

1. Who among the following is the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) as of February 2023?

- a. Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- b. V Anantha Nageswaran
- c. Arvind Subramanian
- d. Arvind Virmani

Answer: B

Venkatramanan Anantha Nageswaran is an Indian economist and the current Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India.

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2. Who is the chair of the ASEAN as of February 2023?

- a. Thailand
- b. Malaysia
- c. Indonesia
- d. Singapore

Answer: C

The chair is Indonesia.

ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) is a political and economic union of 10 member states in Southeast Asia.

Secretariat:

Jakarta

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3. Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) is an initiative between India and _____

- a. United States
- b. United Kingdom
- c. France
- d. Germany

Answer: A

The iCET, launched during the meeting between **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joseph Biden at the Quad meeting in Tokyo in 2022**, is being run by **the National Security Councils** of the two countries.

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4. Who among the following is the author of the book 'Courting Destiny'?
- Prashant Bhushan
 - A.N. Ray
 - Shanti Bhushan
 - Ram Jethmalani

Answer: C

Born in 1925, **Shanti Bhushan** was witness to the formative years of the Indian republic. 'Courting Destiny' traces the remarkable story of his life.

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5. World Economic Outlook is published by the
- World Bank
 - United Nations
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
 - International Monetary Fund

Answer: D

The World Economic Outlook (WEO) is a comprehensive report published twice a year by the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.

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6. Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF), which will be used to create urban infrastructure in
- Tier 1 and tier 2 cities
 - Tier 2 and tier 3 cities
 - Tier 3 and tier 4 cities
 - Tier 1 cities only

Answer: B

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF), which will be used to create **urban infrastructure in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities**.

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7. Prime Minister Awas Yojana (PMAY) was launched in which year?
- 2014
 - 2016
 - 2017
 - 2015

Answer: D

PMAY was allocated over ₹79,000 crore this fiscal as compared to last year's ₹48,000 crore. The scheme was launched in **2015** with the objective of providing affordable housing to all citizens. The scheme was created to assist the middle-income community, economically disadvantaged groups and low-income groups.

Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) is aimed to provide its beneficiaries with an interest subsidy to take loans to purchase or build a house.

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8. Dekho Apna Desh initiative is related to
- Education
 - Health
 - Tourism
 - Agriculture

Answer:

C

Dekho Apna Desh' initiative was launched as an **appeal by the Prime Minister to the middle class to prefer domestic tourism over international tourism** while 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' was launched for integrated development of theme-based tourist circuit."

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9. The Union Budget 2023-24 allocated ₹5.94 lakh crore for Defence, ___% increase year-on-year from last year's Budget Estimates.
- 12
 - 13
 - 14
 - 15

Answer: B

The Union Budget allocated ₹5.94 lakh crore for Defence, a 13% increase year-on-year from last year's Budget Estimates.

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10. ___ is the amount of money the Railways has to spend to earn ₹100.
- Maintenance ratio
 - Capital ratio
 - Monetary ratio
 - Operating ratio

Answer: D

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said operating ratio of the Railways has **stabilised at 98.22%** against 107.39% in 2021-22. **Operating ratio is the amount of money the Railways has to spend to earn ₹100.** A lower operating ratio implies better financial health.

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11. TRAFFIC is associated with
- Human trafficking
 - Wildlife trade
 - Money laundering
 - Financial crimes

Answer: B

TRAFFIC is a leading **non-governmental organisation** working globally **on trade in wild animals and plants** in the context of both biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

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12. Which one of the following organizations aims to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species?

- a. CITES
- b. FATF
- c. NSG
- d. IPEF

Answer: A

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.

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13. Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), or red sandalwood, is an endemic tree species with distribution restricted to which area in India?

- a. Eastern Ghats
- b. Western Ghats
- c. Himalayas
- d. Northeast India

Answer: A

Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), or red sandalwood, is an endemic tree species with distribution restricted to the **Eastern Ghats of India**.

The **species found in Andhra Pradesh** and growing up to a height of 10 to 15 metres is reported to be one of India's most exploited tree species, and is under **severe pressure from illegal logging and harvesting**.

Under the foreign trade policy of India, the **import of Red Sanders is prohibited, while export is restricted**.

Its heartwood is in demand in both domestic and international markets and is used to make furniture and handicrafts, while the **red dye obtained from the wood is used as a colouring agent in textiles and medicines**.

Listed under **Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act** and categorised as **endangered as per the IUCN Red List**, red sanders is a very slow-growing tree species that attains maturity in natural forests after 25-40 years.

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14. Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution is related to

- a. Allocation of powers between the Union and the States
- b. Abolition of Zamindari system
- c. Tribal areas
- d. Defection

Answer: C

The Sixth Schedule consists of provisions for the **administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram**, according to Article 244 of the Indian Constitution.

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15. Pobitora wildlife sanctuary is located in which of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Meghalaya
- d. West Bengal

Answer: A

Pobitora wildlife sanctuary in Assam has the **world's highest concentration of Indian one-horned rhinos**: 107 in just 38.81 sq km.

