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1. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' is the Prime Minister of
 - a. Pakistan
 - b. Sri Lanka
 - c. Bangladesh
 - d. Nepal

Ans: D

Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', the Prime Minister of Nepal called on the President of India, Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (June 1, 2023).

The President welcomed Prime Minister Prachanda and congratulated him on his appointment as Prime Minister of Nepal. She said that in view of his old association with India and his experience, India looks forward to a positive agenda in India-Nepal bilateral relations to take the age-old partnership to new heights. She expressed confidence that this visit would further strengthen the strong bond between the two countries.

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2. The Bureau of Indian Standards comes under which of the following Ministries?
 - a. Chemicals and Fertilizers
 - b. Commerce and Industry
 - c. Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
 - d. Food Processing Industries

Ans" C

The Bureau of Indian Standards is the National Standards Body of India under **Department of Consumer affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India**. It is established by the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 which came into effect on 12 October 2017.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the national standard body of India, mandated for the development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification has taken an important step in a new push for standardization in the field of Ayush. **BIS has notified 31 Indian standards related to Ayush**, which includes 30 herbs and 1 product (stainless steel neti pot). These standards were recently published through gazette notification. BIS has also created an additional department for enabling dedicated focus on Ayush at BIS.

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3. Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity was launched in which year?
 - a. 2019
 - b. 2020
 - c. 2021

d. 2022

Ans: D

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) is an economic initiative launched by President of the United States Joe Biden on May 23, **2022**. The framework launched with a total of fourteen participating founding member nations in the Indo-Pacific region with an open invitation for other countries to join.

Negotiations for the Supply Chains (Pillar-II) Agreement were substantially concluded during the second in-person Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Ministerial Meeting held in Detroit on 27 May 2023, hosted by the US.

Once implemented, the Supply Chain Agreement is expected to bring in a number of benefits to India and the other IPEF partner countries. Some of the key benefits expected are: potential shift of production centres in key goods/critical sectors to India; bolstering of domestic manufacturing capacities; giving a boost to Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Production Linked Initiatives schemes; mobilization of investments especially in production of key goods, logistics services and infrastructure; deeper integration of India in the Global Supply and Value Chains particularly of Indian MSMEs; enhanced exports from India; upward mobility in the value chains; mitigation of risks of economic disruptions to India from supply chain shocks/adverse events; creation of a seamless regional trade ecosystem facilitating flow of Indian products; enhanced trade facilitation including through digital exchange of trade documentation, quicker port clearances; joint Research and Development; and workforce development.

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4. Which of the following bestows National Startup Awards (NSA) in India?
- NITI Aayog
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - Ministry of Labour and Employment
 - UNICEF India

Ans: B

The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry introduced the National Startup Awards (NSA) in 2020**. The applications for National Startup Awards 2023 have been made live from 1st April 2023 and the deadline for submissions is now extended to 15th June 2023.

The extension of the National Startup Awards 2023 application deadline allows aspiring entrepreneurs and enablers additional time to showcase their innovative solutions and profound societal impact.

DPIIT will award a cash prize of INR 10 lakhs to one winning startup in each category. Furthermore, the winners and finalists of the National Startup Awards 2023 will receive exclusive handholding support, including access to investors and government networks, mentorship programs, international market exposure, connections with corporates and unicorns, and various other valuable resources.

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5. Telangana Formation Day is celebrated on
- June 1
 - June 2
 - June 3
 - June 4

Ans: B

Telangana Day commonly known as Telangana Formation Day is a state public holiday in the Indian state of Telangana, commemorating the formation of the state of Telangana. It is observed annually on 2 June since 2014.

The Ministry of Culture, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, is celebrating Telangana Formation Day at Golconda Fort in Telangana. The Minister of Culture, Tourism and DoNER, G. Kishan Reddy will inaugurate the two-day festivities with a flag hoisting ceremony in the morning tomorrow (2nd June), followed by cultural performances in the evening. The celebrations will be in the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

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6. The year 2023 marks _____th year of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day
- 300
 - 325
 - 350
 - 375

Ans: C

As per the Gregorian calendar, the Maratha warrior king was coronated on June 6, 1674, at the Raigad fort from where he had laid the foundation of "Hindavi Swaraj" or self-rule of Hindus. As per the Hindu calendar, the anniversary of his coronation falls on June 2 this year (2023).

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the 350th year of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day via video message today.

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7. Anjouan is an autonomous volcanic island of which of the following countries?
- India
 - Comoros
 - Mozambique
 - Madagascar

Ans: B

Anjouan is an autonomous volcanic island in the Comoro Islands in the southwestern Indian Ocean, part of the Union of the Comoros.

As part of the Indian Navy's long range deployment, INS Trishul visited port Anjouan, Comoros from 31 May to 02 June 23. The ship anchored off Anjouan Island on 31 May 23 and was received by civil-military leadership. As part of the visit, Captain Kapil Kaushik, the Commanding Officer, called on senior government officials at Anjouan. Professional interactions with Comoros Armed Forces and Comoros Coast Guard, sports fixtures and a joint Yoga session with Comoros Defence forces were undertaken by the ship during the stay in harbour.

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8. The GPS-aided GEO augmented navigation (GAGAN) was developed by ISRO and
- NASA
 - Airports Authority of India
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
 - NITI Aayog

Ans: B

The GPS-aided GEO augmented navigation (GAGAN) is an implementation of a regional satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS) by the Government of India. It is a system to improve the accuracy of a GNSS receiver by providing reference signals. The Airports Authority of India (AAI)'s efforts towards implementation of operational SBAS can be viewed as the first step towards introduction of modern communication, navigation and surveillance / air traffic management system over the Indian airspace.

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has lauded Asia's first demonstration for Performance-Based Navigation for helicopters for a flight from Juhu to Pune using GAGAN satellite technology.

In response to a tweet by the Union Minister for Civil Aviation and Steel, the Prime Minister said;

"Noteworthy milestone for the sector! It underscores our commitment to embracing advanced technologies for a safer and more efficient air traffic management."

<https://www.narendramodi.in/pm-lauds-asia-s-first-demonstration-for-performance-based-navigation-for-helicopters-570871>

9. Recently, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at
- New Delhi
 - Ghaziabad

- c. Panjim
- d. Pune

Ans: B

“As we aim to become a developed nation in our Amrit Kaal, it is essential that our citizens are healthy. Swasth Nagrik creates a Swastha Rashtra, which leads to a Samruddha Rashtra.” This was stated by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya at the inauguration of the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh yesterday. Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State (HFW) and General (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State (Civil Aviation, MoRTH) were also present at the event.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1928887#:~:text=The%20National%20Training%20Centre%20of%20the%20Food%20Safety%20and%20Standards,knowledge%20or%20skills%20in%20the>

10. Which of the following became the first of all AIIMS to receive NABH accreditation in India?
- a. AIIMS Bhubaneswar
 - b. AIIMS Delhi
 - c. AIIMS Jodhpur
 - d. AIIMS Nagpur

Ans: D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated AIIMS Nagpur for becoming the first of all AIIMS to receive the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation. Responding to a tweet made by AIIMS Nagpur, the Prime Minister today said, AIIMS Nagpur has set a benchmark in delivering quality healthcare services.

<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=PM-Modi-congratulates-AIIMS-Nagpur-for-becoming-first-of-all-AIIMS-to-receive-NABH-accreditation&id=461843>

11. On 2 June 2023, three trains collided near the city of Balasore, in the state of
- a. Odisha
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Gujarat
 - d. Jharkhand

Ans: A

On 2 June 2023, three trains collided near the city of Balasore, in the state of Odisha in eastern India. Two passenger trains, the 12841 Coromandel Express and the 12864 SMVT Bengaluru–Howrah SF Express, collided after an initial collision involving a goods train near the Bahanaga Bazar railway station

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12. The Indian Maritime University (IMU) is a public central university directly under the Ministry of
- Defence
 - Home Affairs
 - Ports, Shipping and Waterways
 - Jal Shakti

ANs" C

The Indian Maritime University (IMU) is a public central university directly under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, in India. It deals with a wide range of topics related to the sea, ranging from oceanography to maritime law and history, and including practical topics such as search and rescue at sea and the transportation of dangerous goods. It is India's national institute for the training of Merchant navy Officers. It was established by the Indian Maritime University Act 2008

It has an All-India jurisdiction and the headquarters is at Chennai.

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13. "#BeatPlasticPollution" is theme of World Environment Day of which year?
- 2020
 - 2021
 - 2022
 - 2023

Ans: D

The theme for World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 will focus on solutions to plastic pollution under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution.

World Environment Day 2023 is hosted by Côte d'Ivoire in partnership with the Netherlands.

Côte d'Ivoire is showing leadership in the campaign against plastic pollution. Since 2014, it has banned the use of plastic bags, supporting a shift to reusable packaging. The country's largest city, Abidjan, has also become a hub for environmentally minded start-ups.

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14. About 88 % of the wage payment has been made through ABPS till May 2023. What does "A" in ABPS stands for?
- Automatic
 - Aadhaar
 - Accelerated
 - None of the above

Ans: B

ABPS is helping the genuine beneficiaries to get their due payment and is instrumental in curbing corruption by weeding out fake beneficiaries. Mahatma Gandhi NREGS has not adopted Aadhaar-enabled payment. This scheme has opted for Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge system.

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15. Who became the overall champion at the Khelo India University Games 2022?
- Jain University
 - Guru Nanak Dev University
 - Punjab University
 - Delhi University

Ans: C

A sober and sombre ceremony brought the curtains down on the 3rd Khelo Indian University Games (KIUG) 2022 Uttar Pradesh (UP) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Banaras Hindu University (BHU) campus in India's spiritual capital Varanasi today.

