

1. In which year was the Disaster Management Act passed in India?
  - a. 2004
  - b. 2005
  - c. 2006
  - d. 2007

Ans:B

The mid nineties and the subsequent decade saw much international debate & discussion around Disaster Response & Preparedness. Some of the notable and more impactful ones were the Yokohama Strategy Plan (1994) & the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005), adopted by the UN. During the same period India faced some of its most severe natural calamities like Orissa Super Cyclone (1999), Gujarat Earthquake (2001) and Indian Ocean Tsunami (2004). This succession of events and the International environment brought to fore, the need of comprehensive disaster management plan. This led to the enactment of the Disaster Management Act on December 26th , 2005. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was constituted to lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management.

At present, National Disaster Response Force consist of 15 battalions from the BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP, SSB and Assam Rifles. Each battalion have 18 self-contained specialist search and rescue teams of 45 personnel each including engineers, technicians, electricians, dog squads and medical/paramedics. The total strength of each battalion is 1,149. All the 15 battalions have been equipped and trained to respond natural as well as man-made disasters. Battalions are also trained and equipped for response during chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) emergencies.

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2. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is headed by
  - a. Union Minister of Home Affairs
  - b. Prime Minister of India
  - c. Cabinet Secretary
  - d. None

Ans: B

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), headed by the Prime Minister of India, is the apex body for Disaster Management in India. Setting up of NDMA and the creation of an enabling environment for institutional mechanisms at the State and District levels is mandated by the Disaster Management Act, 2005. NDMA is mandated to lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for Disaster Management. India envisions the development of an ethos of Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness and Response.

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3. The Thrissur Pooram is an annual Hindu temple festival held in which State?
- Tamil Nadu
  - Kerala
  - Goa
  - Odisha

Ans: B

The Thrissur Pooram is an annual Hindu temple festival held in Thrissur, Kerala, India. It is held at the Vadakkunnathan (Shiva) Temple in Thrissur every year on the Pooram day—the day when the moon rises with the Pooram star in the Malayalam Calendar month of Medam. It is the largest and most famous of all poorams in India

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4. Who became the World Chess Champion in 2023?
- Ding Liren
  - Magnus Carlsen
  - Ian Nepomniachtchi
  - Maxime Vachier-Lagrave

Ans:A

Ding Liren is a Chinese chess grandmaster and the reigning World Chess Champion. He is the highest-rated Chinese chess player in history and also a three-time Chinese Chess Champion. He was the winner of the 2019 Grand Chess Tour, beating Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in the finals and winning the 2019 Sinquefield Cup, as the first player since 2007 to beat Magnus Carlsen in a playoff. Ding is the first Chinese player ever to play in a Candidates Tournament and pass the 2800 Elo mark on the FIDE world rankings. In July 2016, with a Blitz rating of 2875, he was the highest rated Blitz player in the world.

Ding was undefeated in classical chess from August 2017 to November 2018, recording 29 victories and 71 draws. This 100-game unbeaten streak was the longest in top-level chess history, until Carlsen surpassed it in 2019. Ding is currently No. 3 in classical chess, behind only Carlsen and Ian Nepomniachtchi, and won the World Chess Championship 2023 over Nepomniachtchi (having qualified as Carlsen declined to defend his title, and by coming in second to Nepomniachtchi in the Candidates Tournament 2022), becoming the first Chinese player to hold the title.

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5. Bajrang Punia is associated with
- Wrestling
  - Boxing

- c. Badminton
- d. Tennis

Ans:A

Bajrang Punia is an Indian freestyle wrestler, who competes in the 65-kg weight category. At the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Punia won a bronze medal by defeating Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov with a 8-0 margin. Punia is the only Indian wrestler to win 4 medals at the World Wrestling Championships.

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6. The Supreme Court held that its extraordinary discretion under Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution can be used to do “complete justice” for couples trapped in bitter marriages by granting them divorce by mutual consent, sparing them the “misery” of waiting for six to 18 months for a local court to declare the annulment final.
- a. 14
  - b. 280
  - c. 226
  - d. 142

Ans:D

The Supreme Court held that its extraordinary discretion under Article 142 of the Constitution can be used to do “complete justice” for couples trapped in bitter marriages by granting them divorce by mutual consent, sparing them the “misery” of waiting for six to 18 months for a local court to declare the annulment final.

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7. Which of the following States has become the second State to start a caste-based survey after Bihar?
- a. Uttar Pradesh
  - b. Odisha
  - c. Maharashtra
  - d. Madhya Pradesh

Ans: B

The Odisha government began the survey of people from the Other Backward Classes (OBC) belonging to 210 castes in the State to determine their social and educational status, said a government official.

Odisha is the second State to conduct the survey after Bihar.

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8. Article 200 in The Constitution Of India deals with
- Bill passed by the Assembly
  - Writ jurisdiction of High Court
  - Administrative Tribunals
  - Parliamentary privileges

**Ans:A**

### **200. Assent to Bills**

When a Bill has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of a State or, in the case of a State having a Legislative Council, has been passed by both Houses of the Legislature of the State, it shall be presented to the Governor and the Governor shall declare either that he assents to the Bill or that he withholds assent therefrom or that he reserves the Bill for the consideration of the President: Provided that the Governor may, as soon as possible after the presentation to him of the Bill for assent, return the Bill if it is not a Money Bill together with a message requesting that the House or Houses will reconsider the Bill or any specified provisions thereof and, in particular, will consider the desirability of introducing any such amendments as he may recommend in his message and, when a Bill is so returned, the House or Houses shall reconsider the Bill accordingly, and if the Bill is passed again by the House or Houses with or without amendment and presented to the Governor for assent, the Governor shall not withhold assent therefrom: Provided further that the Governor shall not assent to, but shall reserve for the consideration of the President, any Bill which in the opinion of the Governor would, if it became law, so derogate from the powers of the High Court as to endanger the position which that Court is by this Constitution designed to fill

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9. Film and Television Institute of India is located in
- Chennai
  - Kolkata
  - Mumbai
  - Pune

**Ans:D**

The Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) is a film institute under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Government of India and aided by the Central Government of India. It is situated on the premises of the erstwhile Prabhat Film Company in **Pune**. It was established in 1960 and its alumni includes technicians, actors and directors in the film and television industry.

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10. Who is the Women's World Chess Champion in 2023?

- a. Ju Wenjun
- b. Jo Sanjun
- c. Njeri Serapiti
- d. Jkoro Mirabachi

Ans:A

The Women's World Chess Championship (WWCC) is played to determine the world champion in women's chess. Like the World Chess Championship, it is administered by FIDE.

China's Ding Liren's victory after a hard-fought game in the World Chess Championship final against Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi marked a significant moment in chess history. Ding is only the second Asian to win the coveted title after Indian legend Viswanathan Anand, who wore the crown five times. The Super Grandmaster (GM) from China is also the world champion at a time when **his compatriot Ju Wenjun holds the Women's World Chess Championship** title.

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11. Which airline has recently filed voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings before National Company Law Tribunal?

- a. Air India
- b. Jet Airways
- c. Spice Jet
- d. Go First

Ans:D

Low-cost carrier Go First has filed for bankruptcy at the National Company Law Tribunal and suspended its flight operations for May 3, 4, and 5 over mounting losses, which it has attributed to delays in the delivery of Pratt & Whitney engines, resulting in the grounding of half its fleet.

Go First, founded as GoAir, was an Indian ultra-low-cost airline based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was owned by the Indian business conglomerate Wadia Group

The airline ceased its operations on May 3, 2023 and filed an application for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings before NCLT.

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12. The Central Government has constituted National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under section 408 of the \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Companies Act, 1956
- b. Companies Act, 2013
- c. Competition Act, 2002
- d. Tribunal Act, 2014

Ans: B

"The Central Government has constituted National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under section 408 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) w.e.f. 01st June 2016. In the first phase the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has set up eleven Benches, one Principal Bench at New Delhi and ten other Benches at New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai. These Benches are headed by the President Chief Justice (Retd.) Ramalingam Sudhakar and comprises of sixteen Judicial Members and nine Technical Members at different locations. Subsequently, more Benches at Cuttack, Jaipur, Kochi, Amravati, and Indore have been setup and new members have joined"

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13. Who was the Director General of Civil Aviation in April 2023?

- a. Vikram Dev Dutt
- b. Bir Singh Rai
- c. Ravi Krishna
- d. Puja Singh Mandol

Ans:A

Vikram Dev Dutt: Director General

Directorate General of Civil Aviation is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is the regulatory body in the field of Civil Aviation primarily dealing with safety issues. It is responsible for regulation of air transport services to/from/within India and for enforcement of civil air regulations, air safety and airworthiness standards. It also co-ordinates all regulatory functions with International Civil Aviation Organisation.

The headquarters are located in New Delhi with regional offices in the various parts of India.