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16. Which of the following statements about short selling is incorrect?

- a. It is an investment strategy.
- b. Investor bets on a stock in the expectation that its price will fall in the future.
- c. It involves selling a stock which the seller does not own at the time of trade.
- d. It is illegal in India.

Answer: D

“Short selling” shall be defined as selling a stock which the seller does not own at the time of trade.

All classes of investors, viz., retail and institutional investors, **shall be permitted to short sell**.

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17. Who among the following is the founder of the U.S.-based firm Hindenburg Research?

- a. Trevor Milton
- b. Nathan Anderson
- c. Chamath Palihapitiya
- d. Gautam Adani

Answer: B

U.S.-based firm Hindenburg Research founder: Nathan Anderson.

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18. PM-KUSUM is related to

- a. Fruits and vegetables

- b. LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas)
- c. Subsidized food grains
- d. Solar energy

Answer: D

- The **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uttham Mahabhiyan** (PM-KUSUM) has three parts:
 - having **farmers install solar power plants worth 10,000 MW**;
 - installing **20 lakh solar-powered agriculture pumps** that aren't connected to the grid (off-grid),
 - and **converting 15 lakh agriculture pumps**, already connected to the grid, into solar.

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19. The definition of broadband requires a minimum speed of ___Mbps from telecom operators, a change from the previous requirement since 2013, of 512Kbps.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer: B

It is **2 Mbps**. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) notified the change in a January 25 gazette notification.

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20. Who among the following is the Chief Justice of India as of February 2023?

- a. D.Y. Chandrachud
- b. Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- c. N.V. Ramana
- d. Uday Umesh Lalit

Answer: A

Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud is an Indian judge who is serving as **the 50th and current Chief Justice** of India.

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21. What is the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court Judges?

- a. 32
- b. 33
- c. 34
- d. 35

Answer: C

Sanctioned strength is 34 judges.

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22. India is chairing the G-20 forum from 1 December 2022 to _____ 2023

- a. 30 November
- b. 31 December

- c. 31 January
- d. 1 December

Answer: A

India is chairing the G-20 forum from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

G-20 consists of 19 countries and the European Union, - Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, South Africa, United Kingdom, the United States of America and the European Union.

G-20 members represent approximately **85 percent of global GDP, more than 75 percent of global trade, and nearly two-thirds of the world population.**

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23. India stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of GDP by ____ by 2030

- a. 30%
- b. 35%
- c. 50%
- d. 45%

Answer: D

India stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of GDP by **45% by 2030 and reach to net-zero by 2070.**

24. Rashtriya Gokul Mission is related to

- a. Housing Finance
- b. Animal Husbandry
- c. Horticulture
- d. Education

Answer: B

Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) has been launched in **2014** for **development and conservation of indigenous breeds through selective breeding** in the breeding tract and **genetic upgradation of nondescript bovine population.**

The scheme comprises of two components namely **National Programme for Bovine Breeding (NPBB)** and **National Mission on Bovine Productivity (NMBP).**

The **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying** is implementing the scheme.

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25. What is India's rank in milk production in the world in 2021-22?

- a. 1st
- b. 2nd
- c. 3rd
- d. 4th

Answer: A

According to production data of Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database (FAOSTAT), **India is the highest milk producer i.e., rank first** position in the world contributing **twenty-four percent of global milk production** in the year 2021-22.

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26. 'Right to travel abroad' is derived from which article of the Indian Constitution?

- a. 12

- b. 19
- c. 21
- d. 32

Answer: C

Under Article 21 of the Constitution no person can be deprived of his right to travel except according to procedure established by law.

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27. PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), a transformative approach for integrated and holistic planning, was launched in _____

- a. 2020
- b. 2021
- c. 2022
- d. 2023

Answer:

B

PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) was launched in 2021 with the objectives to holistically integrate the interventions of various Ministries/Departments and address gaps to ensure seamless movement of people, goods & services.

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28. In the year 2021-22, India was the ___ largest exporter of coffee in the world with a share of about 6% of global coffee exports.

- a. 5th
- b. 1st
- c. 3rd
- d. 4th

Answer: A

In the year 2021-22, India was the 5th largest exporter of coffee in the world with a share of about 6% of global coffee exports.

Brazil is the largest exporter.

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29. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is the premier R&D centre of the _____

- a. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- b. Department of Telecommunications
- c. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
- d. Department of Science and Technology

Answer: B

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is the premier R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India. C-DOT has indigenously designed various cutting-edge Telecom technologies including 4G/5G, Disaster Management, Cyber Security and Quantum Communications.

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30. PM Poshan Scheme is administered by which Department of the Govt. of India?

- a. Department of Health

- b. Department of Family Welfare
- c. Department of Higher Education
- d. Department of School Education and Literacy

Answer: D

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) earlier known as the **National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools** is one of the foremost rights based **Centrally Sponsored Schemes** under the **National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA)**.

The primary objective of the scheme is to improve the nutritional status of children studying in **classes I-VIII in eligible schools**.

The **Department of School Education and Literacy** administers the PM Poshan Scheme.

