

1. Who is the Governor of Punjab as of March 2023?
  - a. Vijayendra Pal Singh Badnore
  - b. Banwarilal Purohit
  - c. Kaptan Singh Solanki
  - d. Bhagwant Mann

Answer: B

**Banwarilal Purohit** is an Indian politician who is the current and 29th **Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh**.

He was the **former Governor of Tamil Nadu from 2017 to 2021**, and **former Governor of Assam** from 2016 to 2017.

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2. Foxconn is a multinational electronics contract manufacturer with headquarters in
  - a. China
  - b. Taiwan
  - c. Hong Kong
  - d. South Korea

Answer: B

It is in Taiwan.

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3. SWAYATT initiative is related to
  - a. E marketplace
  - b. Industry academia collaboration
  - c. Development of Scheduled Tribes
  - d. Power contracts

Answer: A

The initiative to promote “**Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage Through eTransactions**” (SWAYATT) on GeM was first launched in February 2019.

The intent of SWAYATT 2019 was to promote inclusiveness of various categories of sellers and service providers on the portal, by taking proactive steps to facilitate their training and registrations of such specific category of manufacturers and sellers, develop women entrepreneurship and encourage participation of MSME sector and Start-ups in public procurement.

**Government e Marketplace (GeM) - GeM is a Section 8 company setup under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for procurement of goods and services by Central Ministries, State Departments, PSEs and Autonomous Bodies.**

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4. Spices Board of India comes under which Ministry?
  - a. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
  - b. Ministry of Education
  - c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - d. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

Answer:

C

**Spices Board (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India)** is the flagship organization for the development and worldwide promotion of Indian spices.

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5. Buy {Indian-IDD (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured)} category is a term, sometimes seen in news, in relation to
- Health
  - Education
  - Defence
  - Space research

Answer: C

'Buy (Indian-IDD)' category refers to the **procurement of products from an Indian vendor** that have been indigenously designed, developed and manufactured with a **minimum of 50% Indigenous Content (IC)** on cost basis of the total contract value.

It is part of **Defence Procurement Procedure**.

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6. In which year was the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act passed in India?
- 2016
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019

Answer:

C

The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, **2018** empowers any special court to **confiscate all properties and assets of economic offenders** who are charged in offences measuring **over INR 100 crores and are evading prosecution by remaining outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts**

'**Fugitive economic offender**' [FEO] is defined as an individual against whom a warrant of arrest in relation to scheduled offence has been issued by any court in India and who has left the country to avoid criminal prosecution; or the FEO abroad refuses to return to face criminal prosecution."

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7. G-20 meeting of Anti-Corruption Working Group was held in which of the following places in March 2023?
- Gurugram
  - New Delhi
  - Pune
  - Agra

Answer: A

**India chaired the first anti-corruption working group held in Gurugram** with co-chair **Italy**.

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8. Which of the following statements about GST Compensation Cess is INCORRECT?
- It is levied by the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act 2014.
  - It is to compensate the states for the loss of revenue arising due to the implementation of GST.
  - It will be for 5 years.

I. It is to address revenue loss of manufacturing focused States.

Answer: A

GST Compensation Cess is levied by the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act **2017**. The object of levying this cess is **to compensate the states for the loss of revenue** arising due to the implementation of GST on 1st July 2017 for a **period of five years** or such period as recommended by the GST Council.

GST, being a consumption-based tax, would **result in loss of revenue for manufacturing-heavy states**.

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9. S-400 air defence system is developed by which of the following countries?

- m. India
- n. Russia
- o. USA
- p. China

Answer: B

The S-400 Triumf is a mobile, **surface-to-air missile (SAM)** system developed in the 1990s by **Russia's NPO Almaz** as an upgrade to the S-300 family.

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10. Anti-defection law is under which Schedule of the Constitution of India?

- q. 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule
- r. 9<sup>th</sup> Schedule
- s. 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule
- t. 7<sup>th</sup> Schedule

Answer:

A

**10<sup>th</sup> Schedule deals** with Anti-defection law.

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11. Conrad K. Sangma is the Chief Minister of which of the following States as of March 2023?

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

Answer: D

Conrad Kongkal Sangma is an Indian politician who is the 12th and current Chief Minister of **Meghalaya**.

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12. The Supreme Court set up a committee headed by \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest measures to protect investors against the kind of market volatility seen after the Hindenburg report against Adani Group.

- e. Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
- f. A M Sapre
- g. Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- h. Mukesh Shah

Answer: B

The Supreme Court set up a committee led by **ex-SC judge A M Sapre** to probe alleged regulatory failures in preventing suspected breach of market rules by the Adani Group.

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13. Which Article of the Constitution provides that the power of superintendence, direction, and control of elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, the Office of the President of India, and the Office of Vice-President of India shall be vested in the Election Commission?

- i. 320
- j. 322
- k. 324
- l. 326

Answer: C

Article **324** of the Constitution provides that the power of superintendence, direction, and control of elections to parliament, state legislatures, the office of the president of India, and the office of vice-president of India shall be vested in the election commission.

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14. All member states of the United Nations observe which of the following days as World Wildlife Day?

- m. March 2
- n. March 3
- o. March 4
- p. March 5

Answer: B

All member states of the United Nations observe **March 3 as World Wildlife Day**.

2023 theme is '**Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation**'.

This date was chosen as it was the **day CITES came into being 50 years ago**.

CITES (**Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**, also known as the **Washington Convention**) is a multilateral treaty to protect **endangered plants and animals** from the **threats of international trade**.

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15. India and which of the following countries announced in March 2023 the elevation of the bilateral relationship to the level of strategic partnership while also concluding a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation?

- q. USA
- r. France
- s. UK
- t. Italy

Answer: D

India and **Italy** announced the elevation of the bilateral relationship to the level of strategic partnership while also concluding a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation.

They also announced the **establishment of a 'Startup Bridge'** between them.

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16. World Hearing Day is celebrated on which of the following dates?

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> March
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> March

Answer: C

World Hearing Day is held on **3 March** each year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.

The theme for 2023 is "**Ear and hearing care for all, Let's make it a reality**"

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17. The Prevention of Corruption Act was passed in which year?

- e. 1985
- f. 1988
- g. 1978
- h. 1998

Answer: B

The Prevention of Corruption Act, **1988** is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted to combat corruption in government agencies and public sector businesses in India

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18. Pegasus is a

- i. Spyware
- j. Missile
- k. Satellite
- l. Scramjet

Answer: A

Pegasus is **spyware** developed by the **Israeli cyber-arms company NSO Group** that can be covertly installed on mobile phones (and other devices) running most versions of iOS and Android.

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19. Who became the Central Provident Fund Commissioner in December 2021?

- m. Ashok Rawat
- n. Ram Rashik Mandal
- o. Kumar Ravikant Singh
- p. Neelam Shami Rao

Answer: D

The Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) is the **Chief Executive Officer of EPFO** and is the ex-officio **Member Secretary of the Central Board**, EPF. Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, took charge as CPFC on 07-12-2021.

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20. Mukundara Hills National Park is located in which of the following States?

- q. Madhya Pradesh
- r. Rajasthan
- s. Haryana
- t. Maharashtra

Answer: B

Mukundara Hills National Park is a national park in **Rajasthan**.