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14. WTO is headquartered in

- a. Rome

- b. New York
- c. Chennai
- d. Geneva

Ans:D

The World Trade Organization is an intergovernmental organization that regulates and facilitates international trade. With effective cooperation in the United Nations System, governments use the organization to establish, revise, and enforce the rules that govern international trade

Founded: 1 January 1995

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

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15. Who became the first Asian to complete the 30,000-mile Golden Globe Race (GGR)?

- a. Robin Knox-Johnston
- b. Abhilash Tomy
- c. Kirsten Neuschäfer
- d. Amitru Potratru

Ans: B

Abhilash Tomy, former Commander in the Indian Navy who became the first Indian to go around the world on a sailboat solo and unassisted back in 2013, has now attained another record of completing a solo circumnavigation under even more gruelling circumstances when he made podium finish at the Golden Globe Race (GGR), 2022, on April 29. He finished second after South African Kirsten Neuschäfer.

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16. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation was signed between the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) of the Republic of India and the Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D), under the Ministry of Defense of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ in May 2023

- a. Israel
- b. Japan
- c. Singapore
- d. France

Ans:A

In a momentous milestone in S&T cooperation between India and Israel, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Industrial Research and Development

Cooperation was signed between the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) of the Republic of India and the Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D), under the Ministry of Defense of the State of Israel.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1921850>

17. International Buddhist Confederation is based in

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

Ans:C

International Buddhist Confederation is the biggest religious Buddhist confederation, based in Delhi, India. The architect of the International Buddhist Confederation is Lama Lobzang. This confederation is named as the first organization which unites Buddhists from the whole world.

The Ministry of Culture along with IBC will celebrate the auspicious day of Vaisakh Purnima with reverence and piety on 5th May. International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) in coordination with the Himalayan Buddhist Culture Association (HBCA) will be celebrating the event at the National Museum, New Delhi.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1921900>

18. What is India's rank in 2023 World Press Freedom Index?

- a. 15
- b. 161
- c. 199
- d. 170

Ans: B

India's ranking in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index has slipped to 161 out of 180 countries, according to the latest report released by global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF). In comparison, Pakistan has fared better when it comes to media freedom as it was placed at 150, an improvement from last year's 157th rank. In 2022, India was ranked at 150.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-slips-in-world-press-freedom-index-ranks-161-out-of-180->

[countries/article66806608.ece#:~:text=India's%20ranking%20in%20the%202023,Reporters%20Without%20Borders%20\(RSF\).](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-slips-in-world-press-freedom-index-ranks-161-out-of-180-countries/article66806608.ece#:~:text=India's%20ranking%20in%20the%202023,Reporters%20Without%20Borders%20(RSF).)



19. Indian origin \_\_\_\_\_ was confirmed as the next President of World Bank. The World Bank's 25-member executive board elected former Mastercard CEO to a five-year term as president in May 2023.

- a. Joe Biden
- b. David Malpass
- c. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- d. Ajay Banga

Ans:D

Indian origin Ajay Banga was confirmed as the next President of World Bank. The World Bank's 25-member executive board last night elected former Mastercard CEO to a five-year term as president.

[https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Indian-origin-Ajay-Banga-set-to-be-next-President-of-World-](https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Indian-origin-Ajay-Banga-set-to-be-next-President-of-World-Bank&id=460387#:~:text=Indian%20origin%20Ajay%20Banga%20was,five%2Dyear%20term%20as%20president.)

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20. Iga Świątek is associated with

- a. Tennis
- b. Badminton
- c. Judo
- d. Wrestling

Ans:A

Iga Natalia Świątek is a Polish professional tennis player. She is currently ranked world No. 1 in women's singles by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA). Świątek is a three-time major singles champion, having won the French Open in 2020 and 2022 and the US Open in 2022. She is the first player representing Poland to win a major singles title. She has won a total of 13 WTA Tour-level titles.

<https://sportstar.thehindu.com/tennis/world-no-1-iga-swiatek-enters-madrid-open-2023-semi-final/article66809755.ece>

21. Karaikudi Mani, who recently passed away, was associated with which musical instrument?

- a. Sarangi
- b. Mridangam
- c. Tabala
- d. Nanthuni

Ans: B

Karaikudi Mani was an Indian mridangam player.

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22. The Scheduled Tribe communities, mostly from the Kuki-Zomi group, are protesting against a move to grant a long-standing demand for ST status to the Meitei community, which makes up the majority of the State's population. The State is
- Manipur
  - Arunachal Pradesh
  - Mizoram
  - Nagaland

Ans:A

The Manipur government on Thursday issued a shoot-at-sight order in "extreme cases", as escalating ethnic violence following a tribal solidarity march displaced over 9,000 people in the State.

Clashes initially broke out during the course of Wednesday's solidarity march, called by the All Tribal Students' Union, Manipur. The Scheduled Tribe communities, mostly from the Kuki-Zomi group, are protesting against a move to grant a long-standing demand for ST status to the Meitei community, which makes up the majority of the State's population.

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23. What is the currency of Russia?
- Ruble
  - Renminbi
  - Krona
  - Euro

Ans:A

The ruble or rouble is the currency of the Russian Federation. The ruble is subdivided into 100 kopecks.

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24. LIGO is related to
- Hadron studies
  - Neutrino observation
  - Gravitational wave
  - Asteroid

Ans:C

In the distant universe, black holes merge, supernovae explode, neutron stars collide. Colossal events such as these create cosmic ripples in space-time called gravitational waves. In 2015, the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO for short) observed this phenomenon for the first time, expanding our understanding of the

universe around us. Now, the United States National Science Foundation is partnering with top U.S. universities and India's Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology, or RRCAT (a unit of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India) to launch LIGO-India, a ground-breaking collaboration, fuelled by a \$320 million investment from India, that will accelerate discovery and innovation in India and around the world.

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25. Washington Declaration was in the news recently (April 2023). This was in connection between the USA and

- a. India
- b. China
- c. South Korea
- d. Japan

Ans:C

On April 25, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol arrived in the U.S. to commemorate the 70th anniversary of U.S.-South Korea bilateral relations. A highlight of the visit was the signing of the "Washington Declaration" as a nuclear deterrence strategy.

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26. Article 355 in The Constitution Of India deals with

- a. Declaration of State Emergency
- b. Directives given by the Centre to the States
- c. Duty of the Union to protect States
- d. Power to declare Disturbed Areas

Ans: C

355. Duty of the Union to protect States against external aggression and internal disturbance It shall be the duty of the Union to protect every State against external aggression and internal disturbance and to ensure that the government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution

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27. \_\_\_\_\_ downgraded its assessment of the coronavirus pandemic in May 2023, saying it no longer qualifies as a global emergency.

- a. Government of India
- b. WHO
- c. UNO

d. Doctors Without Borders

Ans: B

The World Health Organization downgraded its assessment of the coronavirus pandemic on Friday, saying it no longer qualifies as a global emergency. The action reverses a declaration that was first made on January 30, 2020, when the disease had not even been named COVID-19 and when there were no major outbreaks beyond China.

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/who-says-covid-emergency-is-over-so-what-does-that-mean/article66819750.ece>

28. National Commission for Scheduled Castes is dealt under which Article of the Constitution of India?

- a. Article 220
- b. Article 338
- c. Article 392
- d. Article 256

Ans: B

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes is an Indian constitutional body under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India established with a view to provide safeguards against the exploitation of Scheduled Castes and Anglo Indian communities to promote and protect their social, educational, economic and cultural interests, special provisions were made in the Constitution. Article 338 of the Indian constitution deals with National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Article 338 A deals with National Commission for Scheduled tribes.

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29. Which of the following is not a member of The Group of Twenty (G20)?

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

Ans: C

The Group of Twenty (G20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom and United States) and the European Union

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30. Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) is based in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Geneva
- c. New York
- d. London

Ans:A

The Council on Energy, Environment and Water, commonly known as CEEW, is a Not-For profit Think Tank and policy institution based in New Delhi, India. CEEW was formed to provide independent research-based insights to policymakers for building a sustainable India. The Council also has an office in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. It has multiple research projects running across 22 Indian states and other parts of the world.

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31. Who was the Governor of Manipur in April 2023?

- a. Anusuiya Uikey
- b. La. Ganesan
- c. Ganga Prasad
- d. Najma Heptulla

Ans:A

The current and 17th governor of Manipur is Anusuiya Uikey appointed by President Droupadi Murmu on 12 February 2023

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32. Who became the new King of the UK?

- a. Charles II
- b. Charles III
- c. George II
- d. Harry II

Ans: B

In the first coronation in the country in 70 years, a lavish ceremony comprising 2,300 guests including more than 100 heads of state, Charles III has been crowned King of the United Kingdom. The event marked the culmination of plans that were set in motion last September upon the passing of King Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II

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33. Moscow Format Dialogue is in the news in the context of

- a. Russia-Ukraine conflict

- b. Afghanistan issues
- c. South China Sea disputes
- d. American expansionism

Ans: B

The Moscow Format was launched in 2017 as a six-party mechanism for consultations between representatives of Afghanistan, China, Pakistan, Iran, India and Russia. Russia also started the “extended troika” dialogue on Afghanistan that includes the US, China and Pakistan.