The KIUG 2022 UP, the third edition of India's biggest multi-sport event at the higher education level, saw over 4000 athletes from over 200 Universities compete in 21 sporting disciplines over 12 competition days. In the end, **Punjab University, Chandigarh (PUC)** were declared the **overall champions** with a tally of 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals, thereby regaining the mantle they had lost to Jain University in the second edition, after being the champions in the inaugural edition in Odisha. **Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (GNDU) who came second** (24 gold, 27 silver, 17 bronze) and **Jain University, Karnataka (16 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze) who came third** were all presented with glittering winners trophies at the ceremony.

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16. National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was launched in which year?
- 2014
 - 2015

- c. 2016
- d. 2017

Ans: B

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), launched in November 2015 by the Ministry of Education, was used for this edition as well as for the previous seven editions of India Rankings released for the years 2016 to 2023.

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17. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) conducted seminar on “Growth avenues for Indian IT industry and emerging tech ecosystem” on its _____ Foundation Day in 2023.
- a. 30th
 - b. 31st
 - c. 32nd
 - d. 33rd

ANs: C

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) conducted seminar on “Growth avenues for Indian IT industry and emerging tech ecosystem” here today on its 32nd Foundation Day,

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1929959>

18. Nyaya Vikas Portal is under the charge of
- a. NITI Aayog
 - b. Department of Justice
 - c. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
 - d. Department of Personnel

Ans” B

Nyaya Vikas Portal allows four efficient ways of logging into the portal, thereby empowering stakeholders with seamless access to information pertaining to funding, documentation, project monitoring and approval.

About Nyaya Vikas: The **Department of Justice** has been implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Districts and Subordinate Judiciary since 1993-94.

Under the Scheme, central assistance is provided to the State Government / UT Administrations for construction of court halls and residential units for Judicial Officers / Judges of District and Subordinate Courts. With further extension of the scheme beyond 31.03.2021, some new features like Lawyers Hall, Toilet complexes and Digital computer rooms have been added to the scheme for the convenience of lawyers and litigants, besides court halls and residential units.

The funds sharing pattern under the Scheme for Center and State is 60:40 in respect of States other than North Eastern and Himalayan States. The funds sharing pattern is 90:10 in respect of North Eastern and Himalayan States; and 100% in respect of Union Territories. This portal has been created for monitoring the implementation of this Scheme.

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19. CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum is located in

- a. Chennai
- b. Guwahati
- c. Shimla
- d. Dehradun

Ans: D

CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum, **Dehradun**, celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2023. The theme of the function was "Preventing Plastic Pollution".

The Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), established in 1960, is one of the 37 constituent laboratories of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), dedicated to R&D in the hydrocarbon sector.

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20. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, recently flagged off the maiden International Cruise Vessel _____, India's first international cruise vessel - from Chennai to Sri Lanka.

- a. MV Empress
- b. MV Sindhudurg
- c. MV Striker
- d. MV Samudra

Ans: A

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the maiden International Cruise Vessel - **MV Empress**, India's first international cruise vessel - from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai today. This marks the beginning of the international cruise tourism terminal at Chennai, built at a cost of ₹17.21 crores, heralding a new age of cruise tourism & maritime trade in the country. Coinciding on the occasion of Environment Day, the Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal along with the port officials also planted 2500 tree saplings at the port today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1930069>

21. Suriname is a country in
- Africa
 - Eastern Europe
 - South America
 - Pacific Ocean

Ans: C

Suriname is a country in northern **South America**. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north, French Guiana to the east, Guyana to the west, and Brazil to the south.

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu along with President Chandrikapersad Santokhi of Suriname, witnessed the cultural festival on the occasion of the commemoration of 150 years of the arrival of Indians in Suriname yesterday evening (June 5, 2023) in Paramaribo.

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22. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was passed in which year?
- 1969
 - 1974
 - 1981
 - 1985

Ans: D

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, **1985**, commonly referred to as the NDPS Act, is an Act of the Parliament of India that prohibits a person the production/manufacturing/cultivation, possession, sale, purchasing, transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance. The bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 23 August 1985. It was passed by both the Houses of Parliament, received assent from then President Giani Zail Singh on 16 September 1985, and came into force on 14 November 1985. The NDPS Act has since been amended four times — in 1988, 2001, 2014 and 2021. The Act extends to the whole of

India and it applies also to all Indian citizens outside India and to all persons on ships and aircraft registered in India.

The Air Cargo (Exports) Customs, Delhi, today destroyed 69.876 kg drugs covered under schedule to the NDPS Act, 1985 at the Centralised Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility operated by SMS Watergrace BMW Pvt Ltd.

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23. World Food Safety Day is on

- a. June 3
- b. June 4
- c. June 7
- d. June 9

Ans: C

World Food Safety Day on 7 June 2023 will draw attention to food standards. Foodborne diseases affect 1 in 10 people worldwide each year, and food standards help us to ensure what we eat is safe.

The **theme of this year's World Food Safety Day is “Food standards save lives.”** Most people depend on the information in the packaging of consumable items to know whether their food is safe.

The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya will release the State Food Safety Index, as part of the World Food Safety Day celebrations organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), to be held on June 7, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event will also witness the participation of Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, and Prof. SP Singh Baghel, Ministers of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The State Food Safety Index (SFSI) is an annual assessment released by FSSAI. It serves as a tool to propel States and Union Territories (UTs) to enhance their performance and establish robust food safety systems within their jurisdictions.

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24. Bharatmala Pariyojna comes under which of the following Ministries?

- a. Road Transport and Highways
- b. Home Affairs
- c. Defence
- d. Civil Aviation

Ans: A

The Bharatmala Pariyojna is an ecosystem of road development which includes

development of tunnels, bridges, elevated corridors, flyovers, overpass, interchanges, bypasses, ring roads etc. to provide shortest, jam free & optimized connectivity to multiple places, it is a centrally-sponsored and funded Road and Highways project of the Government of India.

It is under **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said as part of the Bharatmala Pariyojna, we are currently engaged in the 4-laning of the Sinnar-Shirdi section of NH-160, including the construction of the Sinnar Bypass, in Maharashtra. In a series of tweets he said this transformative project holds immense social significance, as it will serve as a dedicated route, or 'Marg,' for Sai Baba devotees making their pilgrimage to Shirdi on foot. Additionally, it is poised to act as an economic catalyst, propelling rapid development in the surrounding areas, he added.

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25. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is headquartered in

- a. New York
- b. Seattle
- c. Florida
- d. Salt Lake City

Ans: B

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), a merging of the William H. Gates Foundation and the Gates Learning Foundation, is an American private foundation founded by Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates. Based in **Seattle, Washington, it was launched in 2000.**

Ministry of Rural Development convenes along with The World Bank and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2-days conference on Rural Development - 'Evolving India: Re-imagining Rural Development for Shared Prosperity'

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26. Belgrade is the capital of

- a. Bulgaria
- b. Serbia
- c. Romania
- d. Croatia

Ans: B

Serbia, is a landlocked country in Southeastern and Central Europe, situated at the crossroads of the Pannonian Basin and the Balkans. It shares land borders with Hungary to the north, Romania to the northeast, Bulgaria to the southeast, North Macedonia to the south, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina to the west, and Montenegro to the southwest, and claims a border with Albania through the disputed territory of Kosovo. Serbia without Kosovo has about 6.6 million inhabitants, about 8.4 million if Kosovo is included. Its capital **Belgrade** is also the largest city.

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu reached Belgrade, Serbia today (June 7, 2023) in the final leg of her State Visit to Suriname and Serbia. This is the first visit by an Indian President to Serbia. In a special gesture, she was received by President Aleksandar Vucic of Serbia and accorded a guard of honour at the Nikola Tesla Airport, Belgrade. From the Airport, the President travelled to Gandijeva Street and paid respects at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi.

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27. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) is chaired by
- Chief Economic Advisor
 - Prime Minister
 - Union Finance Minister
 - Chairman, Finance Commission

Ans: B

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1930440>

28. Who is the current Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India?
- Jayanti Prasad
 - Reetu Jain
 - Anita Shah Akella
 - Ravi Mital

Ans: D

IBBI Chairperson Ravi Mital inaugurates 'week with the legends' at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), under the aegis of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, kick started its annual week-long conference - 'Week with Legends, 2023', for its Graduate Insolvency Programme (GIP) wherein stalwarts of the Insolvency practice are invited to take part in a roundtable discussion with the students of its flagship GIP on various aspects of Insolvency and Bankruptcy regime in India.

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29. International Solar Alliance has its headquarters in

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

Ans: C

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an alliance of 123 signatory countries, most being sunshine countries, which lie either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The primary objective of the alliance is to work for efficient consumption of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Headquarters Gurugram, Haryana, India

The eighth meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held in New Delhi on June 6, 2023, under the chairpersonship of Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy R. K. Singh, in his capacity as the Power Minister of India, the current President of the ISA. The French Republic as Co-President of the ISA Assembly was the Co-Chair of the meeting. Some representatives of member countries joined in person in Delhi, while others joined the meeting online.

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30. Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR) is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Power and the

- a. Ministry of Defence
- b. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- c. Ministry of Science and Technology
- d. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Ans: D

The **Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** have jointly launched a National Mission to quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.

The National Mission, titled “Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)” aims to facilitate indigenous research, development and demonstration of the latest and emerging technologies in the power sector. By identifying emerging technologies and taking them to the implementation stage, the Mission seeks to leverage them as the main fuel for future economic growth and thus make India a manufacturing hub of the world.