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31. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank is chaired by

- a. M.D. Patra
- b. M. Rajeshwar Rao
- c. T. Rabi Sankar
- d. Shaktikanta Das

Answer: D

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**.

Governor of the Reserve Bank of India—Chairperson, ex officio

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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32. Lumpy skin disease is a disease caused by

- a. Virus
- b. Bacteria
- c. Fungus
- d. Protozoa

Answer: A

Lumpy skin disease is a **viral disease that affects cattle**. It is transmitted by **blood-feeding insects**, such as certain species of **flies and mosquitoes, or ticks**. It causes fever, nodules on the skin and can also lead to death, especially in animals that have not previously been exposed to the virus.

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33. Which among the following is the capital of Andhra Pradesh?

- a. Visakhapatnam
- b. Amaravati
- c. Hyderabad
- d. Kurnool

Answer: B

The Ministry of Home Affairs informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that as on date, Amaravati is the capital of Andhra Pradesh.

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34. The world's first thorium based nuclear plant "Bhavni" using Uranium-233 is being set up at _____

- a. Narora
- b. Kalpakkam
- c. Kaiga
- d. Kudankulam

Answer: B

The world's first thorium based nuclear plant "Bhavni" using Uranium-233 is being set up at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu. It is going to be entirely indigenous.

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35. India's national accreditation system under the Quality Council of India (QCI) has been ranked _____ in the world in the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021.

- a. 4th
- b. 3rd
- c. 6th
- d. 5th

Answer: D

India's national accreditation system under the Quality Council of India (QCI) has been ranked 5th in the world in the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021.

The GQII ranks the 184 economies in the world on the basis of the quality infrastructure (QI).

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36. Asphyxiation is caused by

- a. Lack of carbon dioxides
- b. Lack of iron
- c. Lack of oxygen
- d. Lack of essential minerals

Answer: C

Asphyxiation, or suffocation, occurs when the **body is deprived of oxygen**. Asphyxia can result from drowning, asthma, choking, strangulation, seizure, drug overdose, or inhaling chemical substances. Asphyxiation can lead to loss of consciousness, brain injury, and death.

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37. SSLV is the new small satellite launch vehicle developed by ISRO to cater the launch of small satellites up to ____kg to Low Earth Orbits on 'launch-on-demand' basis.

- a. 300
- b. 400
- c. 500
- d. 600

Answer: C

Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) successfully launched three satellites into their intended orbits. In its **second developmental flight, the SSLV-D2** vehicle placed EOS-07, Janus-1 and AzaadiSAT-2 satellites into their intended 450 km circular orbit.

SSLV is the new small satellite launch vehicle developed by ISRO to cater the launch of small satellites up to **500 kg** to Low Earth Orbits on 'launch-on-demand' basis.

SSLV is capable of launching **Mini, Micro, or Nanosatellites (10 to 500 kg mass)** to a **500 km orbit**.

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38. National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) provides coverage of ____% rural and ____% urban population.

- a. 50, 50
- b. 75, 50
- c. 50, 75
- d. 75, 75

Answer: B

National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) provides coverage of 75% rural and 50% urban population.

Under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)** households that constitute the poorest of the poor are legally entitled to receive **35 kg of foodgrains per family per month**.

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39. Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) is chaired by

- a. Alok Shukla
- b. Neeta Lall Butalia
- c. Rashmi Shakrawal
- d. Vivek Johri

Answer: D

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (erstwhile Central Board of Excise & Customs) is a part of the **Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance**, Government of India.

It deals with the tasks of formulation of policy concerning levy and collection of **Customs, Central Excise duties, Central Goods & Services Tax and IGST**, prevention of **smuggling** and administration of matters relating to Customs, Central Excise, Central Goods & Services Tax, IGST and **Narcotics** to the extent under CBIC's purview.

Vivek Johri is the Chairman.

40. Antibiotics are included under which Schedules of the Drugs Rules, 1945?

- a. H and H1
- b. E and E1
- c. B and B1
- d. F and F1

Answer: A

Antibiotics are included in **Schedule H and H1** of the Drugs Rules, 1945.

These drugs have specific caution labeling requirements and are sold only under the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

The supply of a drug specified in Schedule H1 are recorded in a separate register at the time of the supply and such records are **maintained for three years** and are open for inspection.

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has placed **24 hi-end antimicrobials under schedule H1 by issuing notification.**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched **Red Line awareness campaign on Antimicrobials Resistance**, urging people not to use medicines marked with a red vertical line, including antibiotics, without a doctor's prescription.

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41. Which among the following statements about the Securities and Exchange Board of India is incorrect?
- a. It was constituted as a non-statutory body in 1988.
 - b. Regulation of security market is one of its main functions.
 - c. It is chaired by Madhabi Puri Buch as of February 2023.
 - d. It is owned by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Answer: D

The Securities and Exchange Board of India was **constituted as a non-statutory** body on April 12, **1988** through a resolution of the Government of India.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India was **established as a statutory body in the year 1992** and the provisions of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992** came into force on January 30, 1992.