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34. According to reports from the International Monetary Fund, the dollar’s share of foreign exchange reserves was \_\_\_\_\_% in 2022
- a. 90
  - b. 80
  - c. 60
  - d. 50

Ans: C

According to reports from the International Monetary Fund, the dollar’s share of foreign exchange reserves has fallen over time from 80% in the 1970s to about 60% in 2022. The euro has made up for about 20% of the remaining 40% room created by this fall. Smaller currencies such as the Australian and Canadian dollars, Swedish krona, and South Korean won have claimed their share in the portfolios of various countries’ foreign exchange reserves making up most of the remaining gap of 20%, with Chinese currency taking up the rest.

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35. Bluesky is associated with
- a. Social media
  - b. Space
  - c. Atmospheric studies
  - d. Research fellowship

Ans:A

Bluesky is an initiative to develop a decentralized social network protocol, and an associated social networking service. Originally incubated in and then spun out by Twitter, Inc., it hired its first employees in 2021, and was incorporated as an independent public benefit company the same year

Since Elon Musk’s takeover, Twitter has been constantly in the news. The social media company’s workforce has dropped from nearly 8,000 to around 1,000. Alongside the

drop, technical glitches and outages have increased. Separately, as the blue tick verification and API access become paid features, several users are searching for alternative social media platforms. Though the decentralised Mastodon emerged as an early contender, Bluesky has come to the fore as a potential claimant to Twitter's throne.

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36. Ananda Nilayam (Abode of Happiness) is the glittering gold-plated gopuram of the Sanctum Sanctorum of the \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Meenakshi Amman Temple
- b. Tirumala Venkateswara Temple
- c. The temples at Khajuraho
- d. The Jagannath Temple

Ans:B

Ananda Nilayam (Abode of Happiness) is the glittering gold-plated gopuram of the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple.

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37. Who was the Director-General of the World Health Organization in April 2023?

- a. Margaret Chan
- b. Anders Nordström
- c. Gro Harlem Brundtland
- d. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Ans:D

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is an Ethiopian public health official, researcher, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization since 2017. Tedros is the first African to become WHO Director-General, receiving an endorsement for the role by the African Union

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38. INSACOG is under which of the following Ministries?

- a. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs
- c. Ministry of Science and Technology
- d. Ministry of Agriculture

Ans:A

INSACOG is the forum set up under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by the

Government of India on 30 December 2020, to study and monitor genome sequencing and virus variation of circulating strains of COVID-19 in India

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39. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was founded in which year?

- a. 1947
- b. 1950
- c. 1969
- d. 1973

Ans: B

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was founded in 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, independent India's first Education Minister. Its objectives are to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes pertaining to India's external cultural relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries; to promote cultural exchanges with other countries and people, and to develop relations with nations.

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40. Advertising Standards Council of India is headquartered in

- a. Mumbai
- b. Old Delhi
- c. Kolkata
- d. Chennai

Ans:A

The Advertising Standards Council of India is a voluntary self-regulatory organization of the advertising industry in India. Established in 1985, ASCI is registered as a non-profit company under section 25 of the Company Act.

Headquarters: Mumbai

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41. In which State was the Assembly elections held in May 2023?

- a. Kerala
- b. Goa
- c. Karnataka
- d. Tripura



Ans:C

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42. Atal Tunnel, named after former Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee is a highway tunnel built under the \_\_\_\_\_ Pass in the eastern Pir Panjal range of the Himalayas on the National Highway 3 in Himachal Pradesh, India

- a. Nathu La
- b. Rohtang
- c. Zojila
- d. Jelep La

Ans: B

Atal Tunnel (also known as Rohtang Tunnel), named after former Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee is a highway tunnel built under the Rohtang Pass in the eastern Pir Panjal range of the Himalayas on the National Highway 3 in Himachal Pradesh, India. At a length of 9.02 km, it is the highest highway single-tube tunnel above 10,000 feet (3,048 m) in the world

The tunnel reduces the travel time and overall distance between Manali and Keylong on the way to Leh.

The tunnel was completed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under Ministry of Defence

It is the longest highway tunnel in the world. The strategically important tunnel is 9.02 km long and it connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year. The valley was earlier cut off for about six months every year due to heavy snowfall.

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43. National Green Tribunal (NGT) was established in

- a. 2000
- b. 2002
- c. 2008
- d. 2010

Ans: D

The National Green Tribunal has been established on 18.10.2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010 for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment and giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. It is a specialized body equipped with the necessary expertise to handle environmental disputes involving multi-disciplinary issues. The

Tribunal shall not be bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, but shall be guided by principles of natural justice.

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44. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is related to

- a. WTO
- b. European Union
- c. USA
- d. India

Ans: B

Starting this October, the European Union (EU) proposes to introduce a framework for levying a carbon tax on imports of products that rely on non-green or sub-optimally sustainable processes and where carbon emissions are deemed to have not been adequately priced. This Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will begin with an import monitoring mechanism and culminate in the levy of duties as determined from January 2026. The EU argues that the CBAM will ensure its climate objectives are not undermined by carbon-intensive imports and spur cleaner production in the rest of the world. This poses a significant threat to some of India's biggest exports to the trading bloc, including iron ore and steel, with carbon levies estimated to range from 19.8% to 52.7%. During a visit to France in early April, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said it was too early to gauge the tax's impact on Indian exports, as operational clarity was yet to emerge. By last Thursday, top trade officials were more assertive and termed tackling this risk as one of the top items on the government's agenda, with several options being explored.

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45. Arab League readmitted which of the following countries in May 2023?

- a. Saudi Arabia
- b. Lebanon
- c. Turkey
- d. Syria

Ans: D

The Arab League is a regional organization in the Arab world, which is located in Northern Africa, Western Africa, Eastern Africa, and Western Asia. The Arab League was formed in Cairo on 22 March 1945, initially with six members: Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan (renamed Jordan in 1949), Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. Yemen joined as a member on 5 May 1945. Currently, the League has 22 members. Syria's

participation was suspended from 16 November 2011 to 7 May 2023 when it was reinstated.

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46. Ashok Gehlot was the Chief Minister of which State in April 2023?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Haryana
- d. Rajasthan

Ans: D

Ashok Gehlot is an Indian politician serving as the current Chief Minister of Rajasthan. He held this position from December 1998 to 2003, and from 2008 to 2013, and again from 17 December 2018. He represents Sardarpura constituency of Jodhpur as Member of Legislative Assembly of Rajasthan.

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47. An \_\_\_\_\_ alert means that high temperatures are expected, and people exposed to the sun for long periods of time are more likely to develop heat-related illnesses. In areas where an \_\_\_\_\_ alert has been issued, IMD recommends drinking plenty of water even if you do not feel thirsty, along with ORS (oral rehydration solutions or electrolyte replenishment) and homemade drinks like lassi, torani, lemon water, etc.

- a. Red
- b. Orange
- c. Yellow
- d. Green

Ans: B

An orange alert means that high temperatures are expected, and people exposed to the sun for long periods of time are more likely to develop heat-related illnesses. In areas where an orange alert has been issued, IMD recommends drinking plenty of water even if you do not feel thirsty, along with ORS (oral rehydration solutions or electrolyte replenishment) and homemade drinks like lassi, torani, lemon water, etc.

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/imd-issues-orange-alert-in-these-states-here-s-what-it-means-11681778843191.html>

48. Fair and remunerative price (FRP) is fixed for

- a. Paddy
- b. Wheat

- c. Oilseeds
- d. Sugarcane

Ans: D

In a judgment that has come as a shot in the arm for sugarcane farmers, the Madras High Court has said the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) fixed by the Centre for their produce was in reality not the fair market price at all, and that small and marginal farmers can survive only if the State governments paid them the much higher State Advised Price (SAP).

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/centre-increases-fair-and-remunerative-price-on-sugarcane/article65722642.ece>

49. Lumpy skin disease is a disease affecting

- a. Buffalo
- b. Rabbit
- c. Monkey
- d. Human

Ans: A

Lumpy skin disease is an infectious disease in cattle caused by a virus of the family Poxviridae, also known as Neethling virus

Lumpy skin disease is a vector-borne pox disease of domestic cattle and Asian water buffalo and is characterized by the appearance of skin nodules.