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31. Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud is the Crown Prince of

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

Ans: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1930896>

32. World Ocean Day is celebrated on

- a. June 5
- b. June 6
- c. June 7
- d. June 8

Ans: D

8 June, World Ocean Day

UN World Oceans Day 2023 theme Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1930846>

33. International Archives Day is on

- a. June 7
- b. June 8
- c. June 9
- d. June 10

Ans: C

Did you know that June 9 is International Archives Day? All around the world,

professionals in the archival community unite their voices on June 9 to make you understand why it is essential to support archives and the profession.

National Archives of India is celebrating International Archives Day on 9 June 2023 and on this occasion, an exhibition under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) entitled "Hamari Bhasha, Hamari Virasat will be organised.

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34. The first edition of India, France and _____ Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced on 07 Jun 23 in the Gulf of Oman.
- Saudi Arabia
 - UAE
 - Oman
 - Iran

Ans: B

The first edition of India, France and UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced on 07 Jun 23 in the Gulf of Oman. INS Tarkash and French Ship Surcouf both with integral helicopters, French Rafale aircraft and UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft are participating in the exercise.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1930811>

35. Agni-Prime missile is being developed by
- DRDO
 - ISRO
 - Some private company
 - Department Of Atomic Energy

Ans: A

New Generation Ballistic Missile 'Agni Prime' was successfully flight-tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on June 07, 2023. During the flight test, all objectives were successfully demonstrated.

Agni-P or Agni-Prime (Agnī "Fire") is a medium-range ballistic missile being developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as a successor for Agni-I and Agni-II missiles in the operational service of Strategic Forces Command with significant upgrades in the form of composite motor casing, maneuverable reentry vehicle (MaRV) along with improved propellants, navigation and guidance systems.

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36. With reference to Indian history, Birsa Munda is a
- Freedom fighter
 - Diplomat
 - Painter
 - Tribal leader from South India

Ans: A

Birsa Munda pronunciation was an Indian tribal freedom fighter, and folk hero who belonged to the Munda tribe. He spearheaded a tribal religious millenarian movement that arose in the Bengal Presidency (now Jharkhand) in the late 19th century, during the British Raj, thereby making him an important figure in the history of the Indian independence movement. The revolt mainly concentrated in the Munda belt of Khunti, Tamar, Sarwada and Bandgaon

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi shared a tweet thread by Member of Parliament Shri Sudarshan Bhagat. The MP, in the thread, had complied the occasions over the years where the Prime Minister had paid tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1931128>

37. What is India's rank in the 20th Asian U20 Athletics Championships?
- First
 - Second
 - Third
 - Fourth

Ans: C

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi today praised athletes for a great performance in the 20th Asian U20 Athletics Championships.

The Prime Minister tweeted :

"Proud of our athletes! They performed exceptionally well at the 20th Asian U20 Athletics Championships! With 19 medals, including 6 golds, India soared to 3rd place among 45 nations. We celebrate the triumph of our athletes and wish them the very best for their future endeavours."

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1931126>

38. Who is the current CEO of OpenAI?

- a. Sam Frederick
- b. Sam Altman
- c. Daniel Altman
- d. Jane Covington

Ans: B

Mr. Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI had called on the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi yesterday.

Samuel Harris Altman is an American entrepreneur, investor, and programmer. He was the co-founder of Loopt and is the current CEO of OpenAI. He was the president of Y Combinator and was briefly the CEO of Reddit.

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39. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) recently signed a MoU with _____ to combine strengths and create synergy between the two organizations for guiding the farmers on scientific cultivation of different crops for optimum yield and income
- a. Amazon Kisan
 - b. Flipkart Kisan
 - c. Myntra Kisan
 - d. eBay Kisan

Ans: A

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi signed a MoU with Amazon Kisan to combine strengths and create synergy between the two organizations for guiding the farmers on scientific cultivation of different crops for optimum yield and income. ICAR will provide technological backstopping to the farmers through Amazon's network. It will improve farmers' livelihood and boost crop yield. This MoU in farmer's partnership with Amazon Kisan program will help ensuring access to high quality fresh produce for consumers across India, including through Amazon Fresh.

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40. Innovations for Defence Excellence is an initiative of
- a. NITI Aayog
 - b. Ministry of Defence (India)
 - c. Ministry of Home Affairs (India)
 - d. Pentagon

Ans: B

Continuing with the commitment towards 'Make in India' initiative the Indian Army has signed the second procurement contract through Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) on 09 June 2023. The contract with M/s Astrome Tech Pvt Ltd, Bangalore for procurement of indigenously developed 'Tactical LAN Radio' was signed in presence of Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, the Vice Chief of Army Staff at New Delhi. With this initiative, the Indian Army has taken a lead by signing two contracts under iDEX till date.

It is an initiative of Ministry of Defence

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41. Matemela Cyril Ramaphosa is the President of which of the following countries?

- a. Indonesia
- b. South Africa
- c. Sudan
- d. Malaysia

Ans: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with His Excellency Mr. Matemela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa.

The two leaders reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation, which is anchored in historic and strong people-to-people ties. Prime Minister thanked the South African President for the relocation of 12 Cheetahs to India earlier this year.

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42. Sreeshankar Murali is associated with which sport?

- a. Long jump
- b. Cycling
- c. Chess
- d. Discus throw

Ans: A

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has congratulated long jumper, Sreeshankar Murali on winning bronze medal at Paris Diamond League.

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43. G20 Janbhagidari event in 2023 was organized by Ministry of
- External Affairs
 - Culture
 - Youth Affairs and Sports
 - Education

Ans: D

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi lauded the record participation in G20 Janbhagidari event, an initiative of Ministry of Education.

As the central focus of India's G20 Presidency, Ministry of Education is organizing a series of activities & programs aiming at promoting & endorsing the theme of "Ensuring Foundation Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)" especially in the context of blended learning.

More than 1.5 crore individuals, including students, teachers and community members, have enthusiastically joined this initiative so far.

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44. Which country topped ISSF Junior World Cup 2023?
- USA
 - Japan
 - Italy
 - India

Ans: D

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has congratulated Indian shooters for their performance at ISSF Junior World Cup 2023. Where, with a tally of 15 medals, India emerged on the top of the medals table.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1931290>

45. Indian Military Academy is in
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Uttarakhand
 - Maharashtra
 - Tamil Nadu

Ans: B

The Indian Military Academy (IMA) is one of the oldest military academies in India, and trains officers for the Indian Army. Located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, it was established in 1932 following a recommendation by a military committee set up under the chairmanship of General (later Field Marshal) Sir Philip Chetwode.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1931235>

46. The Scheme for Development of Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) identifies how many PVTGs in India?
- 65
 - 75
 - 85
 - 95

Ans: B

The Scheme for Development of Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), came into effect from April 1, 2008. The Scheme defines PVTGs as the most vulnerable among the Scheduled Tribes and the Scheme therefore seeks to prioritise their protection and development. It identifies 75 PVTGs.

President Droupadi Murmu will grace the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Summit in the Sports Ground of the Rashtrapati Bhawan today, June 12.

The President has invited the Members of 75 PVTGs for a visit to the Rashtrapati Bhawan for an extensive interaction with them and to apprise them about the various Schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. A guided tour around the Amrit Udyan and the Rashtrapati Bhawan has been organized for the PVTG members. Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, Minister of State Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh Saruta, and Bishweswar Tudu will also be present on the occasion.

<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=President-Droupadi-Murmu-to-grace-Particularly-Vulnerable-Tribal-Groups-Summit-at-Rashtrapati-Bhawan&id=462386>

47. The second summit of the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the G20 countries took place in
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Goa
 - New Delhi
 - Hyderabad

Ans: B

The second summit of the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the G20 countries will begin in Panaji, the Capital of Goa today, June 12. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu will deliver the inaugural address at the summit this morning. Later, he will lead the deliberations on the two priority areas - Blue Economy and Responsible Artificial Intelligence. Governor of Goa, P. S. Sreedharan Pillai, and India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant will also address the meeting.

<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Second-summit-of-Supreme-Audit-Institutions-of-G20-countries-to-begin-in-Goa&id=462381>

48. First-ever National Training Conclave was held in

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

Ans: A

PM Modi inaugurates first-ever National Training Conclave in New Delhi; Says, it is responsibility of govt servants to increase faith of people in system

<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=PM-Modi-inaugurates-first-ever-National-Training-Conclave-in-New-Delhi%3b-Says%2c-it-is-responsibility-of-govt-servants-to-increase-faith-of-people-in-system&id=462343>

49. The _____ Director General Level Border Co-ordination Conference between India's Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB) took place in Delhi recently.

- a. 50th
- b. 51st
- c. 52nd
- d. 53rd

Ans: D

The 53rd Director General Level Border Co-ordination Conference between India's Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB) got underway in Delhi today. During the four-day conference, BSF delegation of India led by Director General, BSF, Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaisen, will meet BGB delegation headed by Maj Gen A K M Nazmul Hasan.

<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=53rd-Director-General-Level-Border-Co-ordination-Conference-between-BSF-%26-BGB-begins-in-Delhi&id=462348>

50. INS Trishul of Indian Navy belongs to

- a. Talwar class
- b. Vishakhapatnam class
- c. Arjun class
- d. Rudra class

Ans: A

INS Trishul (F43) is the second frigate of the Talwar class of the Indian Navy. Trishul, the guided missile frigate, joined the arsenal of Indian Navy in 2003.

Indian Navy frigate INS Trishul departed from the South African port city of Durban after impressing the local community with a range of activities designed to showcase India's role in assisting the countries spanning the Indian Ocean.

<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=INS-Trishul-leaves-from-Durban-after-three-days-of-community-activities-in-South-Africa&id=462351>

51. Advertising Standards Council of India was formed in which year?

- a. 1902
- b. 1980
- c. 1984
- d. 1985

Ans: D

The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) 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.

Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) along with the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) hosted an interactive consultation with stakeholders on "Dark Patterns" in Mumbai on 13th June 2023. The session was chaired by Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs.