It is owned by Ministry of Finance.

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42. Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) is published by the
- a. Department of Economic Affairs
 - b. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
 - c. Department of Expenditure
 - d. Department of Commerce

Answer: B

The **Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** is releasing Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) on a **monthly** basis.

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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43. Dawoodi Bohra community is mainly found in which of the following states?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Maharashtra
- d. West Bengal

Answer: A

They are mainly found in Gujarat.

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44. ICAR-National Rice Research Institute is located in

- a. Kerala
- b. Odisha
- c. West Bengal
- d. Uttar Pradesh

Answer:

B

ICAR-National Rice Research Institute is in **Cuttack, Odisha.**

President of India inaugurated the **2nd Indian Rice Congress at Cuttack.**

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45. Sukanya Samridhi Account is for

- a. Widows
- b. Senior Citizens
- c. Girl Childs
- d. Differently abled

Answer: C

Sukanya Samridhi Account is a Government of India backed **saving scheme targeted at the parents of girl children.**

The scheme encourages parents to build a fund for the future education of their female child.

It was launched in **2015.**

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46. Who is the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India as of February 2023?

- a. Vanaja N Sarna
- b. Y K Sinha
- c. Neeraj Kumar Gupta
- d. Suresh Chandra

Answer: B

Y K Sinha is the CIC.

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47. On 6 February 2023, which of the following countries was affected by a series of massive earthquakes?

- a. Turkey
- b. Peru
- c. Indonesia

d. Namibia

Answer:

A

It was Turkey.

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48. Who among the following was appointed as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh in February 2023?

- a. S. Abdul Nazeer
- b. Gulab Chand Kataria
- c. Bhagat Singh Koshyari and
- d. R.K. Mathur

Answer: A

Justice S. Abdul Nazeer (retd) was appointed as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh.

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49. Places without cellular connectivity are called

- a. Grey spots
- b. White spots
- c. Black spots
- d. Red spots

Answer: B

Places without cellular connectivity are called “**white spots**”. But harder to map are the “**grey spots**”, areas which **show “connected” but may not let users get enough** out of their access.

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50. Who among the following became the President of Cyprus in February 2023?

- a. Demetris Christofias
- b. Averof Neofytou
- c. Yiannakis Matsis
- d. Nikos Christodoulides

Answer: D

Nikos Christodoulides elected as the President of Cyprus.

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51. Which among the following statements about Solicitor General of India (SGI) is INCORRECT?

- a. The SGI since 2018 is Tushar Mehta.
- b. SGI is the second-highest law officer of the country.
- c. It is a Constitutional post under Article 76 of the Constitution.
- d. SGI is subordinate to the Attorney General for India.

Answer: C

SGI is a statutory office.

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52. Jammu and Kashmir Delimitation Commission derives its powers under the Delimitation Act of

- a. 2001
- b. 2002
- c. 2003
- d. 2004

Answer: B

Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution enable the Parliament to create new States and Union territories. Accordingly, the two new Union territories have been created. The J&K Reorganisation Act which created the two new Union territories assigns the role of readjustment of constituencies to the Delimitation Commission under the **Delimitation Act, 2002**.

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53. Geological Survey of India (GSI), a 170-year-old organisation comes under the

- a. Ministry of Culture
- b. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- d. Ministry of Mines

Answer: D

Geological Survey of India (GSI), a 170-year-old organisation comes under the Ministry of Mines.

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54. Air India and Airbus have signed a contract for the supply of 250 aircraft, 210 single-aisle A320neos and 40 widebody A350s to Air India. Airbus belongs to which country?

- a. France
- b. The United States
- c. The United Kingdom
- d. Germany

Answer: A

Airbus is a **French** multinational aerospace corporation. Airbus designs, manufactures and sells **civil and military aerospace products** worldwide.

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55. Who is the Chairperson of the Indian Council of Historical Research which comes under the Ministry of Education?

- a. Dharmendra Pradhan
- b. Umesh Ashok
- c. Jiten Hazarika
- d. Raghuvendra Tanwar

Answer: D

The Chairman is Raghuvendra Tanwar.

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56. Roshni Act is related to which of the following States/UT?

- a. Haryana
- b. Jammu and Kashmir
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Maharashtra

Answer: B

Jammu and Kashmir State Land (Vesting of Ownership to Occupants) Act, 2001 commonly known as **Roshni Act** was promulgated during Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah's government in 2001. The law granted **ownership of Jammu and Kashmir state lands to unauthorised occupants** of those lands with the aim of raising money for power projects upon payment of a sum to be determined by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

In 2020, the **Jammu and Kashmir High Court deemed the law** and all allotments made since the beginning as "null and void" and "**unconstitutional**".

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57. Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium is located in

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

Answer: A

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium is a field hockey stadium in New Delhi.

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58. AMRITPEX 2023 is organized by

- a. Department of Education
- b. Department of Revenue
- c. Department of Commerce
- d. Department of Posts

Answer: D

Department of Posts organises AMRITPEX 2023 - **National Philatelic Exhibition** under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav after a decade.