<https://vikaspedia.in/agriculture/livestock/cattle-buffalo/lumpy-skin-disease/lumpy-skin-disease-in-cattle#:~:text=Lumpy%20skin%20disease%20is%20a,the%20appearance%20of%20skin%20nodules.>

50. Which of the following subjects is not beyond the executive power of the Delhi Government?

- a. Public order
- b. Services
- c. Land
- d. Police

Ans: B

The July 2018 judgment had declared that the Delhi government had exclusive executive powers, except under Entries 1 (public order), 2 (police) and 18 (land) of the State List. It had cautioned the LG to

only intervene in matters  
“fundamental” to Delhi  
which could be escalated to  
the President.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-vs-centre-dispute-the-question-is-who-has-control-over-the-bureaucrats/article66836478.ece#:~:text=The%20Union%20government%20should%20control%20it.>

51. Who was the Governor of Maharashtra in April 2023?

- a. Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- b. Ramesh Bais
- c. Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao
- d. Kateekal Sankaranarayanan

Ans: B

Ramesh Bais is an Indian politician who currently serving as the 23rd Governor of Maharashtra since 2023.

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52. The cham dance is a lively masked and costumed dance associated with

- a. Buddhism
- b. Jainism
- c. Vaishnavism
- d. Shaivism

Ans: A

The cham dance is a lively masked and costumed dance associated with some sects of Tibetan Buddhism and Buddhist festivals.

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53. Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act was passed in which year?

- a. 2010
- b. 2012
- c. 2013
- d. 2014

Ans: C

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Thursday took suo motu cognisance of media reports about absence of an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)

in the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) which is mandated by the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Act, 2013. The move comes amid the ongoing protest by wrestlers against alleged sexual harassment by federation chief Brij Bhushan Singh.

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54. President's Rule comes under which Article of the Constitution of India?

- a. Article 352
- b. Article 356
- c. Article 360
- d. Article 368

Ans:B

According to Article 356, President's Rule can be imposed on any state of India on the grounds of the failure of the constitutional machinery.

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55. The Gaza Strip is a Palestinian exclave on the eastern coast of the

- a. Red Sea
- b. Mediterranean Sea
- c. Arabian Sea
- d. Andaman Sea

Ans:B

The Gaza Strip or simply Gaza, is a Palestinian exclave on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea

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56. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was an Indian lawyer and politician who served as the \_\_\_\_\_ president of India from 1974 to 1977.

- a. Fourth
- b. Fifth
- c. Sixth
- d. Third

Ans: B

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was an Indian lawyer and politician who served as the fifth president of India from 1974 to 1977.

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57. C-PACE is related to which Ministry?

- a. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs
- c. Ministry of Education
- d. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Ans: A

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has moved a step forward by centralising the strike off process of companies with the establishment of the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE). The establishment of the C-PACE will help to reduce the stress on the Registry along with keeping the registry clean besides availability of more meaningful data to the stakeholders. The C-PACE will also benefit the stakeholders by providing a hassle-free filing, timely and process-bound striking off their company's names from the Register. The setting up of the C-PACE is part of the several measures taken by MCA in the recent past towards Ease of Doing Business and ease of exit for the Companies.

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58. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is at

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

Ans: A

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi is a premier government-funded arts organization in India. It is an autonomous institute under the Union Ministry of Culture.

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59. World Migratory Bird Day is on

- a. May 11
- b. May 13
- c. May 15
- d. May 17

Ans: B

National Zoological Park in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History successfully carried out the ninth day of the Mass Mobilization for Mission LiFE. The campaign is scheduled to run for one month, which will continue till June 5, 2023. The highlight of the day was World Migratory Bird Day which falls on 13th May, 2023 this year and the theme for the day is "Water and its importance for Migratory Bird", as water is fundamental to life on our planet. For the bulk of their life cycles, migratory birds are

dependent on water habitats. An annual awareness-building initiative called "World Migratory Bird Day" emphasizes the need to protect migratory birds and their habitats.  
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60. Who is the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as of May 2023?

- a. Manoj Kumar Singh
- b. Nagendra Raghuvanshi
- c. Shireesh Kedare
- d. Manoj Kumar

Ans: D

In an effort to take the 'Self-reliant India (Atmanirbhar Bharat)' and 'Local to Global' campaign of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the remote villages of the North Eastern States, Shri Manoj Kumar, Chairman Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) visited Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. During his stay from May 8 to May 13, he contacted with the beneficiaries of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) along with reviewing the activities related to the ongoing Khadi and Village Industries Development Scheme in Arunachal Pradesh where he inspired the people to join the self-reliant India campaign of Prime Minister. In order to provide employment opportunities to maximum numbers of youths, a PMEGP awareness camp was also organized in Tawang on Friday.

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61. North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH) is in

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

Ans: C

North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH) is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, within the government of India. It is situated at Mawdiangdiang, **Shillong**, Meghalaya.

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62. Who is the current CEO of Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)?

- a. Giridhar Aramane
- b. Anurag Bajpai
- c. T Natarajan
- d. Vivek Virmani

Ans: C



The first iDEX contract of Mission DefSpace was exchanged between Additional Secretary (Defence Production) & **CEO Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) Shri T Natarajan** and CEO, InspeCity Shri Arindrajit Chowdhary, one of the winners of the challenge 'Micropropulsion system for cubesats'. This challenge is being led by the Defence Space Agency.

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63. Manoj Pande is the

- a. Chief of the Army Staff
- b. Chief of the Air Staff
- c. Chief of the Naval Staff
- d. Chief of Defence Staff

Ans:A

**General Manoj Pande, the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)** has proceeded on a visit to Egypt from 16 to 17 May 2023. During the visit, the Army Chief will be meeting the Country's senior military leadership where he will discuss avenues for further enhancing Indo-Egypt defence relations. He will be visiting various Egyptian Armed Forces establishments and exchange ideas on issues of mutual interest.

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64. Mission LiFE is mainly related to

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

Ans: D

At the **2021 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP26)**, Prime Minister of India announced Mission LiFE, to bring individual behaviours at the forefront of the global climate action narrative.

**LiFE envisions replacing the prevalent 'use-and-dispose' economy**—governed by mindless and destructive consumption—with a circular economy, which would be defined by mindful and deliberate utilization. The Mission intends to nudge individuals to undertake simple acts in their daily lives that can contribute significantly to climate change when embraced across the world.

LiFE plans to leverage the strength of social networks to influence social norms surrounding climate. The Mission plans to create and nurture a global network of individuals, namely 'Pro-Planet People' (P3), who will have a shared commitment to adopt and promote environmentally friendly lifestyles. Through the P3 community, the Mission seeks to create an ecosystem that will reinforce and enable environmentally friendly behaviours to be self-sustainable.

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65. The Rehabilitation Council of India is a
- Statutory body
  - Constitutional body
  - Body established under an executive resolution
  - None of the above

Ans:A

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is the apex government body, set up under **an Act of Parliament, to regulate training programmes and courses targeted at disabled, disadvantaged, and special education requirement communities**. It is the **only statutory council in India that is required to maintain the Central Rehabilitation Register** which mainly documents details of all qualified professionals who operate and deliver training and educational programmes for the targeted communities.

In the year 2000, the **Rehabilitation Council of India (Amendment) Act, 2000**, was introduced and notified consequently by the government of India. The amendment brought definitions and discussions provided within the earlier **Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992**, under the ambit of a larger act, namely, **Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995**.

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is a Statutory Body established by an Act of Parliament. Its main mandate is to standardize, regulate, and monitor training programs in the field of special education and disability. Additionally, RCI is responsible for maintaining the central rehabilitation register (CRR) and promoting research in this domain. The Council also prescribes minimum standards of education and training for 16 categories of professionals and personnel allocated to RCI.

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66. Which was the powerful and deadly tropical cyclone in the North Indian Ocean which affected Myanmar and parts of Bangladesh in May 2023?
- Cyclone Gati
  - Cyclone Nivar
  - Cyclone Burevi
  - Cyclone Mocha

Ans: D

Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm Mocha was a powerful and deadly tropical cyclone in the North Indian Ocean which affected Myanmar and parts of Bangladesh in May 2023

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67. Who is the current President of Turkey?

- a. Ahmet Davutoğlu
- b. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
- c. Binali Yıldırım
- d. Abdullah Gül

Ans: B

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is a Turkish politician serving as the 12th and current president of Turkey since 2014

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68. Who is responsible under the 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution to decide up on disqualification cases?

- a. The President of India
- b. Speaker
- c. Chief Justice
- d. Prime Minister

Ans: B

Speaker decides.

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69. \_\_\_\_\_ is the 2022-23 Spanish La Liga champion for the 27th time

- a. Real Madrid
- b. FC Barcelona
- c. Atletico Madrid
- d. Athletic Bilbao

Ans: B

FC Barcelona is the 2022-23 Spanish La Liga champion for the 27th time

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70. International Day of Living Together in Peace is on

- a. May 16
- b. May 17
- c. May 18
- d. May 19

Ans: A

The UN General-Assembly, in its resolution 72/130, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. The Day aims to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/living-in-peace-day>

71. Dal Lake is located in

- a. Jammu and Kashmir
- b. Himachal Pradesh
- c. Rajasthan
- d. Arunachal Pradesh

Ans:A

Dal is a lake in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, India. It is an urban lake, the second largest lake in Jammu and Kashmir, and the most visited place in Srinagar by tourists and locals. It is integral to tourism and recreation in the Kashmir valley and is variously known as the "Lake of Flowers", "Jewel in the crown of Kashmir" or "Srinagar's Jewel". The lake is also an important source for commercial operations in fishing and water plant harvesting.