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52. Sanshodhak, recently seen in news, is a

- a. Survey vessel
- b. Missile
- c. Submarine
- d. Ground radar

Ans: A

'Sanshodhak', the fourth of four ships of Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, being built by L&T/ GRSE for Indian Navy was launched on 13 Jun 23 at Kattupalli, Chennai. The chief guest of the Launch Ceremony was VAdm Adhir Arora, Chief Hydrographer to Government of India. In keeping with the Naval maritime tradition, Smt Tanvi Arora launched the ship to the chanting of invocation from Atharva Veda. The ship named 'Sanshodhak', meaning 'Researcher', signifies the primary role of the ship as a Survey Vessel.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932038>

53. Cyclone Biparjoy affected which of the following regions?

- a. Western coast of India
- b. Eastern coast of India
- c. Eastern coast of Australia
- d. Western coast of Australia

Ans: A

Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm Biparjoy is a powerful tropical cyclone that formed over the east-central Arabian Sea and is expected to make landfall near the India-Pakistan border. The third depression and the second cyclonic storm of the 2023 North Indian Ocean cyclone season, Biparjoy originated from a depression that was first noted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on 6 June, before intensifying into a cyclonic storm. The cyclone steadily weakened due to deep flaring convection. Biparjoy accelerated northeastward, strengthening to a Category 3-equivalent tropical cyclone and to an extremely severe cyclonic storm.

In a swift and well-coordinated move, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) evacuated 50 lives on 13 June, 2023 at Okha, Gujarat as a preventive measure of severe cyclone Biparjoy. The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) had requested Indian Coast Guard (ICG) for evacuation of 50 crew from jack up rig 'KEY SINGAPORE/01' located 25 nm west of Okha, Gujarat on 12 June, 2023.

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54. India recently signed MoU with four countries namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname and _____ on sharing INDIA STACK i.e. successful digital solutions implemented at population scale

- a. Cuba
- b. Ethiopia
- c. Latvia
- d. Antigua and Barbuda

Ans: D

India signed MoU with four countries namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Antigua and Barbuda on sharing INDIA STACK i.e. successful digital solutions implemented at population scale

The Global DPI Summit, as the side event of third meeting of G20 Digital Economy Working Group, was successfully organised over the last two days. Inaugurated by Union Minister of State in Ministry of Electronics and IT and MSDE, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the summit was attended by 150 foreign delegates from around 50 countries and over 250 delegates in-person and more than 2000 persons attended the summit live. During the summit, India signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with four countries namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Antigua and Barbuda on sharing INDIA STACK i.e. successful digital solutions implemented at population scale.

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55. Geological Survey of India Training Institute is headquartered at

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

Ans: C

The Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI) functioning under the Ministry of Mines, has been awarded with the accreditation by the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET) in recognition of the yeomen services it has rendered and high standards maintained in the field of earth science training. The assessment was made on the basis of the inspection of all standard operating procedures and methodologies followed by the institute in different levels. The team from Capacity Building Commission (CBC), NABET and Quality Control of India conducted the on-site assessment and awarded the Certificate of Accreditation with the grading of Athi Uttam.

Established in 1976, GSITI with its headquarters at Hyderabad, has six Regional Training Divisions (RTD) located at Hyderabad, Nagpur, Jaipur, Lucknow, Kolkata and Shillong. Four Field Training Centers (FTCs) are also established at Chitradurga (Karnataka), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Zavar (Rajasthan) and Kuju (Jharkhand). These Centers are established as per the vision of the Ministry of Mines to impart various trainings to geoscience professionals, teachers, researchers and students in various subjects of geology. Thus, GSITI is a national training facility, under the Ministry of

Mines that provides training and capacity building to multiple stakeholders including Central and State Departments, PSUs (MECL, ONGC, OIL, NMDC), national academic institutions (IITs, Central Universities and Colleges) and colleges. The institute regularly conducts courses on remote sensing under NNRMS Programme sponsored by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). It is an institute of international repute and offers training to participants of developing nations under ITEC programme sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs. Professionals from 75 nations have already trained by the institute.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932028>

56. First Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav was held in

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

Ans: A

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has expressed happiness on the organization of the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav at the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932445>

57. Which city in India hosted 2023 G20 Agriculture Ministerial meeting?

- a. Mapusa
- b. Kochi
- c. Hyderabad
- d. Bengaluru

Ans: C

Agriculture Working Group (AWG) will be in Hyderabad for its Ministerial Meeting. The three-day event, starting from 15-17 June 2023, will be attended by more than 200 delegates from G20 member countries, invited countries and International Organizations. The event will be graced by the Agriculture Ministers from various countries and the Director Generals from International Organizations.

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58. Which of the following contributed the most to India's seafood exports in FY 2022-23?

- a. Frozen Fish
- b. Frozen Shrimp
- c. Surimi

d. Frozen Octopus

Ans: B

India achieved an all-time high exports of seafood both in terms of volume and value (both US\$ and Rupee) by shipping 17,35,286 MT of seafood worth Rs. 63,969.14 crore (US\$ 8.09 billion) during FY 2022-23 despite the several challenges in its major export markets like USA.

During the FY 2022-23, the export improved in quantity terms by 26.73%, in rupee terms by 11.08%, in US\$ terms by 4.31%. In 2021-22, India had exported 13,69,264 MT of seafood worth Rs 57,586.48 crore (US\$ 7,759.58 million).

Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of both quantity and value while USA and China turned out to be the major importers of India's seafood. Frozen shrimp, which earned Rs 43,135.58 crore (US\$ 5481.63 million), retained its position as the most significant item in the basket of seafood exports, accounting for a share of 40.98% in quantity and 67.72% of the total US\$ earnings. Shrimp exports during the period increased by 1.01 % in Rupee value.

The overall export of frozen shrimps during 2022-23 was pegged at 7,11,099 MT. USA, the largest market, imported (2,75,662 MT) of frozen shrimp, followed by China (1,45,743 MT), European Union (95,377 MT), South East Asia (65,466 MT), Japan (40,975 MT), and the Middle East (31,647 MT).

The export of black tiger (BT) shrimp increased by 74.06%, 68.64% and 55.41% in quantity, Rupee value and US\$ terms respectively in 2022-23. BT shrimp exported to the tune of 31,213 MT worth Rs 2,564.71 Cr (US\$ 321.23 million). Japan turned out to be the major market for Black Tiger shrimp with a share of 25.38% in terms of US\$ value, followed by the European Union (25.12%) and USA (14.90%). The Vannamei shrimp exports declined in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22 by 8.11% from US\$ 5234.36 million to US\$ 4809.99 million.

Frozen Fish, the second largest exported item, fetched Rs. 5,503.18 Cr. (US\$ 687.05 million) accounting for 21.24% in quantity and 8.49% in US\$ earnings. This year the export of Frozen fish has increased by 62.65%, 58.51% and 45.73% in Quantity, Rupee and US\$ value terms respectively.

Under Other items, the third largest export basket worth US\$ 658.84 million, Surimi fetched Rs. 2,013.66 crore (US\$ 253.89 million), frozen Octopus fetched Rs. 725.71 crore (US\$ 91.74 million), Surimi Analogue products fetched Rs. 558.51 crore (US\$ 70.35 million), canned products fetched Rs. 326.48 crore (US\$ 41.56 million), frozen lobster fetched Rs. 215.15 crore (US\$ 27 million), along with other products.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932317>

59. Gabon is a country in

- a. Asia
- b. North America
- c. Africa
- d. Europe

Ans: C

Gabon, a country along the Atlantic coast of Central Africa, has significant areas of protected parkland.

Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today flagged off Gabon's first Agri- SEZ project from New Delhi. The project will be implemented by AOM group with Centurion University as the technical and knowledge partner. In the first phase of the program, 30 farmers and 20 B.Sc./M.Sc. Agri and B.Tech/M.Tech Engineering students from Gajapati district, which is an Aspirational district of Odisha, will be travelling together as agri-technical and technical consultants for the agriculture SEZ which is being developed under this project.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932453>

60. World Blood Donor Day is on

- a. June 10
- b. June 12
- c. June 14
- d. June 16

ANs: C

14 June is World Blood Donor Day

Every year countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day (WBDD). The event serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood.

Prof S P Singh Baghel, MoS (HFW) inaugurates the “World Blood Donor Day” at RML Hospital, as part of the countrywide Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav

The slogan for this year's World Blood Donor Day campaign is '**Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often**'

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61. Indian Air Force Academy is located in

- a. Pune
- b. Chennai
- c. Dundigal
- d. Khadakwasla

Ans: C

It is located at Dundigal, Hyderabad, Telangana,

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu will visit Telangana (Hyderabad) on June 16 and 17, 2023.

In the morning of June 17, 2023, the President will review the Combined Graduation Parade at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal.

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62. Raja Parba is a festival celebrated in

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

Ans: A

Raja Parba also known as Mithuna Sankranti, is a three-day-long festival of womanhood celebrated in Odisha, India. The second day of the festival signifies beginning of the solar month of Mithuna from, which the season of rains starts.

The Prime Minister, Modi has greeted the people of Odisha on ongoing Raja Parba festivities being held across state.

The Prime Minister tweeted;

“Greetings on the ongoing Raja Parba festivities being held across Odisha. May this auspicious period bring with it an abundance of good health and prosperity. May there be happiness all around.”

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63. Ministry of Defence inked a contract on June 15, 2023 in New Delhi with ICOMM Tele Limited, Hyderabad for the procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers. The value of the contract under Buy (Indian) Category is nearly Rs _____ crore.

