survey program** launched by Indian Prime Minister on April 24, 2020, as a central-sector scheme to promote socio-economic empowerment and a more self-reliant rural India.

Ministry: Ministry of Panchayati Raj

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99. Sangram Sagar Lake is in

- a. Rajasthan
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Maharashtra

Ans: B

Sangram Sagar Lake is a popular tourist spot in **Jabalpur** famous for migratory birds and exotic aquatic animals. Situated near Bajnamath Fort, the lake boasts of serene atmosphere and gorgeous locales. It also has boasting and fishing activities.

Jabalpur is a city situated on the banks of Narmada River in the state of **Madhya Pradesh**, India

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100. Tele MANAS is related to

- a. Health
- b. Education
- c. Space
- d. Tourism

Ans: A

Tele MANAS is a comprehensive mental health care service

Tele MANAS initiative which was announced by Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the Union budget 2022-23 as an acknowledgement to the **mental health** crisis in the country, is a novel initiative to enable people to seek support for their mental health issues while maintaining anonymity of the callers,

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101. India has started Operation Kaveri to evacuate its nationals from conflict-torn \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Sudan
- b. Libya
- c. Yemen
- d. Syria

Ans:A

India has started Operation Kaveri to evacuate its nationals from conflict-torn Sudan, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Monday. According to information available here, nearly 3,000 Indians are stuck in various parts of Sudan, including the national capital, Khartoum, and distant provinces such as Darfur.

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102. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has been constituted under section 38 L (1) of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Environment Protection Act, 1986
- b. Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- c. Forest Conservation Act, 1980
- d. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

Ans: B

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has been constituted under section 38 L (1) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Further, as per the section 38 L, sub section 2 of the said Act, the authority consists of the Minister in charge of the Ministry of



Environment and Forests ( as Chairperson), the Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (as Vice-Chairperson), three members of Parliament, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests and other members.

Bhupender Yadav: Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Chairperson, NTCA

Ashwini Kumar Choubey: Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Vice- Chairperson, NTCA

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103. Which one of the following is **not** a National Park of Madhya Pradesh?

- Dinosaur Fossils
- Fossil
- Madhav
- Chandoli

Ans: D

<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	1	Bandhavgarh	1968	448.842
	2	Dinosaur Fossils	2011	0.897
	3	Fossil	1983	0.27
	4	Pench	1975	292.857
	5	Kanha	1955	941.793
	6	Kuno	2018	748.761
	7	Madhav	1959	375.23
	8	Panna	1981	542.66
	9	Sanjay	1981	464.643
	10	Satpura	1981	528.729
	11	Van Vihar		
<b>Maharashtra</b>	1	Chandoli	2004	317.67
	2	Gugamal	1975	361.28
	3	Nawegaon	1975	133.88
	4	Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru)	1975	257.26
	5	Sanjay Gandhi (Borivilli)	1983	86.96
	6	Tadoba		

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104. Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project is in

- Maharashtra
- Andhra Pradesh

- c. Gujarat
- d. Uttar Pradesh

Ans: A

Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project is a proposed nuclear power plant in India. If built, it would be the largest nuclear power generating station in the world by net generation capacity, at 9,900 MW. The power project is proposed by Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) and would be built at Madban village of Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra. Two years after the French energy company Electricite de France (EDF) submitted its techno-commercial offer for the construction of six nuclear power reactors in Maharashtra's Jaitapur, talks between Indian and French officials over several issues, including liability, have not resulted in any breakthrough yet.

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105. The Union Government set up the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) under the National Commission for Minorities Act of
- a. 1982
  - b. 1972
  - c. 2002
  - d. 1992

Ans: D

The Union Government set up the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Initially five religious communities, viz., Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) were notified as minority communities by the Union Government. Further vide notification dated 27th January 2014, Jains were also notified as another minority community.

Iqbal Singh Lalpura: Chairperson of National Commission for Minorities  
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106. INS Sumedha was built by
- a. Cochin Shipyard
  - b. Hindustan Shipyard
  - c. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
  - d. Goa Shipyard

Ans:D

INS Sumedha (P58) is the third Saryu-class patrol vessel of the Indian Navy, designed and constructed indigenously by the Goa Shipyard Limited. It is designed to undertake fleet support operations, coastal and offshore patrolling, ocean surveillance and monitoring of sea lines of communications and offshore assets and escort duties

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107. Port Sudan is a city and port on the \_\_\_\_\_ in eastern Sudan
- Red Sea
  - Persian Gulf
  - Mediterranean Sea
  - Gulf of Aden

Ans: A

Port Sudan is a city and port on the Red Sea in eastern Sudan, and the capital of the state of Red Sea. Port Sudan is Sudan's main seaport and the source of 90% of the country's international trade.