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72. The Khasi people are an ethnic group of which of the following States?

- a. Kerala
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Manipur

Ans:C

The Khasi people are an ethnic group of Meghalaya in north-eastern India with a significant population in the bordering state of Assam, and in certain parts of Bangladesh

The Khasis, numbering about 1.39 lakh, are one of the three indigenous matrilineal communities in the north-eastern State. The other two are Garos and Jaintias.

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73. Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple is located in

- a. Gujarat
- b. Maharashtra

- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Rajasthan

Ans: B

The Shri Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple is an ancient Hindu temple in the town of Trimbak, in the Trimbakeshwar tehsil in the Nashik District of Maharashtra, India, 28 km from the city of Nashik and 40 km from Nashik road. It is dedicated to Hindu god Shiva and is one of the twelve jyotirlingas where the Hindu genealogy registers at Trimbakeshwar, Maharashtra are kept. The origin of the sacred Godavari river is near Trimbak.

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74. Long Period Average (LPA) is seen in the news in the context of
- a. Monsoon
  - b. Earthquake
  - c. Cyclone
  - d. Collegium

Ans: A

The monsoon is likely to set in over Kerala with a “slight delay” on June 4, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday. The usual onset date over Kerala is June 1, within a seven-day window.

The IMD in April forecast a “normal” monsoon during the June-September season, though at 96% of the Long Period Average (LPA), it is at the lowest end of what the agency categorises as “normal rainfall.” The LPA represents the average monsoon rainfall over India of 89 cm. The major factor expected to cause diminished rains this year is the development of an El Nino, a cyclical phenomenon of warming in the Central Pacific.

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75. PM10, sometimes seen in the news, refers to
- a. Aircraft regulations
  - b. Air pollutant
  - c. Presidential protocols
  - d. Atmospheric pressure monitoring

Ans: B

The city’s air quality slipped to ‘very poor’ category on Tuesday after strong winds kicked up dust. It is likely to improve slightly to ‘poor’ category on Wednesday. The PM10 — a chief pollutant — was 140 microgram per cubic metre at 4 a.m. and went up to 775 microgram per cubic metre by 8 a.m. on Tuesday. It was mainly because of

strong winds, 30-45 km per hour, prevailing over the area during night, according to the IMD. Visibility dropped to 1,100 metres on Tuesday morning compared to 4,000 metres on Monday morning.

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76. Sendai Framework is related to

- a. Health
- b. Education
- c. Transport
- d. Disaster

Ans:D

India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) organized a Risk Reduction Hub Event at the United Nations headquarters today during the High-level meeting of the midterm review of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030 to discuss 'The Roles of States for Promoting Investments in Disaster Risk Reduction towards Resilient and Sustainable Future'. The event outlined the primary role of the States in promoting investments in disaster risk reduction as a fundamental requirement for achieving the SDGs and for minimizing the damages and impacts associated with Climate Change and thereby building a resilient society. The event called for each State's responsibility to reduce existing risks and prevent future risks towards building a resilient and sustainable society.

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77. Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya is seen in the news in the context of

- a. Museum
- b. PPP projects
- c. Trade
- d. Awards

ANs:A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi on April 14, buying the first ticket to the museum dedicated to the former PMs of the country. The Sangrahalaya, located at the iconic Teen Murti complex, was inaugurated as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav — a 75-week celebration launched to mark 75 years of Independence.

The museum will become the source of inspiration for the youth who will be able to witness the hardships each PM faced and how they overcame them to lay the foundations of new India, the PM said. He added that the museum will reflect the shared heritage of each government.

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78. International Museum Expo 2023 was held in

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

Ans:A

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi today. He also inaugurated a virtual walkthrough of the upcoming National Museum at the North and South Blocks. The Prime Minister also took a walkthrough of Techno Mela, Conservation Lab and the Exhibitions showcased on the occasion. The International Museum Expo is being organized as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 47th International Museum Day with the theme of the year 'Museums, Sustainability and Well Being'.

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79. Rattan Lal Kataria was an MP from

- a. Kerala
- b. Gujarat
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Haryana

Ans:D

Rattan Lal Kataria was an Indian politician from Haryana.

"Pained by the passing away of MP and former Minister Shri Rattan Lal Kataria Ji. He will be remembered for his rich contribution towards public service and social justice. He played a key role in strengthening BJP in Haryana. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

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80. Integrative Health Policy is an initiative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and

- a. Ministry of Education
- b. Ministry of Chemicals
- c. Ministry of AYUSH
- d. Ministry of Sports

Ans:C

Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to come out with an "Integrative Health" policy - Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

The two day National Ayush Mission Conclave began with a commitment from the Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to priorities 'Integrative

Health' for the health and wellness of public at large. Union cabinet minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the conclave in presence of chief guest Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare.

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81. To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated \_\_\_\_\_ as World Bee Day.

- a. 10 May
- b. 19 May
- c. 23 May
- d. 20 May

Ans" D

To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

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82. Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 was hosted by

- a. India
- b. Russia
- c. Japan
- d. Thailand

Ans:A

"India is poised to be the new destination of petrochemicals, globally. Due to our business friendly policies, the world views India as a trusted partner and priority destination for investment." This was stated by Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertiliser Dr Mansukh Mandaviya as he presided over the Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 here today, in the presence of Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Petroleum and Natural Gas. The theme of the event was "Ushering in a Sustainable Future". Over 1200 delegates from seven member nations as well as participants from Europe, China, America, Mid East and other Asian Countries, other senior government officials of key nations as well as regional and global partners participated in the conference.

The Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference (APIC) is a broad-based petrochemical industry conference with membership from seven partner countries – India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

Established 40 years ago in 1979 by Japan, Korea and Taiwan as the East Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference (EAPIC), it was rechristened as Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference (APIC) in 2000 with the inclusion of India, Malaysia, Singapore and



Thailand. APIC is hosted annually on a rotational basis by the partner Country Associations.

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83. Coking coal is mainly used in manufacturing of \_\_\_\_\_ through blast furnace route
- Aluminum
  - Steel
  - Petroleum
  - Dyes

Ans:B

Coking coal is mainly used in manufacturing of steel through blast furnace route. Domestic coking coal is high ash coal (mostly between 18%-49%) and is not suitable for direct use in the blast furnace. Therefore, coking coal is washed to reduce the ash percentage and Indian Prime and Medium Coking Coal (<18 % ash) is blended with imported coking coal (<9% ash) before utilization in the blast furnace.

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84. Vaghsheer under Project 75 is a
- Missile
  - Submarine
  - Rocket
  - Drone

Ans: B

The sixth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11880, Indian Navy's Kalvari class commenced her sea trials on 18 May 23. The submarine was launched in 20 Apr 22 from the Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL). Vaghsheer is scheduled for Delivery to the Indian Navy in early 2024 after completion of these trial. MDL has 'Delivered' three submarines of the Project – 75 in 24 months and the commencement of sea trials of the sixth submarine is a significant milestone. This is indicative of the boost towards AatmaNirbharBharat.

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85. Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) is implemented in
- All of the States
  - Some of the States
  - Only In the Northeast States
  - Only in the Special Category States

Ans:B

Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project was approved by the Cabinet in October 2020, to be implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme. After signing of the Loan Agreement, the STARS Project became effective on 23rd February 2021 for a period of five years i.e. up to FY: 2024-25. The STARS Project is being implemented in six identified States viz. Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala. The STARS Program is carved out of Samagra Shiksha, with a focus on those elements of the scheme that will most directly support school education enhancement.

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86. Who heads the panel constituted by the Supreme Court in the Hindenburg-Adani allegations case?

- a. D Y Chandrachud
- b. A.M. Sapre
- c. A K Lokur
- d. T M Thakur

Ans: B

A six-member expert committee — constituted by the Supreme Court in the Hindenburg-Adani allegations case and headed by former Supreme Court judge, Justice A.M. Sapre — said that the Securities and Exchange Board of India has “drawn a blank” and is in a “chicken-and-egg situation” in its investigation into the “ownership” of 13 overseas entities, including 12 Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs).

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87. Who became the CM of Karnataka in May 2023?

- a. Siddaramaiah
- b. D K Sivakumar
- b. R V Deshpande
- c. Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri

Ans: A

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated Shri Siddaramaiah and Shri D K Sivakumar on taking oath as Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka.

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88. Prime Minister of India unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in \_\_\_\_\_ on 20 May 2023.

- a. USA
- b. France

- c. Japan
- d. Germany

Ans" C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan on 20 May 2023.

The Mahatma Gandhi bust has been gifted by the Government of India to the city of Hiroshima as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between India and Japan, on the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister for the G-7 summit from 19-21 May 2023.