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21. The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019 was issued on which of the following dates?

- a. August 5, 2019
- b. September 5, 2019
- c. January 5, 2019
- d. December 5, 2019

Answer: A

**On 5 August, a presidential order** was issued – the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019 – which superseded the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954.

The August 2019 Presidential order stated that **all the provisions of the Indian Constitution applied to Jammu and Kashmir**.

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22. Central Industrial Security Force was established in which year?

- e. 1959
- f. 1969
- g. 1962
- h. 1972

Answer: B

The Central Industrial Security Force came into existence in **1969** to provide integrated security cover to certain sensitive public sector undertakings with a strength of only three battalions.

The CISF at present provides security cover to 353 establishments through the length and breadth of the country.

**Sheel Vardhan Singh** is the Director General

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23. Raisina Dialogue, which is held annually, in

- i. New Delhi
- j. Colombo
- k. Singapore
- l. Hong Kong

Answer:

A

The Raisina Dialogue is **India's premier conference on geopolitics and geo-economics** committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community.

**Every year, leaders in politics, business, media, and civil society converge in New Delhi to discuss** the state of the world and explore opportunities for cooperation on a wide range of contemporary matters.

The conference is **hosted by the Observer Research Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.**

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24. Great Indian Bustard is mainly found in

- m. Odisha
- n. West Bengal
- o. Rajasthan
- p. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer:

C

Great Indian bustard is a large bird of the bustard family and one of the heaviest flying birds in the world.

The great Indian bustard inhabits **dry grasslands and scrublands** on the Indian subcontinent; its largest populations are found in the Indian state of **Rajasthan.**

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25. United Nations Human Rights Council is comprised of how many States?

- q. 193
- r. 47
- s. 30
- t. 56

Answer:

B

The Human Rights Council is an **inter-governmental body within the United Nations** system made up of **47 States** responsible for the promotion and protection of all human rights around the globe.

It has the ability to discuss all thematic human rights issues and situations that require its attention throughout the year. It **meets at the UN Office at Geneva.**

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26. Who among the following became the 12<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of Tripura in March 2023?

- a) Satyadeo Narain Arya
- b) Manik Saha
- c) Biplab Kumar Deb
- d) Ashish Kumar Saha

Ans: B

- Manik Saha is an Indian politician serving as the current **Chief Minister of Tripura** since 2022. He represents the **Town Bordowali constituency** in the Tripura Legislative Assembly.

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27. Manikaran in Himachal Pradesh is famous for

- e) Hot springs
- f) Great Indian Bustard
- g) Gold mine
- h) Active volcano

Ans: A

- Manikaran is located in the **Parvati Valley on river Parvati**, northeast of Bhuntar in the Kullu District of **Himachal Pradesh**
- This small town attracts tourists visiting the **hot springs and pilgrim centres of Manali and Kullu**. An **experimental geothermal energy** plant has also been set up here.

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28. The anti-defection provisions were incorporated in the Indian Constitution through 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule. It was done in which year?

- i) 1980
- j) 1985
- k) 1992
- l) 1975

Ans:

B

Parliament enacted the anti-defection law (10th Schedule) in **1985** to curb political defection.

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29. Who among the following was the German Chancellor who visited India in February 2023?

- m) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- n) Robert Habeck
- o) Sigmar Gabriel
- p) Olaf Scholz

Ans:

D

**Olaf Scholz** is a German politician who has served as the chancellor of Germany since 8 December 2021.

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30. India has committed to \_\_\_\_\_% electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.

q) 42

r) 55

s) 50

t) 60

Ans: C

India has committed to **50% electricity capacity** from non-fossil sources by 2030.

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31. Who among the following is the Chairman of Rajya Sabha as of March 2023?

- a. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- b. Piyush Goyal
- c. Pramod Chandra Mody
- d. Harivansh Narayan Singh

Ans: A

The **vice president of India** (currently, **Jagdeep Dhankhar**) is the ex-officio chairman of the Rajya Sabha, who presides over its sessions.

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32. International Women's Day is celebrated on which of the following dates?

- a. March 3
- b. April 8
- c. March 8
- d. March 26

Ans: C

It is on March 8.

The UN theme for 2023 International Women's Day is "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**".

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33. Who among the following became the first woman minister of Nagaland in March 2023?

- a. Rano Mese Shaiza
- b. Hekani Jakhalu
- c. Salhoutuonuo Kruse
- d. Phangnon Konyak

Ans:

C

Salhoutuonuo Kruse made history by becoming **Nagaland's first woman Minister**.

The berth in the Nagaland Cabinet led by **Neiphiu Rio (Chief Minister of Nagaland)** came five days after she and **Hekani Jakhalu** were elected as the **first women MLAs** of the State.

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34. What is El Nino?

- a. A volcanic mountain
- b. A butterfly species
- c. A virus
- d. A weather phenomenon

Ans: D

El Niño is the warm phase of the El Niño–Southern Oscillation and is associated with a band of warm ocean water that develops in the central and east-central equatorial Pacific, including the area off the Pacific coast of South America

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35. Chabahar Port belongs to which of the following countries?

- a. India
- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Afghanistan
- d. Iran

Ans: D

Chabahar Port is a seaport in Chabahar located in southeastern **Iran**, on **the Gulf of Oman**.

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36. Tipra Motha Party is a regional political party from which of the following States?

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Tripura
- c. Sikkim
- d. Nagaland

Ans: B

The Tipra Motha Party, also known as the Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance, is a regional political party and previously a social organization in **Tripura**, India. The TIPRA is **led by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barma**. It is currently the **largest opposition party in Tripura Legislative Assembly**

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37. Who among the following was the Prime Minister of Australia who paid a visit to India in March 2023?

- e. Scott Morrison
- f. Malcolm Turnbull
- g. Anthony Albanese
- h. Tony Abbott

Ans:

C

Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi during his visit to the **Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad** and played Holi at the Raj Bhavan on the first day of his maiden trip to India.

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38. In which of the following States is 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport' located?

- i. Gujarat
- j. Maharashtra
- k. Madhya Pradesh
- l. Chhattisgarh

Ans: A

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport is an international airport serving the twin cities of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar in **Gujarat**, India.

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39. Which among the following statements about "fiat currencies" is INCORRECT?

- m. They are backed by a sovereign government.
- n. They are backed by a physical commodity.
- o. They have no intrinsic value.
- p. An example includes Indian Rupee.

Ans: B

A fiat money is a type of currency that is **declared legal tender by a government** but has **no intrinsic or fixed value and is not backed by any tangible asset**, such as gold or silver.

Fiat money is **backed by a country's government instead of a physical commodity** or financial instrument. This means most **coin and paper currencies** that are used throughout the world are fiat money. This includes the U.S. dollar, the British pound, the Indian rupee, and the euro.

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40. The Constitution (108th Amendment) Bill is related to

- q. Education
- r. Delimitation
- s. Reservation
- t. Environment

Ans:

C

The Constitution (One Hundred and Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2008 seeks to **reserve one-third of all seats for women in the Lok Sabha and the state legislative assemblies**. The allocation of reserved seats shall be determined by such authority as prescribed by **Parliament**.