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59. The First G20 Culture Group (CWG) meet will be held at

- a. Varanasi
- b. Khajuraho
- c. Mathura
- d. Udaipur

Answer: B

The First G20 Culture Group (CWG) meet to be organised in **Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh** from 22nd to 25th February 2023.

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60. Record _____ per cent of the defence capital procurement budget has been earmarked for domestic industry in Financial Year (FY) 2023-24, up from 68 per cent in 2022-23.

- a. 70
- b. 90
- c. 75
- d. 80

Answer: C

Record **75 per cent** (approx. Rs **one lakh crore**) of the defence capital procurement budget has been earmarked for domestic industry in Financial Year (FY) 2023-24, up from 68 per cent in 2022-23.

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61. Cabinet Committee on Security is chaired by

- a. Defence Minister
- b. Prime Minister
- c. Home Minister
- d. National Security Advisor

Answer: B

It is chaired by the Prime Minister.

The **composition** of the CCS is:

Prime Minister of India

Minister of Defence

Minister of Home Affairs

Minister of **Finance**

Minister of **External Affairs**

The **National Security Adviser**, the **Cabinet Secretary** and the **Defence Secretary** have also been attendees of the CCS meetings.

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62. General elections to State Legislative Assembly of _____ was held in February 2023

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

Answer: D

It was held in Tripura.

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63. The 4th edition of joint military exercise, "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN" is being conducted from 17 February to 02 March 2023. It is between India and

- a. Japan
- b. France
- c. United Kingdom
- d. Maldives

Answer: A

The 4th edition of joint military exercise, "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN", between India and **Japan** is being conducted at **Camp Imazu in Shiga province, Japan** from 17 February to 02 March 2023.

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64. KAVACH-2023, a national level hackathon was launched to identify innovative ideas and technological solutions for addressing challenges associated with which area?
- COVID-19
 - Financial security
 - Election
 - Cyber security

Answer: D

Advancing India's cyber-preparedness, KAVACH-2023, a national level hackathon was launched to identify innovative ideas and technological solutions for addressing the **cyber security and cybercrime** challenges of the 21st century.

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65. Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is related to
- Smuggling
 - Pollution
 - Employment
 - Education

The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is a set of emergency measures that are implemented incrementally when **air quality begins to dip in Delhi-NCR** in the winter months.

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66. Jantar Mantar means "instruments for measuring the harmony of the heavens". It consists of 13 architectural astronomy instruments. It is located in
- New Delhi
 - Jaipur
 - Varanasi
 - Mumbai

Answer: A

It is in New Delhi.

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67. Who is the Chairperson of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India as of February 2023?
- Meenakshi Gupta
 - Bhaskar Ramamurthi
 - V. Raghunandan
 - P. D. Vaghela

Answer: D

It is P. D. Vaghela.

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68. Economic Times Global Business Summit 2023 was held in
- Mumbai
 - Ahmedabad
 - Lucknow
 - Delhi

Answer: D

It was in Delhi.

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69. Balipa Narayana Bhagawatha, a noted singer, passed away in February 2023. He belongs to which field?

- a. Bhand Paather
- b. Ankiya Naat Bhaona
- c. Yakshagana
- d. Tamasha

Answer: C

Balipa Narayana Bhagawatha was a noted Yakshagana playback singer.

Yakshagana is a popular **folk theatre form of Karnataka**.

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70. eSanjeevani app is related to

- a. Health
- b. Education
- c. Employment
- d. Environment

Answer: A

eSanjeevani - a **doctor to patient telemedicine system** under **Ayushman Bharat Scheme** of Government of India.

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71. Which among the following statements about Indian Oil Corporation is INCORRECT?

- a. It is owned by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- b. It is India's highest ranked energy PSU in Fortune-500 list.
- c. It is headquartered in New Delhi.
- d. It is a Navratna company.

Answer: D

It is a Maharatna company.

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72. Who among the following became the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in May 2022?

- a. Vinai Kumar Saxena
- b. Anil Baijal
- c. Najeeb Jung
- d. Tejendra Khanna

Answer: A

Vinai Kumar Saxena is the answer.

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73. Bandipur tiger reserve is located in

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

Answer: B

It is in Karnataka.

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74. Goods and Services Tax Council is constituted under which Article of the Constitution?

- a. 279A
- b. 269A
- c. 246
- d. 271

Answer: A

As per **Article 279A (1)** of the amended Constitution, the GST Council has to be constituted by the President within 60 days of the commencement of Article 279A.

The GST Council is a **joint forum of the Centre and the States**, shall consist of the following members: -

- **Union Finance Minister - Chairperson**
- The **Union Minister of State, in-charge of Revenue of finance** - Member
- The **Minister In-charge of finance or taxation or any other Minister** nominated by each **State** Government – Members

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75. Which country has been invited as the Guest of Honour Country at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2023?