The 42 inches tall bronze bust has been sculpted by Padma Bhushan awardee Shri Ram Vanji Sutar. The bust site, adjacent to the Motoyasu River, is close to iconic A-Bomb Dome that is visited by thousands of people - locals and tourists alike - every day. The location has been chosen as a mark of solidarity for peace and non-violence. Mahatma Gandhi dedicated his life to peace and non-violence. The location truly resonates with the principles and life of Gandhiji, which continue to inspire the world and its leaders.

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89. Pham Minh Chinh is the current Prime Minister of

- a. Japan
- b. Vietnam
- c. Laos
- d. Cambodia

Ans: B

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met H.E. Mr. Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of Vietnam on 20 May 2023 in Hiroshima on the sidelines of G-7 Summit.

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90. International Conference on 'India Pharma & India Medical Devices 2023' will be held at

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

Ans:A

The Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will inaugurate the 8th edition of the International Conference on 'India Pharma & India Medical Device 2023' organized by the Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) from May 26 - 27, 2022 in New Delhi. Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, will also participate in the event.

As part of the conference, Dr. Mandaviya will launch the National Medical Devices Policy, 2023, as well as the Export Promotion Council for Medical Devices. Dr. Mandaviya expressed confidence that the Indian Pharmaceutical Sector, rightly called as the Pharmacy of the World, will be contributing more in the coming years both for domestic needs and for global needs. Further, realizing the importance of the Medical Devices Sector, the Sunrise Sector, with the potential to grow to 50 Bn US\$ by 2030, the Union Cabinet recently approved the National Medical Devices Policy, 2023, prepared after extensive consultation with the Industries and other stakeholders.

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91. The RBI has decided to withdraw which of the following denominations of currencies recently?

- a. 2000
- b. 1000
- c. 500
- d. 100

Ans: A

It is 2000.

In a sudden volte-face following a huge public outcry, the State Bank of India, the country's biggest bank, on Sunday withdrew its decision on the mandatory filling of a slip for exchange of ₹2,000 bank notes at its branches.

"In partial modification of instructions, it has been decided that the facility of exchange of ₹2,000 denomination bank notes to all members of the public up to limit of ₹20,000 at a time will be allowed without obtaining any requisition slip as per the format attached in Annexure III," said a letter by SBI Chief General Manager (Operations) S. Muralidharan.

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92. G-7 2023 meeting was held in

- e. Hiroshima
- f. London
- g. New Delhi
- h. Rome

ANs:A

Unrest in any part of the world affects all the countries of the global community, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday at the G-7 meeting in Hiroshima, Japan.

Speaking at the 'Working Session 9' of the G-7 summit, Mr. Modi reiterated India's commitment to do "everything" to bring an end to the war in Ukraine and said all

countries should “respect” sovereignty and territorial integrity of the member states of the United Nations.

<https://www.g7hiroshima.go.jp/en/>

93. Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is an initiative of

- i. Government of India
- j. WTO
- k. Amazon
- l. Flipkart

Ans:A

The Union government is looking to formally launch the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) this year to “democratise e-commerce” and “to provide alternatives to proprietary e-commerce sites”. While it has urged companies to join the ONDC platform, major e-commerce players such as Amazon and Flipkart have been reluctant to get on board.

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94. Kyriakos Mitsotakis is the Prime Minister of

- m. Israel
- n. Greece
- o. Italy
- p. Canada

Ans:B

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis's conservative party scored a thumping win in Sunday's election, but would likely call a new ballot in a month as it fell short of an outright majority to rule alone. With just over 50% of the ballot counted, his New Democracy Party scored a 20-point lead ahead of his nearest rival.

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95. Rinku Singh is associated with

- q. Cricket
- r. Football
- s. Golf
- t. Chess

Ans:A

Rinku Singh is an Indian cricketer who currently plays for the Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League and for Uttar Pradesh in domestic cricket

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96. 16th Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition were being held in \_\_\_\_\_ between May 22-25, 2023.

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

Ans:D

An Indian delegation, led by Additional Secretary (Defence Production) Shri T Natarajan, attended the 16th Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 23), being held at Langkawi, Malaysia between May 22-25, 2023. The Additional Secretary (Defence Production) also called on Malaysian Minister of Defence Dato' Seri Mohamad Hasan on the sidelines of the exhibition.

Established in 1991 and held biennially, LIMA is one of the largest maritime & aerospace exhibitions in the Asia-Pacific. This year's edition involves over 600 exhibitors from more than 30 countries, including India.

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97. World Turtle Day is on

- a. June 5
- b. May 24
- c. May 22
- d. May 23

Ans: D

World Turtle Day® is May 23rd each year and is celebrated throughout the world. It was started in 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue.

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98. Who is the current Chairman of National Biodiversity Authority?

- a. Ashwini Kumar Choubey
- b. Pramod Sawant
- c. C. Achalender Reddy
- d. Tanuja Manoj Nesari

Ans: C

C Achalender Reddy is the Chairman

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99. How many members are there in the Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)?

- a. 5
- b. 10
- c. 14
- d. 18

Ans: C

Small island nations of the Pacific Ocean are in fact “large ocean states”, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, highlighting the importance of the 14 members of the Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC).

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100. Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) 2023 summit held in

- a. Papua New Guinea
- b. Solomon Islands
- c. Kiribati
- d. Maldives

Ans: A

In the opening session of the FIPIC-3 summit in Port Moresby (Capital of Papua New Guinea), Mr. Modi spoke in favour of free and open Indo-Pacific region and focused on India’s commitment to assist the development goals of the member-countries.

The previous two meetings of the India-Pacific Islands Cooperation were held in November 2014 in Fiji, and August 2015 in Jaipur.

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101. The third edition of Khelo India University Games will be held from 25th May to 3rd June in

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Karnataka
- c. Goa
- d. Odisha

Ans: A

This year, the third edition of Khelo India University Games will be held from 25th May to 3rd June in Uttar Pradesh. These competitions will be organised in Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Gautam Buddha Nagar. The Games will witness participation of over 4750 athletes from more than 200 Universities, who will be competing in 21 sports. The closing ceremony of the Games will be held in Varanasi on 3rd June.

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102. What is the mascot of the third edition of Khelo India University Games?

- a. Swamp Deer
- b. Nilgiri tahr
- c. Asian elephant
- d. Blackbuck

Ans: A

The mascot of the Games is named Jitu, which represents Swamp Deer (Barasingha) - the state animal of Uttar Pradesh.

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103. Anthony Albanese is the Prime Minister of

- a. Canada
- b. New Zealand
- c. Australia
- d. Indonesia

Ans: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia on 24 May 2023 at Admiralty House in Sydney, Australia.

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104. UDAN 5.1 is related to

- e. Road transport
- f. Civil aviation
- g. Space research
- h. Indigenous manufacturing

Ans: B

Following four successful rounds of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) and with the version 5.0 of the fifth round underway, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched UDAN 5.1 to further enhance the connectivity to remote areas of the country and achieve last mile connectivity through helicopters.

**For the first time under RCS-UDAN, this round is designed specifically for helicopter routes.**

The main features include:

- An increase in the scope of operations for operators wherein the scheme will now allow routes where one of the origin or destination locations is in a priority area. Earlier both points had to be in priority areas.
- Airfare caps have been reduced by as much as 25% to make flying in helicopters more affordable for passengers.



- Viability Gap Funding (VGF) caps for the operators have been increased substantially for both single and twin-engine helicopters to enhance financial viability for operating the awarded routes.

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105. National e-Vidhan Application is seen in the context of

- a. Judiciary
- b. Legislature
- c. FSSAI
- d. Road safety

Ans:B

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal said that parliamentary democracy is the cornerstone of India's development and India's future. While attending the National Workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) as Chief Guest, the Minister said that NeVA is a testament to the commitment of the Government to leverage the latest technological advancements for public good.

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106. The third edition of Khelo India University Games will be held from 25th May to 3rd June in

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Karnataka
- c. Goa
- d. Odisha

Ans: A

This year, the third edition of Khelo India University Games will be held from 25th May to 3rd June in Uttar Pradesh. These competitions will be organised in Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Gautam Buddha Nagar. The Games will witness participation of over 4750 athletes from more than 200 Universities, who will be competing in 21 sports. The closing ceremony of the Games will be held in Varanasi on 3rd June.

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107. What is the mascot of the third edition of Khelo India University Games?

- a. Swamp Deer
- b. Nilgiri tahr
- c. Asian elephant
- d. Blackbuck

Ans: A

The mascot of the Games is named Jitu, which represents Swamp Deer (Barasingha) - the state animal of Uttar Pradesh.

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108. Anthony Albanese is the Prime Minister of

- a. Canada
- b. New Zealand
- c. Australia
- d. Indonesia

Ans: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia on 24 May 2023 at Admiralty House in Sydney, Australia.