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41. Tihar Prisons, also called Tihar Jail and Tihar Ashram, is a prison complex in India and the largest complex of prisons in South Asia. It is located in

- a. Delhi
- b. Mumbai
- c. Pune
- d. Kolkata

Ans: A

Run by Department of Delhi Prisons, Government of **Delhi**, the prison contains nine central prisons, and is one of the three prison complexes in Delhi.

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42. Who among the following unveiled the official FIFA World Cup trophy before the FIFA World Cup 2022 final between Argentina and France?

- e. Hrithik Roshan
- f. Aamir Khan
- g. Deepika Padukone
- h. Kareena Kapoor

Ans: C

Bollywood star **Deepika Padukone** was at the **Lusail Stadium in Qatar** to unveil the official FIFA World Cup trophy before the FIFA World Cup 2022 final between Argentina and France kicked off.



Deepika Padukone was **accompanied by Iker Casillas, captain of the 2010 World Cup-winning Spanish** team, during the pre-match ceremony.

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43. Exercise Talisman Saber is led by Australia and \_\_\_\_\_

- i. India
- j. USA
- k. Germany
- l. New Zealand

Ans:

B

Exercise Talisman Sabre is a biennial, multinational **military exercise** led by **Australia and the United States**.

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44. In which year was "the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act" passed?

- m. 1979
- n. 1989
- o. 1999
- p. 1986

Ans: B

The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, **1989** was enacted by the Parliament of India to prevent atrocities and hate crimes against the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. The Act is popularly known as the SC/ST Act, PoA, or simply the 'Atrocities Act

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45. TROPEX is a

- q. Military exercise
- r. Tsunami monitoring system
- s. A joint forum of tropical countries
- t. An exercise carried on Pacific ocean waters to counter piracy

Ans: A

Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX) is an **inter-service military exercise** involving the participation of the **Indian Army, Air Force, Navy and the Coast Guard**.

The overall exercise construct included a **coastal defence exercise**, 'Sea Vigil', and an **amphibious exercise 'AMPHEX'**,

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46. In March 2023, which High Court in India directed the termination of 842 Group C employees who had illegally secured appointments in State-run schools?

- a. Calcutta
- b. Bombay
- c. Delhi
- d. Gauhati

Ans:

A

In a setback to the West Bengal government, the Calcutta High Court on Friday directed the termination of 842 Group C employees who had illegally secured appointments in State-run schools.

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47. The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was adopted in which year?

- e. 1996
- f. 2006
- g. 2016
- h. 2010

Ans: B

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy is a unique global instrument to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism. Through its adoption by consensus in **2006**, all UN Member States agreed the first time to a common strategic and operational approach to fighting terrorism.

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48. PMLA is an Act passed in 2002 by the Parliament of India. What is the full form of PMLA?

- i. Promotion of Money Liquidation Act
- j. Prevention of Money Laundering Act
- k. Protection of Monuments and Liabilities Act
- l. Prevention of Money Liabilities Act

Ans: B

**Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002** is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted to prevent money-laundering and to provide for confiscation of property derived from money-laundering.

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49. Financial Intelligence Unit - India comes under

- m. Ministry of Home Affairs
- n. Ministry of Finance
- o. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- p. Ministry of Intelligence

Ans: B

Financial Intelligence Unit – India is an organisation under the **Department of Revenue (Ministry of Finance)**, Government of India which collects **financial intelligence about offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.**

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50. In March 2023, India and which of the following countries signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will pave the way for creating a semiconductor sub-committee under the Commercial Dialogue?

- q. USA
- r. Japan
- s. Germany
- t. Australia

Ans:

A

India and the **United States** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will

pave the way for creating a semiconductor sub-committee under the Commercial Dialogue between the **U.S. Department of Commerce** and India's **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and the **Ministry of Commerce**.

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

- a. 1934
- b. 1954
- c. 1964
- d. 1955

Ans: B

The Special Marriage Act, **1954** is an Act of the Parliament of India with provision for civil marriage for people of India and all Indian nationals in foreign countries, irrelevant of the religion or faith followed by either party.

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52. Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India is related to

- e. Decriminalization of homosexuality
- f. Criminalization of marital rape
- g. Criminalization of hijacking of aircrafts
- h. Criminalization of fugitive offenders

Ans:

A

Navtej Singh Johar case (**2018**) is a landmark decision of the **Supreme Court of India** that **decriminalised** all **consensual sex among adults**, including **homosexual** sex.

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53. When the US Federal Reserve increases the interest rates, what will happen to the existing bonds?

- i. Decline in Market Price
- j. Increase in Market Price
- k. No effect
- l. None of the above

Ans:

A

Bonds are particularly sensitive to interest rate changes. When the Fed increases rates, the **market prices of existing bonds immediately decline**. That's because new bonds will soon be coming onto the market offering investors higher interest rate payments

54. Silicon Valley Bank is in

- m. California
- n. Bengaluru
- o. New York
- p. London

Ans:

A

Silicon Valley Bank was a state-chartered commercial bank headquartered in Santa Clara, **California (USA)**, and the primary subsidiary of SVB Financial Group, a bank holding company.

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55. The Federal Reserve System is the central banking system of the United States. It is chaired by

- q. Richard Clarida
- r. Janet Yellen
- s. Lael Brainard
- t. Jerome Powell

Ans:

D

**Jerome Hayden "Jay" Powell** is an American attorney and investment banker who has served as the 16th **chair of the Federal Reserve since 2018**.

<https://www.usbank.com/investing/financial-perspectives/market-news/interest-rates-affect-bonds.html>

56. Shekhawati is a region in India. It belongs to which State?

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

Ans: D

Shekhawati is a semi-arid historical region located in the northeast part of **Rajasthan**, India. The region was ruled by **Shekhawat Rajputs**. Shekhawati is located in North Rajasthan, comprising the districts of **Jhunjhunu**, parts of **Sikar** that lies to the west of the Aravalis and **Churu**

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57. Jat people of India are traditionally

- e. Industrialists
- f. Traders
- g. Agriculturalists
- h. None

Ans:

C

The Jat people are a **traditionally agricultural community** in **Northern India and Pakistan**.

Originally pastoralists in the lower Indus river-valley of Sindh, Jats migrated north into the Punjab region in late medieval times, and subsequently into the Delhi Territory, northeastern Rajputana, and the western Gangetic Plain in the 17th and 18th centuries. Of Hindu, Muslim and Sikh faiths, they are now found mostly in the Indian states of **Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan** and the **Pakistani provinces of Sindh and Punjab**.

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58. Dari is an official language of

- i. Pakistan

- j. Afghanistan
- k. India
- l. Bangladesh

Ans:

B

Dari language, member of the Iranian branch of the Indo-Iranian family of languages and, along with **Pashto**, one of the two **official languages of Afghanistan**.

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59. The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme is run by the

- m. Ministry of Home Affairs
- n. Ministry of Education
- o. Ministry of Finance
- p. Ministry Of External Affairs

Ans: D

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme, ITEC for short, is the leading **capacity building platform of the Ministry Of External Affairs, Government of India**.

Instituted in **1964**, ITEC is one of the oldest institutionalized arrangements for international capacity building having trained more than 200,000 officials from 160+ countries in both the civilian and in the defence sector.

ITEC is **administered by the Development Partnership Administration-II Division of the Ministry of External Affairs**.

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60. Constitution bench of the Supreme Court of India is comprised of at least how many judges?