- a. 100
- b. 500
- c. 5,000
- d. 50,453

ANs: B

Giving a further boost to indigenous manufacturing of defence equipment and incentivize the private sector to engage in realizing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Ministry of Defence inked a contract on June 15, 2023 in New Delhi with ICOMM Tele Limited, Hyderabad for the procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers. The value of the contract under Buy (Indian) Category is nearly Rs 500 crore. The delivery of the containers is scheduled to commence from the current Financial Year 2023-24.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932615>

64. Which of the following bodies recently released National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2023 report?

- a. CBI
- b. NCRB
- c. NITI Aayog
- d. CBIC

Ans: D

Vivek Johri, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) along with other Members of the Board released the National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2023 report.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932587>

65. The Vice President of India conferred the _____ National Water Awards on 17th June, 2023 at an award distribution ceremony being organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- 1st
 - 2nd
 - 3rd
 - 4th

Ans: D

The Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar will confer the 4th National Water Awards on 17th June, 2023 at an award distribution ceremony being organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Department has announced a total of 41 winners, including joint winners, for the 4th National Water Awards, 2022, covering 11 categories. Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932505>

66. Which of the following is the International Year of Millets?
- 2024
 - 2021
 - 2022
 - 2023

ANs: D

Grammy Award-winning Indian-American singer Falu has come out with the song inspired by the Prime Minister's initiative to get UN declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets. She tweeted about collaborating with the Prime Minister to write a song to promote millets, help farmers grow it and help end world hunger.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932984>

67. The Nehru Memorial Museum & Library is located in
- New Delhi
 - Gurugram
 - Lucknow
 - Ahmedabad

Ans: A

The Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) officially known as Prime Ministers Museum & Library Society is a museum and library in New Delhi, India, which aims to preserve and reconstruct the history of the Indian independence movement. Housed within the Teen Murti House complex, it is an autonomous institution under the Indian Ministry of Culture, and was founded in 1964 after the death of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru

In a special meeting of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society, it was resolved to change its name to Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society. The Special Meeting was presided over by Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh who is the Vice-President of the Society.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932796>

68. Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App is related to which of the following sectors?

- a. Dairy
- b. Crude oil
- c. Technical education
- d. Plastic recycling

Ans: A

Union Minister of Heavy Industries Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled the ground-breaking "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" today at Mussorie, Uttarakhand. This innovative application, designed and developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), Jaipur, a "Mini Ratna" Central Public Sector Enterprises under the Ministry of Heavy Industries, is poised to make a lasting impact on the Indian Dairy Industries by addressing key challenges in the milk collection process. This mobile app aims to improve the quality of milk, foster transparency among stakeholders, and streamline operations at the grassroots village level, including Milk Cooperative Societies.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932965>

69. Indian scientists have recently proved that the Indian _____ fossil that had been originally reported from UNESCO World Heritage Site Bhimbetka Cave Shelter in an earlier research in 2021, was actually a left-over impression of a fallen beehive, not a true fossil.

- a. Dickinsonia
- b. Tetraschlonia Syeirotiic
- c. Tetrahydropora

d. Denverosa

Ans:A

Indian scientists have proved that the Indian Dickinsonia fossil that had been originally reported from UNESCO World Heritage Site Bhimbetka Cave Shelter in an earlier research in 2021, was actually a left-over impression of a fallen beehive, not a true fossil.

The Vindhyan Supergroup, an archive of more than one billion years of history of the earth, is one the largest basins of the world and is the site of many discoveries of fossil that explain how earliest life originate and diversified on the earth.

Reporting of an Ediacaran fossil by a group of American scientists from the area encouraged a group of Ediacaran palaeontologists at BSIP curious to take a look and further hunt for another similar fossil.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932919>

70. Numaligarh Refinery is in which of the following States?

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Punjab
- c. Assam
- d. Odisha

Ans: C

The Numaligarh Refinery is a division of Oil India Limited which is under the ownership of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India. It is located at Morangi, Golaghat district, Assam in India.

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal received the first over dimensional cargo (ODC) transported via waterways at Numaligarh Refinery jetty today.

This is the first consignment transported by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), nodal agency of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways in charge of inland waterways in the country, for the expansion of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) capacity from 3 MMT to 9 MMT. The MoU to transport a total of 24 ODC as well as Over Weight Cargo (OWC) for NRL was signed between IWAI and NRL last year in presence of Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal last year.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932976>

71. Montevideo is the capital of

- a. Peru
- b. Chile
- c. Guinea
- d. Uruguay

Ans: D

Uruguay is a South American country known for its verdant interior and beach-lined coast. The capital, Montevideo, revolves around Plaza Independencia, once home to a Spanish citadel.

At the invitation of President of House of Representatives (Lower House) of the Parliament of Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Shri Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines led a 10-member Parliamentary Goodwill Delegation to Uruguay from 14-17 June 2023 with the objective of strengthening and deepening of bilateral relations between two democracies.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933000>

72. The Women 20 Summit (2023) was held in

- a. Madgaon
- b. Mahabalipuram
- c. Kedarnath
- d. Dindigul

Ans: B

The Women 20 Summit taking place in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu saw an assertive start to its second day on 16th June beginning with an intriguing session on 'Call to Action– Breaking the Glass Ceiling'. This was followed by plenaries on 'Economic Empowerment through Trade and Investment', and 'Investing in Services and Infrastructure for an Enabling Care Economy'. The summit ended with a session on 'Celebrating the Power of Women Empowerment'.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1932940>

73. _____ and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India - United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. Ministry of Finance
- c. Ministry of External Affairs

d. UNICEF India

Ans: A

NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India - United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 today. The GoI-UNSDCF was signed by Mr. B V R Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, and Mr. Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator, India in the presence of the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Mr. Suman Bery, senior representatives from NITI Aayog, central ministries and heads of UN agencies in India.

GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 represents the UN development system's collective offer to the Government of India, in line with the national vision for development, for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, promoting gender equality, youth empowerment and human rights. The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/279 designates the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework as the principal planning and implementation instrument for the UN Development System at country level. Programme priorities of the UN entities working at the country are derived from the GoI-UNSDCF.

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74. Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on

- a. 10 June
- b. 11 June
- c. 15 June
- d. 17 June

Ans: C

Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on 15 June. It is a day for discovering wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems, decarbonise our economies and boost jobs and growth.

<https://globalwindday.org/>

75. Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik is a scheme related to

- a. Road transport
- b. Air transport
- c. Shipping
- d. Rail transport

Ans: B

Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik, known by its acronym UDAN is a regional airport development program of the Government of India and part of the Regional Connectivity Scheme of upgrading under-serviced air routes. Its goal is to make air travel affordable and improve economic development in India

<https://www.aai.aero/en/rcs-udan>

76. Which of the following was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize 2021?

- a. Prabhat Khabar
- b. Gita Press
- c. Dainik Bhaskar
- d. Amar Ujala

Ans: B

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has congratulated Gita Press, Gorakhpur on being conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize 2021.

Gita Press is the world's largest publisher of Hindu religious texts. It is located in Gorakhpur city of India's Uttar Pradesh state. It was founded in 1923 by Jaya Dayal Goyanka and Ghanshyam Das Jalan for promoting the principles of Sanatana Dharma.

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77. Special Olympics World Games 2023 will be held in

- a. Berlin
- b. Perth
- c. Abu Dhabi
- d. Hangzhou

Ans: A

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has conveyed best wishes to the Indian contingent for the Special Olympics World Games (2023) commencing in Berlin.

The Special Olympics World Games also known as Special Olympiad are an international sporting event for participants with intellectual disabilities, organized by the IOC-recognised Special Olympics organization.

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78. SPARSH is being implemented in connection to

- a. Leprosy
- b. Pension
- c. Space

d. Drone technology

Ans: B

System for Pension Administration (RAKSHA) (SPARSH) is being implemented for meeting the pension sanction and disbursement requirements for Armed Forces viz. Army, Navy, Air Force and Defence Civilians.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933204>

79. With reference to NISHTHA initiative, the letter S stands for

- a. Standard
- b. School
- c. Strategic
- d. Sanitation

Ans: B

NISHTHA : National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 states that "Teachers truly shape the future of our children and therefore, the future of our Nation. The motivation and empowerment of teachers is required to ensure the best possible future of our children and nation". As per the recommendation of NEP 2020, every teacher and head teacher is expected to participate in at least 50 hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) opportunities every year for their own professional development, driven by their own interests. CPD opportunities will, in particular, systematically cover the latest pedagogies regarding foundational literacy and numeracy, formative and adaptive assessment of learning outcomes, competency-based learning, and related pedagogies, such as experiential learning, arts-integrated, sports-integrated, and storytelling-based approaches, etc. To realize the vision of NEP-2020, recently NCERT under the aegis of Ministry of Education (MoE), Department of School Education and Literacy (DSE&L), Govt. of India. In collaboration with States / UTs and autonomous bodies under MoE, MoD and MoTA (CBSE, KVS, NVS, AEES, Sainik School, CICSE, EMRS - NESTS etc.) have initiated the NISHTHA integrated training programme 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 online for different stages of school education - Teachers, Head Teachers/Principals and other stakeholders in Educational Management and Administration.

NISHTHA 1.0 for Elementary level (Classes I-VIII)

NISHTHA 2.0 for Secondary level (Classes IX-XII)

NISHTHA 3.0 for NIPUN Bharat (ECCE to Classe V)

NISHTHA covered 35 lakh Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary level teachers with a focus on improvement in quality of teachers and learning outcomes of students

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80. Intersolar Europe 2023 Exhibition was held in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Munich
- c. Utah
- d. Manila

Ans: B

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) participated in the three-day "Intersolar Europe 2023" exhibition held in Munich, Germany from 14th to 16th June, 2023. IREDA, a Mini Ratna (Category – I) Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, had set up a pavilion at the exhibition to educate visitors about the organization. Visitors to the pavilion had the opportunity to learn about IREDA's initiatives in financing renewable energy projects, promoting energy efficiency, and supporting the growth of renewable energy sector in India. The pavilion also served as a platform for networking and exploring potential business opportunities with IREDA, especially at the crucial time of energy transition and Initial Public Offering (IPO) plan of IREDA.