- a. United States
- b. United Kingdom
- c. France
- d. Nepal

Answer:

C

France has been invited as the Guest of Honour Country at the New Delhi World Book Fair, scheduled to begin on February 25, 2023 at **Pragati Maidan (New Delhi)**, with the **winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in Literature Annie Ernaux** among the dignitaries set to attend.

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76. In 2022, over _____ lakh Indians renounced Indian citizenship, the highest since 2011, according to data from the Ministry of External Affairs.

- a. 2.25
- b. 3.25
- c. 1.25
- d. 4.25

Answer: A

It is 2.25

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77. High net-worth individuals (HNIs) are those who have wealth of over \$_____ million
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 5

Answer: A

HNIs are those who have wealth of over **\$1 million or ₹8.2 crore.**

According to the **Henley Global Citizens Report**, there were **3.47 lakh HNIs in India** in December 2021.

Of these, **1.49 lakh HNIs were found in just nine cities**: Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai, Gurugram, and Ahmedabad.

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78. Disqualification of membership from either House of Parliament is governed under which Article of the Indian Constitution?

- 32
- 47
- 102
- 226

Answer: C

Article 102 in The Constitution Of India 1949

102. Disqualifications for membership

(1) A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of either House of Parliament

(a) **if he holds any office of profit** under the **Government of India or the Government of any State**, other than an office declared by Parliament by law not to disqualify its holder;

- A person **shall not be deemed to hold an office of profit** under the Government of India or the Government of any State by reason only that he is a **Minister** either for the Union or for such State

(b) if he is of **unsound mind** and stands so **declared by a competent court**;

(c) if he is an **undischarged insolvent**;

(d) if he is **not a citizen of India**, or has **voluntarily acquired the citizenship of a foreign State**, or is under any **acknowledgement of allegiance or adherence to a foreign State**;

(e) if he is so disqualified by or under **any law made by Parliament**

(2) A person shall be disqualified for being a member of either House of Parliament if he is so **disqualified under the Tenth Schedule**

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79. Who was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) of the Union Territory of Ladakh in February 2023?

- R. K. Mathur
- Girish Chandra Murmu
- Manoj Sinha
- B.D. Mishra

Answer: D

Brigadier **B.D. Mishra** (retd) was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) of the Union Territory of Ladakh, at a time when the region is witnessing a major upheaval over **demands for Statehood and for a special status under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.**

N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, administered the oath to Brig. Mishra on the occasion.

Brig. Mishra is retired from the Army and has previously **served as an L-G of Arunachal Pradesh.**

He **takes over the reins** of Ladakh L-G from **R.K. Mathur.**

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80. Operation Dost, carried out by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is related to

- a. Tsunami
- b. Land subsidence
- c. Earthquake
- d. Flood

Answer: C

Operation Dost is an ongoing **search and rescue operation** initiated by the Government of India to aid **Syria and Turkey, after the 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquake** devastated both countries **on 6 February 2023.**

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81. Which of the following statements about Directorate of Enforcement is **INCORRECT?**

- a. It comes under the Department of Revenue.
- b. It is the agency implementing laws related to money laundering.
- c. The head of the organization is Vivek R Wadekar.
- d. It implements Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018.

Answer: C

Sanjay Kumar Mishra is the Director of Enforcement. All other statements are correct.

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82. Who is the Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University as of February 2023?

- a. Vijay Kumar Saraswat
- b. Narendra Modi
- c. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit
- d. Droupadi Murmu

Answer: A

Chancellor - **V. K. Saraswat**

Vice-Chancellor - Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit

Visitor - President of India

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83. Volodymyr Zelensky, frequently seen in the news, is the President of which of the following countries as of February 2023?

- a. Belarus
- b. Ukraine
- c. Turkey
- d. Syria

Answer: B

Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelenskyy is a **Ukrainian politician** and former comedian and actor who has served as the sixth and **current president of Ukraine since 2019**.

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84. With reference to the Election Commission of India, which of the following statements is INCORRECT?

- a. It conducts election to the offices of the President and the Vice-President.
- b. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Law and Justice.
- c. It recognizes National and State Parties.
- d. It has the power to allocate symbols to Parties.

Answer: B

The Election Commission of India is an **autonomous constitutional authority** responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.

The body administers **elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies** in India, and the **offices of the President and Vice President in the country**.

It is **not an attached office**.

The **President appoints Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners**. They have tenure of **six years, or up to the age of 65 years**, whichever is earlier.

They enjoy the same status and receive salary and perks as available to **Judges of the Supreme Court** of India.

The **Chief Election Commissioner** can be removed from office only through **impeachment** by Parliament.

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85. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is under the control of which of the following Ministries?

- a. Ministry of Finance
- b. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- d. Ministry of Labour and Employment

Answer: D

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation is one of the two **statutory social security** bodies under the Government of India's **Ministry of Labour and Employment**

and is responsible for regulation and management of **provident funds in India**, the other being **Employees' State Insurance**.

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86. Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order empowers the Election Commission to identify the “recognised political party” from among rival factions or splinter groups. It was issued in which year?

- a. 1966
- b. 1967
- c. 1968
- d. 1969

Answer: C

Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order of 1968

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87. Who has been the Chief Minister of Maharashtra since June 2022?