- q. 5
- r. 4
- s. 3
- t. 6

Ans: A

Constitution bench is the name given to the benches of the Supreme Court of India which consist of at least **five** judges of the court which sit to decide any case "involving a **substantial question of law** as to the **interpretation**" of the **Constitution of India** or "for the purpose of hearing any **reference**" **made by the President of India**

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61. Who is the Governor of Telangana as of March 2023?

- a. E. S. L. Narasimhan
- b. K. Chandrasekhar Rao
- c. Tamilisai Soundararajan
- d. V. Narayanasamy

Ans:

C



Tamilisai Soundararajan is an Indian politician serving as the 2nd and current Governor of Telangana, and is the **Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry** (Additional charge) since 18 February 2021

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62. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana is a scheme run by which of the following States?

- e. Telangana
- f. Karnataka
- g. Maharashtra
- h. Andhra Pradesh

Ans: C

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana, previously **Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana** (RGJAY), is a Universal **health care scheme** run by the Government of **Maharashtra** for the poor people of the state of Maharashtra

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63. Academy Award-winning documentary, 'The Elephant Whisperers', is directed by

- i. Priscilla Gonsalves
- j. Kartiki Gonsalves
- k. Guneet Monga
- l. Karan Thapliyal

Ans: B

The Elephant Whisperers is a **2022 Tamil-language short documentary** film directed by documentary filmmaker **Kartiki Gonsalves** in her directorial debut. The documentary is about the bond that develops **between a couple and an orphaned baby elephant, Raghu**, who was entrusted to their care.

It won the **Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Film** at the **95th Academy Awards**, making it the **first Indian film to win an Academy Award in that category**.

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64. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in

- m. Tamil Nadu
- n. Andhra Pradesh
- o. Karnataka
- p. Telangana

Ans:

A

Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is a protected area and tiger reserve in the Eastern Ghats in the Erode District of the Indian state of **Tamil Nadu**.

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65. Who is Asia's first woman loco pilot?

- q. Mamatha Raghuvver Achanta
- r. Kiranjit Ahluwalia
- s. Amala Akkineni
- t. Surekha Yadav

Ans:

D

**Surekha Yadav**, Asia's first woman loco pilot, has become the **first woman to operate the newly introduced semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express train**. A native of Satara district of **Maharashtra**, Ms. Yadav piloted the train between Solapur and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai

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66. Which one of the following Tiger Reserves is the background of the Academy Award winning documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers'?

- a. Mudumalai
- b. Anamalai
- c. Kalakad-Mundanthurai
- d. Srivilliputhur

Ans: A

The Elephant Whisperers tells the story of an **indigenous couple named Bomman and Bellie** who are entrusted with an **orphaned baby elephant named Raghu**. They take great pains to ensure that the fragile, injured infant survives and grows to be a healthy juvenile. A strong bond develops between the couple and the elephant.

**Set in the Mudumalai National Park in the state of Tamil Nadu**, India, the documentary also highlights the natural beauty of the location. It explores the life of the tribal people in harmony with nature.

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67. Who is the Chairperson of Bar Council of India as of March 2023?

- e. S. Prabhakaran
- f. Apurba Kumar Sharma
- g. Manan Kumar Mishra
- h. Manoj Kumar

Ans:

C

**Manan Kumar Mishra** is the Chairman

The Bar Council of India was established by Parliament under the **Advocates Act, 1961**.

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68. The McMahon Line is between India and

- i. Pakistan
- j. China
- k. Afghanistan
- l. Bangladesh

Ans: B

The McMahon Line serves as the **de facto boundary between China and India** in the **Eastern Sector**. It specifically represents the **boundary between Arunachal Pradesh and Tibet**, from Bhutan in the west to Myanmar in the east.

China has historically disputed the boundary and claims the state of Arunachal Pradesh as part of the Tibetan Autonomous Region (TAR).

The McMahon Line was **drawn during the Simla Convention of 1914**, officially described as the **Convention Between Great Britain, China, and Tibet**. China was represented at the convention by the government of the Republic of China, which was in power in the mainland from 1912 to 1949, when its leaders were driven to the island of Taiwan during the civil war that established the communists in Beijing and led to the proclamation of the People's Republic.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/mcmahon-line-us-senate-8499398/>

69. Who won Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Mediaperson for 2022?

- m. Dhanya Rajendran
- n. Aarefa Johari
- o. Arfa Khanum Sherwani
- p. Priyanka Dubey

Ans: A

**Dhanya Rajendran**, co-founder and editor-in-chief of **The News Minute** portal, has been declared the winner of the Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Mediaperson for 2022

The Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Women Mediaperson is an Indian journalism award **named after Chameli Devi Jain, an Indian independence activist** who became the first Jain woman to go to prison during India's independence struggle. The award was instituted in 1980 by **The Media Foundation** and is **given to women in the field of journalism**.

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70. Neeru river is a tributary of which river?

- q. Chenab
- r. Chambal
- s. Sutlej
- t. Jhelum

Ans: A

The Neeru is a tributary of the **Chenab** river.

Neeru, a 30-km perennial stream that **originates in the Kailash Lake** at 3,900 metres above mean sea level and drains into the Chenab at Pul-Doda.

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71. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) derives its power of investigation from which of the following Acts?

- a. The Police Act, 1861
- b. Central Vigilance Commission Act, 1956
- c. Central Investigation of Offences Act, 1973
- d. Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946

Ans: D

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), functioning under **Dept. of Personnel, Ministry of Personnel**, Pension & Public Grievances, Government of India

CBI derives power to investigate from the **Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946**

Section 2 of the Act vests DSPE with jurisdiction to **investigate offences in the Union Territories** only. However, the jurisdiction can be **extended by the Central Government to other areas** including **Railway** areas and **States** under Section 5(1) of the Act, **provided the State Government accords consent** under Section 6 of the Act.

The executive officers of CBI of the rank of Sub Inspector and above, exercise all powers of a station office in-charge of the police station for the concerned area for the purpose of investigation.

As per Section 3 of the Act, Special Police Establishment is authorised to investigate only those cases, which are **notified by the Central Government** from time to time.

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72. Who is the author of the Sahitya Akademi award-winning work 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India'?

- e. Shashi Tharoor
- f. Kiran Desai
- g. Mulk Raj Anand
- h. Vikram Seth

Ans: A

Shashi Tharoor is a Member of Parliament (Congress) from **Thiruvananthapuram** and the author of 24 books, including the **Sahitya Akademi award-winning 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India'**

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73. General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper or MQ-9 drone is developed by

- i. UK
- j. USA
- k. Russia
- l. Canada

Ans: B

The General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper (sometimes called **Predator B**) is an **unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)** capable of remotely controlled or autonomous flight operations, developed by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI) primarily for the **United States Air Force (USAF)**.

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74. "Naatu Naatu", an Academy Award winning song is composed by

- m. Chandrabose
- n. Rahul Sipligunj
- o. Kaala Bhairava

p. M. M. Keeravani

Ans: D

"Naatu Naatu" is an Indian **Telugu-language song composed by M. M. Keeravani**, with lyrics by **Chandrabose** and recorded by Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava for the soundtrack album of the 2022 Indian film **RRR**.

"Naatu Naatu" became the **first song from an Indian film to win Best Original Song** honours at the **Academy Awards**, and at the **Golden Globe Awards**, as well as the first song from an Asian film to win the former.