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109. UDAN 5.1 is related to

- a. Road transport
- b. Civil aviation
- c. Space research
- d. Indigenous manufacturing

Ans: B

Following four successful rounds of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) and with the version 5.0 of the fifth round underway, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched UDAN 5.1 to further enhance the connectivity to remote areas of the country and achieve last mile connectivity through helicopters.

**For the first time under RCS-UDAN, this round is designed specifically for helicopter routes.**

The main features include:

- An increase in the scope of operations for operators wherein the scheme will now allow routes where one of the origin or destination locations is in a priority area. Earlier both points had to be in priority areas.
- Airfare caps have been reduced by as much as 25% to make flying in helicopters more affordable for passengers.
- Viability Gap Funding (VGF) caps for the operators have been increased substantially for both single and twin-engine helicopters to enhance financial viability for operating the awarded routes.

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111. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Government of India signed, on 23.05.2023, a \$141.12 million loan to support the development of high-quality internal infrastructure such as roads, water supply systems and electricity distribution network in three industrial clusters in the state of Andhra Pradesh

- a. World Bank
- b. ADB
- c. NDB
- d. IMF

Ans: B

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed, on 23.05.2023, a \$141.12 million loan to support the development of high-quality internal infrastructure such as roads, water supply systems and electricity distribution network in three industrial clusters in the state of Andhra Pradesh. This financing is the second tranche of the \$500 million multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) for the program approved by ADB in 2016 to build infrastructure in three industrial clusters in the Visakhapatnam and Srikalahasthi-Chittoor nodes in the state.

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112. 76th World Health Assembly was held in

- a. India
- b. USA
- c. Italy
- d. Switzerland

ANs: D

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya held various bilateral meetings with member countries at the 76th World Health Assembly, in Geneva, Switzerland. The bilateral meetings provided an opportunity to reflect on areas of collaborations and shared priorities in pursuit of a healthier tomorrow.

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113. The Second Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) meeting of the G-20 was held in
- Delhi
  - Mumbai
  - Chennai
  - Panjim

ANs: B

G-20 Council's Second Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) meeting came to an end in Mumbai today, with the technical and functional level officials coming to an understanding of the importance of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction as the central theme of any discussion on Disaster Risk Reduction.

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114. SAMARTH campaign (Ministry of Rural Development) was launched for promoting
- Indigenous medicine
  - Digital transactions
  - Women enterprises
  - Tribal education

Ans: B

Giriraj Singh launches SAMARTH campaign to promote digital transactions at Gram Panchayat Level

Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh launched the 'Campaign on Promoting Digital Transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayats' under the AmritMahotsav in Lucknow today. The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India is running a "Campaign on Promoting Digital Transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayats" which started from 1st February 2023 and will continue till 15 August 2023 under the AzadiKaAmritMahotsav. The key thrust of the campaign is to promote Digital Transactions in rural areas, particularly among women.

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115. India targets to achieve Net Zero Emissions by which year?
- 2030
  - 2050
  - 2070
  - 2500

Ans: C

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology, MoS PMO and Minister of State, Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances, Jitendra Singh today said International Cooperation will play a key role in achieving India's Net Zero emissions target by 2070 as laid out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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116. 2,00,000<sup>th</sup> 5G site of India was activated at which of the following places?
- Yamunotri
  - Gangotri
  - Agra
  - Patna

Ans:B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has praised activation of 2,00,000<sup>th</sup> 5G site of India at Gangotri and dedication of Char Dham fibre connectivity project.

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117. India's longest sea bridge will be opened in which of the following States?
- Goa
  - Karnataka
  - Maharashtra
  - Tamil Nadu

Ans: C

The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, also known as the Sewri–Nhava Sheva Trans Harbour Link, (officially Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Trans Harbour Link) is an under-construction 21.8 km (13.5 mi) 6-lane access-controlled expressway grade road bridge, which will connect Mumbai with Navi Mumbai, its satellite city. When completed, it would be the longest sea bridge in India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1927471>

118. International Day of Yoga is celebrated every year on
- 21 June
  - 22 June
  - 21 April
  - 23 April

Ans: A

Moraji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), under the Ministry of Ayush, is organising a mega 'Yoga Mahotsav' at the NCC Parade Ground here tomorrow; i.e., 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. The event is an attempt to commemorate 25 days to the International Day of Yoga which is going to be celebrated at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh on 21

June, 2023. This was announced by the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal while addressing a press conference here today.  
<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1927511>

119. Mines Ministry organizing first ever Mining Start-up Summit in \_\_\_\_\_ on 29th May, 2023 in collaboration with IIT, Bombay
- Kolkata
  - Kochi
  - Chennai
  - Mumbai

Ans: D

Mines Ministry organizing first ever Mining Start-up Summit in Mumbai on 29th May in collaboration with IIT, Bombay  
<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1927434>

120. Oil India Limited (OIL), declared its financial results for FY 2022-23 with a thumping highest-ever net profit since the company's inception at ₹\_\_\_\_\_ crore, a surge of 75.20% YoY on the back of higher operating income and growth in oil & gas production.
- 6810
  - 68100
  - 681000
  - 20000

Ans:A

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121. Adheenams seen in the news is related to which of the following religious traditions?
- Buddhism
  - Jainism
  - Shaivism
  - Sufism

Ans:C

Madurai Adheenam is the oldest Saivite adheenam (also known as a matha or mutt), a form of Hindu monastery, in South India. It was established more than 1,300 years ago, and is said to have been rejuvenated by Thirugnana Sambandar. It is located near the

Meenakshi Amman Temple in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, one of the most important Shiva–Shakti shrines. It is an active centre of Saiva Siddhanta philosophy.

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi was blessed today by the Adheenams before the Sengol installation in New Parliament House tomorrow.

Addressing the Adheenams, the Prime Minister said it is a matter of great fortune that they graced the Prime Minister's residence with their presence. The Prime Minister said that it is by the blessings of Lord Shiva that he got to interact with all the disciples of Lord Shiva at once. He also expressed great delight that the Adheenams would be present tomorrow at the inauguration of the new Parliament House and shower their blessings.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1927785>

122. Jawaharlal Nehru died on which of the following dates in 1964?
- 20 May
  - 27 May
  - 4 June
  - 26 May

ANs:B

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has paid tributes to former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary.

Jawaharlal Nehru (14 November 1889 – 27 May 1964) was an Indian lawyer, statesman, and author who served as the first prime minister of independent India from 15 August 1947 until his death on 27 May 1964.

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123. Al Mohed Al Hindi 23 is a bilateral exercise between India and
- UAE
  - Iran
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Kuwait

Ans:C

The sea phase of second edition of bilateral exercise 'Al Mohed Al Hindi 23', between Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF) was held from 23 - 25 May 23 off Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia. INS Tarkash, INS Subhadra and Dornier Maritime Patrol aircraft (MPA) participated in the exercise from the Indian side. The RSNF was represented by HMS Badr and Abdul Aziz, MH 60R helo and UAV.

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124. Bola Ahmed Tinubu is the President-elect of which of the following countries?
- Nigeria



- b. Sudan
- c. South Africa
- d. Chad

Ans:A

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will visit Nigeria between May 28-30, 2023 to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the President-elect of the West African nation Mr Bola Ahmed Tinubu. Shri Rajnath Singh will attend the swearing-in ceremony at Eagle Square in Abuja on 29th May. He will also meet the outgoing Nigerian President Mr Muhammadu Buhari during a reception hosted by him on 28th May.

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125. Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) program is supported by
- a. ADB
  - b. World bank
  - c. NDB
  - d. IMF

Ans:B

The Secretary, Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India (GoI) Ajay Tirkey reviewed the Implementation Support Mission of World Bank Assisted Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) program.

REWARD is a World Bank assisted Watershed development program which is being implemented from 2021 to 2026. The Development Objectives of REWARD program is to “Strengthen capacities of National and State institutions to adopt improved watershed management for increasing farmers resilience and support value chains in selected watersheds of participating States”. The program is being implemented to introduce modern watershed practices in the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development and in the States of Karnataka and Odisha. The total budget outlay of REWARD program is USD 167.71 million over a program period of 4.5 years. This includes USD 115 million from World Bank [Karnataka (USD 60 million), Odisha (USD 49 million) and DoLR (USD 6 million)], USD 46.71 million from two participating States [Karnataka (USD 25.71) and Odisha (USD 21.0 million)] and USD 6 million from DoLR. The funding pattern is 70:30, between World Bank and States whereas it is 50:50 between World Bank and DoLR.