- a. Uddhav Thackeray
- b. Eknath Shinde
- c. Devendra Fadnavis
- d. Prithviraj Chavan

Answer: B

Eknath Sambhaji Shinde is an Indian politician currently serving as the 20th and current Chief Minister of Maharashtra since 2022.

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88. India's Unified Payments Interface and which country's PayNow were officially connected In February 2023, allowing for a “real-time payment linkage”.

- a. United States
- b. Japan
- c. South Korea
- d. Singapore

Answer: D

India's Unified Payments Interface and **Singapore's** PayNow were officially connected allowing for a “real-time payment linkage.

The linkage is set to **ease financial transactions** for the Indian diaspora.

Singapore is the first country with which cross-border Person to Person (P2P) payment facilities have been launched.

“This will help the **Indian diaspora in Singapore, especially migrant workers/students, and** bring the benefits of digitalisation and FINTECH to the common man through **instantaneous and low-cost transfer of money from Singapore to India and vice-versa,**” the Ministry of External Affairs said.

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89. The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration is part of which of the following States?

- a. Karnataka
- b. West Bengal
- c. Assam
- d. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: B

The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration is a **semi-autonomous council for the Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal** state in India.

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90. New START treaty, sometimes seen in the news, is a

- a. Nuclear arms reduction treaty
- b. Environment protection treaty
- c. United Nations treaty on managing plastic waste
- d. Treaty for conduct of research in Antarctica

Answer: A

New START is a **nuclear arms reduction treaty** between the **United States and the Russian Federation** with the formal name of **Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms**. It was **signed in 2010 in Prague**, and, after ratification, **entered into force in 2011**.

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91. Sinthan Top is a mountain pass located in

- a. Jammu and Kashmir
- b. Ladakh
- c. Himachal Pradesh
- d. Sikkim

Answer:

A

Sinthan Top is a mountain pass, a popular tourist destination located between South Kashmir's Baramulla Valley in Anantnag district and Kishtwar district of **Chenab Valley in the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir**.

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92. Who is the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as of February 2023?

- a. Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
- b. Gita Gopinath
- c. Harry Dexter White
- d. Kristalina Georgieva

Answer: D

Managing Director >> Kristalina Georgieva

First Deputy Managing Director >> Gita Gopinath

Chief Economist >> Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas

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93. Who has been elected as the Mayor of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in February 2023?

- a. Shelly Oberoi
- b. Rekha Gupta
- c. Aaley Mohammed Iqbal
- d. Satya Sharma

Answer:

A

Shelly Oberoi got elected as Delhi Mayor.

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94. Which State Government has decided to provide reservation in medical colleges for students from government schools in February 2023?

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

Answer: C

The **Madhya Pradesh** government has decided to provide reservation in medical colleges for students from government schools.

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95. Bhimbetka Rock Shelters are located in

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. West Bengal
- d. Karnataka

Answer: A

The Bhimbetka rock shelters are an archaeological site in central India that spans the **Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods, as well as the historic period.**

It exhibits the **earliest traces of human life in India** and **evidence of Stone Age** starting at the site in Acheulian times.

It is located in the Raisen District in the Indian state of **Madhya Pradesh.**

It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

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96. The total GST revenues between April 2022 and January 2023 stand at Indian Rupees _____ lakh crore, 23.1% higher than the corresponding period of 2021-22.

- a. 1.9
- b. 14.9
- c. 44.9
- d. 88.9

Answer: B

Finance Ministry's monthly economic review said the total GST revenues between April 2022 and January 2023 now stand at **₹14.9 lakh crore**, 23.1% higher than the corresponding period of 2021-22.

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97. Which among the following is/are the components of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

- a. Unified Health Interface (UHI)
- b. Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)
- c. Health Facility Registry (HFR)
- d. All

Answer: D

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to develop the **backbone** necessary to support the **integrated digital health infrastructure** of the country. It will bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of Healthcare ecosystem through **digital highways**.

All are its components.

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98. Which country has approved a \$442-million wind power project of Adani Green Energy in February 2023?

- a. Sri Lanka
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Nepal
- d. Bhutan

Answer: A

Adani, a leading Indian company, received the approval “to start two wind power plants in Mannar and Pooneryn areas of [northern] **Sri Lanka**.”

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99. Khalistan movement is related to which State of India?

- a. Haryana
- b. West Bengal
- c. Assam
- d. Punjab

Answer: D

The Khalistan movement is a **Sikh separatist movement** seeking to create a **homeland for Sikhs by establishing a sovereign state, called Khālistān** ('Land of the Khalsa'), in the **Punjab** region.

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100. Bhagwant Singh Mann, as of February 2023, is the Chief Minister of which of the following States?