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75. Which movie won the 'Best Picture' award at the 95th Academy Awards?

- q. Everything Everywhere All at Once
- r. All Quiet On The Western Front
- s. The Banshees Of Inisherin
- t. Triangle Of Sadness

Ans: A

**Everything Everywhere All at Once** is a 2022 American absurdist comedy-drama film written and directed by **Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert**, who produced it with Anthony and Joe Russo and Jonathan Wang.

Everything Everywhere All at Once is the **most awarded film of all time**. It received a leading eleven nominations at the 95th Academy Awards, and won a leading **seven awards: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actress (Yeoh), Best Supporting Actor (Quan), Best Supporting Actress (Curtis), Best Original Screenplay, and Best Film Editing**.

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76. Which of the following States in India has prohibition of sale of alcohol in place as of March 2023?

- a. Bihar
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Odisha

Ans: A

**Alcohol prohibition** in India is in force in the states of **Bihar, Gujarat, Mizoram, and Nagaland**. All other Indian states and union territories permit the sale of alcohol.

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77. PM MITRA scheme is related to

- e. Tourism
- f. Textiles
- g. Telecommunication
- h. Skill development

Ans: B

The Centre has selected sites in **Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh** and **Uttar Pradesh** to set up new textile parks, a year and a half after the **PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme** was announced.

The Centre envisages an investment of nearly ₹70,000 crore into the parks, with employment generation for about 20 lakh people, **Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal** said. The parks will function as centres of opportunity to create an **integrated textiles value chain** — from spinning, weaving, processing, dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing — all at one location.

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78. Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve is in

- i. Assam
- j. Meghalaya
- k. Arunachal Pradesh
- l. Sikkim

Ans: C

Namdapha National Park is a large protected area in **Arunachal Pradesh** of Northeast India.

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79. In March 2023, which of the following States in India has announced the formation of 19 new districts, taking the total number of districts in the State to 50?

- m. Madhya Pradesh
- n. Maharashtra
- o. Gujarat
- p. Rajasthan

Ans: D

**Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot** announced the formation of 19 new districts, taking the total number of districts in the State to 50

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80. In which of the following places was the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Tourism Ministers' meeting held in March 2023?

- q. Varanasi
- r. Puri
- s. Ujjain
- t. Somnath

Ans: A

The two-day **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** Tourism Ministers' meeting held in **Varanasi** with a likely joint action plan on the development of cooperation in tourism to be adopted during the gathering.

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81. Ramlila Maidan is located in

- a. Mumbai

- b. New Delhi
- c. Kolkata
- d. Lucknow

Ans: B

Ramlila Maidan also Ramlila Ground is a large ground located in **New Delhi**, India, traditionally used for **staging the annual Ramlila**. It is used for religious festivals, major political rallies and meetings, and entertainment events. It is located near New Delhi Railway Station and Delhi Gate.

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82. Who is the Chairperson of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) as of March 2023?

- e. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- f. Ashishkumar Chauhan
- g. K Narasimha Murthy
- h. S Sudarshan

Ans: A

Girish Chandra Chaturvedi (Chairperson)

**NSE was incorporated in 1992**. It was recognised as a stock exchange by SEBI in April 1993 and **commenced operations in 1994** with the launch of the wholesale debt market, followed shortly after by the launch of the cash market segment.

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83. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is headquartered in

- i. Maharashtra
- j. Kerala
- k. Karnataka
- l. Gujarat

Ans: A

The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is India's premier **nuclear research facility**, headquartered in **Trombay, Mumbai, Maharashtra**, India.

It was **founded by Homi Jehangir Bhabha** as the Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay (AEET) in **1954** as a multidisciplinary research program essential for India's nuclear program.

It operates under the **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)**, which is directly overseen by the **Prime Minister of India**.

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84. Kosovo is a partially recognised state in

- m. Africa
- n. Australia
- o. Central America
- p. Europe

Ans:

D

Kosovo is a partially recognised state in **Southeast Europe**. It lies at the **centre of the Balkans**.

Kosovo **unilaterally declared its independence from Serbia** on 17 February **2008**, and has since gained diplomatic recognition as a sovereign state by 101 member states of the United Nations.

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85. In which year was the Hindu Succession Amendment Act passed?

- q. 2000
- r. 2004
- s. 2005
- t. 2007

Ans: C

The Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, **2005**, an amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956

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86. 49th G7 summit (2023) will be held in

- a. Japan
- b. USA
- c. India
- d. UK

Ans: A

The 49th G7 summit will be held from 19 to 21 May 2023 in **Hiroshima**, Chūgoku, Hiroshima Prefecture, **Japan**.

Mr. Modi accepted Mr. Kishida's request to be one of the **special invitees to the G-7 summit** of the world's seven most developed countries on May 19-21. Among other special invitees announced are leaders of **Brazil, Indonesia, Australia, South Korea, Vietnam, the Cook Islands and Comoros**.

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87. Hyderabad House is in

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

Ans: B

Hyderabad House is an official residence in **New Delhi**, India. It is the **State Guest House of the Prime Minister of India**.

It is used by the Government of India for banquets, and as a venue for meetings with visiting foreign dignitaries.

It was **designed by British architect Edwin Lutyens** as a residence for Mir Osman Ali Khan, the last Nizam of Hyderabad.

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88. What is XBB1.16?

- a. New COVID variant
- b. High Yield Seed variety
- c. Protein
- d. Genetically engineered substance

Ans:

A

New **Covid Variant (XBB1.16)**

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89. The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), jointly initiated by the Union Health Ministry of Health and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) with Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council of Medical

Research (ICMR), is a consortium of \_\_\_\_\_ laboratories to monitor the genomic variations in the SARS-CoV-2.

- a. 50
- b. 54
- c. 58
- d. 62

Ans: B

The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), jointly initiated by the Union Health Ministry of Health, and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) with Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), is a consortium of **54** laboratories to monitor the genomic variations in the SARS-CoV-2.

INSACOG is a multi-laboratory, multi-agency, Pan-India network to monitor genomic variations in the SARS-CoV-2 by a sentinel sequencing effort which is facilitated by **the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi** involving the Central Surveillance Unit (CSU) under **Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)**.

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90. Gyanvapi Mosque is located in

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

Ans:

C

The Gyanvapi Mosque is located in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**, India. It was constructed by **Aurangzeb** in 1669

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91. Electoral Bonds would have a life of only 15 days during which it can be used for making donation only to the political parties registered under section 29A of the Representation of the Peoples Act of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. 1947
- b. 1950
- c. 1951
- d. 1955

Ans: C

Electoral Bond would be a bearer instrument in the nature of a **Promissory Note** and an **interest free** banking instrument. A **citizen of India or a body incorporated in India** will be **eligible** to purchase the bond.

Electoral bond would be issued/purchased for any value, in **multiples of `1,000, `10,000, `1,00,000, `10,00,000 and `1,00,00,000** from the **specified branches of the State Bank of India (SBI)**.

The purchaser would be allowed to buy electoral bond(s) only on due fulfilment of all the extant KYC norms and by making payment from a bank account. It will not carry the name of payee

Electoral Bonds would have a life of only 15 days during which it can be used for making donation only to the political parties registered under **section 29A of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951** and which secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or a Legislative Assembly.