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126. Assam’s first Vande Bharat Express connects Guwahati to
- a. Dharamshala

- b. New Jalpaiguri
- c. Kasauli
- d. Kufri

Ans:B

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi flagged off Assam's first Vande Bharat Express via video conferencing today. The Vande Bharat Express will connect Guwahati with New Jalpaiguri Guwahati and the journey will take 5 hrs 30 mins. The Prime Minister also dedicated 182 Route kilometers of newly electrified sections and inaugurated a newly constructed DEMU/MEMU shed at Lumding in Assam

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that today is a huge day for the connectivity of the Northeast as three development works are being accomplished together. Firstly, the Prime Minister elaborated, Northeast is getting its first Vande Bharat Express today where this is the third Vande Bharat Express which connects West Bengal. Secondly, approximately 425 kilometers of railway tracks in Assam and Meghalaya have been electrified. And, thirdly, a new DEMU/MEMU shed has been inaugurated in Lumding in Assam. The Prime Minister congratulated the citizens of the entire Northeast along with Assam, Meghalaya and West Bengal on this momentous occasion.

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127. Kalaburagi Airport is located in
- a. Kerala
  - b. Karnataka
  - c. Gujarat
  - d. Andhra Pradesh

Ans: B

Kalaburagi Airport is a domestic airport serving the city of Kalaburagi in Karnataka, India. It is located 12 km (7.5 mi) east from the city centre. It was built by the Karnataka State Public Works Department (PWD) with technical assistance from RITES Limited and is operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

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128. The Indian Army commemorated the \_\_\_\_\_ International Day of UN Peacekeepers in 2023, by paying homage to the fallen comrades by laying wreath at National War Memorial, New Delhi by the Chief of the Army Staff, Vice Chief of Army Staff and representatives from Navy and Air Force, Ministry of External Affairs and United Nations
- a. 50<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 75<sup>th</sup>

- c. 100<sup>th</sup>
- d. 125<sup>th</sup>

Ans:B

The Indian Army commemorated the 75th International Day of UN Peacekeepers, today, by paying homage to the fallen comrades by laying wreath at National War Memorial, New Delhi by the Chief of the Army Staff, Vice Chief of Army Staff and representatives from Navy and Air Force, Ministry of External Affairs and United Nations. This is the day when in 1948 the first UN peacekeeping mission, “UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO)” began operations in Palestine.

Each year on this Day, the UN and countries across the globe pay tributes to the professionalism, dedication and courage of all men and women who have served or are serving in UN Peacekeeping Missions and honour the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the cause of peace. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the UN Peacekeepers Day.

India has a rich legacy of contribution to UN Peacekeeping operations and is one of the largest contributors of troops. It has contributed approximately 2,75,000 troops to peacekeeping missions so far, with around 5,900 troops currently deployed in 12 UN Missions. Indian Army personnel have operated under difficult conditions in challenging terrains and have displayed exemplary professionalism, humane approach, courage and valour, to the extent of making the supreme sacrifice to defend the UN mandates. 159 Indian Army soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice to ensure peace across the globe. Apart from the current deployment, India has pledged one Infantry Battalion Group and Corvette with Helicopter, as hard power and an Engineer Company & Signal Company as Force enablers, to be deployed at the behest of the UN.

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129. N. Biren Singh is the current Chief Minister of
- a. Manipur
  - b. Punjab
  - c. Haryana
  - d. Uttarakhand

Ans:A

Nongthombam Biren Singh is an Indian politician, former footballer and journalist who is currently serving as the 12th Chief Minister of Manipur since 2017 representing Heingang Assembly constituency in the Manipur Legislative Assembly since 2002

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130. Micron Technology is a/an
- Chinese company
  - American company
  - Indian company
  - Russian company

Ans: B

Micron Technology, Inc. is an American producer of computer memory and computer data storage including dynamic random-access memory, flash memory, and USB flash drives. It is headquartered in Boise, Idaho. Its consumer products, including the Ballistix line of memory modules, are marketed under the Crucial brand. Micron and Intel together created IM Flash Technologies, which produced NAND flash memory. It owned Lexar between 2006 and 2017.

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131. Norodom Sihamoni is the King of
- Bhutan
  - Nepal
  - Cambodia
  - Laos

Ans: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia, who is on his maiden State visit to India from 29-31 May 2023, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan today.

Prime Minister and His Majesty, King Sihamoni underscored the deep civilizational ties, strong cultural and people-to-people connect between both countries.

Prime Minister assured His Majesty of India's resolve to strengthen the bilateral partnership with Cambodia across diverse areas including capacity building. His Majesty thanked the Prime Minister for India's ongoing initiatives in development cooperation, and conveyed his appreciation and best wishes for India's Presidency of G-20.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1928409>

132. Goa Statehood Day is celebrated on which of the following dates?
- May 25
  - May 30
  - May 31
  - May 29

Ans: B

Goa Statehood Day is May 30

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133. Purana Qila is one of the oldest and ancient forts in

- a. Kolkata
- b. Hyderabad
- c. Chennai
- d. Delhi

Ans:D

Purana Qila is one of the oldest and ancient forts in Delhi, India. However, the exact time period of foundation of the original structure is in antiquity and is unknown, though it was re-built under the reign of the **second Mughal Emperor Humayun** and **Sur Emperor Sher Shah Suri**. Excavations point to traces from the 3rd century BC, the **pre-Mauryan period**. It is thought by many to be located on the site of the **ancient city of Indraprastha**. It is now located near the expansive **Pragati Maidan exhibition ground** and is separated from the Dhyanchand Stadium by the Mathura Road, Delhi.

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134. Who is the current Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of India?

- a. Karambir Singh
- b. R. Hari Kumar
- c. Sunil Lanba
- d. Robin K. Dhowan

Ans: B

The Naval Investiture Ceremony - 2023 will be held at Naval Base, Visakhapatnam on 31 May 23 to felicitate Naval personnel who have demonstrated gallant acts, leadership, professional achievements and distinguished service of a high order. Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) will confer Gallantry and Distinguished Service awards on behalf of the President of India to the recipients.

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135. Abuja is the capital of

- a. Nigeria
- b. Chad
- c. Uganda
- d. Namibia

Ans: A

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh interacted with the Indian diaspora in Nigeria, at an event organised by the Indian High Commission in Abuja on May 29, 2023. The event was attended by the Indian community not just from Abuja, but also from other cities of Nigeria such as Lagos.

Abuja is the capital of Nigeria

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136. Brahma Temple, Pushkar is located in which of the following States?

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

Ans:D

**Brahma Temple, Pushkar (also known as Jagatpita Brahma Mandir)** is a Hindu temple situated at Pushkar in the Indian state of **Rajasthan**, close to the sacred **Pushkar Lake** to which its legend has an indelible link.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1928808>

137. Ved Kumari Ghai was a scholar in which of the following languages?

- a. Hindustani
- b. Sanskrit
- c. Bodo
- d. Konkani

Ans:B

Ved Kumari Ghai (16 December 1931 – 30 May 2023) was an Indian Sanskrit scholar from Jammu City, Jammu and Kashmir. She was head of the Sanskrit department in Jammu University.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1928576>

138. The Union Cabinet has recently approved to establish a Regional Office of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in \_\_\_\_\_, India to undertake UPU's development cooperation and technical assistance activities in the region by entering into an agreement with UPU.

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

Ans:C

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved to establish a Regional Office of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in New Delhi, India to

undertake UPU's development cooperation and technical assistance activities in the region by entering into an agreement with UPU.

The approval enables India to play active role at multilateral organizations in postal sector with emphasis on South-South and Triangular cooperation. India will provide a Field Project Expert, staff and office set up for UPU's regional office. Projects on capacity building and trainings, improving efficiency and quality of postal services, enhancement of Postal technology, e-commerce and trade promotion etc will be prepared and implemented for the region by this office in coordination with UPU.

The initiative would help expanding India's diplomatic footprint and strengthen relations with other countries, specially in Asia-Pacific region and will enhance India's presence at the global postal forums.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1928601>

139. World Milk Day is celebrated on
- May 1
  - May 31
  - June 1
  - June 31

Ans:C

World Milk Day is an international day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food. It has been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.

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140. The theme for "World No Tobacco Day 2023" is
- Tobacco kills
  - We need food, not tobacco
  - Tobacco and women
  - Tobacco: emerging danger

Ans: B

Every year on **31st May, World No Tobacco** day is organized by World Health Organization to promote the awareness about the risk related to the consumption of tobacco and its product and its ill affect on the family, society and environment.

This year, 2023, the World No Tobacco Day Theme is "**We need food, not tobacco**", intends to get tobacco producers to adopt sustainable and nutritious crops by providing awareness concerning marketing options and production alternatives. In addition, the theme focuses on exposing the efforts of the tobacco industry's sabotage initiatives to replace tobacco with sustainable crops, leading to the global food crisis.

On World No-Tobacco Day, Union Health Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya released OTT guidelines for regulation of online depiction of Tobacco Products in online curated content, in the presence of Shri S. Singh Baghel, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare. Publishers of online curated content that display tobacco products or their use will be required to comply with specific guidelines. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India organized a hybrid event to observe World No Tobacco Day 2023, here today. The theme of World No Tobacco Day this year is “We Need Food, Not Tobacco.”

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