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81. What is the motto of International Day of Yoga, 2023?

- a. Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- b. Yoga for humanity
- c. Yoga for wellness
- d. Yoga for peace

Ans: A

The Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar will be the Chief Guest at the International Day of Yoga (IDY 2023) celebrations in Jabalpur on 21st June 2023. He will address the gathering and later lead the mass yoga demonstration at the venue. The motto for IDY 2023 is "Yoga for 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'".

It may be noted that it has been nine years since the UN recognised June 21 as the International Day of Yoga through a resolution in 2014. While the global celebration of IDY 2023 will be led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA, the National celebration of IDY 2023 will be led by Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar.

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82. The Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission unanimously elected India as chair of the Standing Committee on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for the biennium _____ during the 32nd Session of the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) held in Bangkok during November 2022.

- a. 2024-25
- b. 2022-23
- c. 2023-24
- d. 2023-25

Ans" C

The Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission unanimously elected India as chair of the Standing Committee on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for the biennium 2023-24 during the 32nd Session of the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) held in Bangkok during November 2022. Accordingly, the APPPC Workshop on Systems Approach for the management of fruit flies on mango has been scheduled from 19-23 June, 2023 at Hotel Fortune Select Exotica, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.

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83. The Bureau of Indian Standards comes under which Ministry?

- a. Ministry of Weights and Standards
- b. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- d. Ministry of Heavy Industries

Ans" B

The Bureau of Indian Standards is the National Standards Body of India under Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India. It is established by the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 which came into effect on 12 October 2017.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933517>

84. Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2023” featuring participation from military contingents and observers from over 20 countries has commenced in

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

Ans: A

Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2023” featuring participation from military contingents and observers from over 20 countries has commenced in Mongolia today. Mr Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, the Hon’ble President of Mongolia inaugurated the Exercise in a ceremony organised at the exercise location in Mongolia. The exercise is co-sponsored by Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) and United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC).

The Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the GARHWAL RIFLES. The 14-day exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability of the participating nations, for sharing experience and to train uniformed personnel for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO). The exercise will prepare participants for future UN Peacekeeping missions, develop peace operations capabilities and enhance military readiness. The exercise includes Command Post Exercise (CPX), Field Training Exercises (FTX), combat discussions, lectures and demonstration.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933424>

85. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) celebrated its ____ Foundation Day in 2023

- a. 15th
- b. 20th
- c. 25th
- d. 30th

Ans: B

National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) celebrated its 20th Foundation Day today, reaffirming its unwavering dedication towards building India’s internet infrastructure. This momentous occasion marked two decades of NIXI’s exceptional contributions to create a robust and inclusive digital ecosystem in the country via its business divisions towards Internet Exchange, .IN Registry, IRINN and NIXI-CSC Data Services Ltd. The event was celebrated at Kamani Auditorium here and attended by functionaries from Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), other government departments, valued partners and the vibrant NIXI community.

Set up on June 19, 2003, NIXI is a not-for-profit (Section 8) company under the aegis of MeitY and is tasked to increase internet penetration and adoption in India by facilitating the various infrastructure aspects to enable the internet ecosystem to be managed and used by the masses. The four services which come under the NIXI are setting IXPs, towards building Internet Exchange Points, .IN Registry towards building the .in domain digital identity, IRINN towards IPv4 and IPv6 addresses adoption and Data Centre services under NIXI-CSC towards data storage services.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933503>

86. Ratha Jatra is held annually in

- a. Kerala
- b. Odisha
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Jharkhand

Ans: B

The Ratha Yatra of Puri, also rendered as the Ratha Jatra is considered the oldest and largest Hindu chariot festival celebrated annually, on the bright half of the lunar month of Ashadh (June-July). The festival is held at the city of Puri in the state of Odisha, India and associated with the deity Jagannath (a form Vishnu or Krishna). During the festival, three deities (Jagannath, his brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadra) are pulled in three massive, wooden chariots to Gundicha Temple whereby they reside there for a week and then return to the Jagannath temple. Descriptions can be found in Brahma Purana, Padma Purana, the Skanda Purana, and the Kapila Samhita.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933532>

87. Which body has recently issued the recommendations on 'Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India'?

- a. TRAI
- b. CCI
- c. Department of Telecom
- d. All India Digital Cable Federation

Ans: A

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today issued the recommendations on 'Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India'.

Submarine cables are vital digital communication infrastructure of today's fast-paced global economy and are the lifelines of any country's communication grid, empowering its business and economic operations. Today, the web of these cables traverses the maritime zones of several countries, connecting people and businesses across the globe.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933678>

88. INS Vikrant (2013) was built by
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
 - Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
 - Cochin Shipyard Limited
 - Hindustan Shipyard

Ans: C

INS Vikrant is an aircraft carrier in service with Indian Navy. The carrier is the first to be built in India and was constructed by the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kerala. The namesake Vikrant is a tribute to India's first aircraft carrier INS Vikrant (1961). Vikrant means "courageous" in Sanskrit. The motto of the ship, "जयेम सं युधिस्पृधः" (Sanskrit), means "I defeat those who fight against me".

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will join Indian Navy personnel to perform yoga onboard indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant on the occasion of International Day of Yoga tomorrow on June 21, 2023.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933675>

89. Who became the CEO of UIDAI in June 2023?
- Channa Kesava
 - Amit Narayan
 - Vinay K R
 - Amit Agrawal

Ans: D

Amit Agrawal assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933728>

90. What does R in CREDAI stand for?
- Rural
 - Real
 - Rapid

d. Retrospective

Ans: B

The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) is the apex body of private Real Estate developers in India, established in 1999, with a vision of transforming the landscape of Indian Real Estate industry and a mandate to pursue the cause of Housing and Habitat. Today, CREDAI represents 13000+ Developers across 217 city chapters in 21 states and plays an important role in policy formulation by representing the views of its members to various Ministries at regular intervals.

Inaugurating the CREDAI Garden-People's Park, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that CREDAI has constructed People's Park in 12,000 square meters at a cost of about Rs 2.5 crore. He said that CREDAI has made this beautiful place keeping in mind the environment as well as the middle class, upper middle class and poor children. Today, in the process of increasing urbanization, the garden is a very good and comfortable place for the common citizen.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933679>

91. António Guterres is the Secretary General of

- a. United Nations
- b. NATO
- c. UNICEF
- d. European Commission

ANs; A

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has concurred with United Nations Secretary General, António Guterres on the importance of Yoga. The Prime Minister also wished that may Yoga Day bring us all closer and improve the health of our planet.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934263>

92. G20 Tourism Ministers' Meet (2023) was held in

- a. Kerala
- b. Uttarakhand
- c. Himachal Pradesh
- d. Goa

ANs: D

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Tourism Ministers' Meet held in Goa via video message today.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister invoked the spirit of Incredible India and said that the tourism ministers rarely get a chance to be tourists themselves even though they are handling a sector worth over two trillion dollars globally. Noting that the G20 Tourism Ministers' Meet is taking place in Goa, one of the major tourist attractions in India, the Prime Minister urged the dignitaries to take out some time from their serious discussions and explore the natural beauty and the spiritual side of Goa.

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93. Falguni Shah is associated with

- a. Athletics
- b. Diplomacy
- c. Music
- d. Journalism

ANs: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Ms. Falguni Shah, Indian American singer, composer and Grammy award winner, today, in New York, USA.

Prime Minister lauded Ms. Shah for her song 'Abundance in Millets' that raises awareness regarding healthy and environment friendly millets. Prime Minister also appreciated her for bringing the people of India and USA together through her music.

Falu (born Falguni Shah in Mumbai, India) is an American singer whose music blends ancient classical Indian melodies with contemporary western sounds

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933813>

94. Paul Romer is a/an

- a. Architect
- b. Economist
- c. Physicist
- d. Chemist

ANs: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Nobel laureate Prof Paul Romer, American economist and policy entrepreneur, today in New York, USA.

Prime Minister and Prof. Romer held discussions on India's digital journey, including the use of Aadhar and innovative tools like Digilocker. They also discussed various initiatives being undertaken by India for urban development.

Paul Michael Romer is an American economist and policy entrepreneur who is a University Professor in Economics at New York University. Romer is best known as the former Chief Economist of the World Bank and for co-receiving the 2018 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences (shared with William Nordhaus) for his work in endogenous growth theory. He also coined the term "mathiness," which he describes as misuse of mathematics in economic research.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933809>

95. Neil de Grasse Tyson is related to

- a. Geology
- b. Pathology
- c. Astrophysics
- d. Genetics

Ans: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Mr. Neil de Grasse Tyson, leading American astrophysicist, author and science communicator, today, in New York, USA.

Prime Minister and Mr. Tyson exchanged views on inculcating scientific temperament among youth. They discussed at length India's rapid progress in space sector including various space exploration missions being undertaken by India.

Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1933802>

96. The National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted in which year?

- a. 1953
- b. 1963
- c. 1973

d. 1983

Ans: C

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the years 2022 and 2023 to the Nursing professionals at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (June 22, 2023).

The National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in the year 1973 as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals to the society.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934461>

97. Article 35A of the Indian Constitution was related to the affairs of

- a. Sikkim
- b. Jammu and Kashmir
- c. Union Territories
- d. Nagaland

ANs: B

Article 35A of the Indian Constitution was an article that empowered the Jammu and Kashmir state's legislature to define "permanent residents" of the state and provide special rights and privileges to them. It was added to the Constitution through a presidential order, i.e., The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954 – issued by the President of India under Article 370

On 5 August 2019, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind issued a new Presidential Order, whereby all the provisions of the Indian Constitution were made to apply to the State without any special provisions. This implied that the State's separate Constitution stood inoperative, including the privileges allowed by the Article 35A.