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92. Kremlin is currently associated with which country?

- e. Israel
- f. Russia
- g. Ukraine
- h. Germany

Ans: B

As throughout its history, the Kremlin remains the heart of the city. It is the symbol of both Russian and (for a time) Soviet power and authority, and it has served as the **official residence of the president of the Russian Federation since 1991.**

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93. Myocardial infarction is related to

- i. Heart
- j. Lungs
- k. Liver
- l. Brain

Ans: A

Myocardial infarction (MI), colloquially known as "**heart attack**," is caused by **decreased or complete cessation of blood flow to a portion of the myocardium.**

Myocardial infarction may be "silent," and go undetected, or it could be a catastrophic event leading to hemodynamic deterioration and sudden death.

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94. Section 354 (5) of the \_\_\_\_\_ mandates that a person sentenced to death shall "be hanged by the neck till he is dead".

- m. Indian Penal Code
- n. Constitution of India
- o. Code of Civil Procedure
- p. Code of Criminal Procedure

Ans: D

Section 354 (5) of the **Code of Criminal Procedure** mandates that a person sentenced to death shall "be hanged by the neck till he is dead"

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95. The New Pension Scheme comes into operation with effect from which of the following years?

- q. 2000
- r. 2002

- s. 2004
- t. 2010

Ans:

C

Govt. of India, **Ministry of Finance, Deptt. Of Expenditure** has introduced a **New Defined Contribution Pension Scheme** replacing the existing System of Defined benefit Pension System.

The New Pension Scheme **comes into operation w.e.f. 1.1.2004** and is applicable to all new entrants to **Central Govt. service except to Armed Forces** joining Govt. service on or after 1.1.2004.

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96. Chanakyapuri is located in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Patna
- c. Mumbai
- d. Lucknow

Ans: A

Chanakyapuri is a neighbourhood and diplomatic enclave established in the 1950s in **New Delhi**.

It is also a sub-division of the New Delhi district and plays host to the majority of foreign embassies in New Delhi.

Chanakyapuri, meaning "city of Chanakya", is named after Chanakya, an ancient Indian philosopher, politician, military strategist and **advisor to emperor Chandragupta Maurya**.

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97. Bhavani Sangameswarar Temple is located in which of the following States?

- e. Karnataka
- f. Tamil Nadu
- g. Telangana
- h. Maharashtra

Ans: B

Sangameswarar temple (also called **Thirunana and Thirukooduthurai**) is a temple in Bhavani, in the Erode district, of the Indian state of **Tamil Nadu**. It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord **Shiva**.

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98. Kartarpur Corridor connects Lahore and \_\_\_\_\_

- i. Ladakh
- j. Jammu
- k. Punjab
- l. Rajasthan

Ans:

C

The Kartarpur Corridor is a **visa-free border crossing and religious corridor**,

connecting the **Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, near Lahore in Pakistan to Gurudwara Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur district, Punjab, India**  
Kartarpur corridor was opened in **2019**.

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99. Diammonium phosphate can be used as a
- m. Fertilizer
  - n. Fire retardant
  - o. Yeast nutrient
  - p. All

Ans: D

Diammonium phosphate (DAP) is the world's **most widely used phosphorus fertilizer**  
Diammonium phosphate is one of a series of water-soluble ammonium phosphate salts that can be produced when **ammonia reacts with phosphoric acid**.

DAP can be used as a **fire retardant**.

DAP is also used as a **yeast nutrient** in winemaking and mead-making.

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100. Who among the following was/were awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2023?
- q. S.M. Krishna
  - r. Kapil Kapoor
  - s. Raman Cheruvayal
  - t. All

Ans: A

Former Karnataka Chief Minister **S.M. Krishna was given the Padma Vibhushan**, the second highest civilian award.

Noted architect **Balkrishna Doshi**, known for his minimalistic, simple and eco-friendly approach to architecture, was also given the **Padma Vibhushan** posthumously  
**Industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla**, chairman of the Aditya Birla Group (ABG), was given the **Padma Bhushan**.

Delhi-based professor **Kapil Kapoor**, **spiritual leader Kamlesh D. Patel** and **playback singer Suman Kalyanpur** were also among those who were honoured with the **Padma Bhushan**, the country's third highest civilian award.

**Stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala**, who had passed away last year, was given the **Padma Shri** posthumously.

**Jodhaiya Bai Baiga**, a **prominent artist of Baiga painting**; **Usha Barle**, **performer of Pandwani and Panthi** art forms of **Chhattisgarh**, and **Raman Cheruvayal**, a **tribal farmer from Kerala** who is known for his contribution to sustainable agriculture and preservation of biodiversity, were given the **Padma Shri**

The **President had approved 106 Padma awards** on the eve of Republic Day and over 54 people were given on Wednesday. Two awardees including **music legend**

**Zakir Hussain, who has been honoured with Padma Vibhushan**, were not present at the ceremony. The rest of the awardees would be conferred the honour in another ceremony later.

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101. Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 499 and 500 deals with
- Sedition
  - Marital rape
  - Defamation
  - Dowry death

Ans:

C

Section 500 in The Indian Penal Code

**500. Punishment for defamation.**—Whoever defames another shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

Section 499 in The Indian Penal Code

**499. Defamation.**—Whoever, by words either spoken or intended to be read, or by signs or by visible representations, makes or publishes any imputation concerning any person intending to harm, or knowing or having reason to believe that such imputation will harm, the reputation of such person, is said, except in the cases hereinafter expected, to defame that person.

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102. In which of the following judgments, Supreme Court of India had declared that a lawmaker stands immediately disqualified on attracting a sentence of two years or more unless the conviction is stayed by a higher court?
- S R Bommai case
  - Lily Thomas case
  - Navtej Singh Johar case
  - Indra Sawhney case

Ans: B

In the landmark **2013 Lily Thomas v Union of India judgment**, the Supreme Court had clearly spelt out that a lawmaker stands immediately disqualified on attracting a sentence of two years or more unless the conviction is stayed by a higher court.

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103. Bedaquiline, recently seen in news, is used to treat
- Cancer
  - Emphysema
  - Tuberculosis
  - Ischemic heart disease

Ans: C

Bedaquiline is a **quinoline-based antimycobacterial drug** used (as its **fumarate salt**) for the treatment of **pulmonary multi-drug resistant tuberculosis by inhibition of**

**ATP synthase**, an enzyme essential for the replication of the **mycobacteria**. It has a role as an antitubercular agent and an ATP synthase inhibitor.

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104. The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) is located at
- m. New Delhi
  - n. Mumbai
  - o. Kolkata
  - p. Chennai

Ans:

B

The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) is located at **Mumbai**. The **Head Office of the Patent office is at Kolkata** and its Branch offices are located at Chennai, New Delhi and Mumbai.

The **Trade Marks registry is at Mumbai** and its Branches are located in Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad and New Delhi.

The **Design Office is located at Kolkata** in the Patent Office.

The Offices of The Patent Information System (PIS) and **National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (NIIPM) are at Nagpur**.

The Controller General supervises the working of the **Patents Act, 1970**, as amended, the **Designs Act, 2000** and the **Trade Marks Act, 1999** and also renders advice to the Government on matters relating to these subjects.