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108. INS Teg (F45) is the fourth \_\_\_\_\_ frigate constructed for the Indian Navy
- Shivalik class
  - Talwar class
  - Brahmaputra class
  - Godavari class

ANs: B

INS Teg (F45) is the fourth Talwar-class frigate constructed for the Indian Navy. She was built by the Yantar shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia, and was commissioned to Navy service on 27 April 2012. She is the first of the second batch of Talwar-class frigates to be completed.

Currently, 14 guided missile frigates from four different classes – the Shivalik class, Talwar class, Brahmaputra class, and Godavari class – are operated by the Indian Navy.

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109. Which one of the following countries does **not** share a border with Sudan?
- Libya
  - Chad
  - Eritrea
  - South Africa

Ans: D

Sudan shares borders with Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Chad, the Central African Republic, Eritrea and South Sudan

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110. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is the governing body of wrestling in India. It is headquartered in New Delhi. Who was the President of WFI in March 2023?
- V.N. Prasood
  - Brij bhushan Sharan Singh
  - D.Y. Chandrachud
  - Kapil Sibal

Ans: B

The Supreme Court said the sexual harassment allegations raised by seven women wrestlers against Wrestling Federation of India president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh were “serious”.

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111. Who was the Governor of West Bengal in March 2023?
- La. Ganesan
  - Jagdeep Dhankhar
  - Keshari Nath Tripathi
  - C. V. Ananda Bose

Ans:D

The governor of West Bengal is the nominal head of state of the Indian state of West Bengal and a representative of the president of India. The governor is appointed by the president for a term of five years. His official residence is the Raj Bhavan. C. V. Ananda Bose was appointed as the governor of West Bengal on 23 November 2022

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112. Meghalaya’s Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has been one of the oldest councils constituted under the \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule of the Constitution with restricted executive, legislative and judicial powers.
- Fourth
  - Fifth
  - Sixth
  - Ninth

Ans:C

Meghalaya’s Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), led by its chief executive member Titosstarwell Chyne, is on a visit to Tripura to understand the

functioning of the State's tribal autonomous district council and interact with indigenous leaders.

The KHADC has been one of the oldest councils constituted under the **Sixth** Schedule of the Constitution with restricted executive, legislative and judicial powers.

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113. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award established to perpetuate former \_\_\_\_\_ President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society

- a. Philippine
- b. Indonesian
- c. Malaysian
- d. Singaporean

Ans: A

The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society.

The prize was established in April 1957 by the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund based in New York City with the concurrence of the Philippine government. It is often called the "Nobel Prize of Asia".

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114. The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has issued a notification constituting the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal. Who is the Chairperson of it?

- a. A.M. Khanwilkar
- b. Ravi Ranjan
- c. Indermeet Kaur Kochhar
- d. Bhakta Ranjan Mohanty

Ans: A

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has issued a notification constituting the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal. The Tribunal will have its headquarters at Delhi and will have the following members nominated by the Chief Justice of India:

1. A.M. Khanwilkar, Judge, Supreme Court of India as Chairman
2. Ravi Ranjan, Judge, Patna High Court as Member
3. Indermeet Kaur Kochhar, Judge, Delhi High Court as Member

The Tribunal has been constituted following orders of the Supreme Court dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018 in a suit filed by the Government of Odisha. The Government of Odisha had sought to refer the water dispute regarding the inter-state river Mahanadi and its river valley to a Tribunal for adjudication under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

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115. Mahanadi River, river in central India, rising in the hills of southeastern \_\_\_\_\_ state. The Mahanadi (“Great River”) follows a total course of 560 miles (900 km) and has an estimated drainage area of 51,000 square miles (132,100 square km).
- Odisha
  - Chhattisgarh
  - Madhya Pradesh
  - Jharkhand

Ans: B

Mahanadi River, river in central India, rising in the hills of southeastern Chhattisgarh state. The Mahanadi (“Great River”) follows a total course of 560 miles (900 km) and has an estimated drainage area of 51,000 square miles (132,100 square km).