The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today said that Jammu & Kashmir is charting a new path of remarkable growth & development post abrogation of Articles 35-A & 370. The region's integration into the national mainstream has paved the way for investments, development and improved governance, he maintained.

Addressing the Special Convocation Ceremony of the University of Jammu today, the Vice President underlined that Articles 35-A & 370 were put in the constitution as temporary provisions but lasted for 70 years. He also highlighted that the architect of Indian Constitution, Dr. BR Ambedkar had declined to draft Article 370. "Personally for

twenty years, I had been advocating the abrogation of article 35A and 370. It was an aberration... We are happy that now it is not there," he added.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934527>

98. G20 Education Ministers' Meet (2023) was held in

- a. Panjim
- b. Pune
- c. Thane
- d. Surat

Ans: B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Education Ministers' Meet held in Pune via video message

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934350>

99. Which city set a Guinness world record for the largest gathering of people for a yoga session in one place in June 2023?

- a. Surat
- b. Lucknow
- c. Varanasi
- d. Mathura

ANs: A

Over 1.25 lakh people attended the International Yoga Day event in Surat Wednesday morning, setting a new Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people for a yoga session in one place. The session took place in the presence of Guinness World Records officials.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/international-yoga-day-event-in-surat-sets-new-guinness-world-record-8677359/>

100. Digi Yatra is an initiative of the Ministry of

- a. Road transport and Highways
- b. Jalshakti
- c. Railways
- d. Civil Aviation

Ans: D

Digi Yatra is an initiative of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for a biometric boarding system using Facial biometric verification Technology. It aims at providing a seamless and hassle-free experience for passengers at airports. Its main objective is to enhance the passenger experience by eliminating the need for manual verification of tickets and ID at multiple touch points and to achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using a Digital Framework.

In the Digi Yatra process, there is no central storage of passengers Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data. All the passengers' data is encrypted and stored in the wallet of the passengers' smartphone and shared only for a limited time duration with the airport of travel origin where the passenger's Digi Yatra ID needs to be validated. The data is purged from the system within 24 hours of the flight. The data is shared by passengers directly, only when they travel and only to the origin Airport. The data cannot be used by any other entity since it's encrypted and cannot be shared with any stakeholders.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934489>

101. Malaviya National Institute of Technology is located in
- Jaipur
 - Pune
 - Puri
 - Amritsar

Ans: A

Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur (MNIT or NIT Jaipur) is a public technical university located in Jaipur, India with, an emphasis on science, engineering and management.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934744>

102. Who is the current Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India?
- Aditya Ravichandra
 - Ashok K. K. Meena
 - Aruna Srivasthava
 - Srikar Mishra

Ans: B

Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, Shri Ashok K. K. Meena said that the Government has now directed the FCI to conduct the e-auctions of wheat and rice to check the inflationary trends in prevailing retail prices as a part of market intervention to control the price of wheat and rice. Shri Meena said this while addressing the media today in New Delhi.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934868>

103. Anil Chauhan is the
- a. Chief of Army
 - b. Chief of Navy
 - c. Chief of Air Force
 - d. Chief of Defence Staff

Ans: D

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan visited Jaipur-based South Western Command on June 23, 2023. He was received by General Officer Commanding-In-Chief, South Western Command Lieutenant General BS Raju. During the visit, the CDS interacted with the senior officers of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force. He also discussed the operational aspects related to the Command.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934786>

104. The World Hydrography Day is on
- a. June 18
 - b. June 21
 - c. June 24
 - d. June 30

Ans: B

The World Hydrography Day (WHD) was celebrated by the Indian Naval Hydrographic Department on 21 Jun 23. The theme for this year's World Hydrography Day is: "Hydrography – Underpinning the Digital; Twin of the Ocean" in keeping with development of virtual representation.

National Hydrographic Office (NHO) in Dehradun celebrated WHD with series of activities. They were aimed at raising awareness about the critical role of hydrography in ensuring safe navigation, promoting sustainable marine development, supporting government of India's Blue water economy including protecting our oceans and coastal areas.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934753>

105. Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Samba will come up in which of the following States/UT?
- Uttarakhand
 - Karnataka
 - Jammu and Kashmir
 - Goa

Ans: C

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday laid the foundation stone of the eighth Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in the country in Samba district of Jammu. Shah is on a two-day visit to the Union Territory

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah laid foundation stone of Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Samba and inaugurated and laid foundation stone of various development schemes in Jammu. Earlier, on Balidan Diwas of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Shri Amit Shah paid tribute to him in Trikut Nagar. Several dignitaries including Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh were present on the occasion of inauguration and foundation stone laying of CFSL, Samba and various development schemes.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1934788>

106. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi is the current President of
- Japan
 - Indonesia
 - Egypt
 - South Africa

Ans: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was received by the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi at Al-Ittihadiya Palace on 25 June 2023.

The two leaders warmly recalled the State Visit of President Sisi as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day celebrations in January 2023, and welcomed the momentum it has imparted to bilateral relations. They agreed that the newly established 'India Unit' in Egyptian Cabinet was a useful tool in steering bilateral collaborations.

In a special ceremony at the Presidency in Cairo on 25 June 2023, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, conferred Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the 'Order of the Nile', the highest civilian award of Egypt.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1935238>

107. Heliopolis Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery is located in
- Dublin
 - Cairo
 - Mogadishu
 - Nairobi

ANs: B

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Heliopolis Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery in Cairo during his State Visit to Egypt.

Prime Minister paid homage to over 4300 valiant Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives in Egypt and Aden during the 1st World War.

Heliopolis War Cemetery, which includes two relocated memorials - the Heliopolis (Port Tewfik) Memorial and the Heliopolis (Aden) Memorial, is a war cemetery & memorial in the Heliopolis district of Cairo in Egypt for Commonwealth (Colonial British Empire) personnel of British Indian Army who died in World War I (WWI) and World War II (WWII). Of the 4,000 persons buried or commemorated here, 3727 are Indians - of whom nearly 2000 died in WWI and 1700 died in WWII.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1935183>

108. Defence Acquisitions Council is chaired by
- Chief of Defence Staff
 - Defence Secretary
 - Prime Minister
 - Raksha Mantri

Ans: D

A Defence Acquisitions Council has been created as an overarching structure with the following

composition:-

Chairman: Raksha Mantri (RM)

Members:

Raksha Rajya Mantris (RRMs)

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) (when appointed)

Chief of Army Staff (COAS)

Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)

Chief of Air Staff (CAS)

Defence Secretary

Secretary Dept. of Defence Production and Supplies

Secretary, Defence Research and Development

Secretary, Defence Finance

Vice Chief of Defence Staff (when appointed)/CISC

Special Secretary (Acquisition)

Member Secretary: Dy. Chief of Defence Staff (PP&FD)

109. General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper is originally developed by which country?

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

ANs: A

The General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper (sometimes called Predator B) is an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capable of remotely controlled or autonomous flight operations, developed by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI) primarily for the United States Air Force (USAF). The MQ-9 and other UAVs are referred to as Remotely Piloted Vehicles/Aircraft (RPV/RPA) by the USAF to indicate ground control by humans.[2][3]

National origin: United States

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), on June 15, 2023, accorded the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for acquisition of 31 MQ-9B (16 Sky Guardian and 15 Sea Guardian) High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) for Tri-Services from the USA through Foreign Military Sale (FMS) route. The AoN included the number of UAVs to be procured along with associated equipment.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1935160>

110. National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) has signed MoU with the Government of _____ to enhance the skills and capabilities of 1,000 civil servants in the field of public administration and governance by 2024
- Maldives
 - Sri Lanka
 - Nepal
 - Bhutan

Ans: A

The 2-week Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for civil servants of Maldives organised in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) concluded on 23rd June, 2023. NCGG has signed MoU with the Government of Maldives to enhance the skills and capabilities of 1,000 civil servants in the field of public administration and governance by 2024. As part of the agreement, NCGG has already imparted training to 685 officers from Maldives. The successful conclusion of the capacity building programme for civil servants of Maldives signifies the convergence of shared values and spirit of collaboration, serving as a testament to Prime Minister shri Narendra Modi's 'neighbourhood first' approach.

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111. Kharchi puja is celebrated in
- Arunachal Pradesh
 - Tripura
 - Nagaland
 - Mizoram

Ans: B

Kharchi Puja is a Hindu festival from Tripura, India. Performed in Agartala in July or August, the festival involves the worship of the fourteen gods forming the dynasty deity of the Tripuri people

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112. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has recently signed an MOU with _____ to develop various geospatial solutions on pro bono basis for the Indian Agriculture ecosystem using hyperspectral dataset.
- Google
 - Microsoft
 - Space X

d. Pixxel

Ans: D

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare signed a MOU with Pixxel Space India Pvt. Limited today in the presence of the Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, DA&FW, Pramod Kumar Meherda, Additional Secretary, DA&FW and other senior officers of the Ministry at New Delhi. Shri C. S. Murthy, Director, MNCFC signed the MOU on behalf of Government of India, where as Shri Abhishek Krishnan, Chief of Staff represented M/s Pixxel Space India Pvt. Limited. It aims to develop various geospatial solutions on pro bono basis for the Indian Agriculture Ecosystem using Pixxel's hyperspectral dataset. The project focuses on leveraging sample hyperspectral data from Pixxel's path finder satellites to develop analytics models focused on crop mapping, crop stage discrimination, crop health monitoring, and soil organic carbon assessments. This will enable the Government to develop use cases with hyperspectral data provided by PIXXEL. MNCFC on behalf of the DA&FW will associate with Pixel team for developing and implementing the suitable methodologies.