- a. Haryana
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Punjab
- d. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C

Bhagwant Singh Mann is an Indian politician serving as the 17th & **current Chief Minister of Punjab.**

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101. Orangutans, a critically endangered species, are native to the rainforests of
- India
 - Myanmar
 - Thailand
 - Malaysia

Answer: D

Orangutans, a **critically endangered species**, are native to the **rainforests of Malaysia and Indonesia.**

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102. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has exclusive executive control over all matters except
- Land
 - Police
 - Public order
 - All of the above

Answer:

D

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has exclusive executive control over all matters except three **subjects: land, police and public order.** These three subjects are called **reserved subjects.** Those subjects over which GNCTD has **executive control are called transferred subjects.**

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103. The Bring Your Own Film Festival is a film festival that began in 2004 in the Indian state of _____
- Rajasthan
 - Odisha
 - Maharashtra
 - Goa

Answer: B

The Bring Your Own Film Festival is a film festival that began in **2004** on the beaches of the temple town **Puri, in the Indian state of Odisha.**

Its uniqueness lies in the fact that there is **no formal screening or qualifying process,** but rather it is a forum for independent filmmakers.

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104. Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project aims to utilize which of the following rivers?
- Chambal
 - Chenab
 - Satluj
 - Luni

Answer: A

Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project aims to **harvest surplus water available during rainy season** in rivers in Southern Rajasthan such as **Chambal** and its tributaries, including **Kunnu, Parvati, Kalisindh, and** use this water in south-eastern districts of the state, where there is scarcity of water for drinking and irrigation.

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105. Strait of Malacca connects Andaman Sea and _____
- South China Sea
 - Arabian Sea
 - Bay of Bengal
 - Red Sea

Answer: A

The Strait of Malacca is a **narrow stretch of water** between the **Malay Peninsula** to the northeast and the **Indonesian island of Sumatra** to the southwest, **connecting the Andaman Sea and the South China Sea.**

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106. Who won the sixth ICC Women's T20 World Cup held at Newlands, Cape Town?
- Australia
 - South Africa
 - New Zealand
 - India

Answer:

A

Australia has won a sixth Women's T20 World Cup title after **defeating South Africa** by 19 runs at Newlands.

Newlands Cricket Ground in Cape Town is a South African cricket ground.

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107. Article 370 is seen in news in connection with
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Punjab
 - Jammu and Kashmir
 - Tamil Nadu

Answer:

C

Jammu and Kashmir was administered by India as a state from 1952 to 31 October 2019, and **Article 370 conferred on it the power to have a separate constitution**, a state flag, and autonomy of internal administration.

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108. What is the full form of VVPAT?
- Voter Vetted Paper Audit Trail
 - Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Training
 - Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail
 - Voter Vetted Preliminary Audit Trail

Answer: C

Voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT)

A VVPAT is intended as an **independent verification system for voting machines** designed to allow **voters to verify that their vote was cast correctly**, to detect possible election fraud or malfunction, and to provide a **means to audit the stored electronic results**. It contains the name of the candidate (for whom vote has been cast) and symbol of the party/individual candidate.

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109. Appointment of protection officers is mandated under Section 8 of which of the following Acts?

- a. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
- b. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- c. Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- d. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

Answer: B

Appointment of protection officers is mandated under Section 8 of the **Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005**.

Protection officers, who should ideally be women, have a pivotal role under the law. They **help victims file complaints, give information to the police, provide immediate protection** and support, inform victims about their legal rights and support them through the court proceedings.

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110. 'Mission Shakti', an umbrella scheme, is related to

- a. Children
- b. Persons with disabilities
- c. Scheduled Tribes
- d. Women

Answer: D

'Mission Shakti', an umbrella scheme for the **safety, security, and empowerment of women**.

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111. National Science Day is celebrated on which of the following dates?

- a. 27th February
- b. 28th February
- c. 1st March
- d. 2nd March

Answer: B

National Science Day is celebrated in India on **February 28** each year to mark the discovery of the **Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928**.

For his discovery, Sir **C.V. Raman** was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

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112. In which of the following State(s) Assembly elections were held in February 2023?

- a. Tripura
- b. Nagaland
- c. Meghalaya
- d. All

Answer:

D

Assembly elections were held in **Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya** in February 2023

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113. Agnipath scheme is related to

- a. Defence
- b. Space technology
- c. Missile technology
- d. Sports

Answer:

A

Agnipath Scheme is a tour of duty style scheme introduced by the Government of India on 14 June 2022, for **recruitment of soldiers below the rank of commissioned officers into the three services of the armed forces.**

All recruits will be hired only for **a four year period.**

Personnel recruited under this system are to be called **Agniveers**, which will be a new military rank.

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114. In this country, an eight-year civil war has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. It was started in 2014, when the rebel Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north. The country that is talked here is

- a. Oman
- b. Iran
- c. Syria
- d. Yemen

Answer:

D

The **Yemeni civil war** is an ongoing multilateral civil war that began in late **2014** mainly between the **Rashad al-Alimi-led Yemeni government and the Houthi armed movement**, along with their supporters and allies.

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115. Who is India's Sherpa for G20 as of February 2023?

- a. Suman Bery
- b. B. V. R. Subrahmanyam
- c. Amitabh Kant
- d. Parameswaran Iyer

Answer: C

It is Amitabh Kant.

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