In order to protect the Geographical Indications of goods a **Geographical Indications Registry has been established in Chennai** to administer the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999** under the CGPDTM.

The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) generally known as the **Indian Patent Office**, is an agency under the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

In a victory for patients fighting for wider access to the crucial **anti-tuberculosis drug Bedaquiline**, the **Indian Patent Office rejected U.S. pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson's** attempt to extend its monopoly on manufacturing the drug in India beyond July 2023.

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105. Lupin is a
- q. Fertilizer company
  - r. Pharmaceutical company
  - s. Agricultural start up
  - t. Drone

Ans: B

Lupin Limited is an **Indian multinational pharmaceutical company** based in **Mumbai**. It is one of the largest **generic pharmaceutical companies** by revenue globally.



J&J's primary patents on Bedaquiline expire in July, paving the way for generic drug manufacturers such as **Lupin and Macleods**, among others, to produce Bedaquiline, thus ensuring cheaper and wider access to the drug.

Since 2007, J&J had indulged in 'evergreening' — a strategy to extend the life of patents about to expire in order to retain revenues from them — by making multiple claims in its applications for patent extensions.

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106. India has signed \_\_\_\_ Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and \_\_\_\_ Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) as of March 2023

- a. 10, 6
- b. 14, 9
- c. 13, 6
- d. 20, 8

Ans: C

The government informed that India has signed **13** Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and **six** Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) so far, adding that **FTA negotiations with the U.K, Canada and the European Union will be concluded in the "upcoming year"**.

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107. Galwan River flows through which part of India?

- e. Jammu
- f. Ladakh
- g. Arunachal Pradesh
- h. Sikkim

Ans: B

- The **Galwan River** flows from the **disputed Aksai Chin area administered by China to the Union Territory of Ladakh, India**.
- It originates near the caravan campsite Samzungling on the eastern side of the **Karakoram range** and flows west to **join the Shyok River**. The point of confluence is 102 km south of Daulat Beg Oldi. **Shyok River itself is a tributary of the Indus River**, making Galwan a part of the Indus River system.
- The narrow valley of the Galwan River as it flows through the Karakoram mountains has been a flashpoint between China and India in their border dispute.
- In 2020, **China attempted to advance further in the Galwan Valley**, leading to a bloody clash on 16 June **2020**.

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108. India imports 70% of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients from which of the following countries?

- i. Vietnam

- j. China
- k. USA
- l. Russia

Ans: B

India imports 70 per cent of its API requirements from China, particularly **vitamins and antibiotics**, according to industry data

The report said India's competitive position in the pharmaceutical sector is undermined by its high import dependence for **bulk drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)**, especially from China.

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109. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is implemented by which of the following ministries?

- m. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- n. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- o. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- p. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Ans: D

In May 2016, **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)**, introduced the '**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**' (PMUY) as a flagship scheme with an objective to make **clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households** which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes etc. Usage of traditional cooking fuels had detrimental impacts on the health of rural women as well as on the environment.

The scheme was launched on 1st May 2016 in **Ballia, Uttar Pradesh** by Prime Minister of India

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110. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is chaired by the

- q. Prime Minister of India
- r. Union Finance Minister
- s. Cabinet Secretary
- t. Chief Economic Advisor

Ans: A

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) is chaired by the Prime Minister

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111. Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain are related to which of the following sports?

- a. Cricket
- b. Boxing
- c. Tennis
- d. Badminton

Ans: B

Lovlina Borgohain is an Indian **boxer**. She won a bronze medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in the women's welterweight event, becoming only the third Indian boxer to win a medal at the Olympics.

Borgohain is the first female athlete and the second boxer from Assam to represent the state in the Olympics.

Nikhat Zareen is an Indian boxer who is 2 time world champion.

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112. The 'world's highest railway bridge' was built over

- e. Chenab river
- f. Manas river
- g. Teesta river
- h. Kali river

Ans: A

The 'world's highest railway bridge', built at a height of 359 metres over the **Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district**

The ₹1,486-crore Chenab railway bridge is **part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project**, which will connect the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country.

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113. Samaspur Bird Sanctuary is in

- i. Maharashtra
- j. Uttar Pradesh
- k. Bihar
- l. Chhattisgarh

Ans: B

Samaspur Bird Sanctuary is a protected area situated near Salon in Raebareli district, **Uttar Pradesh**

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114. OneWeb Network Access Associates Limited, a communications company that aims to build broadband satellite Internet services, is headquartered in

- m. London
- n. New York
- o. Singapore
- p. Mumbai

Ans:

A

OneWeb Network Access Associates Limited is a communications company that aims to build broadband satellite Internet services. The company is headquartered in **London**.

115. Which of the following is the heaviest payload rocket of the Indian Space Research Organisation as of March 2023?

- q. LVM1
- r. LVM2
- s. LVM3
- t. LVM7

Ans: C

- LVM3, the **heaviest payload rocket of the Indian Space Research Organisation**, carrying 36 OneWeb satellites on board, took off from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre. This is the **sixth flight of LVM3**.
- The Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3), previously referred as the **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV Mk3)**, is a **three-stage** medium-lift launch vehicle developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
  - Primarily designed to launch communication satellites into **geostationary orbit**, it is also due to launch crewed missions under the **Indian Human Spaceflight Programme**.
  - GSLV Mk III has a higher payload capacity than its **predecessor, GSLV Mk II**

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116. What is the interest rate provided under Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme as of March 2023?

- a. 9.3
- b. 7.6
- c. 8.3
- d. 6.5

Ans: B

It is 7.6

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

Ministry: **Ministry of Women and Child Development**

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117. Who chaired the Committee on Comprehensive Review of National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) which was constituted by Ministry of Finance to recommend on the reforms required in NSSF?

- e. Shaktikanta Das
- f. R Sridharan
- g. Shyamala Gopinath
- h. Sudhir Shrivastava

Ans:

C

It was chaired by Shyamala Gopinath

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118. Rohingya people are indigenous to

- i. Bangladesh
- j. Myanmar
- k. Thailand
- l. India

Ans:

B

The Rohingya people are a stateless Indo-Aryan ethnic group who predominantly follow Islam and reside in **Rakhine State, Myanmar**.

The Rohingya maintain they are indigenous to western Myanmar with a heritage of over a millennium and influence from the Arabs, Mughals, and Portuguese.

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119. Bachpan Bachao Andolan was started by

- m. Kailash Satyarthi
- n. Amrita Pritam
- o. Jhumpa Lahiri
- p. Harivansh Rai Bachchan

Ans:

A

Bachpan Bachao Andolan is an India-based **children's rights movement**. It was started in **1980** by Nobel Laureate **Kailash Satyarthi**. It campaigns against bonded labour, child labour and human trafficking, and promotes the right to education for all children.

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120. Who is the Chairperson of Steel Authority of India Limited as of March 2023?

- q. P K Singh
- r. Anup K pujari
- s. Soma Mondal
- t. Anil Kumar Chaudhary

Ans:

C

Soma Mondal has assumed the position of Chairman, SAIL w.e.f. 1st January, 2021. Soma Mondal has the distinction of not only being the first woman Functional Director of SAIL, but she is also the **first woman Chairman of the Company**.