Pixxel is a India based private space technology company, aiming to put a constellation of 30+ hyperspectral earth observation micro-satellites into a sun-synchronous orbit in 2020s.[1][2] The company is headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka

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113. "I" in NANDI portal stands for?

- a. Inoculation
- b. Incubation
- c. Interaction
- d. Installation

Ans: A

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala launched Nandi - NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System portal today at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. With this portal, DAHD will facilitate the regulatory approval process with transparency to assess and examine veterinary product proposals will be more streamlined through seamless integration with the SUGAM portal of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization. Shri Rupala expressed appreciation for the outstanding work of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) and highlighted the initiative as a significant step towards advancing Digital India and promoting the well-being of livestock and the livestock industry. The launch of the NANDI portal is another notable undertaking following the animal vaccination coverage initiative and Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs). This initiative would also provide valuable support to researchers and industries from a commercial perspective. By raising awareness

among livestock rearers and improving logistical facilities, there would be an increase in the consumption of drugs. Union Minister stressed the importance of closely monitoring the portal's activities for a few months to establish a robust system. Shri Rupala expressed appreciation for the contributions of all stakeholders, including CDAC, in the development of the NANDI portal.

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114. Piyush Goyal handles which of the following portfolios?
- Ministry of Steel
 - Ministry of Power
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - Ministry of Railways

Ans: C

Piyush Vedprakash Goyal is an Indian politician and chartered accountant serving as a cabinet minister in the Government of India, having portfolios such as Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

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115. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is on
- June 26
 - June 27
 - June 28
 - June 29

Ans: A

By resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.

The theme for this year is "People First: stop stigma and Discrimination, strengthen Prevention,"

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116. Defence Investiture Ceremony was recently held at
- New Delhi
 - Bengaluru
 - Kochi
 - Hyderabad

Ans: A

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended the Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan (New Delhi).

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117. Kreta-Vikreta Gaurav Samman Samaroh 2023 was organized by

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. Quality Council of India
- c. Krishi Vigyan Kendras
- d. Government e-Marketplace

Ans: D

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal highlighted the "10x" growth in procurement from Government e-Marketplace (GeM) in the last three years. The Minister praised all the stakeholders of GeM for being a catalyst of change during his address at the 'Kreta-Vikreta Gaurav Samman Samaroh 2023' organized by GeM in New Delhi yesterday.

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118. Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) comes under which of the following Ministries?

- a. Ministry of Home
- b. Ministry of Defence
- c. Ministry of External Affairs
- d. Ministry of Mines

Ans: B

Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) under Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IBM to engage ex-servicemen and to facilitate their seamless integration into the civilian workforce. Through this MoU, DGR will collaborate with IBM to tap into the rich talent pool of ex-servicemen for relevant job opportunities that may continue to arise at the company and its affiliates.

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119. India is ranked _____ in milk production contributing 23 percent of global milk production.

- a. 1st

- b. 2nd
- c. 4th
- d. 3rd

Ans: A

Dairy is the single largest agricultural commodity contributing 5 per cent of the national economy and employing more than 8 crore farmers directly. India is ranked 1st in milk production contributing 23 percent of global milk production. Milk production has increased by 51.05% over the past 8 years from 146.3 million tonnes during 2014-15 to 221.06 million tonnes during 2021-22. Milk production is growing at the annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.1% over the past 8 years whereas world milk production is growing at 1.2% per annum. The per capita availability of milk is 444 grams per day in 2021-22 as against the world average of 394 grams per day during 2021.

According to Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database (FAOSTAT) production data (2020), India ranks 3rd in Egg Production and 8th in meat production in the world. Egg production in the country has increased from 78.48 billion in 2014-15 to 129.60 billion Nos. in 2021-22. Egg production in the country is growing at the rate (CAGR) of 7.4% per annum. The per capita availability of egg is at 95 eggs per annum in 2021-22. Meat production in the country has increased from 6.69 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 9.29 million tonnes in 2021-22.

Livestock Sector is an important subsector of agriculture in the Indian economy. It grew at a Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.93 per cent during 2014-15 to 2020-21 (at constant prices). The contribution of livestock in total agriculture and allied sector Gross value added (GVA) (at constant prices) has increased from 24.38 per cent (2014-15) to 30.87 per cent (2020-21). Livestock sector contributed 6.2 per cent of total GVA in 2020-21.

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120. Swachh Survekshan 2023 – Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan comes under the ambit of the Ministry of
- a. Consumer Affairs
 - b. Housing and Urban Affairs
 - c. Health and Family Affairs
 - d. Home Affairs

Ans: B

The stage is all set for the 8th edition of world's largest urban swachhata survey, Swachh Survekshan 2023 – Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Field Assessment for Swachh Survekshan (SS)

2023. Under SS 2023, around 3,000 assessors will take the field for assessment from 1 July, 2023. The assessors will study performances of 4500+ cities across 46 indicators and it is expected to be completed within a month. Rolled out on 24 May, 2022, Swachh Survekshan 2023 champions Waste to Wealth and is curated towards processing and scientific management of waste.

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121. Goldman Sachs is headquartered in
- New York
 - London
 - Tokyo
 - New Delhi

Ans: A

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. is an American multinational investment bank and financial services company. Founded in 1869, Goldman Sachs is headquartered at 200 West Street in Lower Manhattan (New York)

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122. Prime Minister recently chaired the meeting of the 42nd edition of PRAGATI. What does 'G' stands for in PRAGATI?
- Goods
 - Gateway
 - Governance
 - Guaranteed

Ans: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi earlier today chaired the meeting of the 42nd edition of PRAGATI, the ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments.

In the meeting, twelve key projects were reviewed. Among the twelve projects, seven projects were from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, two projects were from the Ministry of Railways and one project each was from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. These projects have a cumulative cost of over Rs. 1,21,300 crore and relate to 10 states viz., Chhattisgarh,

Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Haryana and 2 UTs viz. Jammu and Kashmir & Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

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123. P. V. Narasimha Rao, was an Indian lawyer, statesman and politician who served as the _____ prime minister of India from 1991 to 1996.
- 7th
 - 8th
 - 9th
 - 10th

ANs: C

Pamulaparthy Venkata Narasimha Rao (28 June 1921 – 23 December 2004), popularly known as P. V. Narasimha Rao, was an Indian lawyer, statesman and politician who served as the 9th prime minister of India from 1991 to 1996. He is known for introducing various liberal reforms to India's economy

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124. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure was launched by which of the following countries?
- India
 - USA
 - UK
 - Japan

Ans: A

The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is an international coalition of countries, United Nations (UN) agencies, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and academic institutions, that aims to promote disaster-resilient infrastructure. Its objective is to promote research and knowledge sharing in the fields of infrastructure risk management, standards, financing, and recovery mechanisms. It was launched by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019.

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125. PMPRANAM is related to
- Women and child
 - Fertilizer

- c. MSP
- d. Senior citizen

Ans: B

PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother – Earth (PMPRANAM)

Mother Earth has always provided plentiful sources of sustenance to mankind. It is the need of the hour to go back to more natural ways of farming and promotion of balanced / sustainable use of chemical fertilizers. Promoting natural / organic farming, alternate fertilizers, innovations like Nano Fertilizers and bio-Fertilizers can help in restoring fertility of our Mother Earth. Thus, it was announced in the Budget that “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother – Earth (PMPRANAM)” will be launched to incentivize States/ Union Territories to promote alternate fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers.

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126. INS Sunayna was built by
- a. Goa Shipyard Limited
 - b. Cohin shipyard
 - c. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
 - d. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Ans: A

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

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127. In recognition of the notable contributions made by (late) Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the field of statistics and economic planning, the Government of India has been celebrating his birth Anniversary, on _____, as “Statistics Day”, every year since 2007.
- a. June 27
 - b. June 29
 - c. June 28

d. June 30

Ans: B

In recognition of the notable contributions made by (late) Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the field of statistics and economic planning, the Government of India has been celebrating his birth Anniversary, on 29th June, as “Statistics Day”, every year since 2007.

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128. With respect to sports industry in India, the ‘T’ used in the term TOPS stands for?

- a. Tennis
- b. Target
- c. Triumphant
- d. Ticket

Ans: B

Indian wrestlers and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Athletes Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia are set to head out to Kyrgyzstan and Hungary for international training camps.

The duo sent in their proposals to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) TOPS team and the same was cleared within 24 hrs of their request.

While Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia will head out to Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan for 36 days training camp, World Championships medalist Vinesh Phogat will first head out to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for a week of training then to Tata, Hungary for 18 days of training camp.

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129. The Government of India celebrates _____ every year as ‘Civil Services day’ as an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizen and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work.

- a. April 21
- b. April 22
- c. June 21
- d. June 22

Ans: A

The Government of India celebrates April 21 every year as 'Civil Services day' as an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizen and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work. This date is chosen to commemorate the day when first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi, he referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'. The first such function was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New delhi 21 April 2006.

As part of Civil Servant Day, Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are presented to Districts/Implementing Units for implementation of Priority programme and innovation categories. With participation from a large number of Districts across the country in the Awards scheme, the scale of entire process is very large. These awards on the Civil Services day each year bring together civil servants to connect with each other and learn the good practices being implemented across the nation in the field of public grievance. This annual affair is eagerly awaited by all public administrators to celebrate outcomes of work done in the entire year.

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130. Parshottam Rupala is the Minister in charge of which of the following Ministries?
- Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
 - Ministry of Mines
 - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Ans: B

Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala is an Indian politician and Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. He is a member of Rajya Sabha, representing the Indian state of Gujarat

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