At Sambalpur the Hirakud Dam on the river has formed a man-made lake 35 miles (55 km) long; the dam has several hydroelectric generators.

Below the dam the Mahanadi turns south along a tortuous course, piercing the Eastern Ghats through a forest-clad gorge. Bending east, it enters the Odisha plains near Cuttack and enters the Bay of Bengal at False Point by several channels. The river supplies several irrigation canals, mainly near Cuttack. Puri, at one of its mouths, is a famous pilgrimage site.

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116. The Vande Bharat Express, formerly known as
- Train 18
  - Train 19
  - Train 20
  - Train 17

Ans: A

The Vande Bharat Express, formerly known as Train 18, is an electric multiple-unit train operated by Indian Railways. The train achieved a max speed of 183 km/h (114 mph) during testing. However, due to the railway track speed capacity and traffic constraints, the operating speed of the train is limited to 160 km/h (99 mph) on the Delhi-Bhopal route and 110–130 km/h (68-81 mph) on other routes due to safety concerns.

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117. Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is a manufacturer of rail coaches located in
- Chennai
  - Kolkata
  - Punjab
  - Bengaluru

Ans:A

Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is a manufacturer of rail coaches located in Perambur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. It was established in 1955 and is owned and operated by the Indian Railways. It is located in Perambur, in the suburbs of Chennai. ICF is one of the five rake production units of the Indian Railways, the other four being the Modern Coach Factory at Raebareli, Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala, Marathwada Rail Coach Factory at Latur and Rail Coach Naveenikaran Karkhana at Sonipat.

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118. Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) is a premier scientific organisation of India with headquarters at
- Mumbai
  - New Delhi
  - Kolkata
  - Chennai

Ans:C

Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) is a premier scientific organisation of India with headquarters at Kolkata, West Bengal. The association started in the year 1914 in Kolkata and it meets annually in the first week of January. It has a membership of more than 30,000 scientists.

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119. The World Penguin Day is on
- April 24
  - April 25
  - April 26
  - April 27

Ans: B

World Penguin Day on April 25 aims to raise awareness about these flightless birds to preserve their species so that future generations get to see these elegant and remarkable creatures.

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120. Who was the founder of All India Kisan Sabha?
- N.G. Ranga
  - E.M.S. Namboodiripad
  - Indulal Yagnik
  - Sahajanand Saraswati

Ans: D

All India Kisan Sabha is the peasant or farmers' wing of the Communist Party of India, an important peasant movement formed by Sahajanand Saraswati in 1936.

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121. C-17 heavy-lift aircraft was built by
- USA
  - Russia
  - India
  - UK

Ans: A

The McDonnell Douglas/Boeing C-17 Globemaster III is a large military transport aircraft that was developed for the United States Air Force (USAF) from the 1980s to the early 1990s by McDonnell Douglas.

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122. What is the capital of Sudan?
- Khartoum
  - Rabat
  - Abuja
  - Pretoria

Ans: A

Khartoum or Khartum is the capital of Sudan

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123. Vithoba Temple is in



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

Ans:C

The Vithoba Temple, officially known as Shri Vitthal-Rukmini Mandir is a Hindu temple in Pandharpur, in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is the main centre of worship for Vithoba, a form of the god Vishnu or Krishna, and his consort Rakhumai. The temple was built by King Vishnuvardhana of Hoysala Empire between 1108–1152 CE upon being convinced by the historical figure Pundalik. Also, there is an inscription in the temple, of a Hoysala King Vira Someshwara dating back to 1237 CE, which grants the temple a village for its upkeep

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124. The painting 'Parsi Lady', now owned by the Kilimanoor Palace Trust, was the last painting (unfinished) by
- a. Abanindranath Tagore
  - b. Nandalal Bose
  - c. Raja Ravi Varma
  - d. A. Ramachandran

Ans:C

An unfinished painting by Raja Ravi Varma, who redefined Indian art traditions during the colonial times, will soon be in the public domain. The painting 'Parsi Lady', now owned by the Kilimanoor Palace Trust, was the last painting (unfinished) by the legendary artist. He died on October 2, 1906, inside 'Chithrashala,' the artist's studio at Kilimanoor Palace, leaving the painting unfinished.

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125. Article 324 of the Constitution of India deals with
- a. Attorney General
  - b. UPSC
  - c. Election Commission
  - d. CAG

Ans: C

324. Superintendence, direction and control of elections to be vested in an Election Commission

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