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Public Sector Undertaking of the Government of India under the **Ministry of Steel**

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121. Jamia Millia Islamia is a central university located in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Aligarh
- c. Agra
- d. Hyderabad

Ans:

A

Jamia Millia Islamia is a central university located in **New Delhi**, India. Originally established at Aligarh, United Provinces during the British Raj in 1920, it moved to its current location in Okhla in 1935. It was given the **deemed status by University Grants Commission in 1962**.

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122. Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is composed of how many members including the Chairperson as of March 2023?

- e. 15
- f. 33
- g. 41
- h. 47

Ans: C

It currently has 41 members.

The Central Board of Trustees, EPF is a **statutory body constituted by the Central Government** under the provisions of section 5A of the **Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952**. The tenure of the Board is **five years**.

Chairman: **Bhupender Yadav Minister for Labour & Employment**,

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123. Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre comes under which ministry?

- i. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- j. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- k. Ministry of Science and Technology
- l. Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans: D

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre is a government initiative to deal with cybercrime in India, in a coordinated and effective manner. It is affiliated to the Ministry of **Home Affairs**.

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124. National Database on Sexual Offenders (NDSO) is a central database of sexual offenders in the country which is being maintained by the

- m. CBI
- n. Enforcement Directorate
- o. National Crime Records Bureau
- p. Central Vigilance Commission

Ans: C

The Ministry of Home Affairs has launched the National Database on Sexual Offenders (NDSO) on 20th September **2018**. This online facility is exclusively for the use of law enforcement agencies having access to Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS). NDSO is a central database of sexual offenders in the country which is **being maintained by the NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau)**.

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125. Article 32 in The Constitution Of India 1949 deals with

- q. Writ jurisdiction

- r. Child labour
- s. Religious freedom
- t. Self-incrimination

Ans: A

Article 32 in the Constitution of India 1949

**Remedies for enforcement of rights** conferred by this Part

(1) The **right to move the Supreme Court** by appropriate proceedings for the enforcement of the rights conferred by this Part is guaranteed

(2) The **Supreme Court** shall have power to **issue directions or orders or writs**, including writs in the nature of **habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, quo warranto and certiorari, whichever** may be appropriate, for the enforcement of any of the rights conferred by this Part

(3) Without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Supreme Court by clause ( 1 ) and ( 2 ), **Parliament may by law empower any other court to exercise within the local limits** of its jurisdiction all or any of the powers exercisable by the Supreme Court under clause ( 2 )

(4) The right guaranteed by this article shall not be suspended except as otherwise provided for by this Constitution

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126. In which year was the cheetah declared extinct in India?

- a. 1947
- b. 1952
- c. 1955
- d. 1960

Ans: B

Cheetah was declared extinct in 1952.

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127. Model Code of Conduct is issued by

- e. Election Commission
- f. Union Cabinet
- g. CAG
- h. CBI

Ans:

A

The Model Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines **issued by the Election Commission of India** for the conduct of political parties and candidates during elections mainly with respect to speeches, polling day, polling booths, portfolios, election manifestos, processions, and general conduct

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128. When was the University Grants Commission come into existence?

- i. 1950
- j. 1953



k. 1956

l. 1960

Ans: B

The University Grants Commission (UGC) **came into existence on 28th December, 1953** and became a statutory Organization of the Government of India by an **Act of Parliament in 1956**, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education.

Soon after Independence, the **University Education Commission was set up in 1948 under the Chairmanship of S Radhakrishnan** "to report on Indian university education and suggest improvements and extensions that might be desirable to suit the present and future needs and aspirations of the country". It **recommended that the University Grants Committee be reconstituted** on the general model of the University Grants Commission of the United Kingdom with a full-time Chairman and other members to be appointed from amongst educationists of repute.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) **was formally inaugurated by late Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the then Minister of Education**, Natural Resources and Scientific Research on 28 December **1953**.

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129. National Company Law Appellate Tribunal was constituted under which of the following Acts?

- m. Companies Act, 2013
- n. Companies Act, 1956
- o. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
- p. Finance Act, 2017

Ans:

A

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) was constituted under Section 410 of the Companies Act, **2013** for hearing appeals against the orders of **National Company Law Tribunal(s) (NCLT), with effect from 1st June, 2016.**

NCLAT is also the **Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders passed by NCLT(s)** under Section 61 of the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016** (IBC), with effect from 1st December, 2016. NCLAT is also the Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders passed by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India under Section 202 and Section 211 of IBC.

NCLAT is also the **Appellate Tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals against any direction issued or decision made or order passed by the Competition Commission** of India (CCI) – as per the amendment brought to Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013 by Section 172 of the Finance Act, 2017, with effect from 26th May, 2017.

NCLAT is also the **Appellate Tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals against the orders of the National Financial Reporting Authority** – as per the amendment brought to Section 410 (a) of the Companies Act, 2013 by Section 83 of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2017, with effect from 7th May, 2018.

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130. Coking coal is mainly used in

- q. Rail transport
- r. Steel making
- s. Industrial lighting
- t. Heating

Ans: B

Metallurgical coal, also known as coking coal, is used to produce coke, the **primary source of carbon used in steelmaking.** Metallurgical coal differs from thermal coal, which is used for energy and heating, by its carbon content and its coking ability.

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131. Pembrolizumab, sold under the brand name Keytruda is used in the treatment of
- Cancer
  - TB
  - AIDS
  - Leprosy

Ans:

A

Pembrolizumab, sold under the brand name Keytruda, is a humanized antibody used in **cancer** immunotherapy that treats melanoma, lung cancer, head and neck cancer, Hodgkin lymphoma, stomach cancer, cervical cancer, and certain types of breast cancer. It is given by slow injection into a vein.

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132. Which ministry formulates National Policy for Treatment of Rare Diseases in India?
- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
  - Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
  - Ministry of Health and family Welfare
  - Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Ans: C

**Ministry of Health and family Welfare**, Government of India formulated a National Policy for Treatment of Rare Diseases (NPTRD)

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133. Who is the Chairperson of Indian Council of Historical Research as of March 2023?
- Himanshu Chaturvedi
  - Tamo Mibang
  - Raghuvendra Tanwar
  - Umesh Kadam

Ans: C

**Raghuvendra Tanwar** is the Chair.

The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) is an **autonomous organization under the Ministry of Education**, Government of India, It was established by the Ministry of Education & Social Welfare, Govt. of India (now, Ministry of Education) on 27th March **1972**

ICHR was **registered under Societies Registration Act (1860)** being an Act for registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies in India.

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134. Yangli festival is celebrated in which State/UT?
- Karnataka
  - Assam

- o. Ladakh
- p. Punjab

Ans: B

**Yangli festival of the Tiwa community is in Assam**

Yangli, an occasion to celebrate a bountiful harvest, is an important festival of the Tiwas as agriculture is the mainstay of their economy.

The **Tiwa people, are a Tibeto-Burmese ethnic group** primarily inhabiting the Northeast Indian states of **Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland**, and some parts of neighbouring Bangladesh and Myanmar.

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135. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. The FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act of \_\_\_\_\_

- q. 2000
- r. 2004
- s. 2006
- t. 2010

Ans: C

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. The FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, **2006**, which is a **consolidating statute** related to food safety and regulation in India.

**Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS)** is an enhanced version of Food Licensing and Registration System (FLRS) which was launched in **2012** for issuance of pan-India FSSAI Licenses and Registration.

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